

Pontiff Given Report On Barcelona Rites

Vatican City, (NC)—A preliminary report of the 35th International Eucharistic Congress held at Barcelona, Spain, was presented to His Holiness Pope Pius XII at an audience given to members of the Permanent Committee on International Eucharistic Congresses.

RECEIVED BY the Pope was Archbishop Alexander Vachon of Ottawa, Canada, president of the committee; Bishop Julien Le Couedic of Troyes, France, first vice president; and Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia, second vice president.

The committee met twice at Barcelona and once in Rome. However, it was learned from a reliable source that no definite recommendations have been made to the Pope regarding the next International Eucharistic Congress.

According to one informant, it is unlikely that the next world-wide congress will be held in 1954, although the custom of holding the events at two-year intervals was established when the congresses were initiated in 1881. The outbreak of the second world war and postwar unrest caused the 14-year gap between the congress held at Budapest, Hungary, in 1938 and the latest celebration at Barcelona.

THE INFORMANT said that three or four years will probably elapse before the next international congress is held. He stated that so far no decision has been made as to what city, or even continent, should be the site of the event. The custom is, he added, for the permanent committee to make recommendations to the Pope, who then makes the final decision.

Puerto Rico Needs Priestly Vocations

San Juan, Puerto Rico (NC)—The dearth of vocations for the priesthood among natives of Puerto Rico has been emphasized by the Very Rev. Rafael Grovas, Chancellor of the San Juan diocese.

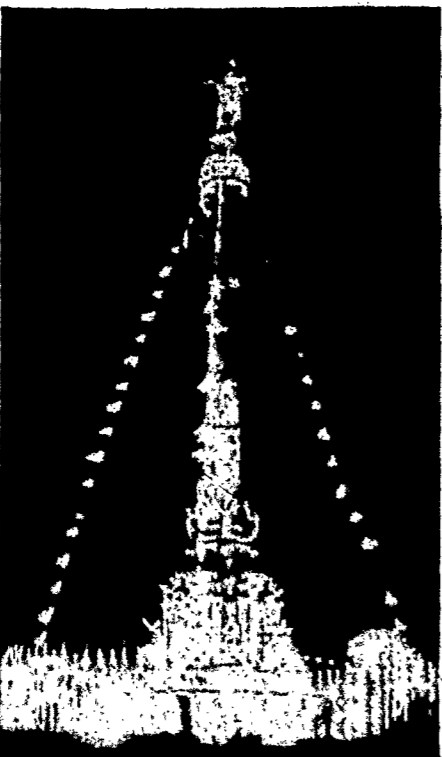
Monsignor Grovas said that over the 25-year period from 1927 to 1952, just 25 natives priests have been ordained in Puerto Rico—a rate of one priest a year. He also pointed out that according to the official census, the population of Puerto Rico has increased by 1,000,000 persons.

500,000 See 819 Priests Ordained At Congress



Some 500,000 of the faithful, including many American pilgrims witnessed ceremonies of the 35th International Eucharistic Congress, at Barcelona, Spain, May 27-June 1. Perhaps the most memorable event of the Congress was the mass ordination of 819 deacons in the huge Montjuich Stadium, pictured above. Twenty-one bishops from 9 countries were the ordaining prelates. It was the first world-wide Eucharistic Congress since the one at Budapest, in 1938.

At 35th World Eucharistic Congress In Barcelona



In these photos from the 35th International Eucharistic Congress at Barcelona, Spain, Generalissimo Francisco Franco is shown (right photo) as he arrived for the ceremonies with the replica of Columbus' flagship, the "Santa Maria" in the background. Left photo is a night illumination scene of the Columbus Memorial at Puerto de la Paz (Peace Gate) where the Papal Legate made his entrance. Center photo, a close-up of a few of the 819 deacons kneeling a few minutes before they were ordained priests at the mass ceremony in Montjuich Stadium. Photos by Jose Valls.



Papal Honor Granted Veteran Newsman

St. Paul, Kans. (NC)—The dean of Southeastern Kansas newspapermen was honored at a dinner marking bestowal of the Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great. Bishop Mark K. Carroll of Wichita publicly announced the Papal honor at a dinner for William Whites Graves, 81, who followed the old-time tradition of entering journalism as a printer's devil.

Faces Deportation

Vienna (RNS)—Archbishop Josef Matocik of Olomouc has refused to take the oath of allegiance to the Czechoslovak Communist regime and faces deportation from his diocese. Catholic sources reported here.

Bill Lifts Duty On Church Imports

Washington (NC)—Both houses of Congress have passed a bill permitting churches to import, duty free, articles for church purposes. These articles such as altars, pulpits, communion tables, baptismal fonts, shrines or parts of foregoing, including statuary, could up to now be imported duty free only if the donor had the shipments made in his own name.

Archbp. Walsh Of Newark Dies At 78

Newark, N. J.—(NC)—Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for the Most Rev. Thomas Joseph Walsh, 78, first Archbishop of Newark, will be offered June 18 in St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral here.

His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will offer the Mass and Bishop Thomas L. Boland of Paterson, one of seven members of the American Hierarchy who were consecrated by Archbishop Walsh, will preach the sermon. The funeral rites will be televised and broadcast by radio.

THE SPIRITUAL leader of more than 1,000,000 Catholics in the Newark archdiocese will be laid to rest in a crypt in the new Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, which now is nearing completion. At the celebration of the golden jubilee of his ordination in January, 1950, Archbishop Walsh outlined plans for the completion of the new Cathedral, a project in which he long had been interested.

Archbishop Walsh was stricken June 5 with a heart attack at his residence in South Orange, N. J., close by the campus of his beloved Seton Hall University. He was placed in an oxygen tent and died at 2:35 a. m. June 6. At his bedside were Bishop James A. McNulty, Auxiliary of Newark, Abbott Patrick M. O'Brien, O.S.B., of St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, and attending physicians.

AT A MEETING of the archdiocesan consultors, Bishop McNulty was elected to serve as administrator of the archdiocese until a successor to Archbishop Walsh is named by the Holy See.

Archbishop Walsh had a part in the development of five Catholic colleges in New Jersey and more than 200 churches, schools, hospitals, orphanages and other institutions had been added to the archdiocese under his direction. The Immaculate Conception Seminary at Darlington, N. J., was planned, built and paid for within three years under the Archbishop's direction.

A PRIEST FOR 52 years and a Bishop for nearly 34 years, Archbishop Walsh was born at Parker's Landing, Pa., on December 6, 1873, the son of Thomas and Helen Curtin Walsh. He received his early education in public and parochial schools and entered the College and Seminary of St. Bonaventure, Allegany, N. Y., to study for the priesthood. He completed his



ARCHBISHOP WALSH

studies at the Apollinaris University, Pontifical seminary in Rome, where he received doctorates in divinity and Canon Law. He was ordained in Buffalo, N.Y., on January 27, 1900.

He served in pastoral work as secretary to the late Bishop James E. Quigley of Buffalo, and as Chancellor of the diocese until July 25, 1918, when he was consecrated as the third Bishop of Trenton. After serving 10 years in Trenton, he was transferred to be the fifth Bishop of Newark. In December, 1937, when Newark was raised to an archdiocese, he was named the first Archbishop. He was installed by Archbishop Cicognani.

FROM HIS FIRST days as a member of the Hierarchy, Archbishop Walsh ever emphasized that the school is the most essential institution for a parish priest and insisted that it should be the chief objective of the priest under his control.

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