

God's Law Moral Standard Binding All

Newsman To Enter Priesthood At 57

Dr. Max Jordan Will Be Ordained On December 8th

Beuron, Germany—(NC)—Having completed his studies of theology at the seminary of the Beuronese Benedictine Congregation here, Dr. Max Jordan, N.C.W.C. News Service correspondent, and one of the most widely known American newspapermen and radio broadcasters, will be ordained a priest at this Abbey Church on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8.

Archbishop Aloisius J. Muench, Bishop of Fargo and Apostolic Nuncio to Germany, will be the ordaining prelate. With the knowledge of Archbishop Muench, Dr. Jordan began his preparation for the priesthood, shortly after his return to Europe in 1945.

HE OBTAINED a leave of absence from the National Broadcasting Company, whose Central European representative he has been since 1931, but continued to act as an N.C.W.C. News Service correspondent while completing a full course in theology.

He had previously earned the degree of Ph.D. at the University of Jena. Having received Minor Orders at Archbishop Muench's private chapel in Kronberg near Frankfurt, he passed his final examinations in July of this year and then became a subdeacon at the private chapel of the Apostolic Nunciature in Bad Godesberg near Bonn.

DR. JORDAN, who will soon complete his 57th year of age, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. When he is ordained to the priesthood, he can look back upon a journalistic career of more than 30 years which not only took him to virtually every part of the world, but also won him international renown as a conscientious and brilliant reporter and an alert observer.

Master of six languages, Dr. Jordan witnessed and reported many of the events marking European history during the two decades preceding the Second World War. On several occasions, such as the Munich Conference in 1938, his news broadcast provided the first information to the world on developments of great historic importance.

DUE TO HIS journalistic enterprise American radio listeners heard for the first time the ringing of the Christmas bells in Bethlehem, and listened in on services in the Roman catacombs. He won the National Headliner award for his exclusive broadcast from Switzerland announcing the end of World War II.

As a correspondent for the N.C.W.C. News Service during the past 20 years, Dr. Jordan was largely instrumental in exposing the full scope of the Nazi war against the Catholic Church. Breaking through Hitler's "Iron Curtain," he revealed to the Catholic world the hidden heroism of the Church in Germany in resisting its persecutors.

AS A WAR correspondent, he covered both the initial and the final phases of the conflict and, through his work, contributed much toward reuniting the ties linking Catholics of former enemies and subjugated countries with the free world.

In his book "Beyond All Fronts" through numerous magazine articles and several lecture tours, Dr. Jordan further amplified the experiences and observations gathered in the course of his journalistic work. He is understood to plan another coast-to-coast lecture tour in the United States next year.

Catholic School Increase Reported

Montreal—(NC)—The Catholic school population of Montreal increased by 1,801 this year, necessitating the addition of 109 classrooms. The number of pupils registered in the elementary Catholic schools of the city totals 106,817.

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DR. MAX JORDAN

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3 China Bishops, 17 Missionaries In Tsingtao Prisons

Tokyo—(NC)—Communist police are holding three bishops and 17 foreign-born missionaries in the jails of Tsingtao, China, it has been learned here. Six Chinese priests are also sharing the bleakness of Red prisons there with their foreign co-workers. All other foreign priests and Sisters were placed under

Communist Freedom Comes To China

Hong Kong—(Special)—This is religious "freedom" in China today. Father Paul Chu, a native priest who was trained under the Maryknoll Fathers in China, was arrested a few months ago.

He returned to his former mission in Maryknoll territory recently, as one of a group of prisoners working on the roads in that area.

Coming home from work one day, Father Chu stopped at a roadside pond to wash himself off. Two Chinese Sisters happened to come down the road, and recognized him.

Father Chu, however, gave no indication that he knew them, until they were nearly upon him. Then he whispered a single sentence: "Keep walking; I will give you general abolition."

house arrest in Tsingtao during a week's concentrated campaign to separate the Catholic Church from Rome, which lasted from November 2 to 10. Not one of the priests or Sisters had been heard from since their arrest.

