

CARD DOUGHERTY MARKS JUBILEE OF ELEVATION

Philadelphia — (NC) — Solemn Pontifical Mass, offered by Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, Auxiliary of Philadelphia, highlighted the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the elevation of His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, to the Sacred College of Cardinals.

The Mass, part of a six-day program honoring the death of the Catholic hierarchy in the United States, was attended by more than 2,000 persons, including Church dignitaries and national, state and city officials.

His Holiness Pope Pius XII sent a congratulatory letter to the Cardinal, which was read at the Mass, offering his "heartfelt good wishes" and commending "your generosity to the poor and needy in all parts of the world." The Holy Father also authorized Cardinal Dougherty to impart the Papal blessing and to grant to all present at the ceremonies a plenary indulgence.

Rains forced the cancellation of an outdoor procession which was planned to precede the Mass. However, the procession moved through the cathedral aisles. Among those participating, besides the Cardinal and Bishop Lamb, were Archbishop George J. Conners, Apostolic Nuncio in Cuba and former secretary to the Cardinal, and Bishop Ernest M. Walsh of Charleston.

The Mass was held with emotion. The Cardinal reflected that "I have been brought to this day by the mercy of God and I wish to thank God and the people of the Philadelphia diocese for assisting me in my labors during these long years."

Among the prominent laymen at the Mass were Joseph P. Kennedy, former U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain; Gov. Edward J. Duff-Anderson, Mayor of Philadelphia; Bernard Samuel, former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico; and Joseph A. Baker, former Mayor of Philadelphia.

The Address Catholicus Vobis, New York — (NC) — Secretary of War Robert T. Patterson will be one of the principal speakers at the 11th annual convention of the Catholic War Veterans, to be held at the Philadelphia Civic Center, June 20 through June 23 at the University City Hotel.

CARDINAL FOR 25 YEARS



His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals 25 years ago, marked the occasion by presiding at Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, on May 18, attended by more than 2,000 persons. In the photo is shown leaving his Cathedral after the Mass. Dean of the Catholic Hierarchy in the United States, His Eminence, who will be 81 in August, has been a priest 55 years, a Bishop for 41 years and Archbishop of Philadelphia for 25 years. (NC Photo)

Avignon Papal Palace Restoration Underway

Paris — Although Franco has a huge task on her hands to rebuild the ruins left in the wake of the last war, she does not neglect to protect and preserve the glorious heritage of the past.

After a few years' interregnum, work has been resumed to restore the magnificent Palace of the Popes in Avignon, one of the most noteworthy examples of Gothic architecture of the fourteenth century and also a memorial of one of the most turbulent chapters in the history of the Papacy.

A year ago this month, a gift of five centuries was bridged to the future by the signing of a solemn concordat between the Holy See and the Government of France, which provided for the restoration of the Palace of the Popes in Avignon, which had suffered more damage and destruction than any other papal residence in the world. The Palace, founded by Pope Benedict VIII in 1180, was suppressed in 1792. For many decades the building was left to deteriorate, until the late nineteenth century, when the Government of France decided to restore the Palace of the Popes, which towers dominate the city and whose walls withstand the changes of the times.

The chapel, which was restored to its original state during the nineteenth century, and which contains the tombs of those illustrious 77 popes who reigned in Avignon, is now in the state of the Universal Church, Home of Seven Popes.

It was Pope Clement V who soon after his election in 1305 left the Eternal City to come to Avignon, the new exile of the papacy. He was succeeded by Pope John XXII (1316), Benedict XII (1334), Gregory XI (1370), Innocent VI (1362), Urban V (1369) and Gregory XII (1419).

Up to 1309, Avignon was part of the Kingdom of Naples, but in that year Pope Clement VI bought the town and the surrounding district from Queen Joan of Naples, thus becoming also the temporal ruler.

After the death of Gregory XII in Rome (1418) — the year of the Great Schism — Avignon was the seat of the papacy in the West of Geneva and Pedro de Luna. The Schism came to an end when the Council of Constance elected Pope Martin V in 1417.

From that time on, for over three centuries up to 1791, Avignon was governed by a Papal legate as part of the realm of the King of France, and later by the Congregation of Avignon, founded in 1662, and which was merged with France in 1791.

