

Knights of St. John Ask Amended School Aid Bill; Rename Bp. Kearney

Cleveland — (NC) — Vigorous opposition to discrimination against private schools contained in provisions of Senate Bill 124, which would in effect grant Federal aid only to public schools, was voiced in a resolution passed at the closing session of the Knights of St. John convention here.

Other resolutions thanked the Holy Father for his letter of blessing and called for non-interference with the political life of Spain and continuance of United States representation at the Vatican.

Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester was again named supreme spiritual adviser of the Knights of St. John, and Andrew O. Zink of Detroit was re-elected supreme president. Mrs. Clara Renner of Columbus was chosen president of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Bishop Edward F. Hoban of Cleveland officiated at a Pontifical Mass to open the convention and read the message of papal blessing.

G. I. Bill Cited

"In its present form," the resolution on the school-aid bill read, "Senate Bill 124 is contrary to the spirit of the various grants-in-aid made by the Federal Government during recent years, to the G. I. Bill of Rights and the lately-enacted school lunch program." It urged amendment of the bill to give equal rights and equal and impartial treatment of all schools.

Bishop Hoban told the delegates that "now more than ever we need such groups as the Knights of St. John and its Ladies' Auxiliaries to oppose the forces of materialism that seem to be rampant, doing what they can to undermine the spiritual, that is so necessary a part of our individual and national life if we are to continue the ministry of our divine Lord, whose followers we strive to be."

Speaking at the convention dinner, Dr. Clarence F. Mahoney, dean of the College of Law at the University of Notre Dame, declared that "we cannot have liberty without morality and there can be no morality without religion." He challenged those "lifeless propagandists of materialism" who "have all but persuaded us that religion is old-fashioned and that true liberalism is to be found in the largesse of an all powerful state."

"A Gift of God"

"The victims of tyranny and the lovers of liberty the world over," he said, "must learn what our American ancestors knew so well, namely, that human freedom is a gift of God and that only by faith and devotion to God can human freedom be preserved."

"In origin, history and constitutional principle, the United States is a religious nation. By our conscious and deliberate adherence to our religious traditions for more than 150 years, we became the greatest nation in the history of the world."

Cyclist Comes 126 Miles To Honor Hero of Dieppe

Cleveland — (NC) — A Canadian veteran of two world wars pedaled 126 miles on a bicycle, from Windsor, Ont., to this city, to honor the memory of a hero of the Dieppe raid at a memorial Mass in St. Peter's Church for deceased members of the Knights of St. John.

The veteran was 48-year-old John McMichael, who said he could not recall the name of the lad who died at Dieppe, but knew that he was "a boy with guts and faith." Both were members of the Essex Scottish Regiment.

Mr. McMichael related that the lad, who was from Cleveland, noticed the Canadian's Knights of St. John card, shook his hand and told him that he also belonged to the Knights. "We'll celebrate together at the first convention in Cleveland," he said.

"He isn't here, but I'm back to honor his memory," the Canadian veteran commented.

1st U. S. Saint Canonized at Vatican Rites

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rament in the Pauline Chapel of the Vatican. Once, inside the great edifice, he offered a short prayer before the main altar of the Basilica and then was borne to his throne, directly under St. Peter's Chair.

The procession was the largest seen at the Vatican since the canonization of St. John Bosco on Easter Sunday in 1934.

The solemn ritual of canonization reached its climax when, following the singing of "Veni Creator," the Holy Father, from his throne, pronounced the solemn formula proclaiming the new Saint. As the Holy Father intoned the opening phrase of the "Te Deum," the bells of St. Peter's began to ring out the glorious news. The bells of churches throughout the City of Rome picked up the message and for the next half hour their joyous pealing continued.

The Holy Father went to a small throne near the main altar where he vested for the first Mass in honor of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. His Eminence Clemente Cardinal Misasi served as Assistant Priest at the Mass.

The Epistle and Gospel of the Mass were sung in Latin and in Greek, with a long Greek singing of the Gradual after the Epistle. Before the Offertory, the traditional oblations offered to the Holy Father at a canonization were presented. As usual, these consisted of gilded cakes containing wine and water, turtle doves, singing birds in a silver cage, offerings of bread, and three ornamental candles. The candle which bore a picture of Mother Cabrini was presented to His Holiness by Monsignor Casey of Chicago, the city where Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini died.

At the Communion, Cardinal Bruno and Monsignor Brennan brought the Host and the Chalice to the Holy Father for the Papal Communion. The Pope received the Precious Blood from the Chalice through a golden tube.

Peace Drops Led

At the conclusion of the Mass, the Holy Father again was borne from the Basilica, on the Sedia Gestatoria, beneath the canopy. As he emerged from the church, he was greeted once again by shouts of joy from the multitudes, upon whom he bestowed his blessings.

In a brief homily, the Pope described the new saint's life as an admission to the world that "it must not be divided in stormy rivalry." "The nations and peoples," he said, "will learn from her, who ardently loved her fatherland and scattered the treasures of her charity and labors even to other countries, that they are called to constitute a single family."

