

Pontiff Calls For Apostolate To Poor Class

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has given apostolate of priests working among people of the lowest levels of society in a letter addressed to the Most Rev. Clement Neubauer, O.F.M.Cap., first American Superior General of the Capuchins.

The autograph letter, dated December 4, 1948, was published in Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily, with an editor's note saying its content "evidently can serve as a norm for other orders and religious congregations, as well as the secular clergy and all who carry on the Christian apostolate."

The intensified labor of priests is needed, says the Pontiff's letter, "not only in the churches — where very often those most in need do not go — but also, as often as the opportunity is presented to them as priests, to exercise their sacred ministry in the fields, in shops, factories, hospitals, prisons, in any way in the midst of workers, becoming as brothers to brothers to win all to Christ."

Father Neubauer, formerly of Milwaukee, stated that the letter was inspired by the International Capuchin Convention held here from November 21 to 27, 1948 for the purpose of adapting Franciscan ideals of social work to modern times.

IN THE LETTER His Holiness observes that the Capuchins have always had the care of people of humble station as their special apostolate. "Why, then, should they not intensify at present such evangelical labor with a more active zeal, now that the needs are so immeasurably increasing?" he asks.

The prime objective of priests working among the poorer people, according to the letter, must be "to educate them to observe Christian precepts and to establish good morals in private as well as public life."

Reminding the Capuchins that sooner or later everything not founded on the truth and the virtuous life taught by the Divine Redeemer fails to ruin, the Holy Father urges them to spare no effort "in penetrating into the midst of the masses as mediators of peace, teachers of truth, providers for Christian piety and most holy religion."

His Holiness concludes with the admonition that rather than admitting of a lessening or modification of their spiritual life, such an apostolate demands ever increasing perfection in their ideals of poverty and simplicity.

Air Line Seeks Fare Cut for Clergymen
New York (RNS) — Clergymen will obtain reduced air fares if the Civil Aeronautics Board approves a tariff notice filed by United Air Lines.

On Faculty



Prince Guenther von Schoenburg von Waldenburg who has been appointed to St. Bonaventure College faculty, according to Very Rev. Thomas Plassman, O.F.M., president. The prince escaped into the British Zone after Saxon Communists had seized his estates and subjected him to inhuman hardships.

Polish Primate Is Vyshinski Kin

Warsaw — (CIP) — Most Polish Bishops are expected to be present at the Cathedral of Gniezno February 2 when Bishop Stefan Wyszynski of Lublin will be solemnly enthroned as Archbishop of Gniezno and Warsaw and Primate of Poland.

The 47-year-old Bishop, a distant relative of the Deputy Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, Andrei Vyshinski, was appointed by Pope Pius XII to succeed the late Cardinal Hlond.

Bishop Wyszynski was appointed Bishop of Lublin March 4, 1946, and was consecrated by Cardinal Hlond May 12, 1946. He is not only one of the youngest but also one of the most scholarly men among the Polish Bishops. Before the war he was a Professor at the Catholic University of Lublin. One of the subjects he taught was Christian Sociology.

The new Primate has also taken an active interest in labor problems. At the time when there were Christian labor unions in Poland, he cooperated with them as an ecclesiastical adviser and contributed many articles to their periodicals.

Prayers Asked for Political Prisoners

Paris — (RNS) — A crusade of prayer for political prisoners was started here after a number of Roman Catholics held a meeting at the Oblate monastery of St. Marie de la Source.

Bolivarian Nations Honor Eucharist

By JOSE LOPEZ HENAO
Call, Colombia — (NC) — After two postponements this Colombian city of 130,000 is ready to receive the estimated 30,000 pilgrims who will take part in the Bolivarian Eucharistic Congress here January 26-30. More than 50 members of the South American Hierarchy will participate. His Eminence Clemente Cardinal Micara, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, has been named Papal Legate by the Holy Father.

THE EUCHARISTIC Congress was first decided on in 1944 by the Episcopal Conference of Colombia. It was then scheduled to be held in 1947 as a national Eucharistic congress.

Later, however, the idea of inviting the participation of all those countries which owe their independence to the South American Liberator Simon Bolivar (1783-1830) was adopted and the date of the congress was postponed to June, 1948. The short-lived Bogota revolution in April, 1948, made another postponement necessary.

Hotels, private and public colleges, private homes have been readied for the pilgrims. To insure plenty food and avoid a possible black market, the National Institute of Provisions has guaranteed a sufficient food supply.

Two Colombian airlines, Avianca and Lanza, have decided to give a 25 per cent discount to all pilgrims traveling within the Colombian borders. Members of the Hierarchy will receive free passage. All mail sent from Call will bear a special commemorative stamp.