The imprisoned Ordinaries are Bishop Ambrose Pinger of Chongtun, a Franciscan from Lindsay, Neb.; Bishop Charles Weber of Ichow, and Bishop August Olbert of Tsingtao.

MISSIONARIES UNDER arrest include the Revs. Joseph Kauffmann, Michael Kirsch, John Dahlenkamp, Paul Chast, William Kroemer, Paul Karlheim, Joseph Wehner, Casper Slings, Ernest Montag, Bertram Rucell and Brother Matthew Swift—all of the Society of the Divine Word. The others are Sister Lucretia of the Servants of the Holy Ghost, and the Revs. Fulgence Gross, Fabian Bougard, Edward Sauvage, Father Edmund and Brother Burkhardt, all Franciscans.

The arrest of the 23 jailed at Tsingtao were not simultaneous. Brother Matthew Swift, Wisconsin-born member of the Society of the Divine Word, has been in jail since last December. Mass arrests, however, took place during October to break the resistance of the Catholic laity to the puppet schismatic church being sponsored by the communists.

The week-long drive to "put down" the reformed church in Tsingtao was accompanied by a vicious campaign to defame the reputation of the foreign missionaries. Imprisoned priests were forced to don their sacred vestments and be photographed. These pictures were displayed in local movie houses during the week and attempted to show how the priests piously said Mass in the morning but feasted sumptuously during the day and heartlessly turned beggars away.

Noted Chinese Priest Dies After 3 Months In Prison

Tokyo—(NC)—Three months in a communist prison was enough to kill one of Shanghai's leading Chinese priests, according to reports reaching here.

The Rev. Reda Chang, S.J., was robust and healthy when he was imprisoned during the first week of August. But he died a veritable skeleton on November 11 in the hands of the Red regime.

Prison doctors reported to his Jesuit superiors that they were unable to diagnose the nature of Father Chang's illness.

The 46-year-old former rector of St. Ignatius College at Ewei was known to all Catholics of Shanghai through his sermons on Church unity which he preached throughout the city. To the minds and hearts of the faithful of that metropolitan city Father is truly a martyr who sacrificed himself to preserve their union with the Church at Rome.

THE RED REGIME was anxious to use his name and reputation to promote the schismatic "independent church" movement. Had they been able to do so it would have been a tremendous victory for the puppet church for which the government is pressing. A recent communist pamphlet on the "reformed Church" had claimed that Father Chang and another imprisoned Chinese priest, the Rev. Joseph Sheng, were at the head of the movement. But the two priests continued to be held prisoners in Red jails. Catholics refused to

Nuns Burn Religious Habits To Balk Red Propaganda

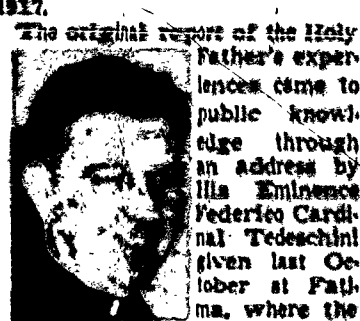
Hong Kong—(NC)—The number of missionaries—priests, Sisters and Brothers—expelled from communist-ruled China has now risen to 1,136. Each day, more priests and Sisters—most of them in poor physical condition—cross the boundary which divides Red China and British-controlled Hong Kong—a boundary which, in fact, separates two worlds. Among the latest arrivals were two Sisters of the Franciscan Missionary of Mary Com-

Pontiff's 'Miracle Of Sun' Supported In Vatican Paper

Osservatore Prints Photos Of 'Sun Miracle' At Fatima

By REV. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN
(Rochester, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Vatican City, Nov. 17—Further corroboration—though still of an unofficial nature—was received today of the report that His Holiness Pope Pius XII, during October and November, 1950, witnessed four times the same "Miracle of the Sun" that had taken place at Fatima on October 13, 1917.



