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New Dioceses Established, 3 Bishops Named By Pope

Washington (NC) — The Most Rev. Arnaldo Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, announced here that Pope Pius XII has established the new Diocese of Joliet in Illinois, which comprises the counties of DuPage, Will, Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall, Ford and Iroquois.

Needy Japanese Aided by Pontiff

Tokyo (NC) — A gift of 50,000 yen has just been received by the Apostolic Delegation here from His Holiness Pope Pius XII for relief work being done for Japanese repatriates by the Rev. Leopold Tibesar, M.M., director of the Catholic Club in Tokyo.

FATHER TIBESAR, who served for several years in Dairen, Manchuria, was largely responsible for the establishment of the Association of Japanese Repatriates, which now numbers 150, mostly members of parishes for Japanese formerly conducted by the Maryknoll Fathers in Manchuria and Korea.

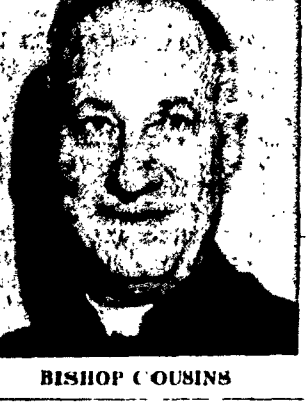
New Bishops



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Priest Claims

Army Study Hints Catholic Increase

New York (NC) — The Catholic population of the United States is at least several million more than the generally accepted figure. This is the conclusion reached by a former Army chaplain after a study of religious preference records of 21,000 wartime patients at a Midwest Army hospital.

The Army and Navy have never released general figures on religious affiliation but the former chaplain, Msgr. M. M. Hoffman, of Dyresville, Ia., believes that the hospital records are adequate for a true cross-section.

This group was divided as follows on religious preferences: Protestant, 70.09 per cent; Catholic, 24.3 per cent; Hebrew, 3.16 per cent; None, 2.1 per cent (a slight percentage of Greek Orthodox, Buddhist and other faiths completes the total).

The official Catholic Directory, which derives its figures from reports submitted by the dioceses of the country, listed the Catholic population of the country during the time these figures were collected as less than 25,000,000. If the hospital percentage is projected in terms of total population, Catholics would number 35,000,000 in the U. S.

Although no reasonable person would seriously advance this latter figure, Monsignor Hoffman states in the current issue of America, national Jesuit weekly, "It can still be judicially maintained—according to the logical conclusions from the O'Reilly General Hospital figures, and in agreement with the prudent opinions expressed by some Catholic authorities—that several million should be added to the 25,000,000 given by the official Catholic directory."

What the priest thinks is a really startling conclusion to be drawn from the hospital figures is that 98 per cent of the men stated a preference for one religion or another. He regards this as a smashing refutation of

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THE MAGAZINE then quotes A.C.T.U. leader John C. Cort's "blunt reply" to those both in and out of the Church who say that A.C.T.U. can become dangerous:

"Yes, and so is life. When St. Francis kissed the lepers, there were doubtless many who pointed out that that was highly dangerous activity. The A.C.T.U. may not have the reckless courage of St. Francis, but in a smaller way it is risking contamination to bring Christ into the dirty streets of the industrial world."

Among the influential "labor priests" cited in the article are the Rev. Philip A. Carey, S.J., director of the Xavier Labor School, New York; the Rev. Charles Owen Rice, of Pittsburgh, described as a close friend and adviser to the steelworkers' union; the Rev. Raymond S. Clancy, "who has aided organization drives and strikes in Detroit"; the Rev. Jerome A. Drolet, of New Orleans, named as "Joseph Curran's 'padre' in cleansing the National Maritime Union of Communists"; and the Rev. George G. Higgins, assistant director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, who is pictured as keeping in close touch with priest-directors of labor schools and top national labor officials.

Mercykillers Ask N. Y. State Law

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legalization of mercy killing would retard medical science and subvert the doctor's vocation of preserving life.

If euthanasia were to be permitted, the Catholic argument further states, innocent victims would be exposed to fraud and other abominable practices. Doctors would find the confidence which they now enjoy among their patients turned into fear, suspicion and distrust.

Japanese Enters U. S. Franciscans

Marathon, Wis. (NC) — Augustine Ishigami, a Japanese from Kasari, Amami Oshima, was received into the Capuchin community at St. Anthony's, Eary here as a cleric candidate. He was invested by the Very Rev. Kevin Smyth, O.F.M. Cap. and was given the name of Peter Baptist in honor of the Spanish Franciscan who was martyred at Nagasaki in 1597. He is the first Japanese from Amami Oshima to join the Capuchins.

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