

Catholic Doctors Exhorted To Take Strong Stand

Cardiff, South Wales — (NC) — Catholic doctors were urged here to be clear and steadfast in their principles when confronted with practices that violate the sanctity of human life and are expressly forbidden by the Church.

The admonition came from Father Barrett J. Davies in a sermon at the Cardiff Cathedral during a Mass attended by Catholic delegates to the annual conference here of the British Medical Association. The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Michael McGrath of Cardiff.



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These Men Made 1918 Retreat At St. Bernard's



THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO when the lay retreat movement was just being started, the above men of Rochester Diocese made the weekend retreat in the summer of 1918 at St. Bernard's Seminary. Fourteen of them plan a reunion Day of Recollection at the Notre Dame Diocesan Retreat House on Sunday, Aug. 16. In center is the late Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey. To left is Rev. Terence J. Sheehy, S.J. of Mount Maunrean who was retreat master. The late Monsignor James J. Hartley, P.A. is on right. Photo was loaned by Joseph P. Kramer, one of the retreatants

Reunion, Day's Devotions Set For Early Retreatants

Thirty-five years after making one of the early lay retreats at St. Bernard's Seminary, survivors of the group will make a Day of Recollection in the Notre Dame Diocesan Retreat House, 746 Alexander St. on Sunday, Aug. 16.

The men will start the day with Mass at 8 a.m. They will participate in spiritual exercises and conferences, dine at noon, and take part in Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

A SOCIAL HOUR during which an opportunity will be given to renew acquaintances and to reminisce about the days when laymen's retreats were a novelty will conclude the program. The men were in the group that made the fourth annual Catholic laymen's retreat at St. Bernard's Seminary from Aug. 16 to 18, 1918. Several of them have made most of the subsequent retreats.

In planning the reunion, Joseph P. Kramer of 88 Elmford Ave. came across the group photograph which is being reproduced in this issue.

The photograph shows the late Bishop Thomas J. Hickey, the late Rt. Rev. James J. Hartley and the late Rev. Andrew B. Sheehan with the late Rev. Terence J. Sheehy, S.J. of Mount Maunrean, N. Y., who was the retreat master.

From the Very Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.S.R., rector of the Notre Dame Retreat House, Kramer got a list of the retreatants from the original register. Prominent professional and businessmen were in the group, the majority of whom have been called to their eternal rewards.

One of the retreatants, the late William J. Wynn was largely instrumental in founding the Rochester Nocturnal Adoration Society. Some of the group moved on to other locations.

Listed among the living are: Dr. Louis J. Dowd; James P. B. Duffy, former Supreme Court Justice and former Congressman, William T. Farrell, Lawrence Glaser, William J. Hauser, Frank N. Hanna, Frank X. Kelly, Joseph P. Kramer, Dr. Charles G. Lynch, Edward J. Loeb, George H. Stegert, John G. Schreiner, Theodora A. Zornow and Frank L. Nied.

Two of the group, Leonard Coffey who moved to Springfield, Mass. and Hugh R. Kingbell of Auburn had not been accounted for when this was reported.

Other men in the group who have died are: George T. Boucher, James Connolly, William T. Connor, Emmett J. Courneen, John A. Casey, John G. Elba, James C. Fee, Frank Fischer, John H. Finn, William F. Harvey, George Hawkins, J. Adam Krasig, John L. Keenan, Edward J. Lucas, Charles M. Lane, Patrick Lawler, Charles J. Malloy, John T. McParlin, Patrick H. Murray, Michael Morrissey, Newark; Martin P. Meyer.

M. P. O'Toole, Joseph B. Otto, Joseph P. O'Hern, Frank O. Parrish, J. C. Roche, Leo B. Rosier, Benjamin J. Shaw, Dr. William T. Shanahan, Louis A. Whalen, William F. Woodruff, Philip H. Yawman, William J. Wynn, Joseph A. Zick, John M. Tracy and Louis J. Ernst.

5 China Nuns Seek Permanent Residence Washington — (NC) — Five Separate bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives to grant permanent residence to five Chinese nuns whose temporary visas have expired.

The five nuns belong to the School Sisters of St. Francis and come from various parts of the Communist-controlled China mainland. They are all stationed in Milwaukee. The bills to grant them permanent residence and the chance to become American citizens were introduced by Rep. Clement J. Zablocki of Wisconsin.

10 Commandments Review Urged By Verein Groups

San Antonio, Texas — Greater and more extensive mission assistance, spiritual and material aid to people of war-torn lands, and an effort to recall people to the fundamental moral principles of the Ten Commandments were chosen as projects for the coming year at a joint convention of the National Catholic Verein and the National Catholic Women's Union here at San Antonio, July 18-22.

Delegates from Rochester were Joseph H. Gervais, president of Rochester Branch and August M. Maier, past president and Laura Maier, of the Rochester Branch of the National Catholic Women's Union who took part in the five-day deliberations with delegates from all over the nation.

"We are the oldest American Catholic Federation of societies and the first to receive from our Bishops the mandate for Catholic Action. By reason of this priority we owe to our Bishops much more than just loyalty and obedience. There must be a primary of action," president Albert J. Statler of New York said as he launched the coming projects in his annual message to the convened delegates.

