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Judge Backs Marian Congress for Sodality Free Religion Youth Expects 1,200 Turnout Study Class

Springfield, Ill. — (RNS)— Justice Charles H. Thompson of the Illinois Supreme Court told the Midwest Regional Conference of the Catholic Press Association here that neither the Federal nor the Illinois constitutions prohibit voluntary religion classes in the public schools.

Assessing it was not the intent of the Founding Fathers of America to abolish religious activities in the public schools. Justice Thompson declared that "a reasonable interpretation" of the Federal and state documents would not "render voluntary religious education" classes unlawful.

JUSTICE THOMPSON wrote the opinion of the Illinois high court when that body unanimously ruled that religious education in public schools does not violate the U. S. or Illinois constitutions. The court thus rejected an appeal by Mrs. Vashti McCollum, who sought to halt religious education classes in Champaign, Ill. schools. Mrs. McCollum was subsequently upheld, and the Illinois Supreme Court overruled, by the United States Supreme Court.

"The language of the national Constitution," Justice Thompson said, "does not prohibit voluntary religious instruction in the schools. It merely states that Congress shall make no laws respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

"IN THEIR wisdom the Founding Fathers saw that there must be no alliance between the State and any religion, but in the very spirit of the Constitution they recognized the principle that the religious tendencies of our citizens must find free expression. Those who read into the First Amendment of the Constitution any denial of this privilege are reading something that is not there and was never intended to be there."

Turning to the Constitution of Illinois, the jurist declared that document contained no prohibition against voluntary religious instruction in the schools. "Article 2, Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution begins, 'The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination, shall forever be guaranteed,'" he said.

"THIS IS a simple statement, clear and unequivocal. The only reasonable interpretation is that it is a guarantee to all citizens of the state that they shall all ways be free to worship as they see fit and that they shall not be discriminated against because of their religious beliefs so long as their actions do not interfere with the peace and safety of the state."

Justice Thompson said some might argue that the further language of the Illinois Constitution (Continued on Page 6)

A Sodality-sponsored "Congress of Mary" will draw 1,200 high school and parish sodality members to two-day sessions at Aquinas Institute in Rochester next Thursday and Friday (Nov. 11-12), according to the Rev. Roy B. Morphy, diocesan director of the Sodality of Our Lady.

The Marian Congress, named in honor of the Blessed Virgin Sodality patroness, will feature notable Catholic youth directors addressing conferences on parish and school sodality work.

DELEGATES FROM every corner of the diocese will hear the Rev. J. Roger Lyons, S.J., the Rev. Richard Rooney, S.J., the Rev. Francis J. LeBuffe, S.J., and Miss Dorothy Willmann, all National Sodality directors who will lead the daily sessions at Aquinas.

Modeled on the successful annual Summer Schools of Catholic Action, the Marian Congress, according to Father Morphy, is designed to stimulate and in-

form our young Catholics on their duties of leadership in parishes and schools. "The Sodality," he stated, "is set up to promote works of Catholic action and the formation of outstanding Catholics by prayer, study and activity. This Congress will revitalize our diocesan program."

PONTIFICAL HIGH Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney at Aquinas Institute on Thursday morning at 9 a. m., will formally open the Congress sessions. A choir composed of the 1200 delegates and guests from all diocesan sodalities will sing the Mass directed by the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy of St. Bernard's Seminary.

General and special sessions from 10.45 a. m. to 3.15 p. m. on Thursday and Friday will feature such topics as "Formation of Catholic Leaders," "Our Lady's Leaders on the Campus," "The Socialist in the Parish" and "The Socialist in Social Life."

EVENING sessions for adults in all parish organizations will be held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 8 to 10 p. m. All who are interested in parish Catholic action are invited to the night sessions for discussion of "Leadership in the Lay Apostolate," Father Morphy announced. Elaborate plans set for the two (Continued on Page 5)

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Honorable Harry S. Truman, President of the United States: Dear Mr. President:

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TODAY YOU are the President of the United States in your own right. The American voters have given you a decisive victory in a fair election against a strong opponent.

But the last four years must have been very hard to take. Even though you preserved a spirit of patience you must have been discouraged many times.

ONLY YOU can tell the real inside story of this year's presidential campaign. From the beginning down to election. (Continued on Page 6)

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Mark O'Brien, special announcer of radio station WARR, discusses with Sodality members the "Queensteens Revue," entertainment highlight of the Marian Congress, which diocesan sodalities will sponsor in Rochester next Thursday and Friday (Nov. 11-12). Shown with Mr. O'Brien, who will act as master of ceremonies for the Revue, are (left to right) Jane Bafferty, Our Lady of Mercy High School; Eileen Conheady, Nazareth Academy; and Mary Elizabeth Heveron, St. Agnes High School. Seven diocesan high schools will compete in the Revue which will be held in the Columbus Civic Center Auditorium.

