

# Morals In Business Urged By Pontiff

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Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII today counseled delegates to the World Congress of Chambers of Commerce that their legitimate demands for freedom of trade must be linked with a realization of their moral duties as servants of the community.

Addressing the 650 delegates of the congress in French, the Holy Father spoke on "the Christian concept of your profession," and declared it to be essential that the ideal of the good merchant bear "the imprint of religion."

"DID NOT Our Lord Himself," the Pontiff said, "compare the Kingdom of Heaven to the precious gem that the wise merchant buys at the price of all his goods (Matthew 13, 44)? May this be the conviction of all of you; transmit it to your children, spread it among the young in your profession. Thus you will bring upon yourselves, upon the good and healthy progress of your affairs and the whole world the most abundant divine favors."

His Holiness stated that the efforts of some countries to concentrate trade in the hands of public authority run counter to the Christian concept of social economy. "The essence of commerce is fundamentally the activity of an individual, from whom it receives the first impulse."

As a man of affairs, a merchant must be clever and "more prudent than sentimental," the Pope said, but he must add to these strictly professional qualities a high concept of the ideal of his profession.

A MERCHANT exclusively aiming to make more money "betrays his vocation," he pointed out, and plays the game of the making of trade a vampire living at the expense of all economic life. "The genuine merchant," His Holiness said, is the "good and true servant of society," protecting it against misery and furthering the general prosperity.

Commerce's role, the Holy Father continued, "is influence, its responsibilities are, in the present hour, of an importance and a gravity greater than ever. We believe it to be opportune that you crown your technical and juridical work by a serious moral consideration of its role and responsibilities."



Among the thousands of Holy Year pilgrims to Rome are many youths from neighboring countries. In these photos, His Holiness Pope Pius XII is shown (upper photo) with some of the crippled, Belgian children he received in audience, and (lower photo) receiving a gift of a lamb from a little girl on a pilgrimage from Anagni, in the Rome province. (CNC Photos)

## Pope Meets Children's Pilgrimage

## Court Rules On Hospital Right To State Funds

Jackson, Miss. — (RNS) — Mississippi's Supreme Court has ruled that non-profit Catholic hospitals are eligible for grants under the state's hospital construction program.

A divided opinion handed down by the court held that the state treasurer must honor a warrant paying an architect's fee for work done for the Merry Hospital-Street Memorial at Vicksburg.

It was part of a \$214,000 grant made to the Catholic operated institution by the State Commission on Hospital Care. State Treasurer Carl N. Craig had refused to pay the warrant, claiming the grant was unconstitutional.

THE MAJORITY opinion by the high state tribunal settled the question of whether denominational hospitals may participate in the state's multimillion dollar hospital construction program. Plans for a \$3,000,000 Catholic hospital in Jackson had been held up pending the decision. There are six such hospitals in Mississippi, three operated by Protestant groups, three by Roman Catholics.

Written by Chief Justice Harvey McGehee, the 34-page majority opinion stated that "admission to the sick is not sectarian. It is done by both government and sectarian agencies."

It was noted that Mercy Hospital provides services to anyone without consideration of denomination or creed and sets aside 10 per cent of its beds for charity patients.

## Priests Talk On Christ In Homes

Paris — (NC) — Four years ago the priests of a parish in the south of France adopted a new means of fighting against waning church attendance. Often they were told by persons, "Speak to us of Christ, in the pulpit you speak too much of dogma and morals."

The priests then began to give a series of sermons in the homes of their parishioners in various neighborhoods. The talks centered on the person of Christ, and often lasted an hour and a half without seeming too long. The results obtained in these home sermons have been most encouraging. They help the priests to know their parishioners better. Not only practicing Catholics, but many others who would hesitate to go to church attend them. While the most heavily attended church ceremonies draw only 300 persons, more than 500 have been coming to hear the home sermons for four years with no flagging in interest.

King's Counsel London — (NC) — Richard Elwes, member of a noted Catholic family here, is named among the latest list of barristers to become King's Counsel (lawyers of superior rank).

## PATRON SAINT OF LAWYERS



Students of Loyola University Law School (Chicago) raised funds to commission Patricia Watters, a young Chicago artist, to carve this four-foot solid walnut statue of St. Thomas More, patron saint of English law. It will be set up in the law school hallway. "A daily reminder that principles are not to be sacrificed for monetary or social gain." (NC Photos)

## Pres. O'Kelly Leads Irish Pilgrimage to Vatican

Dublin — (NC) — Led by Archbishop John F. D'Alton of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland, about 800 pilgrims from all parts of Ireland have left Dublin on the first national Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome.

President Sean T. O'Kelly of Ireland and Mrs. O'Kelly took a plane to Rome as a 21-gun salute was fired. It was the first time the Chief Executive left the country during his term. Going with the President were Bishops Neil Farnen of Derry and James J. McNamee of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise.

President O'Kelly accompanied by his wife and staff was accorded full ceremonial honors prescribed for heads of state. He was escorted to the throne room where His Holiness conferred with him for half an hour and imparted a blessing upon the President, the Irish government and the nation.

