

### Convert Wins Diocesanwide Prize Short Story Contest

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 After a long search for suitable material, Giuseppe diligently selected the story of the infant of Prague, the tale of the completed "mission" to a church, and it was judged best. Giuseppe's story was published in the diocesan journal, and it was a beam of sunlight falling on the little statue and is interpreted by Giuseppe as a sign of God's approval.

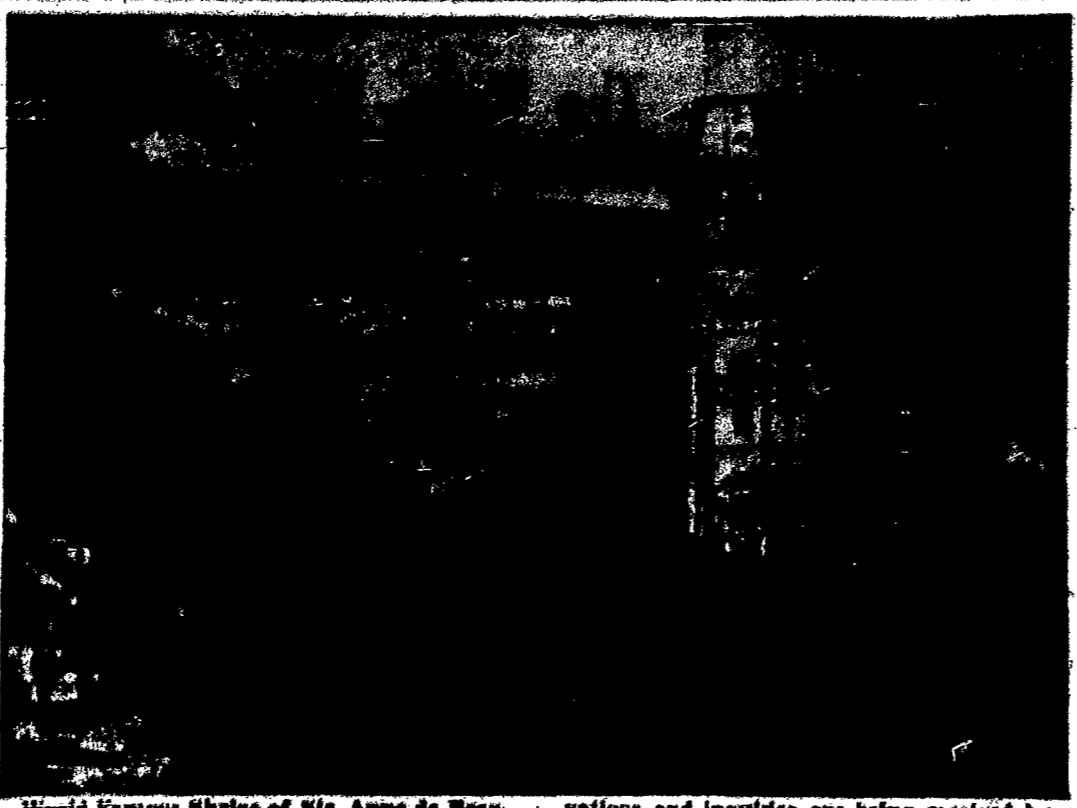
presented the problem of a mother who gives her child a good "house" instead of a home.  
 Matteo's "Love Divisible" treats the age-old conflict of a mother versus daughter-in-law. Margaret Goble's story is titled "Lightning Meets His Master."  
 Judges for the local competition were the Rev. Dr. Maynard A. Connell, Ph.D., rector of St. Andrew's Seminary; Sister Margaret Teresa, instructor of English at Nazareth College, and Mrs. M. Lou Gibson, former columnist for the Courier Journal and author of articles published in several Catholic periodicals.

All 26 manuscripts submitted to the Courier Journal have been forwarded to New York where they will be judged for national CPA honors. First place in the national contest will be awarded \$400; second, \$300, and third, \$100. Awards will be made at the annual CPA session in New York City May 17.

