Bishop Paddles His Own Canoe

... — (NC) — It is all for the nation of ... to see their ... and in his episcopal ... paddling a small canoe ... the Amazon River from ... Village.

... Jose Garcia Pinto, ... Vicar Apostolic of Iquitos ... confirmed the missioners ... most remote country with ... Augustinian College ... he had just returned from ... took him to Rome ... of the Holy Father ... Spain, where he ... Motherhouse of the ... Augustinians.

... Bishop's vicariate has ... of some 124,000 square ... almost half the size of the ... of Texas. There are 100,000 ... inhabitants, of whom all but ... are Christians. To take ... of the spiritual needs of ... people, there are only 17 ... and to add to the difficulties ... natives are divided ... 40 tribes with as many ...

... in the city of Iquitos, ... the Bishop has his residence, ... are practically no ... and the most of the travel ... the outlying districts is ... canoe. Iquitos is just ... below the equator and ... heat is almost unbearable.

... told how Bishop ... and malaria-bearing ... drowned. He then ... out the sun, ... the mission ... make their way ... river highways ... by the natives. ... Father Juan Jacinto ... Spain to attend ... for four or five years ... all. His Excellency said, it is the tiny mosquitos that become like "monsters" and make human meals of men.

With a sense of humor to match his zeal, Bishop Garcia enjoys telling about the time his canoe overturned and he landed in the river, robes and all; and of the time he accidentally stepped on a deadly poisonous snake — and walked away unharmed.

Three Resolutions for '47 Suggested by Radio Priest

New York — (NC) — Noting that resolutions can change lives and societies — look what they did for Mary Magdalene, the Good Thief Dismas, St. Paul and St. Augustine — the Rev. Hugh Calkins, O.S.M., outlined three New Year's resolutions for listeners of The Faith in Our Time program over the Mutual broadcasting System.

"Give God first place in our love and service," was Father Calkins' first resolve, and in putting it forward he counseled his audience to keep in touch with God through daily prayer, to set up the Ten Commandments as "rules for successful living" and to remember that love of God and love of neighbor is the essence of God's commandments to man.

"We shall make our homes truly Catholic" was the second suggested rule of the radio priest, who said: "Instead of the corner tavern, the local movie house or the neighborhood drugstore being the center of activity for family members, suppose we make home the place where everything starts. That means taking time to stay home, plan with children, be patient with their noise and their friends, but can you think of a better way to cure the youth problems everybody cries about?"

The third and final resolution — it's not wise to make too many, according to Father Calkins — was "We shall regard our children and their interests as more important than anything except our duties to God." In elaborating upon this, Father Calkins declared:

"Our age not only refuses to let children be born. It sidetracks their living off the main highways of thoughtful adult attention. We adults get so interested in world problems and national affairs that we forget the really important people for whom we are trying to build a better world."

Cardinal To Visit Texas

San Antonio — (NC) — Plans to welcome His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, to this city on Jan. 19 for the dedication of the cornerstone of a residence hall and classroom building at St. John's Seminary are being completed here. Accompanying the Cardinal on his visit will be Bishop William D. O'Brien, Auxiliary of Chicago.

CHICAGO SCHOOLS LIST 210,000

Chicago — (NC) — The greatest enrollment in 14 years, nearly 210,000 students, was recorded in the 508 Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago during 1946, it was reported to His Eminence Samuel Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, by Msgr. Daniel F. Cunningham, archdiocesan superintendent of schools.

The report disclosed that grade-school enrollment increased 2,096 over 1945 despite the fact that first-grade figures showed a decrease of 676 students, the first decrease in six years. High school registrations topped the 1945 curo by 2,134 and college 1945 figure by 2,134 and college report stated.

Two new high schools were opened during 1945-46, Corpus Christi High School conducted by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Name, and St. Dominic's High School, staffed by the Sisters of Charity, B.V.M. The report noted that the Franciscan Fathers purchased the school building and auditorium of Sinai Temple, while three new grade schools were opened — Our Lady of Perpetual Help school, staffed by the Manitellate Sisters, Servants of Mary; the St. Mary's School conducted by the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, and St. Charles' school in Melrose Park also conducted by the Manitellate Sisters.

