

# To Observe Centenary Mary's Apparition in France



This is a traditional representation of the appearance of the Blessed Virgin to Maximilian and Melanie Mathison as they tended their herds of cows on the mountain of La Salette in southeastern France, September 19, 1846. The Blessed Mother told the children that the sin of all Europe was provoking the wrath of God. She charged the children to "make this known to all my people" and also said that if the people needed their way God would show them the way. An imposing Basilica was later built on the spot, and the scene now is kept in memory by religious art. (AP Photo)

## City Editor Urges 'Real' Catholic Action

More News, Inc. — (NC) — Catholic Action is to succeed, Catholic Actionists must mean their neighbors in the market place. This was the message of a speech by Rev. James J. Sheehan, S.J., at the University of Notre Dame.

Delivered in front of 20 Catholic colleges and universities participating in the Study Week, which was under the joint auspices of the National Federation of Catholic Colleges, Universities and the Young Catholic League at the University of Notre Dame.

Sheehan, who is city editor of the Chicago Daily News and president of the Men's Federation of Catholic Action Cells of Chicago, emphasized the purpose of Catholic Action — the participation of the laity with the clergy in winning souls for Christ.

For Catholic Actionists in the colleges lived the ideal place to put this message, he continued, would be in their own newspapers. If such a newspaper is impracticable at present, he suggested that they make use of regular student publications on their campus to get their message across. Mr. Sheehan also suggested paid advertising campaigns in student newspapers, where possible.

Other practical means suggested by Mr. Sheehan for disseminating the message of Catholic Action on such campuses were bulletin boards, campus "goody" columns, posters and radio

programs emanating from the campus.

"Is this sacrifice?" he asked. "Catholicism is not a faith that is not above cutting a caper to win a soul for God. St. Thomas More went to his death with a smile on his lips. Christ Himself was wont to put the Pharisee in the bucket with a bit of verbal swift pitching."

"One of the finest things I've ever heard about the value of frequent communion was said not by a priest or a religious, but by a hard-boiled newspaperman — Edwin A. Lacey, the great labor reporter."

"Starting the day with Mass and Communion," said Eddie, "is like getting the guy on third base with nobody out."

**Irish Get Appeal To Aid Cologne Area**

Dublin — (RNS) — An urgent appeal to the people of Cork, leading city in southern Ireland, to aid war-wrecked Cologne, Germany, was received by Lord Mayor Michael Sheehan in a letter from Lieutenant Colonel J. White, commander of the British military government in the German city.

The British commander declared the population of Cologne is 90 per cent Roman Catholic.

## Cardinal Sees 'Intermission' Only in Warfare

Boston — (NC) — "I pray for God to guide Secretary Byrnes in his work. I pray for the little people. They have suffered too much, wandered too long. Soon their hearts will be crushed with burdens they can't bear. I pray for a just peace treaty to come soon. I pray that all might be fed and clothed. I can't see hungry people, even if they were zombies."

This prayer of a mother, whose son gave his life with the marines on Saenger Leaf Hill in Okinawa, was read by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York before the convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, here, in the course of an address, in which he reaffirmed the right of the veterans "to the freedoms he now hopes to enjoy."

The widow is "a patriot for peace," the Cardinal said, "is tolerant of those who seek to undermine or despoil America's strength and unity, jealously guarding her against all who would violate her essential unity."

**Peace Challenge**

Paying honor to the veterans of foreign wars, the Cardinal said: "Once more you have won a war and saved our nation's life and honor. You have not failed us. And now we are challenged to win the peace that will give fact that life and honor. We must not fail you!"

The Cardinal in opening his talk recalled that six years ago, speaking at the same place before an American Legion convention, he pleaded for national defense to protect the nation's lifelong legacy of liberty. Now, after six years of the "stark, wild tragedy of world war," climaxed by the atomic bomb walking "its dirge of doom over ill-fortunes and wreckage, peace has not yet come, he said, adding:

**Atomic Bomb**

"The atomic bomb seems to have brought up an intermission in the tragedy of war — a grim interlude of contradictions in our decade of despair, when atomic rage is measured by science, not for the uses of peace but for its protection against new wars, as with horror we read and are loathe to believe headline news that spreads a fresh new terror, just as six years ago, they again their war of war."

Cardinal Spellman continued: "Science fashioned the atomic bomb and passed it to you; the soldier, despite the fact that it was the weapon that suspended over helpless humanity, would be more ominous and infinitely more sweeping than ever was the sword of Damocles; you in duty accepted it; for you believed the inspiring principles of the Atlantic Charter with its assurance that when victory came, force would be abandoned by world disarmament that all men of all lands could live out their lives in peace and freedom from fear."

## CYCLE FIRST AT MISSION



Father Bernard Zimmerman, S. J., of British Honduras is shown here in the driver's seat of a three-wheel service motorcycle, the first of its kind to reach that colony. A 1933 model, the motorcycle is broad now converted to the American automobile track, also the first of its kind in the colony, which the missionaries also use. The priests employ the motorcycle and truck to minister to both the spiritual and material needs of the people over a wide area. The truck recently hauled tons of fuel for a new church at Bonaga. (NC Photo)

## Bishop Sheil Answers Upton Close Charges

Chicago — (RNS) — In a nationwide broadcast here the Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, Senior Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, bitterly assailed radio commentator Upton Close for having referred to him as a fomenter of Communism.

Bishop Sheil denounced Close for "untruthful statements, unjust implications, despicable insinuations and utter intellectual dishonesty."

