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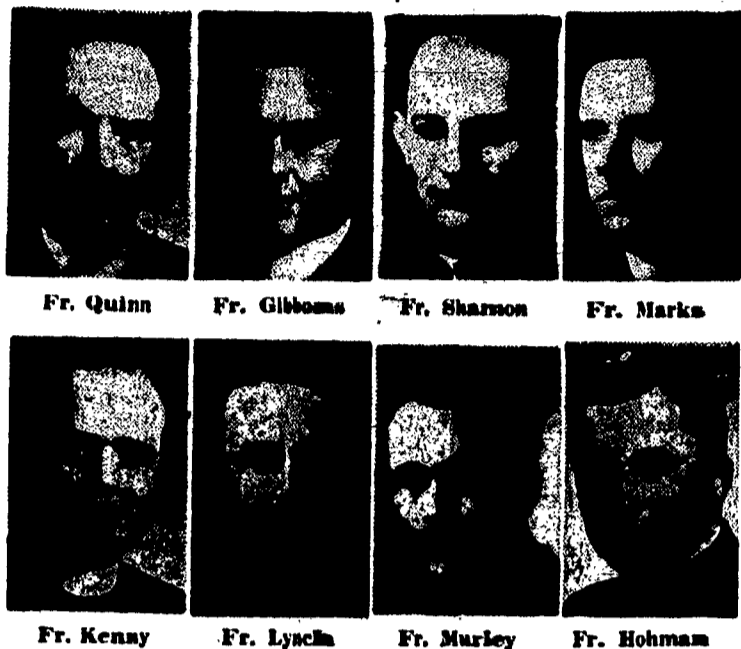
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Catholic Information

22 Talks On Catholic Church Listed For Inquiries At Hotel



Twenty-two topics are listed for discussion and explanation in the Sixth annual Catholic Information Series opening Monday, Oct. 26 at Hotel Seneca from 8 to 9 p. m. according to the Rev. Francis A. Marks, Ph.D., director.

The series is being conducted on what Catholics believe and why they so believe. Father Marks said and since its inception has attracted a large number of inquiries.

Although these talks are intended for non-Catholics, Catholics are also welcome. First hand information will be available about the beliefs of more than 400 million persons who are members of every nation of the world and who constitute the world's largest religious body.

A QUESTION period will follow each talk, wherein the inquirer may address his question publicly to the speaker or privately to one of the other priests in attendance.

Speakers in the series are all priest-professors of St. Andrew's Seminary and all possess secular degrees.

No cost is involved for those attending and no admission charge is made. Literature to supplement the talk is offered free of charge.

A LIST of the various speakers, topics of their talks and dates follows:

- Building For The Future - October 26 - Rev. Francis A. Marks (Introductory Notion)
- The Book of Books - November 2 - Rev. Richard M. Quinn (The Bible)
- From Dust To Undying Life - November 9 - Rev. Raymond M. Kenny (God the Creator - The Nature of Man)
- Mistaken Identity - November 16 - Rev. Paul J. Gibbons (The Life and Divinity of Christ)
- The Royal Road Back - November 23 - Rev. Albert J. Shannon (Man's Supernatural Destiny - Faith and Redemption)
- Signs That Point The Way - November 30 - Rev. T. Paul Murley (The Church and Its Mission)
- Can A Pope Be Wrong? - December 7 - Rev. Joseph J. Hohman (Divine and Human Elements in the Church)
- Signs That Have Gone - December 14 - Rev. Joseph H. Lynch (What Sacraments Are - The Sacrament of Baptism)
- Peace of Mind - December 21 - Rev. Francis A. Marks (Confession)
- On The Witness Stand - January 4 - Rev. Francis A. Marks (How to Confess: Indulgences)
- Divine Food and Medicine - January 11 - Rev. Richard M. Quinn (The Holy Eucharist)
- The Perennial Miracle - January 18 - Rev. Raymond M. Kenny (The Sacrifice of the Mass)
- Illustrated Lecture on the Sacrifice of the Mass - January 25 - Rev. Raymond M. Kenny
- Strength In Weakness - February 1 - Rev. Paul J. Gibbons (The Holy Spirit - Confirmation - Anointing of the Sick - Holy Orders)
- With This Ring - February 8 - Rev. Albert J. Shannon (Matrimony)
- The Greatest Commandment - February 15 - Rev. T. Paul Murley (Commandments 1-3)
- Reverence For Life and Its Source - February 22 - Rev. Louis J. Hohman (Commandments 4, 5, 6 and 9)
- Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit - March 1 - Rev. Joseph H. Lynch (Commandments 7, 8 and 10)
- God's Masterpiece - March 8 - Rev. Paul J. Gibbons (Mary, God's Mother)
- Spiritual Sources of Strength - March 15 - Rev. Francis A. Marks (Virtues and Precepts)
- Becoming And Living As A Follower of Christ - March 22 - Rev. Richard M. Quinn (Sacraments - Prayers - Indulgences)
- The End Crowns The Work - March 29 - Rev. Raymond M. Kenny (The Future Life - Devotional Practices)
- Visit To and Explanation of a Catholic Church - April 5

Diamonds of Quality at Low Prices! Budget Payments. William S. Thomas, Jeweler, 318 Main St. East, R.A. 1931-Adv.