The Monsignor's report lauded the students for "assisting mightily" in the food and clothing relief campaigns conducted by War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, and for aid given to home and foreign missions.

POntiff APPROVES PHOTO

His Holiness Pope Pius XII looks over a photograph of himself taken by the Papal photographer Luigi Felici who is shown on the Pontiff's right. The Holy Father has approved a selection of photos which are to be exhibited in the United States. In the photo are shown with the Holy Father Mr. Felici (center) and several Vatican secretaries. (NC Photo)

Official Confirmation Ritual for Priests

Rome — (NC) — The rite to be observed by a priest when he administers the Sacrament of Confirmation to a person in danger of death, calls upon the priest to remind those present that the ordinary minister of this Sacrament is the Bishop, and that he is administering the Sacrament through a right delegated by the Holy See.

The official rubric points out that the priest must not confirm in the presence of heretics or schismatics, and that he must be particularly watchful lest such persons assist in the ceremony.

It is permitted for the priest to vest in a stole alone, if a surplice is not available. The priest is told to instruct the godparent to place his right hand on the right shoulder of the person to be confirmed, whether infant or adult.

With hands joined and facing the person to be confirmed, the priest says:

V. Spiritus Sanctus superveniat in te et virtus Altissimi custodiat te a peccatis.

R. Amen.

Then, making the Sign of the Cross, he says:

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit caelum et terram.

V. Domine exaude orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Then, with his hands extended toward the person to be confirmed:

Oremus.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui regenerare dignatus es hunc famulum tuum (hanc famulam tuam) et aqua et Spiritu Sancto, quique dedisti ei remissionem omnium peccatorum: emitte in eum (eam) septiformem Spiritum tuum Sanctum Paraclytum de caelis.

R. Amen.

V. Spiritum sapientiae et intellectus.

R. Amen.

V. Spiritum consilii et fortitudinis.

R. Amen.

V. Spiritum scientiae et pietatis.

R. Amen.

Adimple eum (eam) Spiritu timoris tui, et consigna eum (eam) signo Crucis Christi, in vitam propitiatus aeternam.

Afterwards the priest asks the name of the person to be confirmed, and, having dipped the tip of the thumb of the right hand in chrism, he confirms him, saying:

Signo te signo Crucis (while he says which, the priest, with his right placed on the head of the person to be confirmed, makes the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of the person, and then continues:) et confirmo te Chrismate salutis. In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti.

Amen.

At this point the priest gives the person a slight blow on the cheek, saying at the same time:

Pax tecum.

The priest carefully removes the sacred Chrism with cotton, dries his fingers with a piece of bread and washes his thumb and hands. He places the cleansing water, bread and cotton in a clean receptacle and (later) at the church burns the bread and cotton and places the ashes with the cleansing water in the sacrarium.

Following this, the priest says:

Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis, a templo Sancto tuo, quod est in Jerusalem.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum.

R. Amen.

When this antiphon has been repeated, the priest, with folded hands and facing the sick person, says:

V. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

With his hands still folded, the priest says:

Oremus.

Deus, qui Apostolis tuis Sanctum dedisti Spiritum, et per eos eorumque successores ceteris fidelibus tradendum esse voluisti; respice propitius ad humilitatis nostrae famulatum, et praesta, ut ejus cor, cujus frontem sacro Chrismate delinivimus, et signo Sanctae Crucis signavimus, idem Spiritus Sanctus in eo superveniens, templum gloriae suae dignanter inhabitando perficiat; qui cum Patre et eodem Spiritu Sancto vivis et regnas Deus, in saecula saeculorum.

R. Amen.

Then priest says:

Ecce sic benedicetur homo, qui timet Dominum.

Turning to the person confirmed, and making the Sign of the Cross over him, the priest says:

Benedicat te Dominus ex Sion, ut videas bona Jerusalem omnibus diebus vitae tuae, et habeas vitam aeternam.

R. Amen.

Man Posing As Arctic Priest Said In U. S.

