

Religious Vocations Lag Behind Rise In Catholic Census

Denver —(NC)— The number of U. S. priests has increased from 36,580 in 1942 to 44,459 in 1952—or a boost of 21.5 per cent in the decade. At the same time, however, the Catholic population of the United States has expanded by 30.4 per cent.

According to a survey made by The Register of Denver, religious vocations among both men and women are falling short of the need.

The Register noted that the Official Catholic Directory of 1944—the first to include such figures—listed 133,865 Sisters and 6,163 Brothers. The totals for 1952 were 154,096 Sisters and 7,375 Brothers—a total of 161,471. Thus the number of Brothers and Sisters increased by only 17.5 per cent during a time when the Catholics as a whole increased 35.6 per cent.

The situation over the past 25 years has improved considerably though. From 1927 to 1952, the number of American priests grew by 78.6 per cent—well above the increase of 50.9 per cent in the total number of Catholics. Statistics on seminarians show an even greater improvement: 122 per cent more last year than a quarter-century earlier.

THE REGISTER, which polled some 70 religious communities to determine vocation needs, noted that demands for religious in the field of education have increased tremendously. And it said the number of Americans in the foreign mission field has doubled in the past decade; 25 years ago U. S. foreign missionaries played a very minor role numerically.

In response to the paper's poll, only four communities said they had enough recruits to equal the demand. Most of the rest, however, said that enrollments are between 20 to 80 per cent of the present need or capacity of the community.

The inquiry revealed little difference between communities of men and women in the proportion of new vocations to the demand. Two or three replies, however, stressed the point that the religious brotherhoods have been relatively neglected.

AND WHILE one contemplative order of nuns reported that it was receiving only half as many vocations as it had a quarter-century ago, the surrounding report of the Trappists was reported in a report from one Chicago monastery that the number of candidates had doubled over the same period.

Some communities declared that there is definitely a greater awareness of vocation demands than there was a generation ago. And a number of answers noted an upswing in new vocations over the past two or three years.

Woman Receives 5 Sacraments In One Day

San Diego —(NC)—The unusual experience of receiving five sacraments in one day happened to a young woman at the U. S. Naval Hospital here.

Under the watchful guidance of Father (L.) Edward E. Martinez, senior Catholic chaplain at the world's largest Naval hospital, Miss Waunehmah Tanner had taken instructions for two months.

Then in one day, Miss Tanner, who is one-half Cherokee, one-fourth Choctaw and one-fourth Irish, was baptized, made her first confession, married Albert D. Masl and received her First Holy Communion. In the evening she was confirmed by Bishop Charles F. Buddy of San Diego.

Because Waunehmah has the connotation of "flower" in the language of her forebears, the new Mrs. D. Masl chose St. Theresa, the Little Flower, as her patroness.

No Catholic Paper New York —(NC)— There are only 15 dioceses in the United States which now are not covered by an official Catholic newspaper, The Catholic Journalist. Monthly organ of the Catholic Press Association has noted.

Red China Trial, Torture Told By U. S. Missioner

(Continued from Page 1) was he able to retain his sanity.

ON EASTER Sunday, escorted by soldiers, Father Greene stepped out through the gate of his Mayland mission to the market place. There, before an audience of 6,000 people, he was led onto a platform, where at the same time of officials who had been conducting his "private trials" so many nights.

Witnesses after witness, some 30 in all, repeated the baseless charges against him. For seven hours he was forced to stand silent and motionless as the soldiers prodded him with bayonets and the witnesses struck him with their fists.

FINALLY, THE JUDGE pronounced sentence: "The People's Court has heard the evidence of truthful witnesses against this lying spy. It is in the will of the people

Mass In A Submarine



New London, Conn.—Chaplain Francis T. O'Leary of Boston, Mass., says Mass for men aboard the U.S.S. Badcock as it lies on the ocean bottom of the Navy's Submarine Base here. Twenty-three men were confined in the sealed out to test their endurance and reactions while being exposed to a high concentration of carbon dioxide over a two-month period. During the "Operation Hideout," a Catholic chaplain went underwater by special tube every Sunday to say Mass, hear confessions and give spiritual counseling.