Catholic Education For Women



COLLEGE FAIR sponsored by Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae which gave the messages of 36 colleges to young women, brought together at Our Lady of Mercy High School the above leaders in the movement. His Excellency Bishop Kearney spoke at the affair. In photo (from left) Mrs. John J. Mahoney, regent; Sister Mary Louis, (Walden) SSND of the Notre Dame College of Maryland faculty; Bishop Kearney and Miss Mary Elisor Smith, Dean of Women, Catholic University Washington, D.C.

Select College 'With God On Campus', Bishop Asks

His Excellency Bishop Kearney told 300 high school juniors and seniors and their parents, at the second Catholic College Fair sponsored by Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae...

not to turn your back on God but to make God your choice in the selection of a college choosing a Catholic college where God is in the classroom and on the campus.

THE FAIR was held at Our Lady of Mercy High School on Sunday, Oct. 18 when dozens of faculty members and a group of 36 Catholic Colleges for women were present to discuss the advantages of their institutions.

Special sessions were held at various times, during which were on display and many instances, slides were shown of campus life.

Bishop Kearney presided at a general session in the afternoon. He commended the loyalty of the alumnae and stated that each would be proud to say her college was best.

The fact that the Catholic Church is the real standard of progressive students to measure by, he said.

Miss Jean Schmitt, chairman of Fair arrangements, thanked the guests who were the speaker's platform was Bishop Kearney. They were Mrs. E. J. Ward J. Lintz, Mrs. A. V. Steiner, Mrs. John J. Mahoney, Circle Regent and Miss E. J. Kennedy, International Council of Education, IFCA.

Gift Subscription By Unknown Person Led Man To Faith

La Crosse, Wis. - (NC) - A gift subscription from an unknown person led a Catholic newspaper reader to the Church, a letter has revealed.

"The truth and beauty of the Catholic faith were made known to me, largely by way of the (LaCrosse) Register and through the apostolicity of some unknown person who had a subscription sent to my home for a period of several years prior to my conversion," a letter to that newspaper read.

"To that person and to the Register I owe an eternal debt of gratitude."

The convert wrote the letter while renewing his subscription and ordering subscriptions for his non-Catholic parents, brothers and friends.

Banquet Honors Msgr. Boland

Buffalo, N.Y. - (NC) - Martin P. Durkin, who recently resigned as Secretary of Labor, will be the principal speaker at a banquet honoring Msgr. John P. Boland, founder of the Buffalo Diocesan Labor College, October 26 at the Hotel Statler here. The Diocesan Labor College was founded 15 years ago.

Americans Set Marian Year Pilgrimages

Washington - (NC) - A great number of Americans, perhaps more than visited Rome during the 1950 Holy Year, will make pilgrimages to shrines of 'Our Lady' in Europe during the 1954 Marian Year.

As urged by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, when he proclaimed the Marian Year to commemorate the centennial of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, Americans will visit the major Marian shrines in Europe.

SCHEDULES and itineraries have been drawn up on behalf of the Archbishops and Bishops of the Dubuque Province, which embraces the state of Iowa; the Indianapolis Province, which encompasses all of Indiana, and the diocese of Albany for pilgrimages to Lourdes, La Salette, Fatima, Loreto, Pompeii, Paris, Rome and other shrines. These plans were announced by the International Catholic Travel Service of Lanseria.

Other pilgrimages announced include the Third National Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine under the leadership of Msgr. Patrick J. O'Connell, director of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C., and the Georgetown University pilgrimage for the Sunday. This latter group will be in Rome for the World Youth Congress, September 8 to 12, 1954.

Plans are also being studied for an Easter Pilgrimage to "Land of Mary The Holy Land" in the spring.

Kit Helps Campaign For Holy Christmas

St. Paul, Minn. - (NC) - A publicity kit to remind the U.S. that Christmas is Christ's Birth Day has been printed by the Catechetical Guild here.

Available without cost to groups who wish to join in the campaign to emphasize the spiritual at Christmas time, the kit includes suggestions for organizing local campaigns, obtaining publicity, cooperation from merchants, television and radio broadcasts and club participation.

The 34-page kit is available from the Catechetical Guild at 117 East Fifth Street, St. Paul.

