

More Faith Urged At Retreat Meet

St. Louis — (NC) — Twin ideals of faith and service were stressed at the 12th annual laymen's retreat conference held here last week-end.

Delegates from 127 retreat leagues in the United States and Canada, with a total membership of more than 150,000, attended the three-day sessions. A significant feature of the membership of affiliated associations is that among them there are more than 3,000 non-Catholics who annually spend three days at a Catholic retreat house.

Expressing the hope that laymen's retreat houses might be established in every diocese, affiliated with the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference.

Human Rights Guarded by UN Declaration

Washington—(NC)—All basic human rights and Christian freedoms except the right of parents in the matter of the education of their children are recognized in the Declaration of Human Rights as finally drafted by the Commission on Human Rights of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, according to a report made by UN officials this week.

Delegates of Russia and Soviet satellite nations expressed their disapproval but not voting.

THE COMMISSION turned down a Soviet proposal that the marriage article be amended to include a statement favoring equality in the "right" to divorce.

Will Tour DP Camps Overseas



A group of six prominent Catholic priests left today for a six weeks' tour of displaced persons' camps in Germany, Austria and Italy in connection with plans to resettle displaced persons in the United States. From left to right: Rev. Magr. Eugene A. Lofus of Buffalo; Reverend William F. Kelly of Brooklyn; Reverend Joseph Grenville of Lake Providence, La.; Rev. Russel Scheller of Fairfield, Mont.; Rev. Magr. John R. Mulroy of Denver, Colo.; Rev. Edward M. Swanson, executive director of War Relief Services; National Catholic Welfare Conference and Reverend Aloysius J. Wyaloski, assistant executive director of War Relief Services. (NC Photo).

Building Prospects Put at 10 Billion

Chicago — (NC) — The Catholic Church will spend ten billion dollars in the next ten years for its building program in the United States — and most of it on hospitals and schools. Churches are third.

This estimate was announced at the completion of a nationwide Catholic building survey begun last autumn among pastors, religious superiors and college officials by the business and industry foundation of the College of St. Joseph's of Indiana, in connection with the National Building Convention and Exposition which St. Joseph's will sponsor June 30 through July 3 at the Stevens Hotel here.

(A \$1,394,828 elementary school building program is underway in the Rochester Diocese. Plans for additional structures, including the first unit of St. John Fisher College, will bring the total to nearly \$3,000,000.)

His Eminence, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, is honorary chairman of the convention and will deliver the keynote address to the more than 5,000 delegates — architects, priests, teachers, editors, nuns and members of the hierarchy — who are expected to attend.

Speaker Lauds Church's Record In Health Care

New York — (NC) — Accomplishments of the Catholic Church in the field of health care were recounted last Sunday in an address by the Rev. Donald A. McGowan, director of the Bureau of Health and Hospitals, National Catholic Welfare Conference, on the Catholic Hour radio program.

"Many may differ with the Catholic Church in matters of doctrine," Father McGowan said, "those outside the Church have doubts about our religious devotion; but none will gainsay the warm and glowing beauty of our traditions in the care of God's sick and suffering creatures."

Among the early leaders of the Church in the field of health care, Father McGowan recalled, were St. Luke, the physician; Marcelinus, Paul, Phoebe, a co-worker of St. Paul and known officially as the first visiting nurse; Fabiola, who gave her worldly goods and personal energies to the care of the sick; St. Catherine of Siena; St. Odile, and many others.

Diocese Represented At Retreat Conclave

Two representatives of the Rochester Diocese Retreat Movement participated in the St. Louis conference.

The Very Rev. Augustine Aylward, C.S.S.R., rector of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva, was chairman of a round table discussion on "Funding Retreat Houses," and Frank Wolfe, president of the Rochester Laymen's Retreat League, delivered a paper in one of the panel discussions on "The Retreat and His Spiritual Life After Retreat."

Speaking on the daily life in the world of the lay retreatant, the Rev. Paul M. Lackner, director of the Holy Name Society in the Pittsburgh diocese, said that "besides concentration on an interior life, the apostle must strive to incarnate in the daily life the social message of the Gospel." Giving good examples only part of one's duty, he said, the other part being collaboration with others in the Christianization of society.

