

850,000 Children Aided by Papal Unit

Rome—(NC)—The outstanding Catholic social welfare organization in Italy today is the Pontifical Relief Committee. It was originally established by the Holy Father in 1929 to aid the Italian people during the war.

In 1945 the Holy Father gave it its present title and charged it with the responsibility of providing assistance for Italian Italy's war-torn children during the post-war years.

In the vast national program of the Pontifical Commission, its summer colonies for children established in practically every city in Italy stand out most prominently. Last year the commission cared for 250,000 children in these colonies. This year it is caring for 850,000. But figures alone can hardly tell the story of these colonies. One has to measure their work against the loss of homes and the dispersal of thousands of Italian families.

Amidst the dislocation, growing out of the war, the children were bound to be greatest sufferers. Taking these children out of the cities to the seashore and the mountains for one month during the summer months is a great deal for them and their families. It has made a far-reaching contribution to the general morale of the Italian people.

Chicago Brought Closer
I have had an opportunity of observing the summer colonies of the Pontifical Commission caring for children from eleven cities in Central and Southern Italy, including the cities of Rome and Naples. I have had an opportunity of studying the

White Sox Head Back to School

St. Paul, Minn.—(NC)—Chicago's White Sox baseball club, will return to St. Thomas College here this fall as a school. He has informed school authorities.

Mr. Connelly dropped out of St. Thomas last February to assume his baseball duties but will reenter for the opening of the fall semester September 8.

programs and observing the spirit of the children and the personnel in the colonies.

I could not help feeling how much it must have meant to the children and their families to enjoy good food, good medical care, wholesome outdoor life, well planned recreational programs, and proper religious guidance even for a period of one month in the year.

One very important aspect of the program is the bringing of the church closer to the lives of the Italian people. Studied in connection with other aspects of the program of the Pontifical Commission and of other programs of Catholic Social Action in Italy, one feels the pulse of a great Catholic social revival.

Its contribution to the support of the summer colonies of the Pontifical Commission of Assistance has been one of the most significant aspects of the relief program this year in Italy by War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference. Food, medicines, shoes, clothing, recreational supplies and general camp equipment, in the amount of \$400,000, have been donated.

MISSION SOCIETY LEADERS



This is the first picture to become available here of the Very Rev. Jeremiah Donnelly (upper left) since his election as Superior General of St. Columban's Foreign Mission Society on June 18. This society has its motherhouse at Navan, Ireland, and is represented in a half-dozen archdioceses and dioceses of the United States. The Rev. Michael O'Dwyer (right), former Superior General, is at present Vicar General of the society. The Rev. Timothy Connelly (next below) of St. Columban's, Neb., has been named Director of the American Region of the society. (Upper photo by C. and L. Walsh, Dublin). (NC Photos)

Church Clinic Aids Boston Teen-agers

Boston—(RNS)—A unique, church-sponsored guidance clinic for boys, which has a long list of youthful candidates voluntarily awaiting admission to its facilities, celebrated its second birthday here with the congratulations of judges, probation officers, and social agencies for its new approach to the problem of delinquency.

The Catholic Boys' Guidance Center, which despite its title, accepts for treatment, teen age boys of any denomination, is offering impressive proof, in the opinion of its director, that many problem boys realize their own plight and welcome help and direction if it is adroitly given.

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By an intensive screening process which reveals the reclaimable boy—and in the belief of Father Thomas F. McNamara, director, he represents the majority of problem youth—the organization is able to concentrate its efforts upon those boys headed for disaster but for whom there is reasonable hope of recovery.

Once a boy is accepted for admission, medicine, psychiatry and religion are brought to bear upon his rehabilitation. No boy may be "sent" to the clinic by the courts and no boy is received into it who has a record of conviction or who has served time in a reformatory. Moreover, every boy must come willingly.

The boys come to the center for a two months' stay. Although many of them present serious problems of adjustment, no restraints are imposed upon them to remain. But none is necessary. Many of the boys, experiencing at the center their first taste of what life can be like under pleasant surroundings and with satisfying outlet for their energies, leave there with tears in their eyes.

