

Prélate Tells Church Interest in Rural Area

Columbus, O. — (NC) — The Catholic Church has taken a paramount interest in the rural community because it supplies the nation not only with "food and fiber" but with "life and blood" through its all-important "crop of children." Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, Mo., said in an address to the annual meeting of the American Country Life Association here.

It is well known, the Bishop said, that any city of America, if left dependent upon its own "birth rate" would be found to be dying on its feet. Its population would shrink, its industries would go into permanent decline. In a few generations it would be a wilderness where waves and jacksals would prowl among ruins whose desolate buildings would be a reminder of a former prosperity.

Bishop O'Hara, who himself was a leader in the establishment of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference several decades ago, outlined the main rural problem in the eyes of the Church as follows:

"It is basically the problem of keeping actively in the rural community a larger percentage of the intelligent and spiritually-minded boys and girls who are born there and who require talent and character far above the average to provide the better farming, better business and better living that President Theodore Roosevelt desired in 1909 for the farms of America."

The Bishop listed the following three considerations that the Church is presenting to promising rural youth to keep them on the farm.

- (1) Farming, especially when farms are personally owned, makes for economic independence. This is the best safeguard for intellectual independence which is the first prerequisite of an enlightened mind and a liberal culture.
- (2) Farming permits a person to be self-employed, gives the farmer responsibility for his own conduct, permits him to "choose his own path, win his own success."
- (3) Farming cements family life and makes children a true blessing. City environment is "at war with the family" and makes children a liability, while the farm "is the friend of family life" and makes children a definite economic asset.

BISHOP WALSH COADJUTOR IN YOUNGSTOWN



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Washington — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has named Bishop Emmet M. Walsh of Charleston, South Carolina, to be Titular Bishop of Rhadesus in succession to Bishop James A. McFadden of Youngstown, Ohio, it is announced in word received at the Apostolic Delegation here.

Bishop Walsh, who has been Bishop of Charleston since 1927, has been Episcopal Chairman of the Legal Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference since November, 1947.

The Diocese of Charleston which Bishop Walsh has administered for more than 22 years, comprises his native State of South Carolina. The Bishop was born at Beaufort, N. C. March 6, 1882, but his family moved to Savannah, Ga., when he was 14 years old. He entered St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., in 1910 and was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop Benjamin J. Kelley of Savannah on January 15, 1916.

After serving a year as an assistant at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Atlanta, he was named pastor of the Albany missions, a parish embracing about 16,000 square miles in the State of Georgia, and achieved remarkable success as a missionary, bringing the consolations of religion to the less than one thousand Catholics scattered over a territory larger than some States.

He later returned to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Atlanta, in 1922, this time as pastor. He labored in this, the mother parish of Georgia's Capital City, until he was named Bishop of Charleston in June, 1927, at the age of 35 years.

Memphis Rally
Memphis — (NC) — "A prayer for the conversion of Russia and its satellites and the obliteration of communism from the world" will be the theme of a Catholic rally here on October 4, with His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, as main speaker.

Journalist Foe of Church Recants Errors On Deathbed

Mexico City — (NC) — Dr. Rafael Martinez, known by the pen-name "El Pipi" in the field of Mexican journalism, who once abjured the Faith, has died in the fold of the Church.

Also a legislator and diplomat, Doctor Martinez was the man who, 27 years ago, was responsible for the enactment of Article 3 of the Mexican Constitution, which deprives the Church of any influence in the nation's schools. He died at Guadalajara after having made a public profession of renewed Catholic faith, a solemn retraction of his errors and attacks on the Church and renouncing masonry on his death bed.

"I wish to live and die within the heart of my Mother, the Catholic Church," he told the Rev. Ambrósio González, chaplain of the Guadalupe Hospital of Guadalajara, where he lay seriously ill.

Church authorities authorized Magr. A. Luis Vidaurri, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the same town, to receive from Doctor Martinez the abjuration of his errors, to absolve him from all Church penalties, to administer to him conditionally the Sacrament of Baptism and to validate his marriage. Doctor Martinez attended the Mexico City seminary for six years.

"After receiving Holy Communion," says La Vos Parroquial, published by the Guadalupe church, "the chaplain helped him to offer thanks, which the patient did with fervor; when he was being congratulated by the priest, doctors and others around him he exclaimed: 'This is the greatest day of my life.'"

A few days later he died, but just before that he wrote the following note:

"I make formal retraction of my masonic affiliation, as well as of any formal and material acts on my part which might have worked against the rights of the Catholic Church; equally I make retraction of all my writings through which I may have offended the Catholic Faith and its good customs. From today on I wish to live and die within my Faith."

Catholic Faith, firmly affirming my irrevocable adherence to the Church."

Article 3 of the Mexican Constitution declares that public and private schools must be secular and exclude any religious congregation or minister from establishing or attending primary schools. Schools transgressing this law were ordered confiscated.