During the canonization ceremonies, the Holy Father was assisted by the Rev. Salvatore M. Burzio, C.M., of Emmitsburg, Md., the postulator in the pending cause for canonization of Mother Elizabeth Seton, another renowned United States religious.

As the solemn ceremonies were in progress in the Basilica, a plane, flying low over the Eternal City, dropped leaflets bearing a picture of Mother Cabrini and quotations from her writings as a souvenir of the canonization to the crowds in St. Peter's Square.

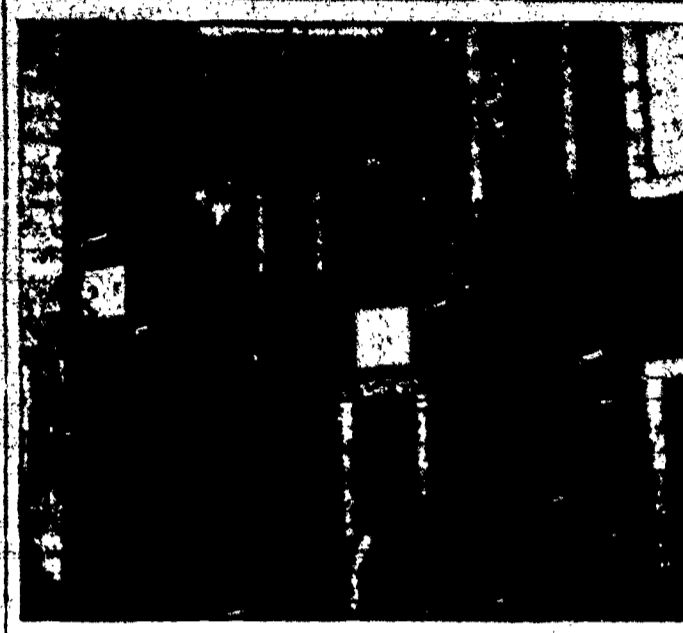
A delegation of nuns of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, which was founded by St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, New Orleans, Dallas and other parts of the United States, occupied a special section in the Basilica for the rituals.

Among the dignitaries of the diplomatic corps who were present were Myron C. Taylor, personal representative of President Harry S. Truman at the Vatican; Franklin C. Gowen, a member of his staff; Jacques Martin, Ambassador from France to the Holy See, and Ambassador Joseph P. Walsh, Ireland's envoy at the Vatican.

Charles Share in Estate Philadelphia — (NC) — A number of Catholic charitable institutions will share in the bulk of the \$291,343 estate left by Mrs. Kathryn E. T. Horn, widow of a restaurateur, who was disclosed in her will filed here for probate. Mrs. Horn died on April 4.

100 Mothers 1,262 Children Chicago — (NC) — A group of 100 mothers gave birth to 1,262 children, or an average of more than 12 children to a family, according to a survey made in the Notre Dame of Hebertville parish in the Lake St. John area. Of the total 1,262 children are living. One mother had 31 children and two had 19 each.

AT SAINT'S BIRTHPLACE



The canonization of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, who spent much of her lifetime working with the Italian immigrants in the United States, was the occasion of great rejoicing by the 5,000 inhabitants of Sant Angelo Lodigiano, in northern Italy, where she was born, and where is preserved many objects associated with her early life. Photos (top to bottom) show the baptismal font at which Mother Cabrini was baptized, the home where she was born and a bed said to be used by the saint. Acme photos by Leo Stocker. (NC Photos)

Steps to Beatify Heroic 'Hermit of Sahara' Taken

Paris — An exhibition in the Palais des Invalides, dedicated to the memory of the Rev. Charles de Foucauld, the hermit priest of the Sahara, again focuses attention on the life and death of that heroic servant of God, for whose beatification a process may soon be instituted before the proper authorities in Rome.

In announcing that preparations are being made with a view to the introduction of the cause, the Prefect Apostolic of Ghardala in the Sahara has appealed to all in possession of writings left by St. Father de Foucauld to submit them to the ecclesiastical authorities.

Father de Foucauld, who served as an officer in the French army during the latter part of the nineteenth century, became a priest as the result of his ardent desire to expiate for the sins committed during his early unruly life. He retired to Tamanrasset in Hogar, one of the most inaccessible parts of the Sahara desert, where he spent his life in prayer and meditation and carrying the Faith to the natives. He was slain by brigands on December 1, 1916, and is buried at El Golea in Algeria.

High-ranking officers of the French army attended the opening of the exhibit in the Palais des Invalides. A replica of the hermitage had been erected where the soldier-priest spent the years of his religious life. His notebooks and other memoirs of his life were shown.

Father de Foucauld, member of an aristocratic family, was born in 1858 in Strasbourg, Alsace. He joined the army and, in 1883, succeeded in entering Morocco, then closed to Europeans, in the disguise of a Russian Rabbi. For many months he lived with the natives, exploring the country. Some years later, he decided to retire from the world and went to the Holy Land where he entered a Trappist monastery preparing himself for the priest hood. Resolved to spend his life in penance and mortification, he went back to the Sahara

Probe Leads to Canonization

Rome — (NC) — Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini's canonization Sunday marked the culmination of a long and arduous process, the various steps in which are prescribed down to the last detail.

