

series God. At least one million people, it states, no longer believe in God, and this is a conservative estimate.

Pope Cites Hopes For Holy Year

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In urging the unity of Christendom the Pope pointed out that since the Jubilee Year of 1925 the number of Catholics in mission lands "has more than doubled."

"On that Holy Year," he said, "could welcome also the great return to the one, true Church, awaited over the centuries of so many who though believing in Jesus Christ are for various reasons separated from her..."

"WITH GOOD reason men are anxious about the effrontery with which the united front of militant atheism advances. And the old question is now voiced aloud: Why are there still schisms? Why are there still heresies? When will all the forces of the spirit and of love be harmoniously united?"

"If on other occasions an invitation to unity has been sent forth from this Apostolic See, on this occasion we repeat it more warmly and paternally. We feel that we are urged by the pleadings and prayers of numerous believers scattered over the whole earth, who after suffering tragic and painful events turn their eyes towards this Apostolic See as towards an anchor of salvation for the whole world."

There must also be a return to God in both the social and international fields, the Holy Father declared.

IN THE ECONOMIC field, His Holiness also urged a return to Christian social justice. He decried the existing system as "narrowly individualistic" which has "no responsibility towards society," "no feeling beyond the earth and no other purpose than the enjoyment of finite goods, no rule of life except... the unbridled satisfaction of desire."

Another economic system, His Holiness declared, starts "from the same mistaken premises" and takes "a downward path in another direction." It is characterized by "contempt for dignity of the human person, the denial of the most sacred and fundamental freedoms, the domination of a single class over the others, the enslavement of all persons and property in a totalitarian state."

ADDRESSING THOSE who suffer from social injustice, the Pope said: "You are rightfully solicitous for your daily bread and a suitable home which are indispensable for your maintenance and that of your families. See that this solicitude is not in conflict with your heavenly destiny. Let it not make you forgetful or neglectful of your soul and of the imperishable treasures which God has entrusted to you in the souls of your children..."

"Do not forget that without God material prosperity is for those who do not possess it a tormenting wound, while for those who do, it proves a death trap."

The Holy Father also warned the poor against placing their trust "in men who are as positive in promising to solve all your problems as they are incapable of effecting the facile solutions which they hold out so dazzlingly before your eyes." "Indeed, some of these problems do not admit of any easy solution owing to the very limitations of human nature. Reserve, then, this faith and trust in the first place for the promises of God Who does not deceive."

"WE EXPECT from the Holy Year, finally," the Pontiff stated, "the return of international society to the plan mapped out by God. According to this plan all peoples — in peace and not in war, in collaboration and not in isolation, in justice and not in national selfishness — are meant to make up a great human family bent on the advancement of common interest, through mutual aid and a fair distribution of this world's goods which are a treasure entrusted to men by God."

The Pope pleaded for mercy for prisoners of war and the civil prisoners "who have erred rather than sinned."

"May the Lord inspire all who are in positions of public responsibility," the Pontiff said, "with thoughts of reconciliation and concord and without prejudice to common good let an end be put to the last remnant of those extraordinary laws which have nothing to do with common crimes deserving just punishment and which long years after the cessation of hostilities, cause the misery, families and individuals a feeling of uneasiness against the society in which they are made to suffer."

New Chapter — Washington — (NC) — The Rev. John J. O'Sullivan, instructor in the Department of Religious Education of the Catholic University of America, has succeeded the Rev. Mariner T. Smith, O. P. as University Chaplain.

Radio Sends Rite Opening Holy Door To Whole World

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George J. Blakup, a priest of the Archdiocese of Dubuque attached to the Sacred Oriental Congregation in Rome, carried one of the fans.

The Holy Father then ascended to a throne prepared for him on the portico. His eyes were closed, his lips moved in prayer, as the Sistine Chapel Choir chanted. When all was in readiness, the Sovereign Pontiff rose and went to the Holy Four where he received from the hands of His Eminence Nicola Cardinal Caviglioli, the Venetian, a beautiful hammer of ivory, silver and gold, which rested on a gold tray.

IN A MATTER of a few moments the Holy Father recited three short verses alternating with the three ceremonial blows of the hammer against the Holy Door on a spot marked by small gold-colored Greek crosses. The blows were slight but audible.

Following the third blow His Holiness returned to the Throne. When he was seated, Monsignor Enrico Danie, master of ceremonies, pressed a button near the throne, signalling to the Sampietrini (Vatican City workmen) inside the Basilica.

The door, the masonry around which had been previously loosened, was lowered backwards into the interior of the Basilica by ropes and pulleys, and drawn away immediately. Others swept the dust and the loosened bricks away from the doorway.

A MOMENT later, the Very Rev. Giles Kaczmarek, O.F.M. Conv., Rector of the College of the Confessors of St. Peter's, led the other penitentiaries of St. Peter's, in the symbolic washing of the Holy Door frame and threshold with sponges dipped in Holy Water. Next a long red carpet was spread into the Basilica, and a cushion was placed

at a spot where the Holy Father was led to kneel. He Holiness intoned the Te Deum, holding a lighted candle in his left hand and a gold-plated processional Cross in his right hand. After the first stanza of the Te Deum, His Holiness arose and entered the Basilica, accompanied by those in immediate attendance. He was followed by the Cardinals, Bishops, diplomats and other dignitaries.

IN THE CHAPEL of the Blessed Sacrament, from which the Sacrament had been previously removed, His Holiness met members of the Confraternities charged with guarding the Holy Door throughout the year. The Holy Father next visited the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Chapel of St. Petronilla and was then carried on the sedia gestatoria to the main altar, which he ascended. There the conditions for gaining the Holy Year indulgences were read.

After giving his blessing, the Supreme Pontiff left immediately. He was carried on the sedia gestatoria to the Chapel of the Pietà, where he entered the elevator that returned him to the Papal apartments.

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