Father Sullivan, Osservatore prints photos of the 'Sun Miracle' at Fatima.

OSSEVATORE ROMANO, Vatican City daily, printed on the front page of today's edition two authentic photographs of the miracle of the sun taken at the time of its occurrence 34 years ago.

Underneath these photographs, Osservatore prints the following: "It is not our task to formulate deductions from these singularly analogous events, but intervention of the Most Blessed Virgin is frequent in the gravest days of the history of the Church, even with institutions directed to the success of Peter personally."

Osservatore declares the origin of those photographs to be "most rigorously authentic," reprints beneath them that portion of Cardinal Tedeschini's address where he disclosed the experience of the Holy Father.

In introducing the Cardinal's remarks, Osservatore writes: "At a distance of 33 years, when the entire Catholic family was rejoicing in union with the Vicar of Christ over the dogmatic definition of Mary's Assumption into Heaven, another surprising fact occurred in the Vatican. Here is how His Eminence Cardinal Tedeschini, Papal Legate, in his homily during the Pontifical Mass at the Fatima shrine last October 13 described it."

"And nevertheless I tell you but in my own name only, and I tell it to you as a man and not as a priest, and to the pilgrims united with them—an even more wonderful thing."

"I TELL YOU that another person has seen this miracle. He has seen it far from Fatima. He has seen it at a distance of years. He has seen it at Rome. The Pope, our own Pontiff Pius XII, has seen it."

"Was this a reward? Was this a sign of sovereign divine pleasure for the definition of the dogma of the Assumption? Was this a heavenly testimony authenticating the connection between the wonders of Fatima and the center of the head of Catholic truth and teaching authority? It was all three together."

"It was all four in the afternoon of October 30 and 31, and on November 1 of last year, 1950, and on the eve of November 1, the day of the definition of (Continued on Page 2)

1,000 Buy \$250 Dinner

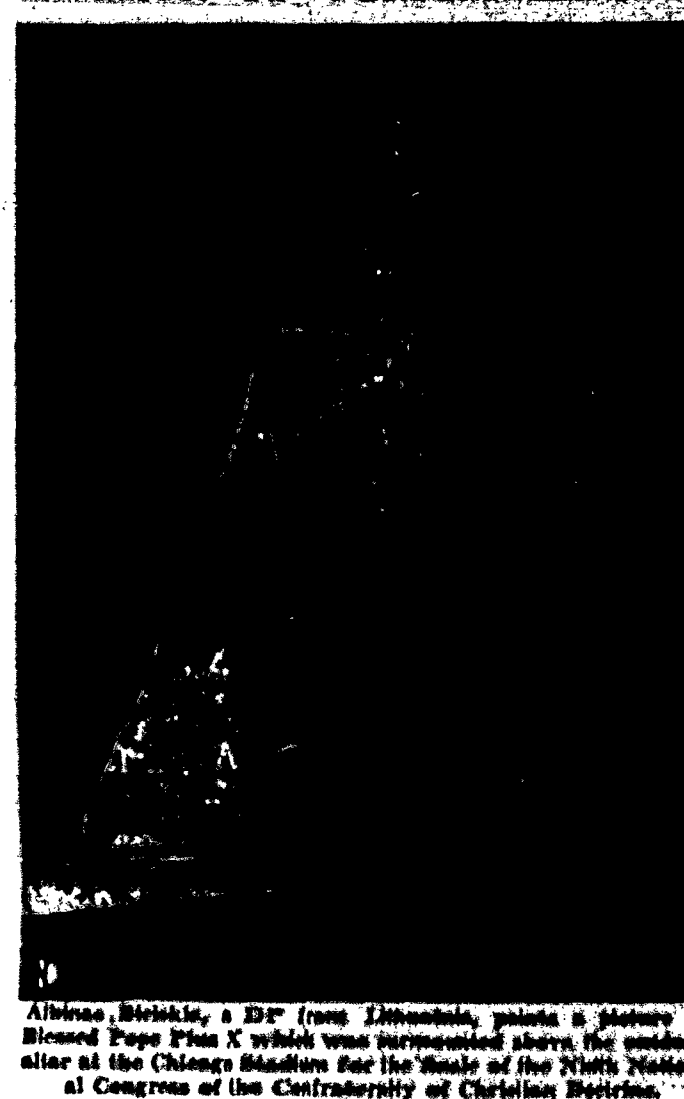
Chicago—(ENR)—Nearly 1,000 persons paid \$250 a plate at Samuel Cardinal Stritch's second annual charity banquet here.