Because of the vast and exacting work which must be accomplished, it is normally a matter of several years, and sometimes of centuries, before one is elevated to the honor of the altar.

For this reason, the certitude with which the beatification and canonization of the Italian-born woman who became the first United States citizen elevated to sainthood was remarked upon by Romans and visitors here for the final ceremonies.

It is said that members of the Sacred Congregation of Rites themselves are astounded, as well as overjoyed, by the celebrity which has graced the cause of Mother Cabrini. She has been canonized less than 30 years after her death. To emphasize how extraordinary that is, persons here point to the fact that the cause of Pope Innocent XII, who died in 1689, is still pending. Writings Submitted

The Sacred Congregation of Rites, which deals with everything relating to beatification and canonization, institutes a true and proper trial, which usually lasts for years. Interested organizations, after religious orders, submit to the Congregation of Rites all writings attributed to the person whose cause for beatification and canonization is being presented.

After all the material submitted has been collected and translated, the Congregation carefully investigates the writings, makes sure that there had been no undue cult of veneration for the candidate, ascertains the heroic degree of the virtues attributed to him and undertakes the most severe investigation before pronouncing on the validity of two conditions of canonization: the candidate's heroic virtues and the Congregation's decree.

All these procedures require at least a dozen primary meetings on the Sacred Congregation. Everybody is free at these meetings to express his opinion on all the final details, or on promotion of the Pope, whose approval is the crucial point in the whole process.

Among the most important officials engaged in the process are the Master, a Cardinal appointed by the Pope, the Prefect of the cause, who is a priest, and the Promoter of the Faith, who is a lawyer on the Roman Advocacia, because it is his duty to raise all possible objections and point out juridical obstacles.

In Mother Cabrini's case the Eminence Carlo Cardinal Sileoni, at that time a Monsignor, served as Devil's Advocate and was renowned for the strenuousness of his arguments. He was later succeeded by Mgr. Salvatore Natoli.

After all these preparatory steps have been accomplished the cause then passes through secret and semi-public sessions, at which the Pope asks the advice of the Cardinals and Bishops present before sending the final decree and setting the date for the canonization.

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CITY KTS. ST. JOHN AWARDED HONORS

National honors won by members of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary are being acclaimed as the members return to their homes in Rochester.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney again accepted the position of Supreme Spiritual Advisor.

Major Camilla Haszlauc, of District 1 Ladies Auxiliary, was elevated to the office of Supreme Vice-President. Financial Secretary of the District Auxiliary, she is also financial secretary of St. Peter's and Paul's Auxiliary, No. 41, Rochester. She has been an active member of Auxiliary, No. 44 for 25 years.

St. Michael's Commandery No. 40, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, commanded by Captain John G. Blinnet, won the first prize in the men's drill contest and first distance prize.

St. Boniface Girls' Drill team of Auxiliary No. 47, St. Boniface Church, returned with two national honors. Appearing in their new uniforms and commanded by Captain John Miles of Commandery No. 25, St. Boniface Church, the Auxiliary drill company won third prize of \$100 in the competitive drills and fourth prize of \$50 in the distance awards. The auxiliary competed with 13 other qualified drill teams from various sections in the United States.

Lublin Graduates Catholic U. Class

New York — (NC) — The Catholic University of Lublin in Poland, with an enrollment of 1,500 students, conducted its regular June graduation and awarded degrees to a number of students despite many difficulties crippling its operation, the Inter Catholic Press Agency here reports.

The University, which was closed by the Nazis during the war, was reorganized by a small group of professors after the fall of Germany and in November 1944 its wrecked buildings were opened for classes with the Rev. Antoni Slomkowski as rector. The university now has 70 professors on its staff, several of them from the liquidated universities of Wilno and Lwow.

The school has four departments: theology, canon law, law, sociology and economics, and the classics.

The Holy See Approved the school's charter in 1920. However, it was not granted full university status by the Polish Government until 1933. After the institute had been closed by the Nazis, Fordham University of New York symbolically adopted the Catholic University of Lublin and dedicated a hall to the university on the Fordham campus.

2 Priests, Surgeon Given Degrees

Brooklyn — (NC) — Two widely-known priests and a prominent surgeon were honored at the 76th annual commencement exercises of St. John's College, the original unit of the present St. John's University, here. At the same time, diplomas were awarded to 40 students of the college by the Very Rev. William J. Mahoney, C.M., president.

Honorary degrees were presented to the Very Rev. Francis J. Pury, president of Immaculate (Pa.) College; the Rev. Edward J. Higgins, founder and first president of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States; and Dr. Thomas M. Brennan, of the Long Island College of Medicine.

Ottawa — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has appointed the Rev. James Hill, parish priest of Campbellton, N.B., as Bishop of Victoria, B.C. Father Hill, who is 47 years of age, was ordained 23 years ago.

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