

### Holy See Bans 8 Italian Books About Padre Pio

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Vatican City — (NC) — Eight Italian books dealing with Padre Pio, Capuchin priest and reputedly a stigmatic, have been placed on the Index of Forbidden Books. No explanation or reason for this action by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office has been published.

The books, all recent popular works concerning the nature and character of this friar at San Giovanni Rotondo monastery near Foggia, are as follows:

- (1) *La Prodigiola Storia di Padre Pio* (The Wonderful Story of Padre Pio) by Domenico Argentieri.
- (2) *Incontri con Padre Pio* (Meetings with Padre Pio) by Donato Appollonio.
- (3) *Enzima Meravigliosa di Padre Pio* (The Wonderful Existence of Padre Pio) by Guido Greco Fiorentini.
- (4) *Ho Visto Padre Pio* (I Have Seen Padre Pio) by Gianpiero Pedrini.
- (5) *Il Mondo di Padre Pio* (The World of Padre Pio) by Carlo Trabucchi.
- (6) *Padre Pio* by Francesco Lotto, Carmelo Camilleri and Piera DeIris-Seas.

The action was taken by the Holy Office at its general session on June 23. On the following day it was approved and ordered published by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. The document bears the date of July 30, 1952.

WHILE THERE is no authoritative comment by the Congregation of the Holy Office or any other office, an informed source at the Vatican offered the opinion that the action taken was wholly in line with the traditional policy of the Holy See: to remain aloof, to observe such matters long and carefully, to reserve judgment and to restrain the interest and enthusiasm of the faithful for unusual things.

It was recalled that several years ago certain restrictions were placed upon the general interest surrounding, and the popular devotion offered to this priest, who besides having stigmata is said to possess, at times, other preternatural gifts.

Interest in Padre Pio has, nevertheless, been growing in recent times. Many thousands of Italians and great numbers of foreigners, including many Americans, have gone to see him and attend Mass offered by him.

It was pointed out that the action of the Holy See contains no restraint on, nor expresses any censure of Padre Pio himself, but merely attempts to curb popular interest in him. If what is allegedly true concern

### Books Lacked Church Approval, Says Vatican Paper

Vatican City — (NC) — The ban placed on eight Italian books dealing with Padre Pio, Capuchin priest and reputed stigmatic, were imposed by the Holy See because the books lacked the necessary approbation.

This explanation was given here by Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily, in commenting on the decree by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office. The Holy Office placed the works on the Index of Forbidden Books.

Osservatore states that the authors did not secure the necessary "ecclesiastical revision" and approbation required by canons 1885 and 1899 of Church law.

Padre Pio, who lives at San Giovanni Rotondo monastery near Foggia, Italy, has himself stated that some of the marvelous things written about him are false.

According to Osservatore, the Holy Office decree does not imply any personal condemnation of Padre Pio or the writers. But it serves as a warning to all that greater moderation and prudence must be exercised when treating of such delicate subjects.

According to Osservatore, it will all come about in God's own time: this is declared here to be the usual attitude of the Holy See on such matters. In the meantime, caution and restraint is counseled.

As a matter of fact, the Capuchin Order itself has maintained the strictest reserve concerning Padre Pio. An order has been in force for a long time, barring members of the Order from special visits to Padre Pio.

Result Journalist  
London — (NC) — The Rev. Ernest Reginald Hull, S.J., for 22 years editor of the Bombay Examiner, India, died at the Jesuit college of Manresa, Southampton, here, at the age of 88. He was a convert from Anglicanism.

### RECEIVE THEOLOGY DEGREES



Five candidates received the degree of Ph. D. in Religion from the School of Sacred Theology at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., August 1. Left to right: (seated) Sister Charles Borromeo, C.S.C., St. Mary's College; Sister M. Lucia, S.S.E., of New Orleans; (standing) Sister Mary Agnes, D.C., of Emmitsburg, Md., and Mother Mary Thomas, O.S.U., of Springfield, Ill. The fifth, Miss Ann Condit was not present when this photo was taken.

### Spiritual 'Atomic Energy' At Work In Japan Parish

Hiroshima — (NC) — Splitting the atom has led to release of new and almost unimaginable energies. Now something like a spiritual atomic energy seems to be at work in the central Catholic parish of this Japanese city.

Last year the area was "quarantined" with the erection of three new parishes. But the original quarter now has twice as many catechumens at the entire district had twelve months ago—400 as compared with only 190.

LAST YEAR 141 adult converts were baptized in the whole area. This year, 146 were baptized in the small central parish alone.

To cope with the influx of catechumens, the Rev. Emil Kircher, S.J., a veteran of 31 years of mission experience, has been relieved of all other duties and is concentrating on instructing 200 catechumens in 32 separate classes.

