

Cardinal Spellman American Priesthood's Challenge Today

(Address of His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, on the occasion of the luncheon following the consecration of Most Reverend Lawrence B. Casey, May 5, 1933.)

On the occasion of the consecration of Bishop Casey I am both privileged and honored to speak on the glory and the challenge to the priesthood of the United States.

WE SHOULD BE proud and also humble that in this generation, God, in His mysterious providence, has entrusted to the American priesthood a special responsibility.

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with the newly established Society of the Propagation of the Faith in Lyons not to discontinue its aid to the territory which comprehended this very diocese.

Europe, as is so evident after two tragic wars, cannot give the men and the means to meet the crisis of our time.

ASIA AND AFRICA, in its noble churchmen, cannot meet the contemporary challenge, not only because they have not enough men but also because they are the chosen field of the Antichrist of our times.

Have we been witnesses to Christ even to the uttermost parts of the earth? That we have been again and again.

It is for us to point to the martyred Bishop Francis Xavier Ford of Maryland, who teaches us that the challenge we face is to live the life of Christ.

Francis Xavier Ford was not America's first martyr but he is a great symbol of what our American priests have meant to the world.

There should be no mistake about the nature of our challenge.

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TWO CARDINALS—Greeting Bishop Casey at a luncheon followed as consecrator for Bishop Casey. His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit (center) was bishop of St. Louis from 1933 to 1937 during which time Bishop Casey served as his secretary.

fourth century, St. John Chrysostom, the most eminent writer on the priesthood to this day, amplified the words of Christ on His sons and friends, the words of St. Paul on his brother priests.

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ARE WE meeting this challenge? Once again I take refuge in the encyclopedist of the priestly ideal, St. John Chrysostom.

There is a place in his treatise on the priesthood, where the valiant Archbishop of Constantinople, five times exiled for his fearlessness and destined to die on the last of these exiles, speaks of that sublime moment which draws priests and people together in the most sacred of alliances.

Whenever a priest invokes the Holy Spirit and offers the sublime Sacrifice of the Mass, he makes the common Lord of all, tell me what rank shall we give him? At such a time angels stand by the priest; and the whole sanctuary, and the space around the altar, is filled with the power of heaven.

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Cardinal Mooney Bishop Casey's Day, Also Our Day

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To be invited to say a word on this happy day is a privilege which I deeply appreciate.

IT IS A HAPPY day for Bishop Kearney and the diocese which has made such notable progress during the sixteen years of his shepherding.

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suppress some consoling feeling of satisfaction in the confidence his ELEVATION bestows on the part of the Holy See and his own Bishop, his character, as I know it, is such as to have given full range to the sobering thought of the burden of the episcopate.

It was the weight of that burden that made a grand old Bishop of Cleveland nearly fifty years ago jocularly claim that some medieval scribe had misplaced a comma in that sentence of St. Paul's which reads: "Qui episcopatum desiderat, bonum opus desiderat."

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Auxiliary Bishop Casey Pledges Loyal Service To Bishop, Priests, People

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The Palmist put it well when he said, "Lord, my heart is not exalted; nor are my eyes lofty; neither have I walked in great matters; nor in wonderful things above me" (Psalm 137, 1).

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Cardinal made an evidence of a mutual friendship that is deep and abiding.

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Exiled China Nuns, Priest Report Public Stripping

Hong Kong—(RNB)—Two Italian Dominican nuns and a Spanish priest arrived here following their expulsion from China.

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one "disagreeable" incident which they said took place at a railway station during their journey here.