

Library Signpost Three Religious Founders

By Rev. Benedict Ehmann

At the beginning of the August calendar, there is an interesting constellation of three saints, like a gleaming triangle in the summer night skies. They were religious founders, distant from each other in time, but clustered now together on the calendar, each with a day between July 31, St. Ignace of Loyola, on August 2, St. Alphonsus Liguori, on August 3, and St. Dominic, on August 4.

These saints are a sign, a reminder, of the immortal power of renewal with which God has gifted His Church. There arise great needs, great crises in the life of the Church, and humanity speaking the chance of survival is hopeless. But faith has its assurance in Christ's words that the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church, and that He will be with her all days even to the consummation of the world. At the darkest moments He asserts His presence once again in some great and holy leader in whom and through whom His victory over evil is strong. And behold, there is resurrection, and renewal and hopeful progress once more.

Dominic was the earliest of these three founders. His century was the early thirteenth. In his time there was the Albigensian crisis. To our ears now that sounds remote and wild. But it was as real and as appalling as the Catholicism of those days. Look up "Albigensianism" in the Catholic Encyclopedia and see for yourself. It was as real and as dangerous then as Communism is now, and every bit as lawless and perversely successful. It corrupted the faith of tens of thousands. Even the governments were alarmed, and a military expedition was sent to crush the growing movement. It was Dominic's mission in life to undertake what arms and warfare could not accomplish. Taking the weapons of the spirit, fasting, and prayer, and the preaching of the divine truth, he organized the Order of Preachers, and in the end he was successful. He corrupted the faith of tens of thousands. Even the governments were alarmed, and a military expedition was sent to crush the growing movement. It was Dominic's mission in life to undertake what arms and warfare could not accomplish. Taking the weapons of the spirit, fasting, and prayer, and the preaching of the divine truth, he organized the Order of Preachers, and in the end he was successful.

As we pass this weekend under the shining light of this triple constellation, we should think and pray with hope that what God has done for His Church in times past He can still do, and will do, in the new zero hour toward which the minutes of our present days are ticking. Lord, give us the Saint, the Saints, we need today.

Rites for Plane Victims
Melbourne, Fla. (NC) Most of the 21 killed and 13 injured in the crash of a converted war surplus DC-3 airplane which crashed in a swamp near here were anointed and given conditional absolution by the Rev. Mark McLaughlin pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, here, 12 days after the crash. Father McLaughlin offered a Requiem Mass for the 21 dead. The plane was bound for Puerto Rico when the tragedy occurred.

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Pope Approves UN Youth Fund

Vatican City—(Radio, NC)

The Holy Father's interest in the International Children's Fund, which is sponsored by the United Nations, has been confirmed by Monsignor Giovanni Battista Montini, substitute papal Secretary of State, in a letter to Sam Keeny, director of the Italian Mission of UNRRA, who has represented the Children's Fund in Italy. Pope Pius XII is very much interested, according to the letter, in the fund whose goal is to care for the welfare of the children in the devastated areas of the world "whose tragic fate demands that no humanitarian effort be spared in the great work of providing them with new life and new hope."

The Pontiff expressed the hope that the fund will be supported not only by governments and international organizations, but it will carry an irresistible appeal to the interest and the charity of individuals everywhere whose hearts must be touched by the tragedy which has befallen these, the most innocent victims of the war.

Need for More Nuns Stressed at Institute

Notre Dame, Ind., (NC)

The great need for more sisters to carry out charitable, mission, educational, medical, and other apostolates of the church was stressed by the Rev. John P. Lynch, C.S.C., of Holy Cross Seminary, here, at the Sisters' Vocation Institute, which was attended by more than 300 priests, brothers and sisters representing 60 religious communities.

Commenting on the shortage of sisters' vocations, Father Lynch said that Christ was not to blame, nor the modern girl nor sisters themselves. Rather, the blame is to be placed, he added, on the world with its false philosophy and "selfishness."

Priest, Fox of RRR, Dies
San Antonio, (NC) Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio presided at a Solemn Mass of Requiem in the Cathedral of San Fernando here for the Rev. Francis J. Ludwig, Chaplain at the St. Francis home in this city. Father Ludwig, who died at the age of 53, was noted for his vigorous campaign to stamp out Ku Klux Klan activities in Texas in the early 1920's.

Two Sons
The Ward's who live in St. Victor's parish, have two boys, Christopher, 10, and Michael, 3. Christopher is a pupil at St. Victor's parochial school, and will be in the sixth grade in September.

Young Michael is still carefree. He has not yet started school.

HER FAVORITE ROLE



This is screen actress Jane Wyatt's favorite role, that of being mother to her two growing sons, one of whom, Michael, she holds in the above picture. On the screen Miss Wyatt is Mrs. Edgar Keithward Ward of Beverly Hills.

Film Star Blames Parents Who Can't Say No to Kiddies

Los Angeles, (Special)

Mrs. Edgar B. Ward of Hollywood will tell you that combining a family and a career is "possible, but difficult."

Mrs. Ward, mother of two growing boys, knows whereof she speaks. She has both a family and a career, and is better known as Jane Wyatt, star of stage and screen. "Combining of family and a career is possible, but difficult," she declares. "However, in making any decision the welfare of the family must be kept foremost."

After finishing college she enrolled in the apprentice school, Berkeley Playhouse, Stockbridge, Mass. Then came a Broadway debut in "Give Me Yesterday."

Soon after, she was brought to Hollywood where she eventually won a starring role in James Hilton's "Lost Horizon."

