

### Vatican Invites Noted Archeologist

Sydney, Australia (NC)—Dr. Arthur Dale Trendall, professor of Greek and archeology at Sydney University, has gone to Vatican City to classify 2,400-year-old pottery.

Vatican authorities have invited Professor Trendall, who is not a Catholic, to classify and publish more than 200 specimens of pottery used by Greeks in South Italy in the fourth century, B.C.

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When people wander into the Center and look at the literature, Dale and Barbara, also Rita Ray, greet them in a friendly manner and offer to help them.

AS MANY OF them have never talked to a Catholic, they usually are full of questions concerning the Catholic Faith. The apostles in the Center have an opportunity to answer their questions and get them started in a course of instruction. In a little more than a year

### You Can Win Converts

A Winning Team  
By  
Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D.

(The University of Notre Dame)

Dale and Barbara Francis are the champion lay convert makers of North Carolina. Working together as a team, they are heading the newly established Catholic Information Center at Charlotte.

Here they are struggling valiantly to secure a beach-head for the Catholic Church in a state where Catholics number only 20,000 in a population of 4,000,000—a microscopic one-half of one per cent—less than obtain in China or Africa.

DALE FRANCIS is a former Methodist minister who gave up a promising career in the ministry to embrace the Faith of Christ. In the book "Where I Found Christ," he tells the moving story of his spiritual Aeneid and shows how irresistible are the credentials of the Church when viewed with an open mind.

Perceiving the difficult task facing Bishop Waters in endeavoring to provide for the spiritual care of the sparse Catholic population scattered over a large territory, Dale resigned as Director of the Press at Notre Dame University to help spread the Faith among the Tarheels.

SINCE THE Catholic population of Charlotte, the largest city in the state, is less than a thousand adults and unable therefore to finance the Catholic Information Center, Dale sells Catholic books, pamphlets and articles, of devotion besides giving lectures throughout the state to keep the wall from the door.

### PREPARING FOR CONSISTORY

Their friendliness breaks down the shyness of any visitor and gives him the confidence and courage to ask any question. Earl Heffner's case is typical.

A REPORTER on the Charlotte Observer, Earl wandered into the Center to browse around. "What's the social gospel of your Church?" he asked.

"The Church," replied Dale, "teaches that the worker is entitled not merely to a subsistence wage but to a family living wage. She stands for the right of the workers to organize and through collective bargaining to secure a decent living wage.

She teaches that God made the earth for all men and not for a chosen few. She encourages labor participation in management and in sharing in the profits of industry.

"THE CHURCH holds that the good of society is promoted by having wealth more widely distributed and not in the hands chiefly of a mere ten per cent."

The upshot of the conversation was that Earl wanted to know more about a church that took such an advanced stand for social justice. Dale got him in touch with Father Cranor Graves, himself a convert, and three months later Dale served as godfather at Earl's baptism.

But Dale doesn't wait for them to come to the Center. He takes them where he finds them. At the sandwich shop across the street from the Center Betty Maten, a waitress, said: "I've often wanted to know more about the Catholic Church."

"There's no time like the present," said Dale. "When work slackens up this afternoon, drop into the Center and I'll take you over to see Father Graves."

THREE MONTHS later Betty was her godmother.

"Potential converts," remarked Dale, "are about us on all sides if we but meet them half way. We must know that we really like them and want to share with them the precious treasure of our holy Faith because of the truth and happiness it will bring them. We've only scratched the surface as yet; but with more like Barbara and Rita Ray, we could win many."

Yes, and more too like Dale, the outstanding lay apostle in the Tarheel State.

### PREPARING FOR CONSISTORY



Completing wardrobes for the 24 archbishops and nuncios who will be elevated to the Cardinalate in the public consistory of January 16 keeps Italian craftsmen busy as shown in this photo of a worker at the Berckani Shop in Rome, putting the finishing touches on a Cardinal's dress. Many of the garments will be donated by religious groups in the diocese of the Cardinal-designate. The cost of a complete wardrobe, some 40 pieces, will be reduced from \$2,000 to about \$500 in accordance with the Holy Fathers' order.