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### U. S. Priest Expelled From China Post By Communists

Mgr. New York Province, has been Prefect Apostolic of Hsai in Hupoh province, China, since 1936.  
 The information, as gathered from the Red press, states that Monsignor Dillon was given a "public trial" after he had been accused of "subversive activities" and of speaking against Peking's against the communist regime policy towards religion and religious institutions.  
 It is reliably known that Monsignor Dillon, with four other priests, two Chinese and two Americans, had been imprisoned for several months, although his actual whereabouts were not certain. It is believed that the "subversive activities" charge against Monsignor Dillon sprang from his explanation of the Red government's real purpose behind the "independent church" movement, and his refusal to allow native priests of the prefecture to sign any document subscribing to the program.  
 Although the sentence of expulsion is said to have been delivered against Monsignor Dillon on January 25, it is not known whether he left the country at that time.



World Famous Shrine of St. Anne de Beauport, in Canada, will be the main objective of the Embrace, Francis Cardinal Spellman and 1,000 pilgrims when they depart from New York, July 7, on a pilgrimage to the historic 300 year old Quebec Shrine. Reservations and inquiries are being received by all American Express Company offices and recognized travel agents. Cardinal Spellman and the pilgrims will visit Montreal's famed St. Joseph's Oratory and the Shrine of Brother Andre.

### Church Censures Czechs Aiding Abp. Beran Ouster

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 tion declares in its statement that any and all who have physically or morally participated or effectively participated in the commission "of these communication indicated in the canons, excommunication which is either simple or in a special way reserved to the Holy See, and will remain so penalized until they have received absolution from the Apostolic See."  
 "For many months past the rights of the Church have been unjustly invaded in many and unheard of ways in the Czechoslovakian Republic," the declaration of the Sacred Congregation says, "and ecclesiastical persons have been prevented from fulfilling their offices, their pastoral rights have been usurped; curial or episcopal offices, as well as ecclesiastical benefices, have been conferred on persons who have been improperly interposed on the decision of lay persons purporting to interfere in the rule of a diocese."  
 "Many Clerics and Religious have been deprived of their liberty; some Bishops have been impudently dragged before a lay judge and thrown into prison."  
 "Recently the Metropolitan of Prague, His Excellency Joseph Beran, already detained for long time as a captive in his episcopal residence and completely prevented from exercising his

jurisdiction, was most wickedly deported from his See and archdiocese.  
 "There are many sacred canons, by force of which the perpetrators of such crimes ipso facto incur excommunication which is, according to the nature of the case, reserved either simply or in a special way to the Apostolic See:  
 "A. Those who arraign a Bishop before a lay judge, Canon 2341;  
 "B. Those who lay violent hands on the person of an Archbishop or Bishop, Canon 2343, Para. 3;  
 "C. Those who have directly or indirectly prevented the exercise of ecclesiastical jurisdiction through recourse to any lay power whatever, Canon 2334, N. 2;  
 "D. Those who have conspired

against legitimate ecclesiastical authorities, or have tried in any way to subvert their authority — Decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Council, 29 June, 1856;  
 "THOSE WHO occupy or retain or allow themselves to be assigned unlawfully to any ecclesiastical office, benefice or dignity without canonical institution or provision in accordance with the sacred canons — same decree as above."  
 The declaration adds that, hence, the Sacred Congregation declares that all those who cooperated either physically or morally, or participated according to Canon 2209, Para. 1 to 3, in perpetrating the above-mentioned crimes have incurred the above-mentioned excommunication and will remain excommunicated until they shall have obtained absolution from the Apostolic See.  
 The declaration of the Sacred Congregation is dated at Rome, March 17, 1951, and is signed by Msgr. Giuseppe Ferretto, Assessor of the Congregation.

### Nebraska Bars Aid To Church Hospitals

Lincoln, Neb. — (RNS) — A The opinion, requested by the Nebraska county may not make Scotts Bluff County Attorney, a financial grant to a hospital operated by a religious denomination, appropriate or pledge public money for private purposes.

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