THE YOUNGER priests, meanwhile care for the neighborhood associations, the Young Christian Worker Federations, the student groups, etc.

### Reno Bishop Consecrated In Salt Lake City

Salt Lake City — (NC) — An impressive array of ecclesiastical and civic dignitaries thronged the Cathedral of the Madeleine here to witness the consecration of the Most Rev. Robert Joseph Dwyer as second Bishop of Reno, Nevada.

Formerly editor and business manager of The Intermountain Catholic Register, and Diocesan Superintendent of Schools of the Salt Lake City Diocese, Bishop Dwyer, a native of this city, was consecrated four days after he had celebrated his 44th birthday.

FREE FIRST native of Utah to be elevated to the ranks of the hierarchy, Bishop Dwyer succeeded another former Catholic newspaper editor as head of a See that includes the whole State of Nevada, an area of more than 110,000 square miles.

The first Bishop was Bishop Thomas K. Gorman, now Coadjutor Bishop of Dallas, Texas, who was editor of the Tidings, Los Angeles weekly, when he was named first Bishop of the new Reno See in 1932.

THE CONSECRATOR was Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco, and the co-consecrators were Bishop Gorman and Bishop Joseph L. Federal, Auxiliary of Salt Lake City. Preaching the sermon for the occasion was Bishop Duane G. Hunt of Salt Lake City, who pointed out that the new Bishop was "being consecrated on the feast day of Our Lady of the Snows, under whose protection the Reno Diocese has been placed."

Among those present at the consecration was Bishop James J. Kearney of Rochester, N. Y. and formerly Bishop of Salt Lake City.

### Hospitals Sponsor Polio Nursing

Vicksburg, Miss. — (NC) — Mercy Catholic Hospital and Lutheran Hospital here are jointly sponsoring a 10-day Polio Nursing course. Graduate nurses from all over Mississippi are attending, as well as some from adjoining States. Among those on the program are Sisters of Mercy from Mercy Hospital.

### American Army Chaplains Decorated

Washington — (NC) — Two priest chaplains have been awarded the Bronze Star, the Department of the Army announced here.

They are the Revs. (Maj.) Alfred J. Kilp, S.J., and the Rev. (Capt.) Albert J. Duggan. Both entered the service from California. Father Duggan is a Los Angeles archdiocesan priest.

### Reds Halt Bishop's Confirmation Tour

By REV. DR. MAX JORDAN  
Fulda, Germany — (NC) — East German communist authorities have forced a West German Bishop to break off a Confirmation tour in those parts of his diocese that are under communist control.

The prelate affected by this measure — generally interpreted

### Harlem Globetrotters Play Basketball For Pope Pius

Castelgandolfo — (NC) — Pope Pius XII witnessed an impromptu display of basketball technique when the Harlem Globetrotters, famed Negro team from the United States, called to pay their respects to the Pontiff at his summer residence here.

The Pope received the Negro players in the Sala Clementina and was presented with a shiny new basketball signed by all the members of the squad. He told them he has heard much about them and said he was curious about the game of basketball, which he had never seen.

The squad immediately volunteered to put on a display. The fact that the audience chamber had no court or baskets did not hamper them in passing and dribbling the newly-autographed ball to one another, spinning it around on one finger, and giving other samples of their extraordinary skill. Smiling and pleased, the Pope was obviously much impressed by the five-minute performance.

"These young men are certainly very clever," His Holiness told coach Abe Saperstein.

At the close of the audience, the Pope chatted briefly with the team members and their wives and extended them his blessing.

### Pope Receives Duke Of Windsor

Castelgandolfo — (NC) — The Duke and Duchess of Windsor were received in private audience by His Holiness Pope Pius XII at the papal summer residence here.

During what was described as a "cordial" conversation, the Pontiff extended good wishes to the visitors and also to the royal family and the people of Great Britain.

Prospective visitors now must use regular trains at full fare, provided they can obtain the necessary passes.

Radio Director  
New Orleans — (NC) — The Rev. William D. O'Leary, S.J., has been named director of Station WWL of Loyola University of the South, here.

these junior-size separates will be packed in the smartest college-bound trunks!

1. Fully-lined mantel-tailored flannel jacket with handsome crest pocket. White or navy ..... \$2.95
- Permanent pleated Orion skirt in Farquharson (navy) tartan is washable ..... \$10.95
- Never prettier woman sleeve sweater sports modified turtle neck, comes in many hues ..... \$4.95
2. Grey or cocoa striped blouse, cuffed and collared in white. Hit-Hat print and button trim ..... \$3.95
- "Mite Cincher" velveteen skirt heads the class for dates or study. Black. .... \$14.95
3. Diagonal tweed printed corduroy is remembered, when it's in a grey and red gathered skirt and redlined waistband. The skirt is \$3.95; the waistkit ..... \$5.95

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