

Bishop Ford Dies In Red China Prison

Next Eucharistic Congress In Rio

Vatican City — (NC) — The 36th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1935, the Vatican Press Office stated. The 35th International Eucharistic Congress was held

this year in Barcelona, Spain. The first Congress was held at Lille, France, in 1881. The 34th was held in Budapest in 1933. The Congress in Rio will be the third held in the Western Hemisphere.

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Auburn, Elmira High Schools Planned



AUBURN: Plans for the new Catholic central high school which the Carmelite Fathers will erect in Auburn are discussed (left to right) by FATHER BRENDAN HURRICK, C. C. Carrin, assistant Carmelite, provincial; MONSIGNOR JOHN A. CONWAY, pastor of Holy Family, and MONSIGNOR WILLIAM E. COWEN, pastor of St. Mary's. Father Hurrick will direct building of the new school for boys and girls.

Negro Priest Named Pastor In Capital

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The Rev. Chester C. Ball, S.S.J., believed to be the only Negro priest ever named pastor of a Catholic church in the capital, said his first Mass at the Church of the Epiphany here.

THE CHURCH, situated on Dumbarton Avenue in fashionable Georgetown, serves an interracial parish, and like most Catholic churches in the District of Columbia now has a mixed congregation.

FATHER BALL succeeded the Rev. Vincent J. Severino, S.S.J., who became pastor of St. Joseph's church in Glenarden, Md. The appointments were made by the Very Rev. Thomas P. McNamara of Baltimore, Md., Superior General of the Josephite Fathers, and were approved by the Most Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington.

FATHER BALL is a native of Washington. After studying at a Negro teachers college and intending to make education his career, he found his vocation and prepared for the priesthood.

Doors To Faith Open For Count Tolstoy Kin



MARIE TOLSTOY, granddaughter of Russian novelist, Count Leo Tolstoy, chats with FATHER JOSEPH JACZYNA, chaplain at the University of Michigan, who instructed and received her into the Catholic Faith. An authority on Slavic languages, Miss Tolstoy is a member of the New York City College faculty and taught at the summer session of the University of Michigan.

Russian Novelist's Granddaughter Enters Church At Michigan University

Ann Arbor — (Special) — A name illustrious in Russian literature and history is a recent, obscure entry in the records of St. Mary's student chapel here at the University of Michigan.

The name is Tolstoy. It is inscribed in the chapel's records to record the profession of faith and the First Holy Communion as a Catholic of Marie Tolstoy, a granddaughter of Russia's world-renowned novelist, Count Leo Tolstoy.

The summer session of the University of Michigan afforded Marie Tolstoy the time and the place and the opportunity to take the final step she had been contemplating for two years. Here to teach Russian and the Slavic languages in the university summer school, she found the last door to Catholicity at this little chapel for Catholic students of the university.

I WENT to see Miss Tolstoy in her office at Angell hall on the campus. I asked her what particular "door" it was that led her into the Church.

Not one "door," she said, but three—a hazy, first door was her admiration for the Church's spiritual leadership and its God-given principles of true tolerance and human understanding.

The second door—the central portal—was a double one, the writings of St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas. Those she encountered first in her student days at the University of Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The third door, she said, was the example of Catholic friends whose lives had convinced her of the solidity and reality of the Faith.

I ASKED HER if she did not find these two saints, so different, a surprising contrast and more confusing than helpful.

"No," she replied. "Because, you see, they so perfectly complement one another and there is not contradiction. When I saw that I had found my answer."

TOLSTOY'S granddaughter told me she had been ready for two years to take the step when she began instructions under the Rev. Joseph Jacyna, assistant chaplain at St. Mary's.

FATHER JACZYNA says he found her an apt pupil, one more ready to accept his apologetics than to offer objections.

Before Miss Tolstoy left me to return to her duties as a teacher and as a translator of some old Russian works on which she is collaborating, she wished me well in her friendly, unaffected way. I wished her success in her work when she returns to New York City college, where she has taught since coming to the United States in 1920.

BORN IN RUSSIA to Count Tolstoy's son, Andrew, Miss Tolstoy was baptized in the Russian Orthodox church. The Communist revolution, exiled her to Czechoslovakia.

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Quake Damage To California Churches At Million Dollars

Fresno, Cal. — (NC) — Damage to Catholic Church property in earthquake-battered Bakersfield, Cal., amounts to nearly one million dollars, according to assessments made by visiting engineers.

The quake of greatest intensity, dated July 21—though by far the best publicized disaster—caused nothing like the loss attributed to subsequent "settling movements." A series of sharp "after shocks" has in the last month destroyed three parish churches and part of a hospital and has wrecked portions of other churches, rectories and schools.

