

Msgr. Sheen Writes On Man and Religion

New York—(NC)—Frustrated man, who has become indifferent to religion and preoccupied by materialism, is in himself a new approach to the religious outlook, Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, concludes in his new book, "Philosophy of Religion," published by Appleton-Century-Crafts.

Postulant Given Dominican Habit

Testament story concerning Christ's advice to the young lawyer on how to gain eternal life—love the Lord, your God with your whole heart and soul and your neighbor as yourself. "In this world," said the Bishop, "we need some people who will make the love of God a specialty. We need those who will pray for us who are too busy to pray for ourselves, or who have neglected to pray."

He pointed out that since this is an age of specialists in every field, it is logical that some "choose to be specialists in the greatest vocation that man can have. A life of continuous prayer to God, and continuous prayers for others.

"IN THIS CEREMONY, which it has just been our privilege to witness, another soul has made the supreme sacrifice. We see her manifesting her all embracing love for God. We see her dedicate her life to the service of Jesus Christ and becoming one of the chosen few, who must always be in the cloister, a specialist in prayer, one of this community of the Dominican Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary, which feeds the spiritual lives of this diocese just as other hidden dynamos feed the material needs in the world."

In a similar ceremony, on the Feast of the Holy Rosary, Thursday, Oct. 7, Miss Mary Francis Wolfe of Rochester will be the next postulant to receive the habit in the Elmira monastery.

Attending the ceremony last Tuesday were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane and the Reverend Fathers, Albert Simonetti, J. Edmund O'Brien, Phillip McGhan and John A. Murphy of Elmira, and John E. Maney, Francis Donoghue, Patrick J. Flynn of Rochester and Aloisius Coogan of New York City.

Daily Appears in Germany Munich (NC)—"Augsburger Tagespost" is the name of a new daily newspaper published at Augsburg, Bavaria by Johann Wilhelm Naumann, distinguished Catholic author, publisher and editor. It is the first Catholic daily established in Germany since the war.



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Conference Speakers Stress Need of Fostering Vocations To Provide Teachers for Growing Catholic School System

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moting vocations was stressed by the Rev. Timothy F. O'Leary, assistant superintendent of schools of the Boston Archdiocese. Father O'Leary emphasized the necessity of screening young people before they enter the seminary or the novitiate, rather than after.

Declaring that most parents oppose their daughter's entering a novitiate simply because they do not know anything about sisters, he suggested that the nuns make it a practice to go calling on the parents of their pupils throughout the school year, so that they might become better acquainted.

THE VERY REV. William J. Duggan, C.S.B., principal of Aquinas Institute and superior of the Basilian community in Rochester told the teachers that every member of each religious order should be on the lookout for vocations, with emphasis on the casual approach. He also suggested that each community should have an informative program which distributes data on its own particular group.

Expressing his belief in the power of prayer to increase vocations, the Rev. Arthur M. Leary, superintendent of schools of the Ogdensburg Diocese, outlined the program pursued in his diocese, under a vocational director. In addition to the practical job of disseminating information to young people, the Ogdensburg project promotes interest in the family rosary, he said.

SISTER MARY NONA, O.P. of the Catholic University called attention to the fact that the important thing for the individual to think about the problem is not that there is a shortage of vocations but rather that there is a shortage of responses to the call.

The all-important role of Christian education in community life was stressed by all the Institute speakers. "Our country is greatly benefited by our Catholic schools," said Father O'Connor. "Our teachers contribute so much to the future solidarity of this nation. The Catholic system keeps faith with God and our school is a worthy vicar of the parents."

He pointed out that Christianity permeates the whole atmosphere of America, that all our laws and traditions trace back to a belief in a supreme Creator to whom man is accountable for his actions. No democracy is possible without this sense of responsibility to God, which presupposes respect for all authority and consideration of the rights of others, he said.

Spain Catholics Commemorate Assumption

Madrid—(RNS)—Plans for a public monument commemorating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary have been announced by the Most Rev. Jose Eguino y Treco, Roman Catholic Bishop of Santander. It is proposed to erect the statue on the public square facing the Santander cathedral.

