

**Archbishop of Bogota**  
 Rome — (RNS) — Cardinal-elect Christiano Luque, Archbishop of Bogota, arrived from Colombia and will remain here until after the January 12 consistory at which he will receive his Red Hat from Pope Pius XII.

**You Can Win Converts**

Twenty-five Converts  
 By  
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"A Mr. Gilmore called up and said he would like to see you," said Sister Margaret, who ministered to the culinary needs of the retreat master at the convent of the Convent in St. Louis.



"Said you probably wouldn't remember him as he just met you once, twenty-five years ago, when you were the chaplain of the Catholic students at the University of Illinois. He's a prominent lawyer and a great convert-maker. Mother Superior has invited him and his wife to take dinner with you this evening. Is that agreeable?"

"Surely," I replied, as I tried vainly to recall the man.

THAT EVENING Mr. Gilmore, middle-aged and graying a bit about the temples, along with his charming wife, was ushered into the retreat master's room.

"Rose and I came up to Illinois for a football game. The Selja sang between the halves. We went to Mass at the student church the next morning and met you at the door. I know of your interest in convert making and wanted to tell you of a method which I've found to be quite effective."

"I'd be glad to hear it," I assured him.

"It's the method of using books as missionaries. I buy many Catholic books and read each one. Then I think of some friend, especially a non-Catholic, who I think would enjoy reading the book and would be helped by it. I loan it to him and when he returns it I discuss it with him. The book usually whets his interest in some aspect of Catholic belief and thus leads to additional inquiries."

"Do you tell him then to see a priest?"

"NO, NOT YET. I studied philosophy at St. Louis University and I can answer most of the questions. I supplement my answers with a pamphlet or book on the subject. Indeed, I often get a person started by loaning him a pamphlet."

"It's so easy to read that even the busiest person can scarcely find time. My object is to have the person come face to face with the evidence showing the Catholic Church to be the one true Church. That's usually the beginning of the end."

"What books do you loan then?"

"If the person has a high school or college education, I loan him 'The Faith of Millions.' That tells the whole story in a convincing manner and never runs the far the wrong way. No open-minded inquirer can read that book without seeing that Christ founded the Catholic Church and authorized it to teach all mankind. If the person has doubts concerning any of the philosophical truths underlying religion I loan him 'Truths Men Live By.'"

"WHAT BOOKS do you loan persons who haven't finished high school?"

"What's the Truth about Catholics?" and "Father Smith Instructs Jackson" are most helpful for them. They put it across in a simple, popular style and explain all the matter in the catechism in a manner suitable for adults.

"It would be splendid if our Catholic organizations could put copies of both these books into the hands of all non-Catholics. They would dispel the many false notions so common among outsiders."

"TELL ME ABOUT one of your conversions," I said.

"Well, there's Rose," she smiled as he glanced at his wife. "She's my first. When I fell in love with her, naturally I wanted with all my heart to share the precious treasure of my faith with her. And, thank God, I did."

"Then there's Dr. William H. Vogt, professor of obstetrics at St. Louis University and a noted specialist. I started him off with some books, discussed them with him and then took him to Father Hugo E. Harkins, S.J., at St. Francis Xavier Church. He helps direct the Sacred Heart Radio Program and conducts an Inquiry Forum."

"I went with Doc for the first six lectures. Then I saw my presence was no longer needed. Father Harkins explained every point clearly and used charts to bring out doctrines graphically. He did a superb job. At the end of the instructions he received the doctor along with many others into the Church."

"THAT WAS six years ago. Every day since then Dr. Vogt has attended Mass and received Holy Communion. Now he holds me when I miss."

**DREAMING OF GREEN CHRISTMAS**



Dreaming of a green Christmas, these two novices prepare for another white one at the Marist Missionary Sisters' novitiate, Bedford, Mass. Scheduled to pronounce their first vows in February, Sister Mary Deryyla of Brookline, Mass., and Sister Mary Luke of Buffalo, hope to trade Boston's pines and spruce for the waving palm trees of the South Sea Islands missions before another Christmas.

**Typical Catholic Women Described In Survey**

The typical American Catholic is a woman about 35; white, had a year or two of high school, and is married to a semi-skilled manual laborer in the lower middle income bracket. She lives in a city of 50,000 in New Jersey and goes to Mass practically every Sunday.