Mother Of Five Boys Studies Law

Chicago — (NC) — Mrs. John Cullon, wife of an attorney and the mother of five boys ranging from eight to 17 years of age, has completed her first work in her course looking to a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1935.

Mrs. Cullon, who is 35 years old, began her studies at De Paul University, here, 10 years after her husband completed his law studies at the same institution. In the next three years she devoted herself to raising her family, while her husband established himself in the practice of law. She began her pre-law studies at De Paul in 1925 and began her law course with studies in the summer session just concluding.

Tobin Names Committee For Special Gifts

Campaign machinery for the Bishop's High School Jubilee Fund moved into high gear this week with the formation of a Special Gifts Committee for the Rochester and Monroe County areas.

Following a meeting on Tuesday in the Sheraton Hotel, Special Gifts Chairman Frederick M. Tobin named the following division chairmen: Paul A. McGuire, Raymond F. Healy, Daniel E. Macken, J. Mallory Loos and Martin T. Guilan.

TOBIN ALSO named the following three-man advisory group to the Special Gifts Committee: Rudolf C. Slebert, Harry B. Crowley, and Otto A. Shultz.

Joseph Hockenos was appointed assistant chairman of the Special Gifts Committee.

The five division chairmen were directed to select five captains who in turn will head up teams of five workers each.

THE BISHOP'S High School Jubilee Fund campaign with an overall goal of \$3,045,000 will be conducted throughout the diocese from Oct. 28 to Nov. 11.

The campaign will be a forerunner to an estimated \$3,500,000 building program calling for the establishment of four new Catholic high schools—one in Auburn, one in Elmira, and two in Rochester.

Along with helping provide critically needed high school facilities, the Bishop's High School Jubilee Fund will serve as a diocesan tribute to His Excellency Bishop James E. Sheen.

Shrimp Boats Upset Plans For Mission

Little Caillon, La. — (NC) — Most everyone knows that the first week of a parish mission is set aside for women. That's so they'll "whooop it up" and see that the second week, for men, is well attended. And besides, most missions around here are conducted in the Spring.

But this time it was decided different and all on account of the shrimp boats.

The Rev. Enoch Babin, C.S.S.R., of New Orleans, conducted the mission. After acquainting himself with the situation, he scheduled the first week for the men. The second week for the women. The hot weather didn't diminish the attendance.

The reason for the turnabout was the fact that the month had to repair their boats in time for the shrimp-fishing season, which opened right after the close of the women's mission. A hearing of the shrimp boat fleet was held before they sailed off.



ELMIRA—Leaders in the Elmira phase of the Bishop's High School Jubilee Fund drive opening Oct. 28 are mapping details of campaign which will seek \$512,000 to help finance building of the new Notre Dame de Lourdes central Catholic high school for boys and girls in Elmira. Shown in photo (left to right) are: CHARLES F. KENNEDY, Elmira area lay chairman of the campaign; MONSIGNOR WILLIAM E. COWEN, pastor of St. Patrick's and honorary campaign chairman; FATHER LEO G. SCHWAB, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes and Elmira Campaign director.

Kearney, who will mark the twentieth anniversary of his consecration as a bishop on October 28 and the fifteenth anniversary of his installation as Bishop of Rochester on November 11.

Of the \$3,045,000 campaign quota, Rochester and Monroe County has been assigned \$1,736,500.

French Woman Mayor Enters Convent

Paris — (RNS) — The first French woman mayor ever to enter a convent took her final vows in the order of the Hospital Sisters of Lannion, near Calvados, Normandy.

During the final vow ceremony, peasants in the fields of the village she once headed stood in silence as Marie Madeleine le Corsu became Sister Marie of Christ the King.

MADAME LE CORSU was the wife of a prosperous Calvados farmer much respected in the community. During the war, the farm of the childless couple became a haven for the French underground. Those hunted by the Gestapo were employed as farm laborers and provided with false identity and ration cards.

Mrs. le Corsu also took charge of the local Red Cross organization. She gave parties to raise money for village men who were prisoners of war in Germany. For four years she and her husband lived under the threat of German reprisals.

WHEN THE Allies landed in Normandy in 1944, the village became a battleground, and during a bombardment Mr. le Corsu was killed.

At the end of the war, the widow le Corsu set about returning the farm to its former prosperity. The village elected

her a municipal councillor and later, mayor. While heading the community, she introduced modern farming methods and formed a cooperative to buy agricultural machinery. Among other duties she performed civil weddings and played the church organ at religious marriage services.

