IRISH REFORM HIT BY FR. FLANAGAN

New York — (NC) — Msgr. Edward Flanagan, founder of Boys Town, Neb., criticized the juvenile reform system in Ireland upon his return here from a visit to that country. It is "a disgrace" he said, adding that under the system now in effect in Ireland wayward youths from 16 to 21 years of age are placed in jail and live in cells.

He condemned the "Borstel system" as a carry-over from British rule, and stated that physical punishments include "the cat-o'-nine-tails, the rod and the fist." "However, let's not kid ourselves," he added. "They do it here, too. In Ireland they admit that it's done."

The priest related that he spoke at a number of the Irish penal institutions, explaining "what we do in Boys Town" and recommending that physical punishment be eliminated.

Monsignor Flanagan, visited his birthplace at Ballymoe, County Roscommon.

British Cardinal Hails Baby Week

London — (NC) — Britain's National Baby Week, just concluded, received the fullest support of Catholic groups.

Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, asked the clergy to refer to the Week in their sermons, stressing the need for re-establishment of family life and the responsibilities of Catholic parents in the physical, intellectual and moral training of their children.

"The National Baby Welfare Council," said the Cardinal, "is an excellent organization and its objects are in accordance with the teaching of the Church." The council's objectives are: To propagate the reasons for wanting a family; make parents realize their lack of foresight in seeking to place responsibility for their children's welfare on others, help parents provide happy occupation for their children and thus lighten the housewife's duties; help married couples to find their greatest happiness in their children; help the children to choose their friends; instruct parents in the right environment, clothing, recreation, toys and books needed by children at various ages.

Superior of Providence Charity

Montreal — (NC) — Mother Berenice of the Lewis Memorial Maternity Hospital, Chicago, has been elected Superior General of the Sisters of Charity of Providence.

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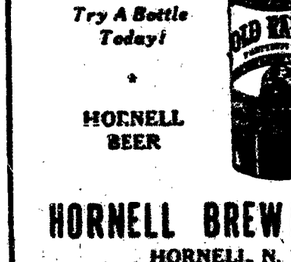

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Information Desk

First Mass in Diocese

Q. Where, and by whom, was the first Mass celebrated in what is now the diocese of Rochester? The United States?

A. French Jesuit missionaries were the first to celebrate Mass in the present limits of this diocese.

Fr. Rene Menard, S.J., must have said Mass in late August in 1656 at an Indian village south of Auburn among the Cayugas, for he describes the chapel they had built for him there. Then, as John Gilmary Shea tells us, at two different camps near Victor, New York, among the Senecas, "Mass was said daily" for almost two years during and after the year 1669. Fr. James Fremin, S.J., arrived at one camp on November 1, 1668, while Fr. Julian Garnier, S.J., had a chapel at the other camp in the September of '69.

The first Masses known to be said within the present borders of our country were celebrated somewhere on the west coast of Florida, probably near Charlotte Harbor, by some members of the Ponce de Leon expedition during the year 1521. On this expedition there were some secular priests, and some friars, who said Mass.

Though we do not know of any definite day on which Mass was said by these explorers, still we know that almost three decades later, on June 20, 1549, which was the feast of Corpus Christi that year, Fr. Luis Cancer de Barbastro, O.P., six days before his martyrdom — and Fr. Juan Garcia, O.P., Spanish missionaries, said Mass on the west coast of Florida. The exact place is not known.

Q. Is there any seminary in the country which specializes in delayed vocations?

A. Yes, there is. The Jesuits are beginning such a school in Boston this September for men between 20 and 35 years of age. It is preparing students for all dioceses and for religious orders and congregations. It is approved by the State Department of Massachusetts and by the Veterans Administration for GI educational allotments. Father George M. Murphy, S.J., 300 Newbury St., Boston, is the director.

Information on dioceses interested in candidates for the priesthood, even of candidates from other dioceses, can be obtained in the April issue of the "Priest," a magazine your pastor may have.