Guests included prominent civic leaders, business men and industrialists. Expenses of the dinner were defrayed by the Fred B. Smith Foundation.

Cardinal Stritch, to whom the more than \$250,000 proceeds were given for distribution, warned in an address that moves to support institutions for the aged and orphaned by public taxes are helping build up socialism.

Proceeds of the first dinner in 1950, the Cardinal recalled, amounted to more than \$250,000, which was turned over by him to Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine and the Lewis Merit Hospital.

'PATRON OF CONFRATERNITY'



Albino, Bishop, a DP from Lithuania, points a picture of Blessed Pope Pius XII which was presented above the entrance altar at the Chicago Shrine for the Shrine of the North American Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

St. Charles Parish To Celebrate Silver Jubilee

Marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, a Solemn Silver Jubilee Mass will be celebrated in the church Sunday morning (Nov. 25) at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Robert A. Keleher, pastor of the justice parish, will celebrate the Mass at which His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside. The Bishop will preach the sermon.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish was established by the late Bishop Thomas F. Healey, second Bishop of Rochester, in 1886 with the Rev. John M. Schlegel appointed the first pastor.

The Rev. William A. Doran, present pastor of St. Ann's Church, Palmyra, succeeded Father Schlegel as pastor of St. Charles, until 1930 when Father Keleher was appointed pastor.

Assisting Father Keleher at Sunday's Mass will be the Rev. Francis M. Feeley, deacon, and the Rev. John P. Murphy, C.S.B., subdeacon.

CHAPLAINS TO the Bishop will be the Rev. Fathers Arthur P. Florack and Leo V. Smith. The Rev. John E. Maney will be Master of Ceremonies, with the Rev. John Lynch, assistant Master.

Dinner for the clergy and sisters attending the Mass will be served in the parish hall at 12:15 p.m. following the Mass. Father Lynch will be toastmaster for the occasion and reminiscences will be given by the Rev. Mr. Magr. William M. Hart, P.A., V.G. The Bishop will address the gathering.

Czechs Releasing Nuns To Hospitals

London—(ENR)—Roman Catholic nuns in the concentration camps of Communist Czechoslovakia are being released to relieve a shortage of nurses in the nation's hospitals, the Vatican Radio reported.

The station said that the nuns are being sent to various hospitals to replace lay nurses who have been called up for military training.

Bishops Hit Scandals In Public Life

Washington—(NC)—The American Bishops have issued a clear and forceful statement of the moral law in the only permissible and reliable guide for human actions in the age of atomic war.

In their solemn statement issued by the Department of State of the National Council of Bishops, the American Bishops have declared that the moral law is the only guide for human actions in the age of atomic war.

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Second Catholic Chaplain In Korea Awarded DSC

Headquarters, Eighth Army, Korea—(NC)—The distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award for extraordinary heroism, has been awarded to the Rev. (Capt.) Emil J. Kapsner of Wichita, Kan., Catholic chaplain with the 3rd Cavalry Regiment.

The decoration was given to Father Kapsner for extraordinary heroism in the line of duty while serving as chaplain of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, 8th Army, during the Korean War.

During the war, Father Kapsner was captured by the enemy and held in a prison camp. He was released after the war and returned to his duties as chaplain.