

### Zeal In Faith Urged On Laymen By Bishops

Kansas City, Mo. — (RNS) — Catholic laymen in the United States are not zealous enough in spreading their faith, two Catholic bishops said here.

Bishop Charles F. Buddy of San Diego, Calif., and Coadjutor Bishop Thomas K. Gorman of Dallas, Tex., spoke at the ninth congress of the National Laywomen's Retreat Movement. Bishop Gorman said Catholics seemed to be "either too timid or too selfish" in sharing the faith. They are, he said, "the most recalcitrant people in the world when it comes to telling the glories of that faith."

BISHOP BUDDY declared there were "tens of thousands" starting for the truth but that Catholics had been "too slow, too hesitant."

He noted that there was only one convert for each 274 Catholics. "The Church in the U.S.," Bishop Buddy said, "has concentrated so exclusively on those within the fold instead of the impression of a closed society... We are a minority, only about 17 per cent of the American people, with the majority outside the Church ruled by secularism."

Bishop Gorman predicted the Church "will never hold its own, much less make gains commensurate with its potential in this country, unless we arouse ourselves from our seeming lethargy."

Certain hitherto obscure sects in this country are growing by leaps and bounds because they possess an intense eagerness to make converts," said the bishop. "Their churches are springing up everywhere."

"WOULD THAT we could shed some of our smugness and conventional reserve and get out and tell the truth to the perplexed multitudes."

Both prelates urged the laywomen to help in spreading the faith. "We should make certain," said Bishop Buddy, "that every non-Catholic is given a chance to visit the church and examine the faith."

He recommended specifically that laywomen interest non-Catholics in attending information forums, Masses and church entertainment programs by making personal friendly calls on their non-Catholic friends.

### Women's Retreat Movement Leaders



Kansas City Mo.—New officers of the National Laywomen's Retreat Movement are shown at the group's ninth congress here. Left to right are: first row, Miss Gertrude Gentry, New York, executive secretary; Mrs. J. H. Koppeler, Milwaukee, president; and Miss Margaret Hanley, Philadelphia, vice-president. Second row: Miss Marie E. Harris, Sacramento, Calif., west regional vice-president; Mrs. Sheldon McGraw, Detroit, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Wilhere, Philadelphia, east regional vice-president; and Miss Alfreda J. Greger, Amityville, N. Y., secretary. Founded in 1936 in Chicago, the NLRM aims to increase attendance at retreat houses already existing and to encourage the establishment of new centers.

### Holy Name Men In Philadelphia Plan Night Mass

Philadelphia—(NC) — One of the greatest mass demonstrations ever held in this city will be sponsored October 11, by the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Holy Name Union in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

The demonstration to be conducted on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway will be climaxed by the celebration of Solemn Pontifical Mass by the Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M. McShea, of Philadelphia.

Archbishop John F. O'Hara, O.S.C., of Philadelphia, will preside at the Mass and preach the sermon.

The Mass will be celebrated on a specially erected altar to be located on the steps of the Art Museum at the head of the Parkway.

Prior to the Mass, a parade of more than 80,000 men will march through center city streets to the Parkway. An additional 250,000 Catholic men and women are expected to attend the Mass which will start at 8 p.m.

Each marcher will pray the Rosary for the conversion of Russia as the parade makes its way through midcity.

Parish Marks Centenary Lawrenceville, Pa.—(NC)—St. Mary's parish here will celebrate the centenary of its founding this week. The highlight of the ceremonies was the Pontifical Mass celebrated on Monday Sept. 14, by Bishop John F. Dearden of Pittsburgh. Bishop Ralph L. Hayes, of Davenport, Iowa, formerly a priest of the Pittsburgh diocese, preached the sermon.

### Australia Peace Meeting Branded 'Red-Inspired'

Sydney, Australia — (NC) — The "Australian Convention on Peace and War" has been branded as "Communist in initiative and influence" by the Catholic Weekly here. Many world figures have been invited to the session, to be held here from Sept. 28 to 30.

"The Communist scheming has been so skillful that many informed observers regard the Red exploitation of the convention as the most efficient and best-planned Communist strategy ever undertaken in Australia," the paper said, adding:

"Leading citizens from every walk of life and large numbers of the general public have been hoodwinked into giving sponsorship or financial assistance to the convention without realizing its true character."

