

ARCHBISHOP CUSHING

'Co-Education Here To Stay,' Prelate Tells College Heads

Boston — (NC) — Catholic educators should make up their minds that co-education is here to stay "and there's nothing we can do about it." They also should do more with a positive program "to bring our colleges to the public and parochial schools so that we would have more Catholic boys and girls matriculating in our own institutions of higher education."

These words of counsel were given by Boston's Archbishop Richard J. Cushing in an address to the New England unit of the colleges and universities department of the National Catholic Educational Association here.

"Rather than quarrel among ourselves as to co-education and its merits or demerits," the Archbishop said, "I should think we ought to rejoice and thank God for those young men and women who come to our Catholic colleges."

While some of us may be quarreling about splitting Solomon's baby, there are others, thank God, who are more discerning and realistic about the necessity of finding ways and means of convincing our youth of the value inherent in Catholic higher education so that they will come to us in preference to others."

Archbishop Cushing said there always will be some boys and girls who will go to non-Catholic institutions, as well as to co-educational Catholic colleges.

At the outset, Archbishop Cushing listed 33 non-Catholic higher education institutions in the Boston archdiocese and reported that out of a total enrollment of 61,538 students, these were 18,692 Catholics.

He said if a survey was made in other New England dioceses, he was confident "you would find a comparable situation."

of college grade in the United States are in non-Catholic colleges. One-third of the 60 per cent are girls," the prelate said.

Archbishop Cushing observed that there is a national tendency whereby Catholic men's colleges have become increasingly co-educational in recent years. This has raised the questions, he said, of "Are all men's Catholic colleges going co-ed?" and "What effect will this tendency have on Catholic women's colleges?" He said an affirmative answer must be given to the first question.

Regarding the second question, Archbishop Cushing said that the head of a Catholic women's college, seeking data on the assertion that co-education is needed to reduce the number of mixed marriages, sent out a questionnaire to 800 alumnae.

He recalled that of the replies received, 80 per cent said they had married and less than one per cent said they would have preferred to attend a Catholic co-ed school. He also said the returns showed that only 1.8 per cent had contracted mixed marriages.

"However," the Archbishop continued, "there is a weak point in the argument—that there is no evidence of the marital status of the 221 alumnae who did not reply to the questionnaire. The assumption might be that many of those not responding did not want to report the fact of mixed marriages or marriages outside the Church."

French Officials Greet Cardinals

Paris—(NC)—Paris municipal authorities have extended official congratulations to the city's two prelates recently elevated to the rank of Cardinal.

Philippine Minister Strikes Out At Social Injustice

Manila — (NC) — Military victory over the Hukos, the communist-controlled Philippine guerrillas, is not enough. Social, economic and spiritual forces must also win to make the victory complete.

This reminder was given by Defense Secretary Ramon Mag-saysay, who warned that "we cannot win if we continue in the path of social injustice."

"We cannot win," he said in a speech to Ateneo alumni on their annual Homecoming Day, "if one Filipino imposes three expensive cars for himself, while a Filipino who works for him can afford only rags for his daughter."

In his hard-hitting speech he warned against the negative attitude of merely dancing the present state of affairs. He quoted the Chinese proverb adopted by the Christians, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

Students Donate Blood To Soldiers

Brooklyn, N. Y.—(NC)—Blood for the battle wounded of Korea was part of this year's Christmas collection program at St. John's University along with food and clothing for the poor.

A Red Cross Bloodmobile arrived on campus to collect the blood donations which will be shipped to servicemen on the Korean front.



COLONEL HALLOLAN

Lady Colonel, WAC Chief, Retires Jan. 3

Washington—(NC)—Col. Mary Halloran, director of the Women's Army Corps for the past six years, says she's eagerly looking forward to a two-month leave when her successor takes over the WAC on January 3.

As the law now limits the WAC commander to a four-year tour of duty, Colonel Halloran is handing over the corps to Lt. Col. Irene O. Galloway, commander of the WAC training center at Fort Lee, Va. Both Colonels Halloran and Galloway are Catholics.

ASKED ABOUT her successor, Colonel Halloran said, "Colonel Galloway is a splendid person and I know she'll do a wonderful job." She said the new WAC chief has had wide experience, putting in four years in the European command and four years at the Pentagon before being assigned to the Fort Lee post.

Of herself, Colonel Halloran said plans for her two-month leave—the longest she's had—hinge on the health of her mother, who is now undergoing treatment at Walter Reed Hospital here. She said she is being reassigned by the Defense Department, but can't yet disclose her new post.

Former Buffalo Radio Man Ordained Priest

Vatican City — (NC) — Two U. S. war veterans — one of them a West Point graduate — a former radio announcer and a onetime business man were among 28 students of the North American College whose ordination today marked the goal of their studies for the priesthood.

