

Maryknoll Has Student Increase

Maryknoll, N. Y. (NC) — Enrollment at Maryknoll seminaries throughout the U.S. has nearly doubled in the five years since V-J day, according to the Rev. Robert L. Mackesy, Maryknoll vocation director.

In his annual report to the Holy Year General Council, Father Mackesy points out that the number of Maryknoll students and seminarians had risen from 432 in June, 1945, to 807 in January, 1950. He attributes the sharp rise in vocation to a new awareness, fostered by the experiences of World War II, of the crying need for world apostles.

Maryknoll, popular title of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, recently opened Glen Elyon Seminary near Chicago to handle the growing number of vocations.

Editor: John Weekly
 Montreal (CZ) — John E. Thompson, formerly Canadian Editor of NEWSWEEK in New York, has been appointed Managing Editor of THE KNIGHT, Canadian Catholic weekly.

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(Continued from Page 1) crosses would rise to the heavens and where millions would cherish the memory of Patrick himself.

THE APOSTLE'S long vigil on the misty Reek found him struggling against both the powers of Heaven and Hell. Centuries later, a foreign invader would liken barren Connaught to Hell but Patrick had wrested even Connaught from the evil demons who wished to keep Ireland in the darkness of paganism.

Routed and defeated, the evil spirits gathered for one last assault on their conqueror. Even as Satan came to try Christ in the desert, the evil demons attacked Patrick on the lonely mountain-top.

Like the angry Moses smashing the Tablets of the Law, Patrick smashed his famous holy bell in defiance of his temptors and drove them off with the weapons of prayer and fasting.

Having conquered Hell, the Apostle next turned to engage Heaven. To console the harassed Saint, came an angel, who assured him of God's blessing on his prayers and promised that Ireland would keep the Faith until the end of time.

But Patrick wanted more. He demanded that on Judgment Day he himself be allowed to judge the men of Erin. The angel upbraided him for demanding too much, a privilege that God would not grant. But Patrick was stubborn and even though the angel reproached him for his obstinacy, the Apostle refused to leave the Reek until God granted his prayer.

As we know, God and the angel lost the argument with the Apostle of Ireland. The angel finally brought God's promise that Ireland would keep the Faith until the end of time and St. Patrick would settle the fate of the Irish on the Day of Doom.

TODAY THE popularity of St.

Patrick has outgrown his own little Ireland. Like the Irish themselves who have outgrown their famous island and swept over the shores of every continent in the world, the fame of Patrick has spread to every corner of the earth. Today we find churches dedicated to Ireland's Apostle in the great cities of New York, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Glasgow, London and Melbourne. We find his spiritual sons spreading the faith in China, Japan, India and Africa.

AS WE KNOW now, when Patrick climbed Connaught's Reek he had reached the last corner of Ireland but he had not reached the world's end. Maybe, he suspected this. Perhaps he suspected there might be other lands beyond the shores of lonely Connaught. In demanding that Ireland would keep the Faith until the end of time, Patrick made certain that some of his people, at least, would be ready to carry the true Faith anywhere that men might go.

This is why, after fifteen centuries, thousands who have the Faith are grateful to the Apostle who wrestled with an angel on Croagh Patrick and refused to take 'No' from God.

Pentiff Honors Non-Catholic Scholar

Fresno, Calif. (NC) — Dr. Herbert E. Bolton, non-Catholic professor emeritus of the University of California, has been honored by His Holiness Pope Pius XII with membership in the Order of St. Sylvester in recognition of his research work in the cause of Fray Junipero Serra, pioneer California missionary. Dr. Bolton has worked closely with the Rev. James H. Callahan and the Rev. Maynard Geizer, O.F.M., gathering, studying and authenticating more than 3,000 pages of writings by and about Father Serra in pursuance of his cause.

Columbus Raised Cross Of Christ



In the Dominican Republic, where Columbus raised the Cross of Christ, on his first voyage to the New World in 1492, a Sister, member of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart from Towson, Maryland, makes a flying trip from her station in Puerto Rico, to train lay

people to teach religion. Archbishop Richard Pittini has requested the Sisters to organize a corps of trained lay teachers to meet the situation caused by an insufficient number of missionaries. There are only 154 priests for a Catholic population of more than 2,000,000.

Bishop-Elect Sets Consecration Date

Boston (NC) — Consecration of Jamaica, British West Indies, will take place in the Most Rev. John J. McIndie, as Titular Bishop of Cathedral of the Holy Cross here Zeugma in Syria and Vicar April 15.

Blesses Pope

Dublin (RNS) — President Sean T. O'Keefe of Eire sent a telegram to Pope Pius XII congratulating him "in the name of the Irish people," on the occasion of his 74th birthday.

Bishop Hails Pope's Role

(Continued from Page 1) Bishop Kearney recalled that throughout the bitter years of the war, the attitude of the Pope always was that of a father caring for his children. "His fatherly heart was broken by their folly, pierced by their ingratitude, but always in that characteristic position his hands lifted toward heaven in supplication for his children."

THE WORLD TODAY, Bishop Kearney said, "possessed and torn by the devils of atheism, communism, religious indifference, ruthless flouting of the Ten Commandments, condoning of murder and suicide, exclusion of God from the minds and hearts of His children, and the deliberate attempt to rob whole nations of their God-given rights to life, liberty, religion and domestic

happiness, seems bent on its own destruction."

"The Holy Father," the Bishop continued, "with the intrapud faith that our more materialistic would drive out these evil spirits and place his hope in the universal prayer and penance of Christendom. That is our solemn responsibility in this crucial hour. Unless we assume that responsibility, unless we individually make this the year of atonement and penance called by His Holiness, then for us personally, this ceremony can become merely a courteous tribute to a great priest, and the Holy Year which he opened with all its pagantry, a tale told by historians, full of pomp and ceremony signifying nothing. Let us not fail him!"

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