THE CATHOLIC Weekly's warning coincided with a statement by Archbishop Daniel Mannix of Melbourne who declared that the recent return to Australia of the Communist labor leader, Ernest Thornton, constituted a challenge to the Federal government.

Thornton's return has been linked by some with the "peace" convention. He left Australia in July, 1950, and recently has served as secretary general of the Communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions at Peking, China.

"A notable Communist has returned to this country within the last few days, and apparently he is not much afraid of the government," Archbishop Mannix said. "I think his coming back is a challenge to the Federal government, and I hope that the government will take up the challenge and give proof that it really is opposed to Communism."

THE CATHOLIC Weekly said that the "peace" meeting was first mooted publicly last April when 10 Protestant clergymen, including several notorious Communist "fellow travelers" who had participated in previous Red "front" activities, issued a signed Declaration on World Peace.

According to the Catholic publication, the "peace" convention had been discussed by the Central Executive of the Communist Party before it was publicly announced.

"Firm instructions were circulated throughout the party defining the attitude of members toward the convention," the paper said. "Members were told that they were to regard it as one of the most important projects the party had ever been associated with. The convention was not to be linked openly in any way with the New South Wales Peace Committee, a known Communist 'front' organization, and wherever possible party members and even well-known 'fellow travelers' were to remain in the background."

"RATHER," THE Catholic paper went on, "were the Communists experts on 'peace' to work privately, mainly by subtle and carefully-concoiled working on key organizers and sponsors of the convention, with whom personal associations had been established through earlier contacts, like the recent Peking Conference?"

"Particular attention," the Catholic Weekly added, "was to be paid to a group of glib and inexpressible clergymen, who were to be made to think that they were, indeed, the originators, inspirers and promoters of the convention. In fact, they were to be used to fire bullets made for them by their Communist associates without realizing what was happening."

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### Bravery Wins Top Medal For Texas Soldier

Washington, (NC) — In a Texas high school he had been voted "best citizen." Thisweek Cpl. Benito Martinez was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, highest military decoration, the U.S. gives.

But the medal will be presented posthumously. Corporal Martinez, citizenship paid off in Korea where he was found dead in the outpost, he had defended alone for six hours. Three North Koreans lying across his body.

The 21-year-old Catholic Infantryman from Fort Hancock, Tex., had been an all-around high school sportsman—football, basketball, track—and winner of the Babe Ruth Foundation Sports-

manship Award in 1950, the year before he graduated. At school and at St. Teresa's Church he was known as an outstanding young man.

IN SATEARI, Korea, on Sept. 6, 1952, Corporal Martinez found good use for that sportsmanship, citizenship and faith. The Army called it "incredible valor."

A machine gunner with Company A, 27th Infantry Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division, Corporal Martinez was alone that

night at an advance listening post. His job was to protect a position called "Sandbag Castle."

When he saw that his listening post was going to be surrounded by the enemy he warned the boys back at the Castle by phone.

The boys asked him: Can you get back here? Is there any way we can come and get you?

MARTINEZ SAID he wanted to stick it out. He wasn't sure how long he could hold the enemy but he would do everything he could to stop them from taking Sandbag Castle.

Then he started a six-hour single handed battle keeping back the North Koreans with his machine gun. When the enemy

rushed him, he had to leave the gun. But he fought them off with an automatic rifle. Then with a 45 caliber pistol.

During the six hours the U.S. forces back of Sandbag Castle had time to reorganize attack and recapture the key terrain.

IT WAS ALMOST dawn when the boys at Sandbag Castle heard from Corporal Martinez for the last time. He reported that the enemy was digging through the sides of his position with picks and bayonets. Then the boys heard a lot of firing and after the shots fired out Corporal Martinez didn't come back to the phone.

Two days later they reached the site of Sandbag Castle. They found his body near his listening post. He had an empty pistol ammunition clip in his left hand and a 45 caliber pistol in his right hand. There were three dead North Koreans across his body. They died from his pistol fire.

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For "conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage beyond the call of duty," the Medal of Honor has been awarded posthumously to the Texas-born Corporal Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens announced this week.

Said the citation: "Corporal Martinez' incredible valor and supreme sacrifice reflect glory upon himself and are in keeping with the honored traditions of the military service."

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