THIS PICTURE of a "typical" American Catholic has been obtained in the first national survey of the nation's religious beliefs and practices. Sponsored by the Catholic Digest, the survey was conducted by an independent firm of commercial opinion-research experts and examined the beliefs of Americans of all races, creeds, economic status and geographical location.

In the course of the survey, the picture of a "typical" American of each faith was drawn.

Out of every 10 Americans, 7 are Protestant, 2 are Catholics, and the odds are even that the

**BOOK REVIEW**

**'The Catholic Mind'**

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA  
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THE CATHOLIC MIND does not spring from any precept of the Lord. To be late with an idea may be a fact, it is not a virtue.

We have all lived through our share of these strange fifty years. We all feel the same disinclination to look to the future—we have our head down against the wind as we go forward. We hope in God, we rejoice in Our Lady's protective love and in the spread of her Rosary, we are glad to have elected a President who knows the enemy.

Yet coming home on the bus at the dinner hour, Dad and his cronies don't run the government with the old vigor. They hesitate, and fall into gloomy silences. They feel the weight of what Father Hartnett calls in his masterly summary (pp. 638 ff.) a "giant disorder," a deep-seated moral disorder throughout the whole wide world.

MORE IS EXPECTED of us, however, than just plodding forward. The world's headache is no longer the kind that calls for commiseration, but the kind that leads to insanity. In our own magnificent and unspeakably precious country (we knew it was that—now we realize it) there is according to the book under review a fairly well united crook-population of five million persons, and a billion-dollar business conspiracy against our young citizenry born and unborn.

If children do get born, they must survive a prolonged malarial of violence and smut, their reading and television fare. Private ailments like these are background to our share of the world's headache. Yet we must cure that headache. Yet we have the job of forming the future. And there is a way, open to the humblest of us.

SAID CARDINAL SUHARD in 1948: "The Church . . . animates everything, but she does not herself fashion civilization. She is not going to project the structures of tomorrow. She respects too much the rights and the free initiative of man."

"Christians, however, can and should do what she cannot do herself. Because they are also of this world, they have as much right as others to take part in seeking the truth, to engage in all controversies and transformations of the City in which they are citizens. The children of light are too often less clever than the sons of darkness. This condition

Java, Maine, Ward, Cardinal Spellman, but all laymen, bishops, archbishops, architects, editors, senators, judges, lawyers, doctors, executives, statesmen, professors—are V.I.P.'s in their own field.

Rochester has listened to addresses by several of them, has had one for a bishop, Archbishop Mooney of Detroit, whose address at a mass meeting on the persecution of the Jews is one of the unforgettable of the book.

There is drama in many a piece (What fifty years had afforded roared?) and not the least among these, Gabriel Pressman of the New York Telegram reporting the actual trial of Cardinal Mindszenty.

Wood's phrase on the opening page is fulfilled: "The 'Catholic mind' is an Ariadne-thread which enables a man to find his way through the labyrinth" of today.

HOW TALK COMMON seems about world problems to big for our President and their cabinet? Ah, now we come to it—the Book! We need a Catholic mind such as we folk so busy living haven't been able to shape adequately for ourselves, and we have it, in The Catholic Mind Through Fifty Years.

Panacea? Too easy to be true? No, the owner of this book can say, "Here is all I've missed. Here are the 100 experts of my generation, saying it over again for my sake, each putting into two or three pages the basic facts, the springboards in any good discussion, on patriotism, marriage, religion in education, tolerance and love of our fellow-citizens, labor unions, the United Nations, science, sex, the Catholic press, the Papacy, the modern thirst for God."

"A hundred not written" but experts, from all over the world; a hundred basic discussions, classics in their kind, readable, eloquent—each a real five cents' worth, total cost \$5.00. Let me digest even two a week, and in one year I will have formed a Catholic mind. I will talk sense, and I will be an officer in the army of good citizens."

AMONG THE contributors there really are some big-name writers, (Belloc, Lunn, St. Jacques)

**Eisenhower Chooses Presbyterian Church**

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — President-elect and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower have selected the National Presbyterian Church as their place of worship in Washington.

Dr. Edward L. R. Elson pastor, said that Gen. Eisenhower has asked him to conduct a pre-inaugural service for members of his immediate family at 9:30 a. m. on Jan. 20. Less than three hours later the general will become President of the United States.



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