Close previously had devoted a portion of his radio broadcast to criticize Bishop Sheil for a speech delivered by the prelate at the American Veterans Committee national convention in Des Moines, Iowa.

The prelate was charged by Close with being "one of those liberals whose logic lays down the red carpet in our United States for smirking Communists to stride to power upon."

Bishop Sheil demanded, and was granted, Upton Close's broadcast to refute the commentator's charges. In his speech, the Bishop referred to his own record of having never hesitated to condemn any form of totalitarian government, whether Fascist, Nazi or Communist.

"Can you truthfully say the same, Mr. Close?" he asked.

Bishop Sheil then quoted the paragraph from his speech before the AVC to which Close referred:

"Many men raise the Red scare of Communism whenever plans for social improvement are proposed. But America has nothing to fear from Communism — if we have a social order that regards men as at the same time the beginning and the end of life in human society. People who are well-clothed, well-fed and well-housed are not interested in Communism. If we make America a democracy which is not only politically, but economically and socially as well, we can conquer any ideology."

Bishop Sheil declared that "any person who compares my actual statement with Mr. Close's misstatement and his subsequent vicious insinuations will have no doubt as to which of us presents the greatest danger to American ideals."

## U. S. Sailors Attend Mass at St. Peter's

Vatican City — (Radio) — Several hundred officers and men of the crew of the American aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt, now on a cruise in the Mediterranean, came to Rome on a visit and attended a special Mass offered for them at the Altar of the Chair of St. Peter in the Vatican Basilica.

The Mass was celebrated by the first of the two-day celebration and heard Governor Martin's tribute to the Benedictine Brotherhood, who aided the "wilderness" and brought to it "the arts of civilization and the mercies of religion."

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## Centenary Marked By U. S. Benedictines

Lafayette, Pa. — (NC) — Church and State, Catholic and non-Catholic, joined in paying honor to St. Vincent Archabbot, "Montecassino of America," at the celebrations which marked the completion of one century since a day when a little band of Benedictine monks came from Bavaria to establish the first permanent foundation of their Order in the United States of America.

His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, underscored the historic significance of the event by celebrating the Pontifical Centenary Mass at which he imparted the Apostolic Blessing to the members of the community.

A message from President Harry S. Truman greeted the members of the community "as sharers in the great inheritance of holiness and learning which is theirs to maintain and to pass on unimpeded to those who shall follow them."

His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, in whose province the Archabbot is located, Bishop Hugh C. Boyle of Pittsburgh, Ordinary of the diocese which includes St. Vincent's, and Governor Edward Martin of Pennsylvania sent their greetings.

7,000 in Stadium

And, last but not least, the Abbots of the ten Benedictine Abbeys in the United States that sprang from St. Vincent's during the past century, and the thousands of priests and members of the laity, all over the world, who received their education at St. Vincent College, were present either in person or in spirit to share the joy and to give thanks for the blessings so abundantly bestowed upon the community.

More than 7,000 persons filled St. Vincent Stadium at the procession of priests, monsignors, Abbots and Bishops preceded Archbishop Cicognani to the field altar where the Pontifical Mass was celebrated.

Thousands also attended a public celebration at the evening of the first of the two-day celebration and heard Governor Martin's tribute to the Benedictine Brotherhood, who aided the "wilderness" and brought to it "the arts of civilization and the mercies of religion."

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**Youngest Benedictine Abbot is Blessed**

Cleveland — (NC) — Bishop Edward F. Hoban of Cleveland officiated at the blessing of Abbot Theodor George Kofis, O. S. B., as second abbot of the Cleveland Benedictine community. The ceremony took place in St. Benedict's Abbey Church here, with archbishops, abbots and other prelates in attendance.

At 37, Abbot Kofis is said to be the youngest Benedictine abbot in the world. He was ordained in Cleveland by the late Archbishop Joseph Schrembs on May 3, 1936. Since then he has been a member of the faculty of Benedictine High School.

**Mass in the crypt of the Arch-abbey Church at the new high altar which was dedicated to other altars to compose a national Benedictine shrine. The high altar was inscribed as Montecassino, in honor of Montecassino, the Benedictine motherhouse, and home of the Rule which Archbishop Cicognani had termed an "epitome of Christianity" and a guide for all individuals and nations.**

**Other altars honor the patron saint of Father Boniface Wimmer, the Bavarian monk who established St. Vincent's 100 years ago, and the patron of the abbey in Metten, Bavaria, the spiritual home of the founders of St. Vincent's. Each of the other ten altars is consecrated to the patron of the ten abbeys in the United States that trace their origin to St. Vincent Arch-abbey.**

**As a special honor to St. Vincent Archabbot, the Holy Father has granted to Archabbot Koch and his successors the right to wear the capta magna, an honor never before conferred on an institution in the United States. Heretofore, individual archbishops had been granted the privilege but it always expired with their death. Among those who previously held the personal privilege were Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, founder of St. Vincent, and Archabbot Leonard Scherer. Both received the honor on their golden jubilee.**

**The Papal decree, a 10 by 25-inch parchment, arrived from Rome on the first day of the centenary celebration and announcement of the Papal honor was made by Archbishop Cicognani.**

**The celebrations came to a close with an academic convocation at which honorary degrees were presented to 16 persons including Governor Martin, Richard K. Mellon, Philadelphia financier, and United States Senator Francis J. Myers of Philadelphia.**

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