He was the second head of state to have been received by the Pontiff this week. The other was the Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg, the Prince Consort and their six children.

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — "The Soldier's Song," Ireland's national anthem, was played by the Palatine Guard band in the Vatican's courtyard of St. Damaso when President Sean T. O'Kelly of that country arrived to be received in special audience.

## Catholic Church In Mexico Reported Again Flourishing

Mexico City — (RNS) — The Roman Catholic Church is again flourishing in Mexico and "making great contributions to the social order" according to the Rev. James A. Magner, procurator of the Catholic University of Washington, D.C., who was on a visit here.

"Revival of religious life in Mexico after the cataclysmic period of the Thirties," Father Magner said, "has had a heating effect on Christian forces all through Latin America. More over the spirit of good will and tolerance on the part of the government in Mexico has been well received in the United States."

Father Magner, who is an authority on Spanish culture and the Catholic Church in Mexico, stated there is an increasing interest in Mexico and Latin America in the Catholic University of Washington and other institutions in the United States and a greater exchange of spiritual resources.

The American priest paid special tribute to Mexican Catholic women for their efforts in conserving the spiritual heritage of Mexico, "ensuring the survival of the Catholic Church" despite periods of persecution.

## Love Brings Faith Into French Slums

Lyon, France — (RNS) — This is the story of Father Laurent Remilleux and the unusual parish he founded in the slums of Lyon.

From the time he was a small boy, Father Remilleux loved people and hated social injustice. Later, when he was studying in the seminary, he determined that his priestly labors would be among the poorest workers.

At the end of World War I Father Remilleux asked his bishop's permission to build a chapel in one of the most crowded quarters of Lyon. The section was dotted with decrepit wooden huts and shanties and families led a hand-to-mouth existence.

With no money of his own, the priest's first move was to seek out a dilapidated hut he could call home. Then he persuaded the owner of a piece of land in the center of "Rust City" to surrender it to a chapel might be built.

The chapel went up slowly, fashioned from materials salvaged from the litter in the area. Its erection was accomplished by teams of voluntary workers from richer, distant parishes.

Father Remilleux's task had only begun. He and his newly-constructed chapel were greeted by cries of derision from most of the "Rust City" population, and only a few came to Mass, at first. The number of the congregation grew, however, when word went around that no collection was taken up at the Masses.

The people began asking themselves how Father Remilleux would live without money. They saw that his humble quarters were always open to everyone. They learned he was ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in trouble. They realized he often went for days without food or heat.

It was then the priest was first invited to share a meager repast here, another there. When a family found some wood, a log or two was often left at the priest's door.

Gradually, those who hadn't been to church for years started to attend services. Father Remilleux married the young

people, baptized their children, buried the old.

Baptism in the Notre Dame de St. Alban parish today is a parish affair, not merely a family occasion. The whole parish is invited to take part in the ceremony which is held at a Sunday Mass. Each prayer is explained and everyone joins in the responses. The priest always insists that the whole community is responsible for the spiritual welfare of each new member.

The parish is similarly concerned with all First communions, Confirmations, marriages and funerals. Betrothals are solemnly blessed during Masses and rings are exchanged before the altar. There is not an event in the life of anyone in the parish which is not an occasion of rejoicing or mourning for the whole community.

Father Remilleux died last fall. But the parish he founded and developed is so firmly rooted that it continues to live and prosper, even though his guiding hand is gone.

## Freedom Group Honors Priests

New York — (NC) — The Rev. James E. Keenan, founder of The Christophers and the Rev. Ralph German, editor of The Sign national Catholic magazine published by the Pastoral Fathers received Freedom Foundation awards here.

The two priests were the only clergymen in a group of 28 persons of this area who received medals and cash awards for "speaking out for freedom" last year. Supreme Court Justices of eight states and representatives of national patriot and civil organizations composed the jury that selected the winners.

Father Keller was cited in a Special Awards group for his promotion of the Christopher Week. Father German was honored for his editorial, The Welfare State, which appeared in the October 1949 issue of The Sign. It is the best example of growth of the welfare state concept and warned of its danger to the country.

## Near East Missions

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except a few closets full of clothes, perhaps. It's all in the point of view, the woman's point of view. But with our youngsters out in the missions it can be hard, cold, fast when it is a First Holy Communion time, and it is that now. To make sure they have something to wear, and something decent, we call upon our good friends to help us supply the outfits. \$10 will supply the entire outfit for a child. And the youngster will probably be wearing it for a long time to come. Clothes are scarce.

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The set of furnishings that should be available in a church for the preservation of the Blessed Sacrament and the presentation of Holy Communion can be had for \$75. A tabernacle a chalice, a ciborium and a pyx. Many mission churches lack these things. If you give them to one of the needy churches it will be the first Communion set it ever had.

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or even a dime. Everything adds up to great value in the effort to help the refugees in Palestine. The Pontifical Mission is still hard at work. Monsignor McMahon continues to beg for them. And we continue to pray to God and plead with you. Relief is important. It depends upon your generosity. \$10 for a food package, \$5 for a blanket and supplies, \$25 for a school, anyone of these things means great charity.

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