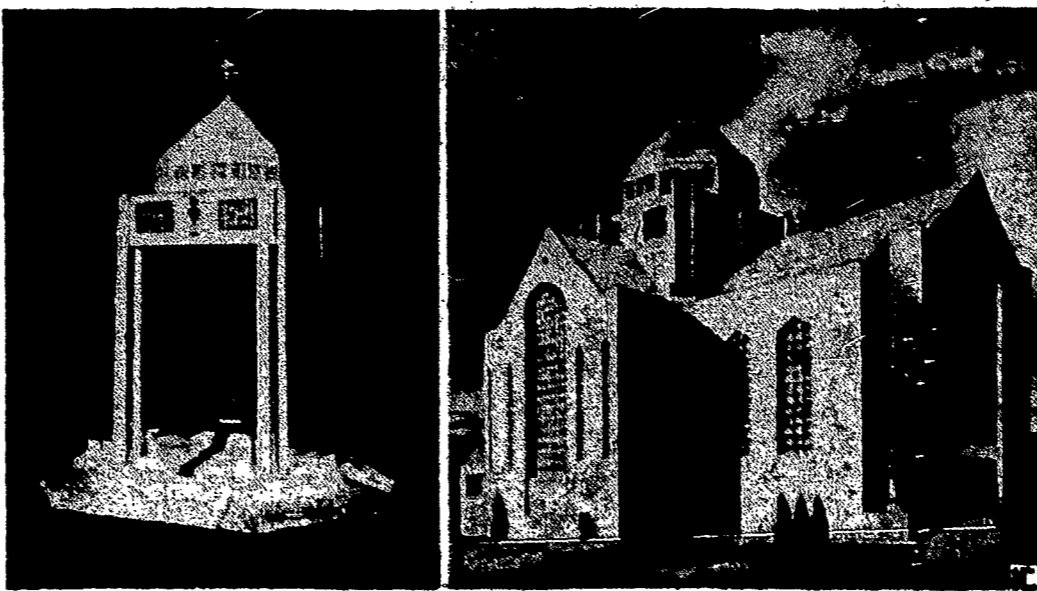
SHOP WINDOWS are exhibiting many of the sacred objects to be used in the festivities, among them the chalice to be used by the papal Legate and the royal carriage in which the Blessed Sacrament will be carried in procession.

A more than three-feet high monstrance for the congress has been fashioned from gold and precious stones donated by the faithful all over the country. It is encrusted with about 800 gems and has a five-carat diamond adorning the top. It also bears the seal of His Holiness Pope Pius XII and those of the six Bolivarian republics: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Venezuela.

THE THEME OF the congress will be The Christian Family. Throughout the Call diocese some 50 priests have been conducting a series of missions. Many marriages have been legalized through the reception of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Many people have been baptized and received Confirmation. Church attendance has increased and the religious fervor of the people heightened.

Dr. Mariano Ospina Perez, President of Colombia, will attend the congress and, in the name of the people, publicly renew the consecration of Colombia to the Sacred Heart of Jesus first made in 1839 by a decree of the Constitutional Congress.

A majestic, canopied, outdoor altar has been erected for the main Eucharistic services. At the end of the congress a church dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament is to be built around the altar.



Fifty bishops and thousands of clergy and laity from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Venezuela will converge on the important city of Call, Colombia, January 26-30 for the ceremonies of the great Bolivarian Eucharistic Congress, at which Cardinal Micara will be Papal Legate. Photo, left, is of main outdoor altar with its huge canopy. After the Congress this will be used in parish church (right) to be built around it to commemorate the event. (NC Photos).

New Arrests in Hungary Listed

Rome — (NC) — With censorship clamped down on news from Hungary, Osservatore Romano, Vatican daily, gives a list of some of the persons arrested with the Primate, Josef Cardinal Mindszenty.

Among those held there besides Msgr. Andrew Zakar, secretary to Cardinal arrested last November, Osservatore Romano lists: the Jesuit priests Bela Irtvai and John Varady; Josef Vig and the bank director Tivad Wailer; Nicholas Beregodi, Catholic Action leader in Budapest, accused of "anti-democratic" activity; Bela Endodrodi, accused of having supported "the clandestine expatriation of fellow countrymen;" or, in other words, voluntary exile.

Also under arrest are, says Osservatore, John Fallon, the Cardinal's archivist; Emerice Haiko, the Cardinal's counsellor; Prince Paul Esterhazy with his unnamed secretary; and the Cistercian monk, Justinian Barany, theologian and physicist.

Priest Heads Colleges
New York — (RNS) — The Very Rev. Vincent J. Flynn, president of the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn., was elected president of the Association of Colleges at the group's 35th annual conference here.