Police Bar 'Stunts' In Easter Parade

New York —(RNS)— A police order banning advertising stunts, bizarrely costumed persons and any kind of "downing" from New York's celebrated Easter "parade" on Fifth Avenue is being prepared here. Police Commissioner George P. Monaghan announced the action following a meeting at police headquarters with representatives of the Fifth Avenue

Association, which comprises the city's leading retail establishments, and the television and radio industry. All the participating groups, Commissioner Monaghan said, have agreed to cooperate in preventing a recurrence of the undignified antics that marred last year's Easter observance. Publicity "stunts" staged on the Avenue near St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Thomas church last Easter Sunday brought a protest from the Protestant Council of the City of New York and other groups. They also led to introduction in the City Council of a bill to ban any "commercial, business, advertising or broadcasting activity" on any public street within 500 feet of a place of worship.

The Protestant Council's statement said that the "unnecessary commercialism" had shocked church people and "tast

less" on the city's reputation for respect for religion. "When models are displayed in lights in front of our churches and use the steps of a cathedral as a theatrical dressing room, and when Fifth Avenue is turned into a stage for the crassest commercialism by the hucksters of radio and television," the statement said, "the whole affair takes on the aspect of a mardi gras and this on a day of deepest religious significance."

Pope Assists At Lenten Exercises

Rome —(RNS)—Pope Pius XII assisted for the first time since his recent illness at the Lenten exercises in the Vatican Throne Room.

Doomed Priest Defies Court In Red Poland

London —(RNS)— A story described as an eyewitness account of the Cracow anti-church trial last January was printed here by the Polish daily, Dziennik Polski. The newspaper said the report came from a Pole who was present at the trial in Cracow, Poland, on Jan. 24. Four priests and three laymen were found guilty by a Communist military tribunal of espionage and black market operations.

ONE PRIEST, the Rev. Josef Lettlo, and two laymen were sentenced to death. Dziennik Polski said that during one of the court sessions, Father Lettlo suddenly rose from his seat, opened his overcoat and shirt and bared his chest to the spectators.

His body showed marks of beatings, the paper said. "I want to show the people of Poland how I was treated in prison," cried Father Lettlo.

ACCORDING TO the account, court officials were momentarily stunned. Then an attorney shouted, "Take him out of the court," and Father Lettlo was led away by force.

The report said he was not allowed to appear in court again. Father Lettlo and three other priests who were given prison terms were accused of being part of a spy ring active in the Cracow archdiocesan chancery.

\$7,500,000 Program Set In Cincinnati

Cincinnati —(NC)— Thirty-nine construction or improvement projects costing more than \$7,500,000 either are under way or in the planning stage in the Cincinnati archdiocese. It has been announced.

Current building activities are "the most extensive in years," according to Mgr. Clarence G. Isenmann, chairman of the archdiocesan building committee.

NOW UNDER construction or recently completed are: three new churches, two new rectories, four new parish convents, and new schools or additions with a total of 87 new classrooms, 75 of which will be ready for occupancy next September.

Planned are five other new churches, three new schools, and the expansion of two churches and four schools.

Auxiliary



Hartford, Conn.—The Most Rev. John F. Hackett, vice-chancellor of the Hartford Diocese, was consecrated Titular Bishop of Helenopolis in Palestine and Auxiliary to Bishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford in St. Joseph's Cathedral here. Present were some 75 state and city civic dignitaries, including Gov. John Lodge of Conn. Bishop Hackett was born in New Haven in 1911 and educated at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, Conn. He was ordained in 1934. (Religious News Service Photo.)

Vatican Cites Increase In Bishop Ranks

Rome —(RNS)— An increase of 45 in the episcopal ranks of the Roman Catholic Church is recorded in the 1953 issue of the Annuario Pontificio, the Vatican Yearbook, first copy of which was presented to Pope Pius XII.

According to the Annuario, the Catholic Hierarchy throughout the world now numbers more than 2,300 prelates. During the past year, Metropolitan Sees rose from 277 to 282; Suffragan Sees from 1,114 to 1,123; Titular Sees from 857 to 882; and Abbots Ordinary and Prelatures from 66 to 69.

IN ADDITION, there are 250 Vicars Apostolic and Prefects Apostolic in the mission fields where no hierarchy has been established.

The Annuario lists, for the first time in more than a hundred years, the full complement of the Sacred College—70 Cardinals. Although at various times in the last century the College of Cardinals has been brought up to strength, by the time of publication several princes of the Church have died.