Q. I would like to know if the following places are Catholic institutions: Servants of Mary Mother House, 12811 South Western Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Foreign Mission Headquarters, Society of the Divine Savior, Elkton, Md.; St. Francis Monastery, Loretto, Penn.

A. Yes, all the places named are Catholic institutions. They are houses of the Marists, Salvatorians, and Franciscans, respectively.

Q. Is the Anglican, or Episcopalian, minister I know really a priest?

A. Pope Leo XIII declared in the Bull "Apostolicae Curae" of 1896 that Anglican orders are invalid and thus Anglican or Episcopalian ministers are not true priests. Briefly, we can say that the Holy Father came to this conclusion from the fact the Anglican Church did not use a valid "form" or sacramental rite of ordination. Christ instituted the priesthood essentially for offering the Sacrifice of the Mass, yet the rite used by the Anglican Church since 1569 has no mention of a sacrificing priesthood, or of a sacrifice. Archbishop Cranmer who instituted this form intentionally left out all mention of sacrifice for he said, ". . . the saying of Mass by the priest . . . is neither a sacrifice propitiatory, nor yet a sacrifice of laud and praise, nor in any wise allowed before God, but abominable and detestable." Even the word "priest" was left out of the ordination rite by Cranmer; however, it was put in in 1662 — one hundred and three years after the invalid rite had been instituted. Whether the insertion of the word "priest" made the rite valid or not makes little difference practically speaking because by the time it was inserted all the validly ordained priests and bishops had died off. There was no one left in the Anglican Church who had the power to make real priests. In the words of the Anglican Bishop Knox, "If the sacrament of Orders is administered without the intention of ordaining priests to offer sacrifice, the persons ordained are not priests at all."

It should be noted that a few Anglican and Episcopalian ministers, realizing that their ordinations were not valid, have recently sought true orders from bishops of the schismatic Greek churches. If the ordination was performed properly, these few

Outdoor Mass to Mark Archdiocese Centenary

Portland, Ore. — (NC) — The 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon will be noted at an outdoor Solemn Pontifical Mass at Champoeg Park here on Sunday, July 28. Archbishop Edward D. Howard, the fifth head of the Archdiocese, will celebrate the Mass.

Portland in Oregon is second only to Baltimore as the oldest archdiocese in the United States. It was erected by Pope Pius IX as the Archdiocese of Oregon City, with the famous missionary Archbishop Francis N. Blanchet as first Ordinary.

PEACE UNIT OK's WORLD COURT

Washington — (NC) — A strong indorsement of the idea of an international court with the power to enforce its decisions is contained in a letter sent to Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah by the Rev. E. A. McGowan, executive secretary of the Catholic Association for International Peace. Senator Thomas is chairman of a subcommittee considering United States acceptance of compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice.

Father McGowan points to the enthusiastic reception of the International Court idea by the C.A.I.P. in its report, issued last July on the United Nations' Charter.

The section of the report quoted by Father McGowan urges that "every State should be willing to submit its legal disputes to the International Court of Justice," and adds that "a refusal to do so would suggest some ulterior purpose."

"But a mere decision without adequate means to enforce it is not enough," the C.A.I.P. recommendation continues. "Some means by way of execution or contempt process should be provided whereby decisions of the Court can be made effective without depending upon or requiring the exercise of discretion by any person or agency."

Memorial to First Chaplain Killed, Begun

Dubuque — (NC) — Excavation has begun at Loras College here for the new Memorial Collegiate Church of Christ the King, for which the first spadeful of earth was turned by Archbishop Henry P. Rohlman, Loras chancellor and Coadjutor Archbishop of Dubuque.

The church is the gift of the 350 priests of the archdiocese as a memorial to Father Aloysius Schmitt, the first Catholic Chaplain to give his life in World War II. Father Schmitt lost his life with the sinking of the Oklahoma in Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

Hungarian Bishop Free After Year in Jail

Budapest — (NC) — Bishop Stephen Zadravecz O.F.M., has been released from jail after more than a year's imprisonment, due to his age and precarious state of health, the Social Democratic organ Lucidity reports here.