### Catholic Charities Given \$100,000 Under Wills

Philadelphia (NC) — More than \$100,000 was bequeathed to Catholic charities in this area in five wills filed for probate here.

The will of Dr. Evelyn A. Doure-dour, 88-year-old physician, who died December 10, bequeathed from her \$32,000 estate; her summer home at Point Pleasant, N. J., and \$5,000 to the Medical Missionary Sisters, Fox Chase, Pa.; St. Francis Country Home for Convalescents, Darby, Pa.; St. Bede's Chapel of the University of Pennsylvania, here; and the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania from which she graduated.

The bulk of the \$45,000 estate of Paul F. Eisher, a veteran Frankford Arsenal employe, was earmarked for Catholic charitable institutions.

He left \$10,000 each to St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, St. Francis' Orphan Asylum, Orwigsburg, Pa.; and St. Mary's Hospital, here; \$500 each to the rector of St. Boniface Church; St. Joseph's Home for Homeless Industrious Boys; and the Working Boys Home, Newtown, Mass.; and benefits from the residence of the estate for the St. Edmund's Home for Crippled Children; Sacred Heart Free Home for Incurable Cancer; St. Mary's Institute for the Blind, Lansdale, Pa.; St. Vincent's Hospital and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

The will of Justice L. Maguire directed that his \$6,500 estate be

### Bound And Beaten Because He Prayed, Says China Missioner

By FATHER ALBERT E. O'HARA, S.J.  
(Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Hong Kong (NC)—One of the most painful stories to come out of China in recent weeks in the one haltingly told by the Father Daniel Sicard, 88 year old Jesuit from Bogota, Colombia.

He arrived on December 14, 1952, after 13 months in an overcrowded and dirty village jail in the interior of China.

BECAUSE HE insisted on praying, this Catholic missionary was subjected to abuse and maltreatment extraordinary even for communist "penology."

Father Sicard was jailed in November 1951 following the failure of the "progressive church movement" in his mission at Lungnan near Anking. To save face the communists accused him of "beating up" a Chinese workman. The fact is that Father Sicard ordered would-be looters out of his mission.

Thrown into a one-room jail, along with 22 other prisoners, the priest was held for more than a year.

Twice a day the prisoners were given a pittance of food. Before each "meal" Father Sicard would make the sign of the cross and pray. This seemed to infuriate his jailers who forbade him to pray.

The priest replied that he had observed all the regulations of the jail and that it was his obligation and his privilege to pray to God.

"I must obey God rather than Man Tsung in all that concerns my soul," he told the Reds.

When the priest insisted on making the sign of the cross his guards tied his hands so tightly that he could not move them in any way. As a protest against being tied up the missionary went without food for 5 days.

His jailers apparently became afraid and urged him. Father Sicard continued to say his prayers and to make the sign of the cross. Time and again the priest was upbraided for praying. Every effort was made to make his life as miserable as possible.

"WHY DO you punish me for praying?" he once asked.

The communist reply was to beat him over the hands with a bamboo cane until the other prisoners intervened and succeeded in having the guards cease their brutality. The slightest indication that he was praying brought down on the priest the wrath of his jailers.

In cold weather he froze. In summer the cramped quarters were wretched. In winter he was

WITH HANDS bound tightly behind him Father Sicard was put aboard a third class train and sent off on the almost 1,000-mile journey to Hong Kong. Between trains in Shanghai and Canton he was held in the local jail instead of being allowed to stay at nearby hotels.

Father Sicard is now resting at St. Francis Hospital in Hong Kong. This writer could detect not one iota of bitterness in him. His great preoccupation is not for himself but for the Chinese bishops, priests and faithful who are doomed to suffering and imprisonment and for all the millions of Chinese on whom the yoke of communism is being ever more firmly imposed.

"Prayer will still make them free," the priest sighed.

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The novitate's modern chapel was financed in part by contributions of \$16,000 from A. F. of L. unions and is dedicated in memory of Father Maguire.

### Pope Pius Names Bishop Of Speyer

Berlin (RNS)—The Rev. Infor Emanuel 47, has been named Bishop of Speyer by Pope Pius XII. It was announced here.

A Speyer parish priest, he succeeds Cardinal-elect Josef Wenzel, now Archbishop of Munich.

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