Two Carloads of Food Donated by Chicago Man

Chicago — (NC) — One Chicago man, William H. Regnery, of St. Isaac Jogues parish, packed two freight cars with 120,000 pounds of food during the May campaign of Food for Children, it was revealed here in a report on the campaign in the Chicago archdiocese. Totals for the archdiocese, with 65 parishes still unreported, show that more than 900,000 pounds of food and 590,000 in cash were contributed.

200 Midnight Masses Draw 120,000 to Paris

Paris—(NC)—Two hundred Masses are celebrated at 200 altars placed on the grassy arena of the Olympic Stadium of Colombes, near Paris, on the night of June 29-30. The Cardinal Archbishop of Paris officiated at the same time on an elevated balcony at one end of the Stadium, and all the celebrants, turned toward him, accompanied exactly his movements. These celebrants were priests of the 200 parishes of the Archdiocese.

It was an extraordinary spectacle, and perhaps unique in history, this sight of 200 priests elevating the Sacred Host with the same gesture at the moment of the Consecration.

The spectacle could hardly have been more moving, from the entrance into the Stadium of 200 altars carried by the children of the choir, following the vicars in surplices and the cures in chasubles.

The occasion of this extraordinary ceremony was the farewell of the Archdiocese of Paris to the Virgin of Boulogne. It is known that the statue of Our Lady of Boulogne has been venerated since an age long past in the region of the north of France. According to that tradition, the Virgin, in the year 636, had appeared to some fishermen; she was standing in a boat entering the port of Boulogne.

From Parish to Parish

Three years ago the statue was carried to Lourdes. It came back in a cart which the men and women of the cities and towns pulled barefooted on its way. Thus it was honored from parish to parish, coming at last to Paris and remaining here more than six months.

When all the parishes of Paris had been visited the faithful met for a ceremony of adieu at her exit from the diocese. The parish of Colombes was chosen because it had the largest Stadium of the Parisian region. Each of the parishes, even the most distant, sent a delegation of several hundreds persons. Certain parishes sent up to 4,000.

The processional entrance of the parishes into the arena, and into the rising tiers of seats, to the chant of hymns and litanies, lasted nearly three hours and a half, and the Mass announced for midnight could not commence until one-thirty.

Thousands at Communion

About 120,000 assisted at this Mass and chanted in two alternate choirs the Mass of the Angels.

After the priests, passing down through the ranks of the crowd and into all the paths of the tribunes, had distributed Holy Communion to tens of thousands, and after Mass had been celebrated, the statue of Our Lady of Boulogne was carried all around the Stadium, to receive a last acknowledgement.

Then, about three o'clock in the morning the pilgrims in columns met on all the roads on the return. They parted reciting their rosaries, but on the recommendation of the leaders they abstained from singing hymns for fear of troubling the sleeping Parisians. The great churches along their way were open to permit them to rest. Certain of the pilgrims did not return to their parishes until nine or ten in the morning.

4 Catholic Students Going to Prague Meet

Stone Ridge, N. Y. — (NC) — The four Catholic graduate students who will join with 21 other American students to form this country's delegation to the International Student Conference in Prague August 17-31 have concluded a ten-day seminar of study and preparation at Ridgely Manor here, in which they received counsel from specialists in economics, sociology and international affairs.

The four are: Henry W. Briefs, chairman, of Georgetown University; Edward J. Kirchner, secretary, of the North American Secretariat of Pax Romana; Joseph Matasovsky, of Georgetown University; and John Lebcicher, of the Georgetown Foreign Service School.

Australian Nuns Landed

London — (NC) — The rapid progress of Catholicism in Australia in the past 20 years is partly due to the self-sacrificing work of a community of native nuns founded 50 years ago, according to Archbishop Justin Simonds, Coadjutor of Melbourne, who is visiting here.

Night Club Serves As Church for Homeless Parish

Minneapolis, Minn. — (RNS)— Merry-makers are evicted from a night club in Golden Valley, a Minneapolis suburb, shortly after midnight each Saturday.

Then a few hours later after a hurried transformation, the place becomes a house of worship for a homeless, newly-organized Roman Catholic parish, the Church of the Good Shepherd.

A curtain hides the bar from the congregation, the scent of flowers disguises the staleness of the night before, and draperies cover most of the beer ads. Some of the booths are removed to accommodate makeshift pews.

The pastor, Father Thomas J. MacNamara, uses the same portable altar and mass kit that he had as an army chaplain on the battlefields of Italy.

Proprietor of the night club, Iver Stanger, offered Father MacNamara use of the place after attempts to rent a school or public building failed. Building restrictions are holding up planned construction of a new church.

Stanger, who is not a Catholic, said he was "only too glad to help out — free of charge." He has offered services of three members of his dance band to furnish religious music.

HONORS JESUIT MARTYRS

St. John LaLande, S.J., St. Isaac Jogues, S.J., and St. Rene Goupil, S.J., (from left) who were martyred by the Mohawk Indians at Auriesville, New York, 300 years ago. Special observance of the Tercentenary will be held during the summer at the National Shrine of our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville. This painting was executed by Lloyd Gatendorf for Rev. Thomas J. Colley, S.J., Director of the National Shrine.