In a pastoral letter inviting the Catholic population to contribute toward the monument, Bishop Eguino recalled the many Marian celebrations which have taken place in Spain during the past year. He said Santander Catholics "want to erect in their city a great monument honoring the Virgin in the mystery of her Assumption."

Bishop Eguino added that the proposal was submitted to the Santander City Corporation, which voted unanimously to sponsor the monument and to give it a prominent site.

Nun Delegate Attends Accountant Conclave

Chicago (NC)—Smartly dressed delegates to the national convention of the American Society of Women Accountants and the American Women's Society of Certified Public Accountants were amazed to see a nun walk into their opening session.

She proved to be a delegate herself—Sister Mary Hilary O'Brien, Sister of Mercy, and believed to be the only nun in the world with a CPA certificate. She teaches at Sienna High School here.

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"Keeping up with the world" by studying a new-type globe at the annual Teachers Conference of the Rochester Diocese are three nun teachers (from left): Sister John Joseph, O.S.F., of St. Margaret Mary School, Iroquois; Sister M. Pierre, B.S.M., of St. Salome School, Point Pleasant; and Sister Stephanie, O.S.B., of St. Peter & Paul School, Auburn. Inset shows (from left) the Rev. Charles V. Boyle, associate superintendent of schools for Rochester Diocese; the Rev. Charles J. Mahoney, diocesan superintendent of schools; and the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Middleton, one of the conference speakers.

responsibility to God, which presupposes respect for all authority and consideration of the rights of others, he said.

Monsignor Deady paid tribute to the great work of the Catholic teacher, whom he described as "the character builder." "When you lay the foundation stone in your building of character, take that foundation stone the great principle of law," he said.

IN AN ADDRESS to the high school teachers and principals, Father O'Leary warned that there is an urgent need for proper marriage preparation for high school students. If Catholics were more fully instructed in the principles of marriage, the Boston priest declared, there would be happier, better Catholic homes and children. Not only home economics, but the religious, sociological, psychological and certain physical aspects of marriage should be included in education for family life, he said.

An earlier speaker, the Very Rev. Msgr. Raymond W. Schmitt, S.J., president of Canisius College of Buffalo, called upon the teachers to counteract the great flood of material and intellectual attractions that are wooing young minds today, by a renewed emphasis on the spiritual side of education. "Never has the forming mind had so to contend with sensuous and appealing knowledge, never has there been such blatant yet insidious appeal to the flip and the smart."

AMERICAN YOUTH needs a "dynamic doctrine," the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Middleton, secretary to Francis Cardinal Spellman for education in the New York Archdiocese, told the teachers. He warned them "not to be locked in a prison cell of some special discipline," but to expand their own lives to meet the needs of modern youth.

Programs of reading for the elementary school student were outlined by Mary Synon, editorial consultant of the Commission on American Citizenship of the Catholic University and Katherine G. Kenneally, director of remedial clinic, Department of Psychology of the Catholic University. Sister Mary Nona gave a talk on "The Religious Course and Christian Social Living" to teachers and principals of the elementary grades.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, vicar general of the Rochester Diocese, represented His Excellency Bishop Kearney at the closing session.



Discussing the Conference program are (from left) the Rev. William Davis, principal of Holy Family High School, Auburn; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., P.A., who represented His Excellency Bishop Kearney at the sessions; and the Rev. William Burns, principal of Elmira Catholic High School.



Urging a positive approach to promote vocations is the Rev. Timothy F. O'Leary (right) of Boston, who is shown with the Rev. Raymond Nolan, principal of De Sales High School, Geneva, and Sister M. Francis, R.S.M., principal of Our Lady of Mercy High School, Brighton. (Photos courtesy of Rochester Times-Union and Rochester Democrat & Chronicle.)

Beatification of Fr. Damien Asked

Washington (NC)—The Rev. Fr. Damien, S.S.C., has been appointed promoter of the Cause of Beatification of Father Damien de Veuster, S.S.C., "Apostle of the Lepers." Father Larkin is also National Director of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the Home, with headquarters here.