The former West Pointer who became a priest is Father Joseph W. Hartman of Washington, D. C. who attained the rank of major in the last war. A fellow-student of his, ordained with him today, is Father Maurice Deason, 36, of Austin, Texas, who also was a major in the U. S. Air Force and saw service in every theatre of war.

Others in the group were Father James Chambers, 27, who was a professional radio announcer in his home town of Buffalo before he entered the seminary, and Father Henri Polle, 35, from Wilmington, Del., who left a position with the Dupont Company to study for the priesthood.

Auxiliary



Monsignor John F. Hackett, 41, (above) of Hartford, Conn., who has been named by Pope Pius XII to be Titular Bishop of Helenopolis in Palestine and Auxiliary to Bishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford. The Bishop-elect has been secretary and vice chancellor of the Diocese and was Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood.

Iowa Business Man, In 70th Year, Ordained In Rome

By REV. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN

Rome — (NC) — A boyhood dream, unspoken for nearly 60 years, became a reality here when the father of 14 and grandfather of 16 children was ordained a priest.

The boy who cherished the dream is now Father Patrick J. Norton, of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Iowa, who had been studying for the priesthood for the past two and a half years at Beda College here. He will be 70 years old on May 23, 1953 — a month before completing his studies and returning to serve the Dubuque Archdiocese.

A FORMER business man, Father Norton began preparing for the priestly career in 1947, not long after the death of his wife, Minnie, a Dubuque girl whose maiden name was Regan and whom he married when he was 24. He studied philosophy privately and at Lorain College in Dubuque, thus reducing his course here from four years to three.

Father Norton was ordained by Archbishop Luigi Fogar, consultant of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments.

None of his children was able to attend the ordination, but several of his American friends in Rome and his colleagues at Beda College were on hand for the rites, which took place in St. Jerome's Church.

Beda College, a unique institution which has just celebrated the centenary of its establishment, is a training school for older men, and converts who want to prepare for Holy Orders.

Father Pat — as his intimates now call him — offered his first Mass in the Beda College chapel, with the assistance of his professor, Father Thomas Dougherty. Father Dougherty and the other professors at Beda were unanimous in saying of the new priest that they had seen few men with such an intuitive, almost instinctive, grasp of the essence of theological doctrine.

HIS LONG QUEST now ended, Father Pat recalls that "from the time I was a kid, I wanted to be a priest." However, circumstances ruled otherwise. He came of a family of five children, which was so poor that young Pat's parents had to start him working as soon as possible. Keeping secret his desire to be a priest, he took

a business course at Lorain College. Soon he was working in the wholesale news business. It was the first business of its kind in Dubuque, and Pat grew up with it.

In 1946, with his wife dead and his family raised, the old desire which had never left him, took renewed hold of the then 63-year-old business man. He told his confessor he wanted to be a priest. The confessor encouraged him and said he thought it could be arranged. Soon after, Pat retired from business and began his preparation for the goal toward which he had so long aspired.

"And here I am," he said here, "reaping a hundredfold the reward promised by Our Lord." He added that he has no special ideas or projects, but just wanted to be "a priest who will serve God as well and as quietly as possible in his diocese."

After raising a family of 14 and running a business for so many years, Father Pat was asked if he hadn't found the seminary life, with its routine of study and lectures, extremely difficult. He answered, smiling gently, "Frankly, compared to the other life, it has been very much in the nature of recreation."

FATHER PAT'S surviving family of nine girls and three boys — two of his five sons are dead — are scattered over the United States. One of the boys is a priest in the same archdiocese in which his father also will work — Father Claude Norton, of Waucoma, Ia.

Another son is Frater Charles, a Dominican scholastic at Forest River, Ill. One daughter is a medical social work executive in New York and another is a secretary in a Chicago banking concern.

Asked about his grandchildren, Father Pat replied that "there are 14 that I know of." Then, after a little reflection, he corrected himself: "No, I was forgetful. They're 15."

Francis Xavier Body Shrunken To 4 Feet

Goa, Portuguese India — (NC) — Several thousand pilgrims a day file through the Cathedral of St. Catherine here to kiss the feet of St. Francis Xavier.

His remains continue exposed here during the month-long celebrations marking the fourth centennial of his death.

ON THE FIRST day of the exposition 50,000 filed through the cathedral to venerate the Saint's remains. It is expected that a million or more will do so before the ceremonies draw to a close on January 3.

The Saint's body has shrunk considerably in the 400 years since his death. Once believed to measure five feet, three inches, the body is now only four feet long. The flesh is completely dried up and the skin adheres closely to the bones.

The toes are clear and distinct and the nerve fibers are visible.

now that everything is signed, sealed and delivered mind if we just relax and say

Merry Christmas Everybody

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