Bishop Zadravecz, 62, was consecrated in 1920 and served as Military Vicar for the Hungarian Army from 1920 to 1930. He had been arrested by Hungarian Bolshevists at the time of the Bela Kun uprising in 1919, and after his release was a leader in the movement which eventually put down the uprising.

My Prayer

St. Ann, my protectress, befriend me.
Watch o'er me and those I love.
Obtain for us help and mercy
From Jesus, our Lord, above.

And when, in the dark hours of sadness,
Our hopes seem to sink—we despair,
Put thine arms around about us
And to Jesus breathe our prayer.

For you are the mother of Mary,
Beloved mother of all.
You never fail to help us,
To hear and answer our call.

—By BEATRICE KING

College Girl Preachers Campaign in South

By GEORGEANNE DUNNE
(Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

Waynesville, N. C.—Once again three girls from Rosary College, River Forest, Ill., have undertaken a street-teaching tour in the area of St. John's mission, here, to tell the people of Western North Carolina about the truths of the Catholic Faith. This year their street-teaching began with a week in the town of Sylva, followed by a week each in Bryson City, Franklin, and Andrews.

The girls spoke from the end gate of their station wagon in the town square, on the main street, in a used car lot, or in any place accessible to the largest number of people.

The Saturday meeting reached the mountain folk who crowd the main street in the county seat on Saturdays. Whenever the town board permitted a public-address system was used, enabling the girls to be heard within a radius of half a block.

The members of the group this year were Miss Mary Virginia Doyle, Rockford, Ill., who has received her degree in economics and political science and plans to enter the business field early this fall; Miss Marjorie Malay, Gas City, Ind., who will be a senior at the college this year; and the writer of this article, a third-year student at Rosary.

Two Dominican Sisters, Sister Hilaire and Sister Maria William accompanied the girls during their month's stay on the North Carolina mission.

Each night two talks were given. At the end of each address questions relating to the subject matter were proposed by one of the girls acting as a non-Catholic, and answered by the speaker. After the program the girls mingled with the audience and answered questions. This year the subjects discussed were the Church, the Bible, Confession, Purgatory, Sacramentals, the Saints, Prayers, Heaven, and the Infallibility of the Pope. The principal aim of all street-teaching tours is to dispel erroneous opinions occasioned by misrepresentations of the Catholic religion.

Alaska Eskimo Girl Weds Ex-GI

New York — (NC) — When the nuns in Anchorage, Alaska, who brought up Gloria Durant, native Alaskan and part Eskimo, assisted the USO in plans for her Brooklyn, N. Y. wedding, they made her promise not to spend all her money on a trousseau, but to keep enough aside for a return trip to Alaska in case she changed her mind.

Gloria met her fiance, William Henry McMullen of Brooklyn, then a U. S. Army sergeant, at the USO Club in Anchorage where she served as a junior hostess. An orphan, she was brought up by Alaskan Catholic nuns. Her trip to New York was the first time she had ever been out of Alaska, or had ever seen anything taller than a two-story building. She was married at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Brooklyn.

Boys Conduct Own Circus

London — (NC) — What is believed to be the only circus in the world run by a school with the only amateur circus in the British Empire, is conducting its annual July show in the lovely grounds of St. Thomas More's School, Frensham, near Farnham, overlooking the Surrey countryside.

The circus, now almost a national institution, is run entirely by the boys themselves. Outdoor activities form a large proportion of the schedule — and it was this which led to the present circus.

During a physical training display the headmaster was impressed by the dull routines and decided to give the next one color by touches of comedy. Four ponies were introduced, a ring followed, then trapeze turns, clowns, rope-spinning juggiers, horses and the big top. Villagers helped with the wardrobe. Other well-wishers supplied the props, now valued at many thousands of dollars, and in time the circus went on a highly successful tour.

Receives U. S. Award

Ottawa — (NC) — Maj. Gen. George P. Vanier, Canadian Ambassador to France, received the United States Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander, at a ceremony in Paris. General Vanier is a devout Catholic.