The new promoter is inaugurating a nationwide campaign of prayers for the beatification of the leper priest and is ready to furnish pictures of Father Damien with beatification prayer to those who wish them. He also announced that a limited number of relics is available. These may be had by writing him at 4930 S. Dakota Ave., N.E., Washington 17, D.C.

On April 11, 1945, the Sacred Congregation of Rites approved the writings of Father Damien, and on April 13 the Holy Father confirmed the approbation. At the present time the cause is progressing favorably.

A Look at Labor He Broke a Strike

By A. C. Tashy

This is the story of a labor leader. It is not an ordinary story. The man himself is not an ordinary man. He wields great power. He has ambitions. He wants to make a place for himself in labor history. If he should become famous, it is only meet and just that it be noted that he committed the greatest crime a labor leader can possibly commit.

He broke a strike. The man's name is Dave Beck. Dave Beck leads the Teamsters' Union on the West Coast. He is best known in California, Oregon and Washington.

He runs the Teamsters' Union out there like a general would run an army. Not satisfied with organizing truck drivers and warehousemen, who belong to his jurisdiction, he has branched out lately so much that he runs mechanics, white collar workers, and department store clerks.

So powerful has Beck become that some trade unionists are now talking about the three American labor movements—the AFL (to which the Teamsters belong), the CIO and David Beck's men.

THE STRIKE he broke was the Boeing Aircraft strike. Boeing operates an aircraft plant in Seattle. On April 22 of this year the workers there went on strike. They wanted higher wages. The union involved was the International Association of Machinists, now independent but formerly affiliated with the AFL.

Prior to this strike the Teamsters Union spoke only for the men who brought materials to the plants or who hauled the finished products away. The Teamsters never claimed jurisdiction over the "inside" men. As far back as 1934 the AFL awarded aircraft workers to the Machinists' Union.

But when the Machinists went on strike, Beck decided that he could enlarge his membership at their expense. He allowed members of the Teamsters Union to take the place of the Machinists. He acted as a strikebreaker, probably the worst thing that can be said of any labor leader.

After 140 days of striking, the International Association of Machinists gave in. They lost the strike. Their members' jobs were jeopardized. And for all of this they can thank Dave Beck.

The activity of Mr. Beck was roundly condemned by the local AFL Council. The Washington

State Federation upheld the Machinists. Beck did not have a leg to stand on even among his own AFL friends.

But that did not stop Mr. Beck. He had influence in higher AFL circles. He appealed to the executive board of the AFL in Washington, and, lo and behold, the potentates of the AFL upheld him.

NOT ONE member of the national AFL voted against Beck's treason. Unanimously they rejected the positions taken by the local AFL bodies in Washington. If we cannot understand Beck's action, we find it even more difficult to justify the action of the AFL executive board. Or perhaps there is an explanation.

Harvey Brown is not liked by the important people of the AFL. After all he took his large and wealthy Machinists' union out of the federation. They upheld his jurisdiction over aircraft workers as long as he was in the AFL. But now that he is independent, anything goes.

This double standard of morality is what has made thoughtful people suspicious of the top leadership of the AFL for years. There was no justification in their approval of Beck, any more than there was for Beck himself. The AFL cannot expect the respect of their own members as long as they conduct themselves so unethically. Nor can they expect Harvey Brown to beat a path to their door.

We cannot close these remarks without chastising the Boeing Aircraft Company who dealt with Beck in violation of all the rules of the game. But other employers in the past have found "strong men" like Beck to their liking. Too bad.

A final word: Watch Beck. He is going places even if he walks over other people to do it.

Deaths Commemorated

Today, Nov. 30—(NC)—Bishop-elect Stephen Appellhaus, S.V.D., and Bishop-elect Leo Arkfeld, S.V.D., have chosen to be commemorated together at a ceremony November 30, Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, in St. Mary's Mission House of the Divine Word Missionaries here.

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