As Exemption
Rome—Despite protests by Communist deputies, the Constituent Assembly voted here to uphold the exemption from property taxation of churches and houses for religious, together with their furniture, hold garments, reliquaries and similar belongings.

Huge Educational Center to be Built
San Diego (NC)—A \$2,500,000 drive for the erection of a huge diocesan educational center to be known as San Diego University has been announced by Bishop Charles F. Buddy of San Diego.

The educational center to be erected on a 160-acre strip of land will include the San Diego College for Women, a high school for girls, a complete grade school, an institution for prekindergarten classes for children as young as two years, and a college with liberal arts courses for men. Also envisioned are premedical and pre-law courses, a military academy for boys and a major and a minor seminary.

Vatican Backs Plan
Rome—(RNS)—Osservatore Romano, official Vatican paper, has hailed the Marshall Plan as "the most genuine expression of a will to normalize the economic conditions of nations hit by the war and consequently easy prey to internal disorders and possible international conflicts."

Spaniard Hails School Freedom

Washington—(NC)—The Rev. Enrique Herrera Oria, S.J., editor of the Madrid monthly educational review, *Atenea*, who spent several months in the United States two years ago making a study of the American educational setup, has come to this country again to make a similar study in several South American countries and Canada.

After his visit here two years ago Father Herrera wrote a series of twenty articles for Spanish magazines, explaining the American educational setup and comparing it with that of other countries. The articles have recently been published in a book entitled "The United States Today." They point out that the church in the United States has much greater freedom in organizing schools than the church in Spain and in other Latin countries, he said.

Latin American countries scheduled in Father Herrera's tour include the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. Other countries besides the United States where the priest has found a great margin of freedom for the church in working out its educational program, he said, are Great Britain, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland.

Medieval Institute Gets Papal Praise

Toronto—(NC)—Expressing his delight over the progress being made at the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, here, His Holiness Pope Pius XII in an autographed letter to its Executive Director, Rev. Fr. Joseph J. O'Connell, Archbishop of Toronto and Chancellor of the Institute, asserted that "nothing is of greater importance than that both sacred and profane studies be fostered more and more in order that man, who is called out of darkness into the marvelous light of faith, may come to the knowledge of the faith."

The Pope's letter recalled that he has established that in the earlier part of the Middle Ages, which so many view as buried in darkness, letters and the liberal arts, abandoned by nearly all, betook themselves to the cathedrals and monasteries of the church as their sole refuge.

In this way that the records of ancient wisdom were preserved in that span of centuries through the perils of the church.

What Do You Know?

(If you answer all five questions perfectly, three or four, you're good; but only one or two, not so good.)

1. The discoverer of Florida is more noted for his search for the fountain of youth. Who was he?
2. What is a Novena?
3. Who wrote "Rebuilding a Lost Faith"?
4. Who was John Boyle O'Reilly (1854-1907)?
5. In what country did the artist El Greco (1543-1613), Murillo (1617-1680) and Goya (1746-1824) do their work? (Answers on page 16)

MEN OF MOSCOW RED INTRIGUE

By JOHN O'CONNOR

There are four major men in the world today who are making the West look at South America. The Russian interest in their internal and external affairs is greater than that of any other section of the Western Hemisphere—except Cuba.

Colombian Role
Bogota, the capital of this prosperous country has one of the largest Russian embassy staffs in the world. Ambassador Zhadanov is in charge of this huge aggregation in the country that borders the Panama Canal.

The Party name in Colombia is the "Patria Socialista Democrática" headed by the able Secretary, Augusto Borda. They publish a daily newspaper, "El Mundo Popular."

The relative prosperity of Colombia places it in contrast with many other nations. The CTC, the leading labor Confederation has few Communists. But the Communists prefer to help elect a conservative (as they call recently) because they feel conservative rule will ultimately give them more influence from the ranks of labor. Their activity is stopped only by the State.

Medieval Week
Small and weak Ecuador may be—and it is in weakness before politics that the germs of Marxism can flourish. Anti-American sentiment is frequently fomented in this country. In contrast, countries in the Russian zone in Europe are said to be preparing better agreements that would be attractive to Ecuador.

The Ecuador story is deeper than trade. Russia has been vitally interested in Ecuador. Out in the Pacific, 600 miles from the Panama Canal, lies the Galapagos Islands. Two years ago the Ecuadorian Congress recommended the island be leased to the U.S.A. for the proposed hemispheric defense system. THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY CAME FROM THE COMMUNIST WITHIN ECUADOR.

Last September it was reported that Soviet agents were making efforts to obtain landing rights in the Galapagos Islands. If you will, the "epitaph" of the island, which was for years, THE MOVEMENT, HOWEVER, RECEIVED THE SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL ECUADORIAN COMMUNITIES.

The leader of the Party is Ricardo Paredes. Another prominent leader—and more widely known than the former—is Pedro S. A. The principal labor union confederation was formed in 1944—and immediately joined the CTC.

At the moment, the strong Communist group is said to have suffered an internal split. While it keeps itself as it always does—the 40,000 members are not long ago.

A great demonstration was arranged when Daniel Buarque arrived in Bogota—AFTER FIRST REPORTING TO BOGOTA A COLOMBIAN COMMUNIST RESISTANCE FOR SOUTH AMERICA.

Last April 8 (1947) he visited the Legislature. There he told the Legislature that he was an active member of the "Truman" Party. Their ally, El Siglo, continually attacks the U.S. and the British.

The President of the Party is Elias LaParra. The General Secretary is Constantino Lopera—and last year he was elected Secretary for Youth in Daniel Buarque. All were considered as a reception was held for some Yugoslav generals not long ago.

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