

Even While Pope, Pius X Conducted Catechism Class

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 ten years, he labored, preached and prayed. He was ever zealous of his clergy and his heart went out to the poor. And despite his heavy duties, he continued to teach.

The late fruitful reign of Pope Leo XIII ended with his death on June 20, 1903, the article recalls, and on August 4, 1903, Joseph Cardinal Serra was elected Pope. The motto of his reign was set forth in his first Encyclical — "to restore all things in Christ."

Pope Pius X's over-all aim was to save the world from "apostasy from God."

Through his Encyclical on the teaching of Christian Doctrine, Pope Pius X became known as the Pope Catechist. During his pontificate he issued a 21 documents bearing directly upon catechetical instruction, the article states.

THROUGHOUT HIS decrees on frequent and daily Communion for children, he became known as the Pope of the Eucharist. From his burning love of the Eucharist flowed his reforms of the ecclesiastical music, reviving the plain chant and prohibiting all profane music from the services of the Church.

When the shadow of war fell across Europe in 1914, the article concludes, "Pius X, peace-loving to the last, gave up his soul into the hands of God. With serene calm, absorbed in prayer, surrounded by those with whom he had labored, he died on August 20, 1914, rich in virtues but poor in the goods of this world. 'I was born poor, I have lived poor, and I wish to die poor,' the Pontiff wrote in his last will and testament."

U. S. Army Chaplain Wins Decoration
 New York — (NC) — The Rev. (Lt. Col.) John A. Dunn, Army chaplain and priest of the Baltimore archdiocese, has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service with the Far East Command.

Marine Chaplain



Outside his tent which serves as his "rectory," somewhere on the Mexican front, a brave Navy Chaplain sets out to go forward with his battalion of the 1st U. S. Marines. Shown with his Mass kit in a canvas bag slung over his shoulder is Lieutenant Chaplain Eugene L. Van Antwerp, a Sulpician priest from Detroit. Father Van Antwerp, who formerly served on the battleship Missouri, was wounded in action earlier this year. (NC Photos)

Remains Of Fatima Child Feared Lost

By SUSAN MARQUES
 Lisbon — (NC) — Authorities have begun an investigation in connection with the expression of medical doubts whether the remains in a coffin are those of Francisco, one of the three children to whom Our Lady appeared near Fatima on May 13, 1917.

The matter arose when early this month the bodies of Francisco and Jacinta, another of the three children, were to have been moved from the little local cemetery to the Basilica of Fatima. The two children, nine and seven years old at the time of the apparitions, died a few years later.

THE TWO COFFINS containing the remains of the children had been placed in a stone mausoleum about 20 years ago. They were removed for identification to an adjoining house in the presence of Archbishop Alvaro da Silva, the civil governor, the parents of the two children, various doctors and several persons connected with the Fatima shrine.

After the death of Jacinta in a Lisbon hospital, her body, in a lead coffin, was first placed in a private vault in Ourem cemetery and later moved to a tomb in Fatima cemetery. When this coffin was opened, the body was still recognizable, though not entirely incorrupt as it had been 20 years ago.

Francisco, who died in his parents' house at Aljustrel, was buried in the local cemetery and what was presumed to be his coffin was placed many years later with that of Jacinta.

HOWEVER, WHEN THE coffin believed to contain the remains of Francisco was opened a few days ago, the doctors were unable to identify the bones as those of Francisco. They appeared to be the bones of a 15-year-old boy, while Francisco was only nine years old at the time of his death.

As a result, only the coffin containing the remains of Jacinta was moved to the Basilica.

Because it is not usual in Portugal to use coffin plates with a name and date, the chances of finding the remains of Francisco are considered slim.

On May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos, aged 10, and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta, nine and seven, respectively, in a field near Fatima, a Portuguese village north of Lisbon. Of the three, only Lucia survives today. She is a Carmelite nun.

National Youth Meeting Planned

Washington — (AP) — Plans for the first national meeting of Catholic youth in American history were announced here by the Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Schneider, director of the youth department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Msgr. Schneider said that the meeting, to be known as the First National Catholic Youth Council, will be convened from October 11-14 in Cincinnati, Ohio, upon the call of Archbishop John P. Cardinal O'Connell, moderator of the NCWC youth department. It will be attended by delegates from dioceses throughout the country.

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