Lady of Victory Slates 100th Anniversary Rites

Our Lady of Victory Church — the "Little Church Around the Corner" on Pleasant Street, Rochester — will mark its 100th year of parish existence at the Centennial Mass at 10 a. m. Sunday, Nov. 7, to be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

French and Belgian Catholics whose ancestors established the little parish in 1848 are expected to attend the Mass. A newly-organized choir under the direction of Vincent G. Mitrano will be heard. The church interior has been redecorated for the observance. (Historical sketch on Page 11)

The Rev. Stephen Couturloux, SS. CC, new pastor, and the Rev. Willibrod Willemens, SS. CC, assistant pastor, announced this week that the parishioners will conduct a bazaar for the benefit of the church at 7.30 p. m. on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 20 and 21.

MOST NOTED of the 15 pastors in the century long history of the parish were the Rt. Rev. Msgr Hippolyte De Regge, who erected the present church building, which was dedicated by Bishop McQuaid in 1868; the Rev. Canon Alphonse A. Netobert, who served as pastor from 1879 until his death in 1928; and the Rev. Camiel A. Vandermuelen, whose long pastorate began in 1928 and ended last September with his retirement to his native Belgium.

MONSIGNOR DE REGGE later became the first chancellor of the Rochester Diocese under Bishop McQuaid. He was instrumental in the founding of St. Andrew's Seminary.

Our Lady of Victory parish now comprises some 700 families, mostly Belgians, residing in many parts of the county.

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Employees of the Rochester Telephone Corporation marked their first Day of Spiritual Recollecion Sunday at the Convent of the Beligions of the Cenacle. Exercises during the day were conducted by the Rev. Elmer McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary Faculty. Telephone employees attending numbered 47. A view in the chapel during the day is shown above.

Population Fears Hit As Propaganda

By J. J. GILBERT Washington — (NC)

Articles and speeches warning that the world is, or soon will be, overpopulated have become so widespread that some observers do not hesitate to brand them as part of an organized campaign. These observers add that, while some of the speakers and writers may be moved by good and as they believe scientific intentions, the real fruits of their utterances are being garnered and capitalized upon by the advocates of birth control.

WRITINGS AND speeches asserting that the world is rapidly coming to have "too many people" began to be seen and heard even before World War II had ended.

The volume of this argument increased, and it reached its high point when it became one of the most publicized topics on the program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at its recent meeting here. And it has continued since; national magazines with large home circulations have given over considerable space to the supposed threat of over-population.

One of those who is convinced that the birth control advocates are making the most of this propaganda, if they are not actively and systematically supporting it, is the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.B., Director of the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference here and a long-time student of population trends.

HE IS quick to note the long-sustained publicity of the population question, and asserts that "obviously there is definite organization behind the whole thing."

"Obviously it is planned," Dr. Schmiedeler says. "And the interested parties picked their time well. War disturbs production and the whole economic system. Shortages result. When peace returns some people fear that the shortages, including the shortage of food, will continue permanently and that the situation may even become more aggravated with time. That was the situation after World War I. The old theory of Malthus was resurrected and the advocates of birth control made the most of it."

DR. SCHMIEDELER directs attention to the celebrity and frequency with which birth control is brought forward as the solution in the discussions of "over-population."

Recalling that some writers applied the name "howling derisives" to the pessimists of post-World War I, Dr. Schmiedeler observes "how little basis there was for their gloomy forecasts. "A few years later," he points out, "we were ploughing under crops, slaughtering pigs and cattle, paying farmers to keep some of their acreage out of production, and holding international meetings to restrict food shipments and production."

Things are much more disturbed today than they were after World War I, and the situation offers even greater possibilities for those who wish to exploit it, Dr. Schmiedeler contends. He directs attention to (Continued on Page 6)

Great And Glorious St. Patrick



To house a relic of St. Patrick brought from Meath, a fitting reliquary was presented to St. Patrick's Church, Rochester, by Court Rochester, Knights of Equity, holding the gift to Sir Knight Robert P. Kiernan while Supreme Knight Michael T. Ryan of Rochester looks on.

Apostle of Ireland Relic Honored At Parish Church

St. Patrick's Church, Rochester, now possesses a rare sacred relic — part of the bone of St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, according to the announcement of the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor.

THE RELIC of Ireland's famed saint, believed to be the only one in possession of any Rochester church, was enshrined this week in a beautiful Gaelic designed reliquary presented to St. Patrick's Church by Court Rochester, Knights of Equity. Presentation of the reliquary was made to Father Mooney by Supreme Sir Knight Michael T. Ryan, Supreme Secretary Christopher A. Dolanty and Sir Knight Robert P. Kiernan of Court 10.