A cheerful, imaginative house mother who knows how to turn out grade-A pies; the privacy of a room which the boy can call his very own; athletic counselors, a workshop full of devices dear to a boy's heart; a well-stocked library; music; and patient, friendly teachers to give individual attention to the boy who has trouble with his book-learning—these have worked their magic with the youngster to whom gangsterism was the ultimate thrill.

Psychiatrists Help
Facilities of the center provide for 40 boys at a time, although the out-patient department cares for many more. Physicians and psychiatrists from a Boston hospital work with the center. Many of the boys come from unhappy homes where strife and conflict prevent development of their best instincts. Frequently, Father McNamara steps into the role of domestic counselor, in order to see to it that the home to which the boy returns is really improved.

center was donated. A woman's auxiliary helps to raise money for the maintenance, and some generating funds come from the Community Chest. Though parents are asked to defray some of the cost of the boy's care while at the center, not many are able to do so.

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NEW BISHOPS NAMED BY POPE

Washington, D.C.—(RNS)—Two new bishops have been named by Pope Pius XII, it was announced here by the Most Rev. Amato Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate.

Bishop Thomas L. Noe, coadjutor to Bishop Edmund Heelan of Sioux City, Ia., has been appointed Bishop of Marquette, Mich., and Msgr. Joseph M. Mueller, of St. Peter's Cathedral, Belleville, Ill., has been named coadjutor of the Sioux City diocese.

Bishop Noe, who was named Coadjutor Bishop of Sioux City early in 1945, becomes the eighth Bishop of Marquette, a see left vacant by the death of Bishop Francis J. Wagner, last June.

Bishop-elect Mueller was born in St. Louis, Mo., December 1, 1894, the son of George F. and Barbara (Zelger) Mueller, both of whom are deceased. He attended school in St. Louis and at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Worthington, O., where he was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop James J. Hartley on June 14, 1919. He has held pastoral assignments at St. Mary's Church, Carlyle, Ill.; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Mt. Carmel, Ill.; St. Elizabeth's Church, East St. Louis, Ill., and the Belleville Cathedral. He was organizer and first pastor of Blessed Sacrament parish in Belleville, and was administrator of the Cathedral before he became its pastor.

INDIA CHURCH SEEN SECURE

New York (NC) Archbishop Joseph Atipatty of Vorapoly, India, arriving here from Europe, has seconded the view recently expressed in this country by several other Indian prelates that the Church may look forward with confidence to life in an independent India.

The native archbishop pointed out that the right to profess, practice and preach the Christian religion as well as the right to maintain religious schools has already been incorporated in the new Indian Constitution.

When asked about the fear of Soviet encroachment upon independent India and Pakistan, he replied: "The greatest fear of independent India is really the menace of Soviet attack. This fear is increased because there are numerous Soviet sympathizers in India though their number, the professed communists that is, is comparatively insignificant when compared to the entire population."

Pius X Tomb Pilgrimage Set

Boston—(NC)—Bishop John J. Wright, Auxiliary of Boston, has left for Paris and Rome in order to represent Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston in completing plans for the projected pilgrimage to the tomb at St. Peter's in Rome of Pope Pius X, the modern founder of the Christian Doctrine.

The pilgrimage was proposed amid great applause by Archbishop Cushing at closing sessions of the Confraternity's national convention here last October and is expected to be conducted sometime late in 1948. To be carried out under the patronage of Archbishop Cushing and the auspices of the Confraternity, the pilgrimage itinerary is expected to include Rome, Italy, the birthplace of Pius X, Lourdes and other Catholic shrines in France.

While in Rome Bishop Wright, who is spiritual director of the League of Catholic Women in the Boston archdiocese, will attend the international convention of Junior Leagues of Catholic Women to be held in the Eternal City from September 7 to 15.

Japanese Catholics Seek Sunday Holiday

Tokyo—(NC)—Plans have been discussed for a national movement in Japan to have Sunday recognized as a religious holiday.

A preparatory committee was named under the chairmanship of Bishop Thomas Wakatsuki of Yokohama and Msgr. Paul Dehbio, Prefect Apostolic of Grasse, at the annual meeting of the Japanese Bishops and mission society delegates held at Sophia University here.

In other actions, the religious leaders set aside September 22, Sunday as Catholic Prayer Day in Japan, and named the Rev. Leo H. Tibosan, M.M., vice-director of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Committee of Japan, with the task of establishing the day of St. Vincent de

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