IN THE LIST OF THE Sacred College, His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, is shown as "in jail for the faith." Another Cardinal, Thomas Tien, Archbishop of Peking, China, presently exiled in the United States, is listed as "impeded" in his office.

Artist Finds Career, Wife, Faith While Serving With U. S. Navy

Denver —(NC)—A water color of Mary Magdalen was first seen by an unusual art exhibit for convert-artist Robert Hewitt. A second painting in oils captured third prize in the Northern Indiana Art Salon for the former Denver man, now an instructor at the University of Notre Dame.

Mr. Hewitt thanks the U. S. Navy for his art career—and a lot more. It was in the Navy that he decided to become an artist, that he married a WAVE and he became interested in the Catholic Faith.

After his marriage, both Mr. Hewitt and his wife were Baptized.

Since then, in addition to his art career, he has helped lead six other people to the Faith, including his brother who is now employed by the Denver Register.

The Hewitts have three children—Bob, Jr., Yvonne and Matthew J.

Anti-Discrimination Concord, N. H.—(NC)—A bill to outlaw discrimination on religious or racial grounds at New Hampshire summer resorts has been approved by the State Senate here. The measure was sent to the House of Representatives for final action.

MISSION MERCY



New Missionaries in India departing to their first mission bespeak the hope of the Church. Every one of them has the best contact with the people is a MISSION HOSPITAL—especially among India's teeming millions.

Poverty and disease are widespread in Trichur where medical facilities are pitifully few. Bishop Alapati tells us that the dispensary opened by the Holy Cross Sisters a few years ago has had fantastic success. He feels NOW IS THE TIME to enlarge the activities with a hospital. Both he and the Sisters are penniless. He begs help from generous-hearted friends here.

Your gifts will merit the endless grateful prayers of the Sisters. You can endow the operating room for \$1,500, or a bed for \$250. We can build this WHOLE HOSPITAL FOR LESS THAN THE COST OF ENDOWING ONE BED in an American hospital. Give in thanksgiving for your own health or our wonderful medical facilities here.

TALKING OF SISTERS, you will surely be mindful of our dear Sisters in the Holy Land. Sunday (Palm) and through Holy Week you will naturally walk through Jerusalem behind the Cross. These wonderful ladies are carrying a daily cross for Christ in these very streets. SHARE IT WITH THEM FOR HIM TODAY. They maintain an orphan for an entire month for only \$10.

HAPPY HEART You can make Christmas heart very happy with a FIRST COMMUNION OUTFIT costing \$10. Our needy children are preparing now for that wonderful day a few weeks off. Won't you join in spirit with one to share his joy.

HER HOME We keep pleading for your mite to aid our fund for Mary's home in Ethiopia, our FATIMA CHAPEL in the hills there. \$10 pays for a block. Dollar added to dollar will quickly raise this shrine.

We keep worrying about the endless problems that Fr. Tooby must face every day in caring for one thousand of REFUGEES in the Near East. Your kind thoughts will help him meet a few needs. Can you send a FOOD PACKAGE for \$10? Your wear clothes sent to our warehouse, 52-12 Flushing Ave., Masspeth, N. Y., will give grateful friends now and eternal reward.

ARCHBISHOP GORI OFFERS A SOLEMN MASS ON EASTER MORNING AT THE LORD'S TOMB FOR OUR BENEFACTORS. AS YOU GIVE TO OTHER MISSIONARIES, YOUR STRINGLESS GIFTS AND MASS OFFERINGS HELP THESE POOR HEROES OF CHRIST.

JEAN IS JOHN Tomorrow is the feast of St. John Capistrano, which brings to mind John (John), who is a poor student at the Cleric seminary, in Lebanon. He begs for someone to adopt him by paying the \$100 yearly tuition for his six years of study. Can you give \$2 weekly, \$25 quarterly or \$100 yearly?

JOY FOR JESUS Surely it gives joy to the heart of Jesus to see kind souls helping those who are giving themselves to His service, in Sacred Sister Lettie Jones born \$150, which she needs each year for her two years of training. Can you rescue this noble girl by giving her that sum in any payments?

HOLY IS THE HOUSE OF GOD and worthy of the best we have. Our Near East chapels are in need of the necessary sacred articles. In memory of a beloved you can give:

Stations \$25 Altar \$75 Vestments \$50 Chalice 40 Elixirs 15 Mass Bell 5 Lamp 15 Crucifix 25 Altar cloth 10

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