Why The Yankees Won

Honolulu, T.H. - (NC) - Take it from Billy Martin, a fan who was a fervently recited Hall of Fame story that won the president-setting, fifth consecutive World Series for the New York Yankees.

The second baseman should know. He recited the Hall of Fame story and then he hit the single that sent Hank Bauer scampering home with the winning run and the World title for the Yankees in the bottom of the ninth of the sixth game against Brooklyn's luckless Dodgers.

The series hero made a deep impression on a group of 200 sports followers who heard him tell the Hall of Fame story at a luncheon in the clubhouse in the Smiley (after here, Martin came here with pitcher-teammate Eddie Lopat's All Stars en route to Japan for a series of games.

Martin related that he was elated when Hank Bauer moved to second on Mickey Mantle's walk. He said his Hall of Fame story was unlearned. "Billy never started any of them. He is one of those boys who won't back away from a fight, though."

Martin probably was among the blessed Mother, told the club that Billy Martin's reputation as a fighter, resulting from several fist encounters on the diamond, is unlearned. "Billy never started any of them. He is one of those boys who won't back away from a fight, though."

Billy Martin

Polish Embassy Continues Bid To Dupe U.S. Public

(N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)

A recent demand by two U. S. legislators that the government halt the propaganda activities of the Polish embassy in Washington takes on added significance in view of a new embassy release hinting at a rosy picture of Church-state relations in Communist Poland.

The demand that the U. S. government expose and stop the Red propaganda activities of the Polish embassy was made in a joint memorandum by Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Representative Michael A. Feighan of Ohio.

Inspired by an embassy release on the case of His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, the statement charged that the embassy is taking part in a propaganda campaign "calculated to deceive and mislead the American people." It stated that this activity "is in violation of every accepted norm of diplomacy and called on the government to take appropriate action."

THE NEW EMBASSY release makes these assertions: Since the end of World War II the Polish regime has built four new churches and restored more than 510 through government funds.

A wide range of Catholic books, newspapers and magazines are permitted to be published in Poland.

It hints that the Catholic University of Lublin is functioning freely under the direction of the Catholic Hierarchy.

These assertions are either distortions of the truth or present the facts out of focus by what is left unsaid.

(1) The Polish Bishops have acknowledged that the state has helped "in considerable measure" the restoration of war-damaged churches. But this does not constitute freedom of religion, they pointed out.

The fact is that the regime has usurped control over everything that goes on in the churches. It has arrogated the right to approve the pastor who serves the church. It tells him what sermons to preach. It forces him to take part in Communist political activities. It forbids him to organize Catholic youth and other organizations.

Archbishop Eugene Baziak of Krakow; Archbishop Stanislaw Kardynal of Cracow; Bishop Stanislaw Rospodko of Cracow; Bishop Czeslaw Kozminski of Kielce; Bishop Stanislaw Adamus of Katowice; Coadjutor Bishop Herbert Bednorz of Katowice; Auxiliary Bishop Julius Bielek of Katowice; and Bishop Karl Maria Splitt of Danzig.

THE EMBASSY release makes a particular point of the fact that the regime has erected "new churches" in Stalag (formerly Katowice). What is left unsaid is that within the past year the regime has forcibly "dismissed" three Bishops from their posts in this city. They are Bishop Stanislaw Adamus of Katowice, Coadjutor Bishop Herbert Bednorz and Auxiliary Bishop Julius Bielek.

(2) There is one glaring error in the embassy report about a wide variety of Catholic books, newspapers and magazines. They are not Catholic.

They ostensibly carry the banner of Catholicism, but their contents are dictated by the Communist regime. These publications are written, edited and published by a small band of Judas priests and laymen who call themselves Catholic, but constantly attack the Bishops and the Pope and are opening the way to schism and heresy.

THE GENUINE Catholic press has been progressively wiped out through newsprint reduction, censorship and finally outright suspension.

The last nationwide Catholic paper, Tygodnik Powszechny of Cracow, was suspended on March 8 of this year. Its editor was arrested. The paper was then taken over by a pro-regime group of so-called "progressive Catholics" and it began publication again under the same name. But its policies are anything but Catholic. Its main purpose is to twist Catholic doctrine to fit Communist principles.

(3) The Catholic University of Lublin is still permitted to function, but it is surrounded by restrictions. More than 100 of its 26 professors have been de facto removed by the regime without explanation. The university's schools of law and economics were suppressed. Its graduates are discriminated against when they try to obtain employment, which is almost completely controlled by the Communist regime.

Reds Honor Nuns In Bid To Confuse

London - (NC) - The Polish communists have demonstrated their mastery in creating confusion and swiftly changing tactics by bestowing decorations on 14 nuns for devoted social service.