THROUGH THE Central Bureau at St. Louis, Mo., headed by Rev. Victor T. Suran, three special projects were launched: 1) A Catholic immigration research center, the first in the United States, primarily to develop a "Catholic philosophy of immigration." 2) A scholarship in rural sociology, known as the Frederick P. Kenkel Memorial Scholarship, has been founded at St. Benedict College, Atchison, Kansas. 3) Greater and more extensive mission assistance has been provided to missionaries in all parts of the world.

As a practical move to educate the American public in Christian social principles, the men's division also inaugurated a program to incorporate courses in Catholic social philosophy in Catholic high schools and colleges. The subject matter of these courses would be the papal encyclicals, the annual message of the Bishops of the United States, and other related material.

"God alone knows the full extent of the accomplishments of the National Catholic Women's Union in the field of mission endeavor for the 30 and more years we have devoted a major share of our energies to this work," Mrs. Rose Rohman of St. Louis, Mo., national women's president.

"It is especially pleasing to be able to report that this is not merely an activity of bygone years, but one that is increasing every year," she said. Later in another optimistic tone she stated that "It is heartening to note that so many of our affiliates are expanding, both numerically and in the scope of their activities."

ONE OF THE chief prizes of the women's group is the help in food, clothing and money that they have been giving to a group of "Welfare Workers" in Europe who have been devoting their lives to going behind the Iron Curtain and trying to restore Catholic teachings in the hearts of those people.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gerhard A. Fittkau, who has been helping them carry out this program in Europe, was present for a report at the convention.

For their annual statement of declaration of principles, the convention formulated a synthesis of the Ten Commandments as applied in detail to the problems of today.

The committee in charge of the declarations was headed by Joseph Matt, editor of The Wanderer and long a lay leader in the principles of Catholic social action.

THE OPENING preamble of the declarations was declared a masterpiece on the religious origins of the United States, and the acts of those origins on our political and social life. In defining the Ten Commandments to present life, they point out the

House Votes New Probe On Tax-Free Foundations

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The House of Representatives has voted to launch a new investigation of tax-exempt foundations.

The probe, to be headed by Rep. B. Carroll Reece (R-Tenn.), will be authorized to investigate the activities of any fund or foundation that claims tax exemption.

It has been instructed to inquire not only as to whether funds are being spent for un-American or subversive purposes, but whether they are being used for "propaganda or attempts to influence legislation."

Heated debate that split party lines preceded the 209 to 163 roll call by which the investigation was authorized. Opponents contended that a similar investigation conducted by the House a year ago had been adequate.

The new committee is to report not later than January 3, 1955, on its findings. An appropriation for \$75,000 for employment of counsel and investigators is expected to be made. Senate action is not necessary.

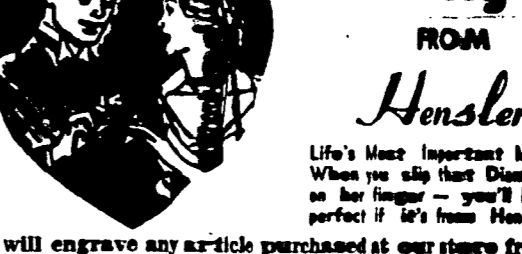


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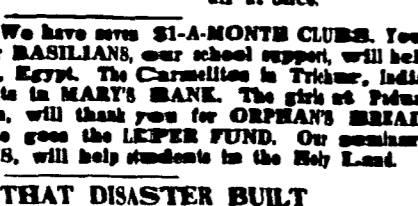
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SACKCLOTH A LUXURY

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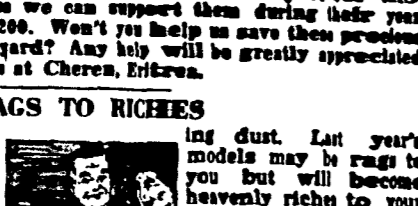


WONDERFUL SEVEN. We have seven SI-A-MONTE CLUBS. Your AUGUST DOLLARS for BASKETS, our school supply, will help the new school at Berr, Berr, A. The Carmelites in Trichur, India, will receive your dollars in MARY'S CHAPEL. The girls in Palampur, Karnataka, India, will thank you for ORPHANS' BREAD. To the Dames Institute goes the LEPPER FUND. On generous support, CHRYSTOSTOM, will help students in the Holy Land.

CHAPEL THAT DISASTER BUILT Catholics in India are so poor that in many places they can only afford a grass shed for a chapel. A good monsoon season will see the wind destroy it, as it did St. Sebastian Church in Koodalangi. At best, only half of the 348 families could get inside for Mass. It also served weekdays as a school for over 600 tots. Have you a plan for their new CHAPEL? Maybe a school, or a schoolhouse (\$100). Your August dollars will help. OF THE MONTH will go there.

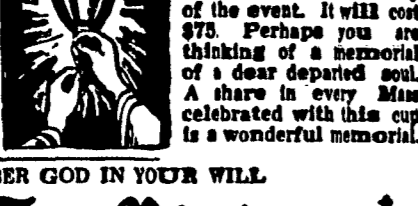
POOR SISTER FATIMA pleads for someone to help with the yearly cost (\$150) of her two years training as a novice with the Adoration Sisters at Koratty, India. Can you help her with this annual sum for these two years. You may give at your convenience over a twelve month period for each year. You will richly share in her lifetime of prayer and apostolate.

OH, FOR MARY'S LOVE! What a loving tribute to the FA TMA SHRINE CHAPEL which we hope to build in JORDAN, the Moslem country just across the river from Mary's birthplace. Moslems also re-



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