Fort Smith, N. W. T. — (NC) — The Rev. Charles Gilles, O.M.I., Procurator of the Vicariate Apostolic of Mackenzie here in the Canadian Northwest has issued a warning against a man circulating in the United States and purporting to be Father Maurice Metayer, O.M.I., of this Vicariate.

"The real Father Metayer, O.M.I., came from France to the Mackenzie Vicariate in the summer of 1939, and was immediately assigned to the Eskimo missions on the Arctic coast," Father Gilles states. "He has never left there."

The man purporting to be Father Metayer of this Vicariate was reported recently to be in southwestern United States, and is believed to have deceived a number of religious communities and perhaps some lay persons, Father Gilles said.

Fr. James K. Bennett Named Utica Pastor

Syracuse — The Rev. James K. Bennett, a St. Bernard's Seminary alumnus, has been appointed pastor of St. Peter's Church, Utica, by the Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, Bishop of Syracuse, the Chancery here announces. Father Bennett succeeds the late Rev. Matthew J. Lawler.

Ordained June 11, 1927, Father Bennett studied two years at St. Bonaventure College before entering St. Bernard's.

Bavarian Abbey 1200 Years Old

Munich — (NC) — The 1,200th anniversary of its foundation was recently observed by the Benedictine Abbey of Tegernsee, Bavaria, in the presence of Bishop Simon Konrad Landersdorfer of Passau. His Eminence Michael Cardinal Faulhaber celebrated a Pontifical Mass in the Abbey Church.

The people of Tegernsee, the town where the late General Patton maintained his personal headquarters when the war ended, crowded the magnificent sanctuary during all the services, which lasted a week.

Nun 72 Years

Jersey City — (NC) — Solemn Mass of Requiem for Sister M. Maurice, eldest Sister of Charity in New Jersey, was offered here in St. Bridget's Church. Sister Maurice, who was Julia Stapleton of Tamaqua, Pa., before she entered religious life, was 92 years old and had been a Sister of Charity for 72 years.

German Cardinal's Brother Dies After Arrest by Reds

Cologne — (NC) — The brother of Josef Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, was kidnaped by the Soviet occupational authorities in Leipzig last summer, and is now dead, according to an announcement the Cardinal himself recently made in a sermon here.

Referring to the Nuremberg war crimes trial the Cardinal said: "A sentence has been passed which should atone the terrible crimes committed by abuse of the German name. We feel that this atonement would be more perfect if the sentences had been rendered by German judges, according to German laws valid at the time these crimes were committed. Now that the sentences have been passed the sense of justice of all the righteous, not only in Germany, demands that crimes committed elsewhere be punished as well.

"Half a year ago I referred to the fact that 14 Supreme Court justices of Leipzig were arrested last August by the Soviet authorities. Among them was my brother, a man against whom there was no political reproach, a splendid Catholic, a man who was righteous to the core and whom the Americans had appointed member of a commission to restore the integrity of German law.

"These prisoners were dragged from one camp to another. They were left in utter misery. They starved and died of typhoid fever. My brother is dead. How many of the others are still alive I do not know. They received no priestly assistance and no Christian burial. No one has contradicted my statement. The families have not received any death notices. There is no indication that anyone made an effort to examine these charges, to find the guilty and to punish them. Many similar instances of criminal acts could be cited; none of them finds a judge."

Berlin Hospital Marks Centenary

Berlin — (NC) — In the 100 years since its foundation in 1846, St. Hedwig's Catholic hospital here has cared for more than twice as many non-Catholics as Catholics, according to a brochure issued in connection with the anniversary. The oldest Catholic institution of its kind in the German capital, St. Hedwig's Hospital escaped serious damage during the war.

The hospital, which grew from three beds in 1846 to 800 today, is in charge of 763 Sisters of the Borromean Congregation of Treves. Of 480,000 patients admitted to the hospital since its foundation, 302,000 were Protestants, 150,000 Catholics, 12,600 Jews and 13,400 members of various sects or non-believers. Conrad Cardinal von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, is protector of the hospital.

Besides St. Hedwig's there are 16 other Catholic hospitals in Berlin with a total capacity of more than 4,000 beds.

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