K. C. Called To Stop Spread Of Communism

The Major Degree of the Knights of Columbus was conferred on a large class of candidates last Sunday in SS. Peter and Paul's auditorium, Elmira, and the class included candidates from Waverly, Ithaca, Corning and Galeton, Pa. Members and Candidates attended the 7:30 Mass at St. Mary's Church and received Holy Communion in a body, followed by a Communion breakfast at the Mark Twain Hotel.

William E. Burke, former State Secretary of the New York State Council, Knights of Columbus was the guest speaker and urged those present to unite in their efforts for a better America and to do all in their power to combat "the spread of Communism in our beloved country."

Mr. Burke cited the active program of the 100,000 Communists in this country and reminded his listeners that the 700,000 Knights of Columbus could be a strong force to expose the true aims of those whose allegiance is "definitely Moscow dictated."

Bishop Attends

The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, was a guest at the breakfast and spoke of the life of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, urging the Knights of Columbus to be especially devoted to the newly canonized Saint.

The Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, newly appointed Chaplain of Elmira Council paid tribute to the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, retiring Chaplain for "his great interest in the affairs of Columbianism and for the zealous and untiring efforts he gave during his three years of office."

Other speakers on the program were Father Schwab, and Grand Knight Frank K. Rhode. Past Grand Knight Eugene F. Agan was toastmaster and introduced the other guests at the speakers table. They were: Louis V. Smith, Past Grand Knight Donald Barrett, Corning, Past Grand Knight E. C. J. Marks, Past Grand Knight Thomas R. Burns, District Deputy Basil J. Vaillancourt, Herbert K. Arthur, Past Grand Knight John T. Nugent, William J. Schlefen, Thomas F. Coggins, Jr., and Past Grand Knight Henry P. Farrell.

Vatican Gives Eire Embassy

Rome — (RNS) — Special interest has been created here by an announcement that the Hon. Joseph Walshe, Ireland's first Ambassador to the Holy See, will present his credentials at a ceremony to take place June 13. Heretofore Eire has been represented at the Vatican by a Minister Plenipotentiary, but the Irish legation in Rome has now been raised to the status of an embassy.

Mr. Walshe, a former lawyer, and secretary of the Department of External Affairs in Dublin since 1923, replaces Dr. Thomas J. Kiernan, former Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Holy See.

Papal Relief Food Ships UNRRA Candy

Antigonish, N. S. — (NC) — Msgr. M. M. Coady, director of extension at St. Francis Xavier University, has returned from Washington where he completed the purchase of $150,000 worth of wheat and meat for the relief work of His Holiness Pope Pius XII. The money had been collected in Catholic dioceses of Canada and Msgr. Coady was delegated to purchase the food for the Holy Father.

Travelling to Ottawa he found that all wheat supplies already had been spoken for and it was suggested he go to Washington and get in touch with UNRRA officials. There he received the cooperation of former Mayor LaGuardia of New York, Ambassador Pearson of Canada and Andrew Cairns, chief of the food division of UNRRA.

A cargo of meat and wheat to the amount of money at Msgr. Coady's disposal was set aside and speedy delivery promised to Vatican City. At the suggestion of Mr. LaGuardia, UNRRA threw in, from its own resources, 30,000 pounds of mandy "for the kids."

Cardinal Griffin Pleads for More Nuns

London — (RNS) — Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, appealed here to parents to help meet the shortage of nuns by encouraging their daughters to enter religious life for work at home or in overseas missions.

Declaring that the war had caused a dwindling of vocation, Cardinal Griffin disclosed that although there are more than 2,000 nuns in the Westminster archdiocese, this number is not enough to continue the varied activities in which they are engaged. He said there are "many new and important works" which cannot be undertaken because there are not enough sisters."

Party to Replace Church Roof Set

Auburn — St. Hyacinth's will have a benefit party on the grounds of the school property on Sunday, July 14. The proceeds of this party will be used to help defray the expenses to be met in putting a new roof on the church. The roof was completely destroyed during the recent Auburn storm. An invitation to attend the party is extended to all Auburnians.

Jesuits To Elect New Superior General

Rome — (RNS) — A general congregation of the Society of Jesus will be held in Rome September 7 to elect a new Superior General of the Jesuit order in succession to Father Vladimir Ledochowski, who died in 1942.

The Society of Jesus is at present under the direction of the Very Rev. Norbert de Boynes, S.J., a 69-year-old Frenchman, who was named to the post of vicar general in April 1944. His appointment followed the death of the Rev. Alessio Magni, S.J., who had been nominated as temporary director by Father Ledochowski a few days before the latter's death.

Museum Center Open For Girl Scouts

Auburn — Summer activities for Girl Scouts in Auburn include the Girl Scout activity center at the Cayuga County Museum. The center will be open three afternoons each week from July 15 through August 16.

Plans are now complete for conducting "workshops" in various Girl Scout fields of interest, specifically arts and crafts, homemaking, literature and dramatics, natura and music. The groups will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2:30 until 4 o'clock.

The groups will be arranged according to registrations which must be made by July 12. Any Girl Scout, ten years of age or over is eligible to participate in this program.

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