

# Pope Tells Students

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Vatican City—Too few baptized Christians fully realize their vocations, His Holiness Pope Pius XII told 600 students from the Sorbonne in Paris. He urged them to spread the Christian message to ever wider circles.

The students were among the vast throng of Easter pilgrims received in general audiences by the Pope in the Hall of Benedictions in St. Peter's Basilica, and in the Sala Regia and the Sala Ducale in the Vatican palace.

With his health improved the Pontiff has done his best to receive the greatest possible number of pilgrims in audience. But at the insistence of his doctor the Pope may not stop to chat with individuals after the formal address as was his previous custom. He is now carried out of the hall on the gestatorial chair immediately after his talk.

**SPECIAL AUDIENCES** to small groups have been practically eliminated as too taxing for the Pontiff's strength. This may well become a general rule for the future. It has long been the opinion of most persons in the Vatican that the Pope should have spared himself in this matter much earlier than he has done. It is pointed out that it is only the firm stand of his doctors and close collaborators that keeps the Pontiff from again taking on his former heavy schedule of busy taxing audiences.

Speaking in French to the Sorbonne students, the Pope said: "THE CHURCH'S tasks internally and externally—today more than ever, ever. We insistently say—that Christians be solid in the faith and irrepensible in life. The faithful can neither conquer the earth nor gain heaven."

He urged them to remember in their studies that a conflict between faith and scientific truth is impossible because both nature and revelation come from God.

Alerting them to the demands of social justice, the Pope recalled that some might be tempted to say that the Church "has no more to say."

**Motto Proposed For U. S. Stamps**  
Washington—(NC)—Two bills have been introduced in Congress to require that all future postage stamps bear the inscription "In God We Trust."

# Russia Agrees To Intervene For Missioners

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) —

The Soviet Union has agreed to intervene with North Korean authorities to obtain the release of American civilian interests, including several Methodist and Catholic missionaries, the State department announced.

Michael J. McDermott, Department press officer, said Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov had made the promise of Russian help to American charge d'affaires Jacob Beam.

Mr. Beam asked for assistance in freeing 13 civilians believed to have been taken prisoner following the outbreak of the Korean war.

Prominent on the list was the name of Bishop Patrick J. Byrne, Maryknoll missioner from Washington, D. C.

**THE NORTH KOREANS**, however, have admitted holding only seven of the 13. Early last year they released a list of the seven but denied knowledge of the whereabouts of the other six.

Bishop Byrne was not one of the seven named on the Communist list. Others the Reds did not admit holding included Mgr. Patrick T. Brennan, Maryknoll priest from Chicago, and Father James P. Maginn of St. Columban's Foreign Mission Society.

Last October, the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda in Rome issued a statement saying that Bishop Byrne, Apostolic Delegate to Korea, must be presumed dead.

# Sixth Grader Gets New Subscriber For Catholic Bulletin — 'Mama'

Cleveland—(NC)—The Catholic Universe Bulletin, has added the name of Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower to its mailing list—all because of the ingenuity of a sixth grade student.

In a letter signed "Mama David Eisenhower," the nation's First Lady, wrote Bishop Byrne that "I would be very happy to subscribe to The Catholic Universe Bulletin and, if you will write me to whom payment for the subscription should be made, I will send my check. My best wishes to you."

# Pakistan Bishop In U.S.



Philadelphia—Bishop Nicholas Bettings of Rawalpindi, Pakistan, a missionary in that country for 20 years, is visiting various cities to interest Americans in the Pakistan situation. He is shown speaking to Sisters Eileen Castellani of Cincinnati (left), and Janet Gotschalk of Chicago, both belonging to the Medical Mission Sisters whose motherhouse the bishop visited here. The order conducts large hospitals at Rawalpindi and at Dacca. Bishop Bettings was elevated to head the Rawalpindi diocese that was established when Pakistan became an independent state in 1947. (Religious News Service Photo).