After he leaves the retreat house the activities of the lay apostle, Father Lackner said, will fall into three categories: spiritual, intellectual and social. His spiritual life will involve frequent reception of the sacraments, his intellectual life study of the Papal encyclicals and books and pamphlets dealing with social problems, and his social life collaboration with parish groups and with groups in the field of his business or professional activities.

Archbishop Lucey of San Antonio told the delegates that "the good retreatant knows that only by practicing the charity of Christ and His justice can we be the friends of God."

ARCHBISHOP LUCEY urged that we are "four brothers' keepers" and that "it is the duty and privilege of the laity to carry into the market place those Christian principles which contribute so greatly to the peace and security of the nations."

Parents' Neglect Kills Children's Love of God

New York (NC) Parents may be "habitual and complete ungratefulness of God" accomplish what the open enemy of religion does not, the Rev. Howard Rafferty, of the Carmelite Fathers of Chicago, declared on the Faith in Our Time program broadcast from here by the Mutual Broadcasting System in cooperation with the National Council of Catholic Men.

"Those who would oppose God know that they can best oppose Him in the home," Father Rafferty said. "They know that parents who neglect family prayer are parents who, to that extent, cooperate with the campaign in today's world to lessen the knowledge and love of God."

"If we cannot talk about God in the school, if custom will not permit us to bring Him into our public life," he continued, "it will not be long before He is forgotten and remembered only in this matter a real responsibility."

"When immoral governments try by force to take God out of our homes," the Carmelite priest said, "men may often resist this open violation of their rights. But parents may by habitual and complete ungratefulness of God accomplish what the open enemy does not."

Cardinal Proud Of U. S. Record

New York (NC) — "Our enemies accuse us of imperialistic design. And I answer if striving to help men live instead of enslaving them, helping to make men self-supporting instead of condemning them to beggary — if that is what they mean by imperialistic design, then let us proudly admit the charge and say that America may ever continue to be the Christ-like exemplification of good will towards neighbors, extending helping hands and opening generous hearts to suffering humanity everywhere."

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, who recently returned from an air voyage to Australia and the Far East, made this declaration in a statement issued here upon his return home.

The Cardinal declared his observations on the trip made him "prouder than ever I have been, if that is possible, of being an American." He said he is proud of "our military leaders who brought Japan to the most peaceful and orderly occupation the world has ever known."

He also is proud, he said, of being "a brother in our mission to the world, in bringing the message of the gentle Christ to a pagan world."

N. D. President Sees World Crisis In Our Moral Collapse

Notre Dame — The real crisis in the world today is "intellectual, moral and spiritual," according to the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, in an article published recently in many leading secular newspapers. His article was one of several by prominent American educators on what our colleges can suggest to help maintain world peace.

Stating bluntly that an "intellectual, moral and spiritual collapse" is taking place in America, Father Cavanaugh, in his article, observed that up to twenty years ago the United States Supreme Court held this to be a religious country. By a recent decision (the McCollum case), however, he added, the Supreme Court said in effect that the United States is "a non-religious country."

"The change is a frightening sign of deterioration, for it must mean that, contrary to the traditional American philosophy, order, morality and government are to be maintained in the future even though religion and its influences are repudiated," he continued.

"Reasonable men of good will," Father Cavanaugh said, "should see that there can be no just government anywhere without at least the bases of morality and religion set forth in the Declaration of Independence. It seems apparent that if the Supreme Court and our publicly supported educational system must deal with religion and irreligion as if they were the same, the consequences in the every day life of America will be truly awful."

"THE RUSSIANS should be loved and prayed for more than any other people on earth. Their leaders have made and are making mistakes that are eternally costly and stupid in the eyes of God and man. All Russians certainly need prayers. But while we pray for them, we had better keep an eye on the maneuvers of their government; on their stealthy and unseemly penetration into other countries; on their brutal terrorist methods to effect expansion; on their tricky attitudes towards morality and religion; and on their denial even to their own citizens of anything worthy to be called a right."

"Nevertheless, when we deal with a strong adversary who is criminally inclined, we had better be a nation of strong men armed for any eventuality. Love of the Russians did not protect Czechoslovakia, Finland, Poland and the Balkan States. For the protection of ourselves and nearly all the other nations America had better be strong in this hour. As we make ourselves stronger for our world mission, let us realize that increasing strength had better be accompanied by proportionate moral development, that unlike so many other nations in history, power will neither corrupt nor beget in us a spirit of aggression."



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