

Catholics Phill Struggle

Their desire to be elected in 1948 was political and their political strength and their influence on the Catholic vote in the capital was outside the Bishop's power. Yet, despite the anti-Catholic propaganda, the election of the new people to their legislative duty is greater than ever. More than 1,000 Catholics received Holy Communion in one day during a pilgrimage to the shrine of the Blessed Virgin at Santa Rosa, near Naples, Italy.

Spain Catholics will never again be the same. The Catholic vote in the election of 1948 was a record. The Catholic vote in the election of 1948 was a record. The Catholic vote in the election of 1948 was a record.

Pax Romano Membership Is Widened

Following, Switzerland - (Radio, NC) - A new understanding by Pax Romana granting membership to Catholics of all professions who are university graduates was announced by the more than 600 delegates who gathered here from 41 countries for the 20th international congress.

This international Catholic student federation, which only a few months ago during its 19th world congress in Spain prohibited for its members of Catholic professions, no members of Pax Romana, has not enlarged its membership to include all professional groups.

Imparts Papal Blessing at Centennial



Many dignitaries of Church and State participated in the centennial celebrations of St. Vincent's Archdiocese and Diocese of Little Rock, where the first Benedictine monastery in the United States was founded. Peter, during the Twentieth Anniversary that occasion, Archbishop Alberto Giovanni Ciavatta, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, imparts the papal blessing. (AP Photo)

BOY SCOUTS GET PAPAL ADVICE

Volcan City - (Radio, NC) - Boy Scout leaders showed through their personal example, aim at training boys who are "ready to demonstrate at every occasion the mastery of themselves" and who recognize that the true joy of life results "from serving God in good and simple things." Mr. Giovanni E. Montini, Substitute Papal Secretary of State, has told Catholic Boy Scout leaders in the name of the Holy Father.

Monsignor Montini's letter addressed to Mgr. Sergio Pignatelli, central assistant of the Catholic Boy Scout Association of Italy, on the occasion of the national jamboree, conveys the Pope's blessing on Boy Scout directors of Italy and of the whole world.

The letter declares that the Holy Father, so intensely interested in the Christian education of youth, is fully aware of the importance of the national meeting of Boy Scout directors and of the jamboree. Through its fraternal good feeling and competition, the jamboree strengthens the spirit of the Christian family. Monsignor Montini writes, adding that it is this spirit that makes scouting so well thought of by all.



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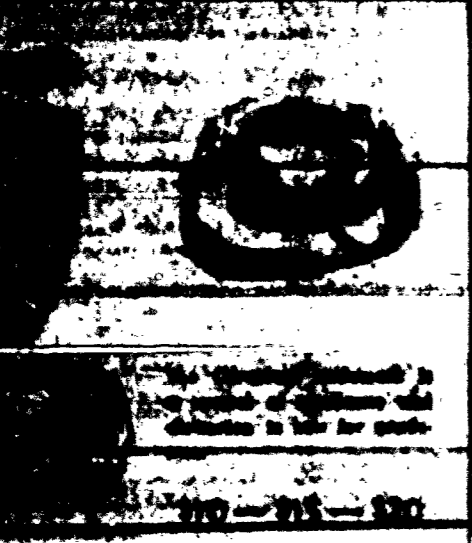
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Note of Joy In Last Rites For Trappist

Belgium - "Learn of Me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and yet shall stand next to your souls." This was the theme of the sermon by Archbishop Henry J. Reardon, Coadjutor of Dubuque, at the funeral Mass for the Rev. Albert J. Reardon, O.C.S.O., 85-year-old Abbot of the Claretian New Melrose Abbey here.

And the theme of the sermon was carried out by the venerable Abbot as laid to rest in accordance with ancient Trappist customs in the cloistered cemetery of the Abbey.

Abbot Reardon's body was a plain board, for the Claretians bury their dead without a coffin. His body was lowered into his own grave, all insignia of his position, ring, pastoral cross and purple stole were removed from the body.

The Abbey's white-robed lay brothers, ever so gently, covered the body with fresh hay. Monks, priests, clergy and lay faithful participated in the funeral Mass in keeping with another Trappist custom, and bowed their heads in prayer as the "Mass" was chanted and the body was lowered into the grave.

Archbishop Reardon offered the solemn Mass of Requiem for the venerable priest who had been a Trappist monk for 47 years, a priest for 38 and an Abbot for two years.

Archbishop Francis J. L. Reardon of Dubuque, assisted by Archbishop Reardon, officiated at the burial rites. Following the Mass, the monks, visiting priests, a host of messengers and some 200 clergymen, each carrying a lighted candle, took part in the funeral procession from the Abbey to the grave in the cloistered cemetery.

Catholics Bear More Children, Survey Reveals

Washington, Ind. - (NC) - In addition to the fact that Catholic couples generally have more children than non-Catholic couples, a study by the Rev. Bernard Mulvaney, C.S.V., also has brought out that the difference between Catholic and non-Catholic fertility increases in the higher educational levels, especially if the Catholic couples receive their education in Catholic schools.

The results of his study have been set down in an article by Father Mulvaney, appearing in the findings of three independent polls. The article, which first appeared in the American Catholic Sociological Review, has been reprinted in The Family Digest published here.

The polls, used by Father Mulvaney are: the Indianapolis Study, a 1941 survey of fertility in the "Indiana Study" based on a 1944 census of the Diocese of St. Augustine and offering fertility comparisons between mixed and Catholic couples, and the Canadian Census Reports based on a 1941 survey.

In his analysis the writer also draws the following conclusions: Catholic couples generally have more children than Protestant couples, and mixed couples, while resembling Protestants in fertility pattern, have fewer children than Protestants.

There are fewer children or one and two-child families among Catholics and also more families with five and more children than among non-Catholics.

Croats Ask Break With Tito Regime

Chicago - (NC) - A resolution advocating severance of diplomatic relations between this country and "the totalitarian economic regime" at that grade was unanimously adopted by 2,000 delegates to the United Croatian Congress of the United States and Canada here.

The Congress heard addresses by His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, and Dr. Vlado Macelj, exiled leader of the Croat peasant party, who came here by air from Paris.

The resolution condemned the agents of the Tito regime in Yugoslavia, who now enjoy diplomatic immunity in this country, "for working among our immigrants and spreading communist doctrine" and called for their deportation, because they "endanger the very foundations of our American institutions."

Information Desk
Calling the Priest

Q. How long must a person be sick before the priest is called? A. The time of illness does not have anything to do with ability to receive the Anointing of the Sick. As long as one is seriously ill, he can receive this sacrament. It may be given though one has been ill only a few days, or even if the doctors advise that the sick person will live for a month or a year. The Apostle St. James, describing the subject of this sacrament, did not say, "If any one is sick, let him call for the priest."

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