These awards were announced as Polish Catholics were still reeling from the news of the arrest of their beloved Primate, His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński.

THE NUNS, belonging to a variety of religious communities, occupy responsible positions in kindergartens and institutions for the care of people suffering from incurable diseases.

The irony of the matter is that these institutions formerly belonged to the religious communities and were confiscated by the regime. The nuns are kept in the institutions by the regime only until it can train other personnel to replace them.

The regime's announcement stated that it had awarded the Golden Cross of Merit to one nun, the Silver Cross of Merit to nine nuns, and the Bronze Cross of Merit to four nuns.

Jersey Judge Backs Police On Seizing 'Moon Is Blue'

Jersey City, N. J. - (NC) - A squad of policemen not only reached for "The Moon, but confiscated it.

And after a Superior Court Judge approved their action, the film was shown no longer in Jersey City's largest movie house, the Stanley Theater, which seats 4,200.

It all started when the theater booked "The Moon, Is Blue." It has been evaluated in the "condemned" class by the National Legion of Decency and failed to obtain a seal of approval from the Motion Picture Producers Association of America. There was an advance newspaper advertising campaign, which some critics considered indecent.

SO WHEN "The Moon" opened up on a double feature bill with "No Escape," Bernard J. Berry, municipal public safety director, who said he received a number of complaints about the picture, sent around a squad of policemen, who seized the print of the film. The policemen also seized Arthur J. Manfredonia, the theater manager, on a charge of possession and advertising of an obscene, indecent and immoral film. The manager was released under \$500 bail.

While all this was going on and the theater patrons were sitting through a showing of "No Escape," the theater obtained another print of "The Moon." The policemen threatened to seize that one, too, so Manager Manfredonia decided to close up his theater early - 7 p. m. - to be precise - to await the outcome of court proceedings.

The theater people asked the Superior Court for an injunction to restrain the police from interfering with the showing of the film. After that an audience of 121 persons, including Superior Court Judge Thomas J. Stanton, counsel for the Stanley Corporation of America, which operates the theater, and attorneys for the city, sat through a showing of the controversial movie in the huge theater.

The next day there were arguments, pro and con, on the injunction after which Judge Stanton gave his opinion. It was emphatic - no injunction. The judge pointed out that there was objection to the dialogue and that sound could be separated from the film. He said the case came under a statute, the wording of which was broad enough to pose the question of whether the film was indecent or not.

Judge Stanton pointed out that the police are duty-bound to enforce the law, and that in enforcing the morals of the people. He said the whole affair hinged on a question of whether the police acted capriciously, arbitrarily or without due process of law - and he found they did not.

Later in the day, the Stanley Theater reopened - but with a double bill of new pictures.

No Politics In Pulpit, People Tell Pollsters

St. Paul, Minn. - (NC) - Americans - 70 per cent of them - want no talk of politics in the pulpit, a survey has claimed.

And Catholics head the list with 78 per cent saying they don't think priests should discuss political issues at a sermon during Mass.

Figures in the Catholic Digest poll revealed, however, that the more educated a person is, the more he wants to hear a churchman's views on political issues from the pulpit. Only 19 per cent of those with eighth-grade education wanted to hear politics in church, but 43 per cent of college graduates did.

OVERALL FIGURES, including all religious groups, showed that 70 per cent, or seven out of ten Americans, did not think it is ever right for clergymen to discuss politics from the pulpit; 22 per cent thought it was right; and eight per cent said they didn't know.

In an article on the survey in its November issue, the Catholic Digest commented:

"The present political and religious climate of the U. S. is such that the disapproval of clergymen discussing politics in church seems to be the popular view in the U. S. The same question asked in Europe would undoubtedly draw a quite different response because of prevailing religious and political circumstances. . . The situation in Europe should teach us that, in different circumstances, a different response would be quite logical and perhaps necessary."

Presbyterians led the religious groups in approving politics in sermons, with 30 per cent in favor and 63 per cent against. Next came the Episcopalians with 28 per cent approving and 59 per cent disapproving - the lowest ratio vote of any religious group.

BUT, ON THE average, the Catholic Digest reported, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish thought on the question is about the same. On the disapproval of politics in church, the averages went this way:

Catholics: 72 per cent; Protestants, 70 per cent; and Jews, 66 per cent.

Breaking the survey down: less women wanted politics in the pulpit than men; the New England States had the highest no vote and the lowest yes vote of any region; manual workers said "no" more loudly than any other occupational group, while professional men and white collar workers had the most yes-votes, city or rural living didn't seem to make much difference in people's choices.

School Holiday On Nov. 7

In view of the fact that the school year begins on Nov. 7, the school year will be closed on Nov. 7, 1953.

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