There were constant difficulties and friction between the Pope and France. The French administrators, lacking troops, were unable to collect taxes and the population, making use of the customs privileges which they enjoyed, engaged in profitable smuggling of salt, tobacco and other goods. The French kings protested but the Pope refused to do anything. Several times Avignon was occupied by French troops who remained in the town until the Pope yielded to the demands of the French king.

Reich Catholics Died Bravely Under Nazis

Berlin — (NC) — "These documents show," said Dr. Rudolf Kempner, United States prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crime trials, in referring to a letter addressed by Bishop Antonius Hillrich of Limburg to the Nazi government in 1941, "that even in Germany's darkest days there were real men who found the courage to protest."

This goes to show, the Catholic diocesan organ of Wiesbaden comments on this statement, "that, at least the legend is being destroyed that we Catholics and our leaders did not offer energetic resistance to the Nazi flood." Now that relative freedom has been restored to the Catholic press of Germany this view can be amply corroborated by the many revelations these papers carry in almost every issue about acts of true heroism and even martyrdom on the part of German Bishops, priests and lay people who stood up for their faith against the tyranny of their former pagan government.

Father Buchholz, for instance, who is now connected with the city administration of Berlin, reports in Der Christliche Glaube, a diocesan organ of Speyer, that he administered the last Sacraments to more than 1000 Catholics in the penitentiary of Flossberg alone during the last two years of the Hitler regime, Martyrs of Nazism.

Deeply moving documents are published by the Berlin Petrusblatt that reveal the heroic death of many of these Catholic martyrs of Nazism. There is for instance, the story of Fathers Johannes Prassek, Hermann Lange and Eduard Mueller, all of Lubeck, who were accused of having taken part in an alleged conspiracy, together with the Rev. Karl Friedrich Storrfinke, a Protestant Minister who had expressed himself vigorously against Nazi doctrines in some of his sermons. All four were guillotined at Hamburg on November 10, 1943.

"A profound peace with God," wrote Father Prassek in a letter from jail, "and a familiarity between Him and my soul help overcome all these dreadful experiences. Everything passes by and then there comes only God. This is a wonderful opportunity for a retreat."

In a New Testament which was in Father Prassek's possession up to his last hour this inscription was found: "Prayed by the name of the Lord! Today I was sentenced to death." "If you ask me how I feel," said Father Lange in his last letter to his parents, "I can only say that I am happy and full of expectation. For now all the grief of this world all suffering will be over. What a wonderful peace and strength comes to us from the faith in Christ! Today will arrive the greatest hour of my life. Today will be the homecoming into the abode of Our Father in Heaven. Auf Wiedersehen."

him in his cell found him wearing handcuffs like a common criminal. During Allied air raids on Berlin the prisoners were kept locked up in their cells, wearing handcuffs and chains. They were not allowed to seek refuge in underground shelters.

Superior Installs Sixth Bishop

Superior — (NC) — A reminder that "no State has a right to command obedience to its laws if it ignores God and God's laws" was voiced by Archbishop Moses E. Kiley of Milwaukee in his sermon at the ceremonies of the elevation of Bishop Albert Gregory Meyer as the sixth Ordinary of Superior, in the Christ the King Cathedral here.

Bishop Meyer told the vast congregation: "I have come to work with you and for you for the spread of Christ's Kingdom in the Diocese of Superior." Eleven members of the hierarchy, ten Monsignors, some 150 priests and an equal number of Sisters, and more than 1,000 of the laity filled the Cathedral.

The parents of the former altar boy at St. Mary's Church in Milwaukee who later became rector of St. Francis Seminary in the same city, Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Meyer, with his brothers Norbert and Edward, and his sister, Sister Mary Therese, C.S.A., occupied a front pew at the ceremonies.



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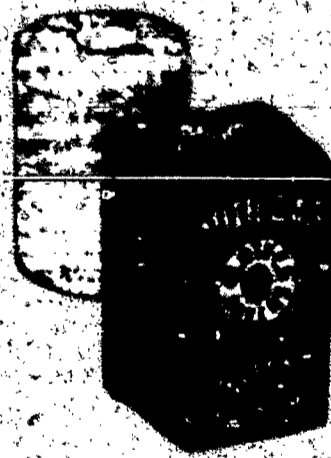
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