HEAD JESUIT HONOR GROUP



National officers of Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit honor society for men students, were elected at Marquette University, Milwaukee at the society's national convention. Father Richard M. McKee, S.J., past faculty moderator, will continue to serve in that capacity until a new appointment is made. Left to right, officers and chapter representatives are: Dr. Hugo K. Holman, Marquette, secretary-treasurer; Father Richard M. McKee, S.J., LeMayno College, Syracuse, N. Y., faculty moderator; William J. McTear, University of Detroit, president; and William C. Rogers, Jr., Loyola College, Baltimore, vice-president. Eighteen Jesuit colleges and universities have chapters of Alpha Sigma Nu. (NC Photos).

Priest Attacks Anti-Bingo Law

Lincoln, Neb. — (RNS) — Attorney General James H. Anderson's interpretation of Nebraska's anti-gambling laws "is illogical and unjust" so long as it bars bingo games, according to the Rt. Rev. Magr. Maurice W. Helmann, editor of the Southern Nebraska Register, official paper of the Diocese of Lincoln.

Commenting on Anderson's recent blast against gambling, which ruled slot machines, bingo and other games of chance to be illegal, Magr. Helmann said there was "nothing to do but comply with the law until such time as reason prevails again."

BINGO, PLAYED for pleasure to aid charitable or religious projects, Magr. Helmann wrote, is no more wrong than patronizing firemen's and policemen's charity balls, giving to the Community Chest, or donating to the March of Dimes. Playing bingo at a church benefit, he insisted, is nothing more than making a donation to the church while having a little harmless fun.

"There is gambling that is sinful and criminal, which all Catholics are bound in conscience to avoid," he said. "But no reasonable person can confuse or identify this gambling with an innocent game of amusement in which there happens to be an element of chance."

Americans In Mission Fields Show Increase

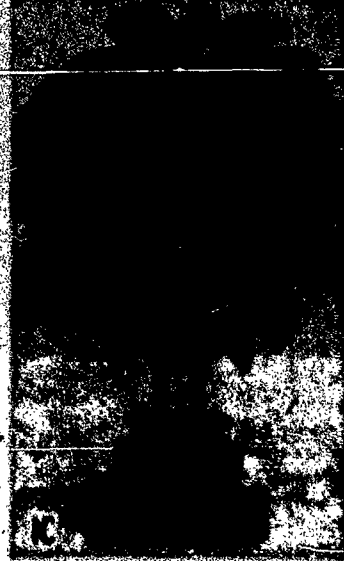
Chelmsford, Ohio — (NC) — The number of American Catholic missionaries serving overseas has increased by 500 since 1946, according to the 1948 edition of A Missionary Index of Catholic Americans, published here by the national center of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade. The present total is 4,123, as compared with 3,623 in 1946.

THE INDEX IS a collection of facts about American priests, brothers, and sisters engaged in missionary work in fields outside the continental United States. The 176-page book contains the names and addresses of missionaries, as well as names and addresses of the American centers of religious orders and societies of which these missionaries are members, and tables showing distribution of the personnel throughout the world.

Principal gains are noted in Africa, India, Japan, the Philippines, and Central and South America. Two "new" countries, not listed in 1946, are Pakistan formerly a part of India, which has 304 missionaries, and the Ryukyu Islands, formerly included in the Japanese Islands.

STATISTICS FOR China show that although the number of missionaries assigned there has increased from 269 in 1946 to 368 in 1948, there has been a decrease in the number actually in China as 21 more are now assigned to that field and are "temporarily" in this country due to the closing of missionary institutions by the Communist government.

Native Art



Illustrated by submission to the International Exhibition of Books, during the Holy Year, in this wood carving — a religious scene, possibly the Nativity, in a style characteristic of the folk art of the region of the Pacific Northwest. (Newspaper photo, adapted from a book store.)

Catholic Church Reports Gain in Netherlands

NEW YORK — (NC) — The Catholic Church in the Netherlands reported a gain in membership in 1948, according to a report published here by the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

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Special October Issue Announced

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — The American Ecclesiastical Review, founded in 1889 by the Rev. Herman J. Heuser of St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, Pa., will observe its 60th anniversary with a special issue in October, the Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Fenton, editor of the Catholic University of American publication, announced here.

Pontiff Blesses American Review

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has granted his blessing for the work of "The American Ecclesiastical Review" on the occasion of its 60th anniversary and has contributed a message of greeting for the October anniversary issue of the publication. The message was presented to the Rev. Joseph F. Fenton of the Catholic University of America, editor of the Ecclesiastical Review, who was received in audience.

The Holy Father also expressed his gratitude to the publication for dedicating the March, 1949, issue to the Pontiff in honor of his golden sacerdotal jubilee.

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