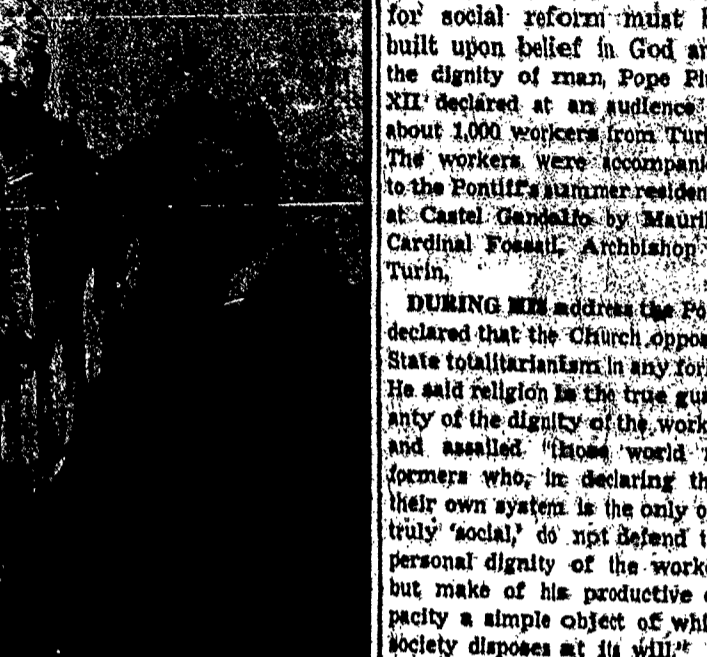
The relic was obtained earlier this year in Rome by friends who were visiting European shrines and was turned over to the Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's. A Latin document accompanying the relic authenticated it as part of the bones of Ireland's Apostle.

IN ORDER to increase devotion to St. Patrick, it is planned to celebrate a Mass in his honor on the 17th day of each month and to expose his Relic on a side altar for public veneration on the same day, Father Mooney stated.

The Apostle of Ireland is known as the "Saint of Faith, and the St. Patrick's priests, who are very pleased at obtaining a relic of their parish patron, expressed the hope this week that their efforts to promote devotion to St. Patrick will bring the grace of strong faith to parishioners and friends practicing the devotion.

According to Sir Knight Kiernan, the organization will receive Holy Communion in a body with their families in St. Patrick's Church, Sunday, Nov. 14, at 9:30 a. m. Mass. Veneration of the Relic will follow the Mass.

Pope Warns Labor On Godless State



Rome — (RNS) — Efforts for social reform must be built upon belief in God and the dignity of man, Pope Pius XII declared at an audience to about 1,000 workers from Turin. The workers were accompanied to the Pontiff's summer residence at Castel Gandolfo by Maurizio Cardinal Foschi, Archbishop of Turin.

DURING HIS address the Pope declared that the Church opposes State totalitarianism in any form. He said religion is the true guaranty of the dignity of the worker and assailed "those world reformers who, by declaring that their own system is the only one truly 'social,' do not defend the personal dignity of the worker, but make of his productive capacity a simple object of which society disposes at its will."

"The Church," Pope Pius said, "always defends the worker's human dignity, and considers his work and capacity not as merchandise, but as a personal contribution. It holds that human liberty has its limits in divine law and in the multiple duties that life brings with it, but at the same time it endeavors to see that each, in the largeness of the home and in tranquil and honest conditions, may pass his days in peace with God and man."

THE CHURCH does not profess the absolute equality that others proclaim, because it knows that humanity, living together, produces always and necessarily a whole scale of gradations, differences in physical and intellectual aptitudes, in dispositions and tendencies, in occupations and vocations, but at the same time it knows full equality in human dignity.

"Thus," he added, "to defend liberty and human dignity, and not to favor the special interests of this or that group, the Church rejects all State totalitarianism, nor does it, with thoughts of the after life, weaken the just defense of the rights of workers on the earth."

One reason why the Church is opposed to any form of State totalitarianism, the Pope asserted, is that the latter denies the possibility of creating a union among men except on material bases.

"A real union among men," he said, "must be built on faith in God as the beginning and the end of everything."

Negro Pastor Joins Trappist Monastery

Rev. Vincent Smith, who has been featured in the Negro press as the "only Negro pastor in the United States who had written priests as his assistants," has resigned as pastor of Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd Church here and has entered the Trappist novitiate at Gettysburg, Ky.

Father Smith has been succeeded as pastor by another Negro priest, the Rev. Alexander Leeson, S.V.D. Father Leeson was formerly assistant pastor at St. Peter Claver's Church, Asbury Park, N. J.

White people make up at least 50 per cent of the parish here.

Top Japanese Scientist And Wife Embrace Faith

Peiping, China — (NC) — One of Japan's leading archeologists, Riuchi Yamaguchi, was received into the Church in the public chapel of the Verbit Academy of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Fathers here. His wife and two of his children, aged eight and three, were baptized at the same time.

BEFORE THE WAR Mr. Yamaguchi held the position of archeologist to the Japanese Imperial Court and led all archeological surveys in the Japanese Empire.

He ran into trouble when he publicly expressed his disbelief in the official legends on the divine origin of the Imperial Dynasty. He was forbidden to publish anything on his archeological findings and went to China with his family in 1938 to make surveys there.

THE JAPANESE Army appointed him head of the Sino-Japanese Commercial Navigation for North China. After the war, the Chinese National Ministry for Defense kept him in Peiping as an expert.

Two daughters, 14 and 12 years old, came in contact with the Catholic Church at the school of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Mary and were baptized in January, 1948, with the approval of their parents.

In March of this year Mr. Yamaguchi became a teacher of Japanese at the Verbit Academy, where Far East languages are taught. Immaculate Heart of Mary missionaries. As a teacher of the missionaries he became interested in the Church and soon took instructions.

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