

Pontiff Urges Youth to Take Stand on Social Questions

Rome — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII told a throng of 2,000 young people gathered in the Apostolic Palace of the Vatican that the duty of Catholic youth everywhere is to take a stand on social questions.

The Pontiff said youth must know that "justice is the basis of the new social order" and that every effort must be made to see that all citizens live in conditions that are "at least tolerable."

The greater part of the Pope's 20-minute talk, heard by 2,000 recent graduates of Catholic universities and 200 of their teachers, was addressed to several hundred members of the Catholic Action Vanguard, first formed in 1927, which recently been revived with the aim of "actively defending Catholic principles."

POPE PIUS urged the younger generation to go wherever the struggle is most arduous and to "defend spiritual values." If they wished to "work for Christ and for the Church and for the true good of their country."

In this connection, the Pontiff said the Catholic Church itself was the advance guard "wherever definitive stands are taken, wherever she must hold the truth and grace of Christ."

The Pope said youth must be brave, must be alive, and must be happy.

"Youth must believe," he explained, "in order to preserve God and Christian principles for our beloved Italy and in order to work for social peace and the economic welfare of the country in unity and with respect for man's personal freedom and the duties of the citizen."

"YOUTH MUST be a living youth, as the Church is a living Church, alive not only because of its glorious history, but because it works for the solution of the problems of the day, and for the men who live today on earth. This is why the Church and youth have always felt close to each other."

"Finally," the Pope said, "youth must be holy in its prayers and piety, a youth without fear or reproach, that is to say, without fear because it is without reproach. The pure heart of youth can thus look, any man or woman, face to face, and death itself, and above all, God. Who knows all a holy youth means also a youth which has respect for its parents and for the authority and experience of its elders."

Colombia to Settle European Families

Bogota, Colombia — (NC) — Plans to bring to Colombia next June between 500 and 600 European families are now under way, according to an announcement of the General Department of National Immigration.

These families are to be incorporated into the agricultural and industrial life of the country, through cooperation of private and official organization. Magr. Paolo Bertoli, of the Vatican Migration office recently visited Colombia and discussed the problem of European refugees and displaced persons with government authorities and the Catholic hierarchy.

Medalist



In recognition of "distinguished service in International Relations," George M. Hanson (above), of New York, has been awarded the annual medal of the Brooklyn Alumni Society. He is secretary of the Catholic International Council and editor of the "International Review." Mr. Hanson is one of the founders of the Council, a work national in scope. (CU Photos)

SCHOOLS BAN 'THE NATION'

Newark, N.J. — (NC) — Because it published what was characterized as three "virulent anti-Catholic articles," the magazine, The Nation, has been banned from four public high schools at the direction of Dr. John S. Herron, superintendent of schools here.

Dr. Herron at the same time banned the publication Soviet Russia Today, because of "its direct attacks on everything American."

Dr. Herron said he took this action against The Nation after complaints had been received from Catholic parents and on the recommendation of Miss Margaret Kirk, director of school libraries. The offensive articles were written by Paul Blanshard, described as former Commissioner of Investigation for New York City, and were published in the November issue of the magazine.

Saying the contributions were "virulent anti-Catholic articles attacking the fundamental religious principles of the Catholic Church in the areas of marriage, birth control and the family," the superintendent added: "I cannot countenance such articles as The Nation carried any more than I could countenance articles containing anti-Protestant, anti-Negro or anti-Semitic material." Miss Freda Kirschway, editor of The Nation, complained that Dr. Herron's move constituted "a form of censorship which dangerously infringes on the right of high school students to learn facts and hear conflicting opinions."

Fr. Mahoney Helps Plan School Meet

Cincinnati — (NC) — Complete plans for the 45th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association, which will be held in San Francisco from March 31 through April 2, were submitted to the organization's executive board at a meeting here Monday.

Archbishop John T. McNichols, O.P., of Cincinnati, president general of the association, presided. The Rev. Fr. Charles J. Mahoney, Superintendent of Schools in the Rochester Diocese, attended the meeting as a member of the executive board.

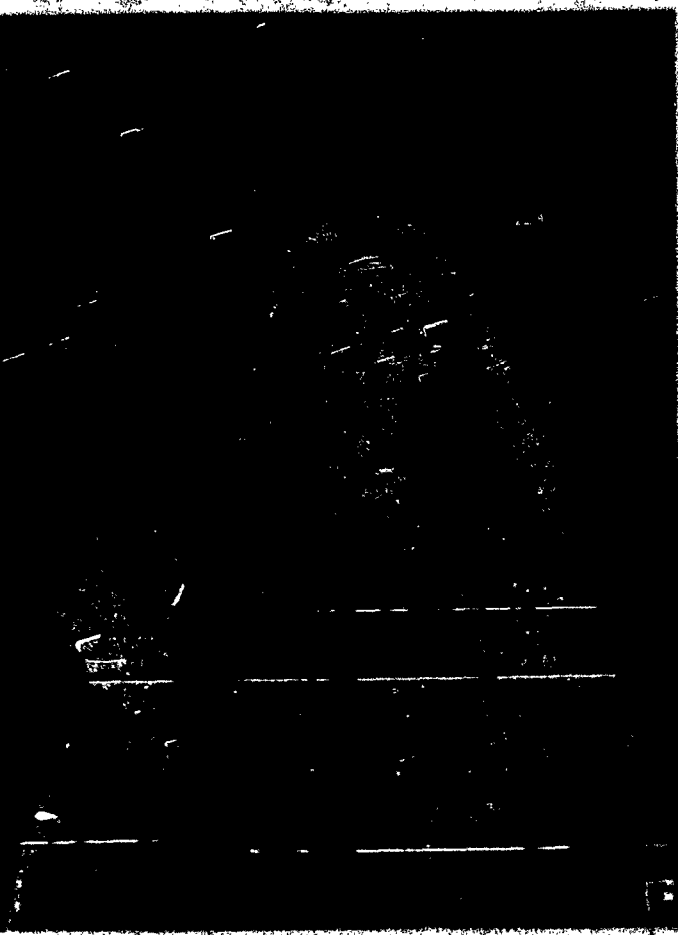
A Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Cathedral of St. Mary will open the convention and will be followed by the first general meeting in the Veterans Auditorium, Civic Center.

