

Cardinal Griffin Nuns' Protector

London — (NC) — His Eminence, Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, has formally assumed the office of Cardinal Protector of the Sisters of Charity of St. Paul the Apostle, an appointment conferred upon him by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in response to a special request from the Mother General of the Order.

FAR NORTH MISSIONER, ESKIMOS, LOST

Churchill, Man. — (NC) — After more than a week of searches over thousands of square miles of bleak northland, the Royal Canadian Air Force has announced that an Oblate missionary, the Rev. Henri Paul Dionne, and two Eskimo companions are presumed dead.

FATHER DIONNE, 35-year-old priest and native of L'Anse-au-Loup, Que., and the two Eskimos, a father and son, left Eskimo Point, 200 miles north of Churchill, on October 21 on a seal hunt in order to get food for their dogs.

They set out in a motor driven canoe. They were last seen by some Eskimos who were also hunting seals. At that time the priest and his companions had gone out about 15 or 20 miles on Hudson Bay. That evening a gale blew up over the bay. When the priest and his companions had not returned within 24 hours, natives began a search.

BUT IT WAS not until a week later that word of the missing men reached this station. An immediate search was organized on the chance that the priest and the two companions had been driven onto an island or a sand bar and that they might still be alive.

It was not until the entire area had been covered by air and by ground crews that officials called off the search.

Canadian Catholics Oppose Divorce Bill

Toronto — (RNS) — Canada's Roman Catholics are opposing a bill introduced in the House of Commons which would give the Exchequer Court power to grant divorces in Quebec and Newfoundland — an authority which for years has been held exclusively by Parliament. Neither of the provinces has a law recognizing divorce.

According to The English Catholic weekly, the measure would establish "that marriage in these two provinces would be terminable in the event of adultery." The principle of divorce is thus recognized. Whereas under the existing system each divorce is the result of a special act of Parliament; each one is an exception; each one is granted as a favor and not as a right.

U.S. Bishops Warn Of Family Perils

(Continued from Page 1) science and in its nature, to every other human society, to every state or nation.

After declaring that the state measured its true strength by the stability of the family, the bishops said it was the family "that produces the citizens and adds to the nation can be greater than its families."

"AT THE BEST," they continued, "the school is only a strong aid to the home. Good citizens must first be good persons. School courses in civics and political science, and inspirational studies of the lives and works of patriotic leaders, meet a practical need.

"But these alone never make good citizens. Virtue is best developed in a good home where God is held in reverence. And virtue is the basis of good citizenship. The state which weakens the family inflicts deep injury upon itself. Any attack of the state on family life is suicidal."

The bishops said that the role of the family was equally important for the Church, since the latter depends on the family for her continuity and growth as well as for "the devotion of the faithful."

"SINCE FAMILY life is thus essential to the individual, to the State and to the Church, it follows that whatever protects or promotes good family life is to be diligently fostered," the bishops said.

Insisting that family life have permanence and freedom if it is "to exist in full effectiveness," the bishops warned against "undue intervention" in family matters by the State or "oppression" of the family.

The State, they said, must not fail to provide opportunities for the "adequate housing of families, for the requisite schooling of children for the use of common benefits supplied through the taxing of citizens."

"On the other hand the State must not oppress the family. It must not discount parental authority by invading the home and legislating on matters which are strictly domestic concern. It must be neither arbitrary nor tyrannous. It must not usurp the right which belongs to parents, of educating their children.

Church-State Question Cited

Washington — (NC) — The mounting Church-State controversy was reflected in many court cases during the past year, the Legal Department, N.W.C., pointed out in its annual report submitted by Bishop Emmet M. Walsh, Coadjutor of Youngstown its Episcopal Chairman.

Among those were the Dixon case in New Mexico, bus transportation cases in the States of Washington and Minnesota, a religious case in New York and cases involving the non-discrimination of using public funds for sectarian hospitals in Kentucky and Mississippi.

The report stated that the Legal Department has a "keen appreciation of the fact that the growing controversy over the proper relationship of Church and State is to a large extent, controlled by good public relations."

"ON THIS SCORE," the part of the State is to furnish opportunity for schooling and to see that parents are not treated in making use of the opportunity on behalf of their children.

"The State cannot force a child to attend the school or that it cannot prevent a parent from sending his child to a school of his own choice. Nor can the State have discrimination among families distributing common benefits to some and withholding them from others."

A "just measure of economic security" was also urged for the family by the hierarchy, which declared:

"When, in a wealthy and prospering nation, diligent and willing parents are forced to live in grinding poverty, when parents have no opportunity of owning their own home, when the aid of government is extended to those who raise crops or build machines but not to those who rear children, there exists a condition of inequality and even of injustice."

"SOCIAL LEGISLATION and social action must cooperate to improve man's economic opportunity to enable him to marry early, to free him from the perils of unemployment, to afford him some certainty of sufficient gainful employment and some assurance that death or accident will not reduce his dependents to the status of public charges."

"Finally," the bishops held, "the family needs religion. It requires the high morality and the unvarying standards of duty, which only the spirit of religion can supply in family life. It needs the strong quality of staunch loyalty to God and to His commandments. To His Church and to her precepts. It needs the filial piety which has its source and support in piety towards God. It needs prayer and the example of prayerful lives."

"We are ensouled," the hierarchy said in this connection, "by the evident growth of piety practices in the home, the enthronement of the Sacred Heart, regular family prayer, and the wide variety of Catholic devotions which have given to a Christian home the character of sacred sanctuaries."

Cerdan Regret On Religious Training Told

Paris — (NC) — The French boxer Marcel Cerdan, who was killed recently in an airplane crash in the Azores, was not what one would call a practicing Christian. A Native of North Africa, he never had a religious education. Yet, the newspaper France (Catholic) reports, he always told his friends "I don't go to Mass because no one ever taught me to. Yet I believe in God and ask Him to protect me before each fight."

According to the same newspaper, the boxer told his wife, several days before the fatal flight: "We should send our oldest boy, who is nearly seven now, to the Brothers' school. He'll get the Christian education I'm sorry I never had."

Wisconsin Attorney General Rules on School Buses

Madison, Wis. — (RNS) — Public school officials have speculated about a new statutory requirement that school districts must provide liability insurance, and whether such insurance payments are legal when they cover transportation service that includes parochial children.

The attorney general ruled that the attorney general ruled for the benefit of the school districts and the public at large. He said that parochial school children are not to be directly benefited by such insurance coverage. He also said that public funds could be used to buy such insurance.

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