Boston's Taxicab Drivers Organize Catholic Guild

Boston — (RNS) — A group of Catholic cab drivers and owners here have banded together in an organization known as the St. Christopher's Guild of Taxi Operators. They pledged to "keep high the ethical standards of the business, to promote strong spiritual morale among the members, and to give customers courteous, kindly treatment."

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD J. Cushing of Boston has given his approbation to the group, pointing out that "no other men are by vocation placed in more strategic contact with the general public."

"You can be a wonderful influence for good upon hosts of customers, and a help to all," the Archbishop said.

More than 200 persons have already applied for membership in the Guild.

Edward J. Lucas, secretary treasurer, said that "it's our aim to take our spiritual ideas into our daily work with the hope that our day's work may be something more than a paid job — a chance, maybe, to cheer or help some other fellow on his way."

Religion Query Suggested For Census In 1950

St. Paul, Minn. — (NC) — A question on religion will be asked in the 1950 census "if a few million Catholics would write their congressmen and senators to see that it is asked," and if the Catholics take this action at once before the forms are printed, an article in the February Catholic Digest asserts.

The article, "Why No Religion in the U. S. Census?" by W. S. Corker and Frederick Tough, says that "the Census Bureau appears to think that whether or not God is in your home is a question as unimportant as that about pet cats."

"THE GENERAL census was established in 1790," according to the article. "It has never included a question about the religion of the American people. To offset this lack, the Federal Government, in 1880, established a separate religious census to provide information for the religious groups. That this census is inaccurate has been admitted by both the Census Bureau and the religious bodies."

Excuses by the bureau for not including a question on religion include fear of an adverse reaction by the person questioned, with consequent refusal to answer other questions, and an assertion that a single question would not be specific enough to be of value to religious groups, the article says.

"WHAT COULD possibly be more specific than each person's religious preference?" the authors respond. And the other objection "could be applied to any other question as well," they note, declaring that "thus if you ask a person his income, he might conceivably get angry and refuse to tell how many radios he has."

Such a census question "would show the number who profess a belief in God, but who do not attend a particular church... would afford a more accurate picture of religion in the U. S. because the age and background of the individual would be indicated in relation to his beliefs or disabilities... could prove that the majority of the people have not turned away from God (and) would aid the practical functioning of the religious bodies," the article points out.

"Catholics have a particular interest, because no one knows how many Catholics there are in the U.S.," the authors note.

Returns Medal

Thomas J. Fox, of Floral Park, N. Y., stands outside the Hungarian Legation, in Washington. He is about to return the Cross of Honor which the Hungarian Republic gave him in 1947 for "meritorious service" in distributing American Catholic relief. In a letter accompanying the medal, Mr. Fox denies and renounces the accusation made by the communist controlled Hungarian government that he was engaged in "spying activities." Newsphotographers were denied entrance to the Legation. (NC Photos).

Chicago Cardinal Provides for Aged

Chicago — (RNS) — Increased facilities for the care of the aged in the Chicago Catholic archdiocese are planned by Samuel Cardinal Stritch, it was announced here.

The archdiocese recently purchased a building formerly used as a Jewish home for dependent children and will convert it into an old people's home. It will be able to accommodate 175 persons.

Earlier, it was announced that a \$3,000,000 home for the aged was planned for Niles, a Chicago suburb. This structure will be known as St. Andrew's Home for the Aged and will accommodate 350 people.

Additional homes for the aged are also planned by the Cardinal, it was said, since "they are one of the most urgent charitable needs in the archdiocese." At the present time,

New Bishop's Coat-of-Arms Shows Factory

Vienna — (CIP) — The picture of a factory with smoking chimneys is part of the coat-of-arms of Bishop Leo Pletsch, the new Auxiliary Bishop of Bras, Austria.

The Bishop declared that by the choice of his coat-of-arms he wished to pledge his special interest in the problems of labor. The Diocese of Graz-Seckau includes some of the most industrialized parts of Austria, especially the iron works of Styria.

Advertisement for TRANT'S religious games, including St. Thomas Aquinas Game for \$2.00. Includes coupon for ordering from THE CATHOLIC SUPPLY STORE.

Advertisement for ARPEAKO PIPPINS, featuring a large image of the product and text: "WE CALL THIS A Pippin YOU'LL CALL IT Delicious". Includes contact information for Tobin Packing Co., Inc.

Large advertisement for boys' snowsuits with "Clearance" banner. Lists prices: \$9.00 (was \$14.95), \$13.00 (was \$16.95), \$16.00 (was \$19.95), \$19.00 (was \$24.95). Includes image of a boy in a snowsuit and logo for The National.