Proceedings of the college and university department will be held around the theme, "Education and the Dignity of Man," which will be the subject of an address by Dr. Guy Montgomery of Berkeley, Calif. Others who will address the department will include: the Rev. Edward R. Rooney, S.J., secretary of the Jesuit Educational Association, New York, who will discuss the displaced persons problem; Magr. P. J. Diagan, superintendent of Los Angeles archdiocese schools, who will speak on the social program of the Church; and the Rev. William E. McManus, assistant director of the Education Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, whose talk will deal with Federal legislation.

THE ELEMENTARY school department's sessions will open with an address by Dr. Clarence M. Johnson, of the University of Notre Dame. There will be a panel discussion on the approach by Catholic and public schools to the teaching of social studies in which the participants will be Dr. William Odell, Oakland (Calif.) superintendent of schools; Sisters Mary Annunziata of College Maceriodia, Dallas, Pa.; the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, Rochester, N. Y., superintendent of schools and Sister Mary Jean, G.P., of the Catholic University of America.

The elementary school section delegates also will hear the theme, "The Catholic School's Responsibility to Participate in the Life of the Community," discussed by Sister M. Vincent, I.H.M., Sister Alice Joseph, O.P., and the Rev. C. J. McCoy, S.J., all of Los Angeles. The Rev. Leo W. Leson of San Francisco, and Arthur Sullivan, superintendent of Portland (Oreg.) schools. The section's sessions will close with an address on "The Christian Concept of Discipline and Its Relation to Collectivism," by the Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., president of Providence College.

NOT ONE FETAL WAS FALLEN



Nearly 20,000 persons have visited St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mount Morris, Bedford, Mass., to view the statue of the Blessed Virgin with the crown of red thorns, which remain unscathed since they were placed there at the annual May Queen coronation seven months ago. Rev. Dr. John Turner, pastor of the church, has been flooded with letters from many countries. (NC Photos)

Montreal Inquiry Held On Reported Miracle

Montreal — (NC) — Hearings on a reported miracle attributed to the Venerable Mother of Yoyville, foundress of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal, were recently completed here, according to an article by the Rev. J. Onil Lefebvre, P.S.B., ecclesiastical secretary of the Montreal Archdiocese, in La Semaine Religieuse, official diocesan publication.

The hearings were held on orders of the Sacred Congregation of Rites to gather information on the reported miracle and to prepare a report. Mother of Yoyville was declared Venerable on April 26, 1930, and the present apostolic process is a further step in her cause for canonization. She founded the first congregation of Grey Nuns in this city. From that foundation have sprung half a dozen other congregations which today enjoy their own autonomy, but which make up an Institute of Grey Nuns whose membership totals approximately 10,000 engaged in nursing and teaching throughout the world.

The case studied by the local tribunal had to do with a reported miraculous cure 47 years ago in a case of pulmonary tuberculosis. Sister Ann Desrochers, of the Grey Nuns of Montreal, province of Nicolet, with three other Grey Nuns and a former chaplain of the Hotel Dieu hospital at Nicolet, Magr. P.A.S. Gen.

maire, came here to testify before the tribunal. Dr. Paul Lefebvre acted as medical counsel. Two specialists, Dr. P. Duval and Dr. P. G. Regis, of Sacred Heart Hospital, Cartierville, made an examination and presented a deposition before the judges. The tribunal held 12 sessions and assembled a dossier of 300 pages, which the Vice-Procurator will take to Rome, where the Sacred Congregation of Rites will examine the evidence and decide whether the reported miracle will be admitted and if the case of the Venerable Mother of Yoyville will be further advanced.

Toronto Cardinal Visits Washington

Washington — (NC) — James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, has left here after an informal few days' visit to the National Capital. During his stay, he was the guest of His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. Cardinal McGuigan visited the headquarters of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, where he was shown through the various departments by Magr. Howard J. Carroll, general secretary, and the Rev. Paul P. Tanner, assistant general secretary.

Abp. O'Boyle Consecrated At St. Patrick's

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AID PLEDGED TO POLES

London — (NC) — "We, the Catholics of England, join with the Poles, who are our welcome guests in this country in guaranteeing the rights of the Poles to their Catholic Faith and national independence, with complete freedom to choose their own government." This statement was made by the Catholic Bishops of England, who met in London on Jan. 10, 1945, to discuss the situation of the Polish Catholics in the United Kingdom.

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Freedom For Education Cited By Pope

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