AT THE END of 1946, Madame le Corsu announced her intention to become a nun. She gave her farm to relatives, bought a new altar for the village church, and then entered the convent at Lannion where her sister-in-law was a member of the community. Before making her final vows she said: "After having given orders all that remains for me is to obey—and that I greatly prefer."

The Hospital Sisters of Lannion are a semi-clostered order. In the future the former mayor's relatives and friends will see her only through a convent grille.

Nuns Want To See Bishop Sheen On TV

Joliet, Ill. — (NC) — When Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Auxiliary of New York, finished his address to some 500 teachers in the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Joliet at their one-day institute here, he asked for questions.

THE FIRST question was: "Would you please use your influence with the network to order to allow the nuns to watch you on television?"

The Bishop, who is national director of the Propagation of the Faith, had spoken on the Mission, so the question came as something of a surprise. Bishop Sheen was equal to the occasion, however. He threw his arms out wide, and smiling, said:

"Mother superiors everywhere, please let your eyes see my program."

The response was greeted with spontaneous applause, and Bishop Sheen continued, in good-humored fashion, to say that he would not urge nuns to view all TV programs. But he added, the aim of his program is to teach the Divine Law.

The Bishop said that in nine months he had received 749,200 letters from viewers of his TV program, and that 40 per cent of them were from non-Catholics.

Six Catholic Institutions Benefit From Trust Fund

Cincinnati — (NC) — Beneficiaries of a trust fund left to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati by the late Mrs. Gertrude E. M. Julian were named this week by Archbishop Karl J. Alter.

A legal notice issued by the Archbishop disclosed that McNicholas High School, St. Gregory's Seminary and St. Joseph's Orphanage, Cincinnati, each received \$50,000; Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Mariemont, \$10,000; and St. George's Hospital, the residue of the bequest.

The sum left to the Archdiocese, with the Archbishop as trustee, was one-third of a trust estate created by Mrs. Julian, who was the wife of the late William A. Julian, former Treasurer of the United States. Shortly before her death in 1949 Mrs. Julian became the benefactor of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, giving them her former home in Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, as their new convent.

Official Notice It has been brought to the attention of the Chancery that certain extrajudicial nuns have been visiting offices and homes in Rochester for the purpose of soliciting funds and selling articles. Such persons have not been authorized by the Chancery which looks with disfavor upon such activities.



BISHOP FRANCIS X. FORD

U. S. Prelate Seen Victim Of Brutality

Roma, Nov. 1. — (RNS) — Bishop Francis X. Ford, of Brooklyn, N. Y., died in a Chinese Communist prison at Canton on February 21, according to his secretary, Mary Knoll. Sister Maria Marie Ryan, who arrived here after being expelled from China.

A relative of the Bronx, N. Y., Sister Maria Marie was arrested with Bishop Ford and sent to the same Canton jail.

HEARD THAT on August 16 Communist officials informed her of Bishop Ford's death last February, knowing that the death certificate issued by the prison hospital.

When Mary Knoll was also was shown photos allegedly taken while the Bishop was dying of starvation after his death. In them a doctor was administering oxygen to the Bishop while he lay with his hands bound to his wrists hanging from the ceiling.

On September 1, Sister Joan Marie was taken to a grave on the outside of Canton which was marked with the Bishop's name in Chinese.

SURVIVING FROM nearby, the nun spent from August 21 to September 11 in Canton hospital before she was expelled. Upon her arrival here she was still in a physical condition.

At Mary Knoll headquarters, Mary Knoll, Bishop Raymond A. Lame, Superior General of the missionary society, issued the following statement:

"Bishop Ford's death followed the pattern of his life. He went to China to give himself for China's people, and he was able to do so to the extent of dying alone in a Chinese jail, a holocaust for the Red that that is analyzing China.

"The most brutality of the Communist is demonstrated by the fact that Bishop Ford, according to the Red's own report, died on February 21, and the first notice to reach anyone other than the Allies, was not released until August.

These statements are, likewise, a violation of the Code of ethics which states that the Bishop Ford, died of old age, though the last time she had been ill he was terribly sickened from brutal treatment and his presence was subjected to unspeakable indignities.

"The Bishop carried out Christ's own words: 'You shall be witnesses unto me.'"

Bishop Ford was arrested by Chinese Communists at Meifelin, on April 14, 1951, after being under house arrest with other members of his missionary staff since the previous Christmas.

Bound with ropes and under guard he was taken to Canton for trial on charges of "spying for the United States, harboring Kuomintang secret agents, organizing 'Black Army' for armed uprising against the regime, furnishing intelligence reports to American imperialists, and drafting plans to sabotage the Communist China Reform movement."

"The present was the first student to enter the newly-founded McNicholas High School in 1912. Six years later he was a member of the first McNicholas student group to leave for the United States."

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