# Communist Roots Deep In China, Prelate Warns

Cincinnati—(NC)—Communism is not being brushed over China just like a thin veneer, but like a dye is being forced deep into the fabric of the country and its people.

This warning was sounded here by Mgr. Martin T. Gilligan, former secretary of the papal internunciature to China, who has now returned to the United States to take up priestly work in the Cincinnati archdiocese.

The Monsignor cautioned against the idea that communism is just a passing thing which is not taking root in China. He noted that the communists have one of the most efficient propaganda setups in the world and are using it wisely to propagate their ideology and indoctrinate the people in its basic concepts.

**MONSIGNOR GILLIGAN** based his convictions on his own close study from Hong Kong of communist events in China and his lengthy interviews with some 2,000 Catholic missionaries expelled from the Red mainland.

The Reds are deadly earnest in their determination that all Chinese citizens understand communist principles and work for their application in China, the former papal diplomat stressed. They are doing a good job of spreading their doctrines both "vertically and horizontally," he said, explaining:

"THE REDS ARE getting their ideas to all the people and they apparently are making them sink in thru force, deception and all the tricks of total control."

Monsignor Gilligan emphasized that the Red indoctrination of the youth is particularly thorough. "It is their constant food in schools. They may skip ordinary school subjects on the slightest pretext. But they must not absent themselves from the indoctrination class, even if they have to drag themselves from their sick bed."

**THE COMMUNIST** propaganda system presents tremendous challenge to the Church, the priest said. We of the Church must go far to produce one as effective as that of the Reds.

Turning to the condition of the Church in China, the priest said it is suffering "a collective martyrdom." The Reds are in fact trying hard not to make martyrs of individuals, he noted, but they are in effect "martyring the Church as a whole. They are trying to kill the entire Church because of their hatred for the Faith and of their fanatic devotion to their own cause—world revolution."

In its external form the Church has been almost completely demolished in China, Monsignor Gilligan related. Its real life is now in the hearts of the faithful, and this life is stronger than ever.

**THE REGIME'S** devastation of the Church can be compared to that of a bull in a china shop. But in this case the wreckage occurred because the bull failed to see Red, the priest noted. Bishops, priests and religious have been killed, imprisoned or expelled. Schools, churches, hospitals, dispensaries and orphanages have been confiscated or closed. In many dioceses the ministry must be carried on in secret.

"But the faith of the Catholics has been strengthened under the Red persecution," the priest said. "The lay people have devised ingenious ways of receiving the Sacraments from imprisoned priests or those in hiding. Wherever the Catholic lay people have shown any weakness or wavering it is not a choice of open apostasy but rather of temporarily submitting until they can find a way out. The heroic suffering and faith of the laity are the Church's greatest promises of a glorious future in China when Red tyranny has passed."

# Old Testament Manuscripts Discovered

Jerusalem—(NC)—Two priests belonging to the Dominican Order's Biblical and Archeological School here have been assigned to study the remains of about 70 ancient Biblical scrolls recently unearthed at a cave near the Dead Sea, about 25 miles from Jerusalem.

The scrolls, many known and hitherto unknown Apocrypha, and descriptions of the Essenes, a Hebrew sect.

**PROFESSOR HARDING** said that the amount of the material was so great that it would take the Dominican experts several years before definite results could be achieved. For that reason, he added, it was hoped to be able to bring together in Jerusalem an international group of scholars to expedite the translation and publication of the material.

The Dominican Fathers meanwhile have been piecing together and studying other ancient Biblical manuscripts dating back to the second century, which were found in another cave northwest of the Dead Sea in 1947. The results of their labors on this group of fragments, including the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, will be published shortly, Professor Harding stated.

**THE NEWLY-DISCOVERED** manuscripts were written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, some of the former being in the ancient Phoenician script. The material on which the texts were inscribed is papyrus and leather.

The 19 Old Testament Books represented in the discovery are Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Leviticus, Numbers, Joshua, Ruth, Samuel, Kings, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Lesser Prophets, and Tobias.

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