Calendar of Feast Days

Sunday, July 25 — St. Nazarius and Celsus, martyrs. St. Nazarius was the son of a pagan officer in the Roman army. He embraced the faith of his mother, Perpetua. Arriving at Milan he was beheaded, together with Celsus, a youth whom he took with him on his travels. These martyrs suffered during the first persecution under Nero.

Monday, July 26 — St. Martha, virgin, sister of St. Mary Magdelen. Her life was devoted to the service of the Saviour.

Tuesday, July 27 — St. Germanus, Bishop, was of noble birth and for a time practiced law at Rome. He was also an officer in the Imperial Army. It was revealed to the Bishop of Auxerre that Germanus was to be his successor and he gave the latter honors notwithstanding his reluctance to receive it. Forthwith Germanus entirely changed his mode of life and devoted all his energies to the service of God. He visited England and overcame the Pelagian heresy there. He died in 448 while interceding with the emperor for the people of Brittany.

Wednesday, July 28 — St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, was born in Spain and served as courtier and soldier until his thirtieth year. Called by Divine Grace to leave the world, he won others to God's service, and he and his companions placed themselves under obedience to the Pope. He died in 1556.

Thursday, August 1 — St. Peter's Chains. This feast commemorates the miraculous delivery of St. Peter from the prison in which he had been placed by orders of Herod.

Friday, August 2 — St. Stephen, Pope and martyr, succeeded St. Lucius as the Supreme Head of the Church in 253. In 257, while seated in his pontifical chair, he was beheaded by the satellites of the Emperor.

Saturday, August 3 — The Finding of St. Stephen's Relics. This feast commemorates the finding of the body of the first Christian martyr concealed under the ruins of an old tomb 20 miles from Jerusalem.

Milan Cardinal Hits Allied Policies

Rome — (RNS) — Postwar policies of the Allied governments were strongly criticized here by Alfredo Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, at a thanksgiving ceremony here marking the canonization of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. He said that although the war was over, there is no peace "because governments follow the wrong methods."

"The Allied governments may continue for years without any other result than the disintegration of the atom of Christian peace," the cardinal warned. He urged that "the only common factor for agreement among all people is the Gospel of Christ."

KNOW IT?
(Questions on page 8)

1. The apple signifies the forbidden fruit, to eat where-of our first parents were seduced by satan in a serpent's form; the Virgin's foot upon the serpent's head expresses the fulfillment of God's promise to Adam and Eve that the Mother of the Redeemer would crush satan's power.
2. The miracles should be in this order: her veil saved Catania; sent the basket of fruit; saved Faria; put the Saracens to flight; her food changed to roses.
3. He flung the money on the floor of the temple and went and hanged himself (Mt., 27, 5).
4. Lot's wife, who was turned into salt because, contrary to the injuction of the angel, she looked back at the burning cities of Sodom and Gomorrha.
5. A protest against a marriage.

'Buffalo Bill's' Conversion Noted at Birth Centenary

Denver — (NC) — The centenary of the birth of Col. William F. Cody, celebrated pioneer Indian scout and Wild West Show star, beloved by generations of Americans and Europeans alike as "Buffalo Bill," will be observed here next month. The State Historical Society has placed on exhibition a collection of scrapbooks, programs, photographs and other mementoes of the famous scout.

In conjunction with the observance, The Denver Catholic Register, official archdiocesan organ recalls the story of the conversion of "Buffalo Bill." The time-worn register of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception shows that he was baptized on January 9, 1917, by the Rev. Christopher V. Walsh, then assistant at the Cathedral.

Colonel Cody was visiting at the home of a sister here when he was taken ill. Two friends who were Catholics sugested that it would be advisable for the Colonel to be baptized, since he never had received the Sacrament.

Mrs. Cody, who, it later became known, was a Catholic, summoned Father Walsh. After inquiring as to the wishes of the famous scout, Father Walsh administered the Sacrament. The next day the world mourned the death of the famous frontiersman.

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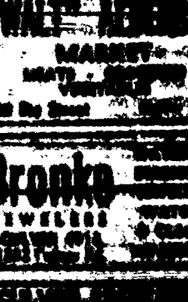

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