

President and Cardinal Mooney



Washington, D. C.—President Eisenhower and Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, enjoy an informal moment during a Convocation at Catholic University of America here where the Chief Executive received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. During the Convocation, Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, formerly of Ogdenburg, N. Y., was installed as Rector. (RNS Photo.)

Tito Army Inducts More Bishops, Clergy

Vienna — (NC) — Marshall Tito has stepped up the campaign against the Catholic Church in Yugoslavia by forcing the hierarchy and clergy to serve in the army.

Reliable reports reaching here tell of two more Bishops and 70 priests being conscripted into recently activated army units. The two prelates are Bishops Charles Calk, Apostolic Administrator of Banjaluka, and Francis Cokada of Skopje.

THE ACTION against Bishop Calk is seen as a move to get him out of his diocese for good. Recently the prelate was beaten by a communist-led mob.

The 70 conscripted priests, the reports say, were put into predominantly Serbian Orthodox and Moslem military units so as to keep them from exercising spiritual influence on Catholic Croat soldiers.

Just one week ago it was reported that Bishop Charles Nestle, Apostolic Administrator of Parenzo and Pola, and Bishop Joseph Pavlicic, Auxiliary of Scutari, were among 40 top-ranking Catholic clergymen pulled from their Church posts and inducted into the army. Both Bishops are reportedly serving as privates.

Daily Noon Mass Scheduled For Downtown Workers

Daily Noon Mass for Rochester's downtown workers, professional and business men and women will begin in Our Lady of Victory Church, 10 Pleasant St., on Monday, Nov. 30, at 12:15 p.m., according to the Daily Mass League, sponsors.

The noonday Mass, each day Monday through Saturday will be celebrated by priests of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, according to the Rev. Edward Calena, S.S.C., pastor. He said Confessions will be heard before the Mass.

Beginning of the Daily Noon Day Mass in the "little French Church," which has been given the approval of His Excellency Bishop Kearney has been a project of the Daily Mass League for some time. Members of the League believe it appropriate that the Mass will begin on the first day of Advent.

Called the "Golden Hour" by the Mass League, daily Mass attendance is urged by them upon all Catholic men and women especially those in occupational downtown.

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Washington, D. C.—President Eisenhower is shown receiving an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington at a Convocation of the Catholic University of America here. During the Convocation, Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, formerly of Ogdenburg, N. Y., was installed as Rector of the university. (RNS Photo.)

President Extols C. U., Receives Degree

Washington — (NC) — Peace will come from the spiritual development of man, not from tanks, bombs or treaties, President Dwight D. Eisenhower said after receiving an honorary doctor of laws degree on Nov. 19 from the Catholic University of America.

The President spoke before one of the most brilliant audiences of churchmen, educators and diplomats ever assembled in the history of the nation's capital.

CLAD IN BLACK academic robes the President walked in procession with three American Cardinals in scarlet robes and 150 Bishops of the U.S. clad in purple, through a crowd of over 3,000 guests in the university's gymnasium.

He came to the university to see Bishop Bryan T. McEntegart installed as eighth rector of the Catholic University of America at a joint convocation which also honored the 50th anniversary of the National Catholic Educational Association.

Pope Pius XII sent his Apostolic Benediction through the Apostolic Delegate to the U.S. who also read the decree of appointment of the new rector.

Stating that "no people, as such, want war," President Eisenhower praised the work of the university in calling attention to "the essential spiritual character of man."

President Envis Job Of New Rector, He Says

Washington — (NC) — He was once a university president himself, President Eisenhower recalled with a grin at the inauguration of Bishop Bryan T. McEntegart as rector of the Catholic University of America — but "my sojourn" wasn't long enough to give advice to the Bishop, he said.

The President drew laughter from the crowd of prelates and guests with the footnote: "Fairness and frankness compel me to say that I heard no great clamor or outcry of protest—or incident of any kind—when I left the exalted ranks of college presidents."

He said, however, that because the university has a special responsibility to convince others that peace comes from man's spiritual nature, "I address myself to the new Rector in terms of envy."

"Unworthy as I am, I should like to have that task," the President said.

"Here in such a university as this, it seems to me there is a sort of happy marriage between the determination to instruct in the spiritual and moral values of life, as well as to develop the intellectual capacity of the students."

"Only as they grasp these truths and learn to understand, to appreciate and to sympathize with these longings of mankind, are we going to build a true peace."

In his inaugural address Bishop McEntegart pledged that the university will "continue even more zealously to extend the horizons of knowledge and skill; and to meet the challenges to the peace of mankind."

ARCHBISHOP PATRICK A. O'Boyle of Washington, Chancellor of the University, called for the strengthening of spiritual resources "against the evil forces of our common enemy who have shown such complete contempt for religion, scientific truth and true academic freedom."

Hundreds of guests, including ambassadors of foreign nations, members of Congress, officials of the executive and judicial branches and representatives of leading U.S. schools, crowded the university gymnasium and hundreds (Continued on Page 6)

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Modern Society Degrades Man's Human Dignity

Washington — (NC) — The American Catholic Bishops have warned that modern society has stripped man of his human dignity and come to regard him as if he "were only a thing." They affirmed "that the source of man's intrinsic dignity is his nature as a creature of God."

In a statement issued at the end of their annual meeting, the Bishops declared that "conscious of the growing depersonalization of man," they "reaffirm man's essential dignity and reassert the rights which flow from it."

They said man's dignity must be rediscovered and reflected in actual life, or civilization will be threatened with destruction by forces it has created but failed to control.

THE BISHOPS found the depersonalization of man expressed today in a variety of ways. Secular

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tremes of individualism and collectivism." In the economic field, they found the right of private property, "closely connected with human dignity," subject to two abuses today: "unrestrained capitalism" which errs "by divorcing property rights from social use," and communism which considers "social use apart from personal rights."

The statement held up these sources of man's dignity: his endowment with intellect and free will, his adornment with divine grace and his destiny of eternal happiness with God.

"Needless that his nature has God for its origin and destiny," the Bishops said, "man will do what no other creature can—he will deny his true nature and will destroy all that is good within himself."

The Bishops warned that this process of degradation is "visibly at work in our country, where dedication of the flesh continues to elicit new devices." They added, "Through the hurry of advertisement, entertainment, and literature, this cult bids fair to corrode our national sense of decency...."

"The Catholic Church has never failed to accord the human body an immense measure of honor. She affirms that it was originally created by God; in one instance actually assumed by Him; in every instance meant to be on earth His special temple, and destined eventually to rejoin the soul in His beatific presence."

"Whatever is uncompromising in her teaching about the body stems from her realism on two points: the body, though good, is not the highest good; and the undisciplined body is notoriously bad."

DISREGARD of human dignity during the last century, the Bishops pointed out, led to a crisscross of individual egotisms, in which each man sought his own.

"Against this error," the statement continued, "our country has seen a reaction which has sought to overcome the isolation of man from man by imposing upon rebellious individuals a pattern of compulsory and all-embracing state organization, with unlimited power in the hands of our civil government. Hence socialism in its various guises has appeared as forcible organization imposed upon the confusion which resulted from false concepts of human freedom."

The Bishops pointed out that the Christian view avoids the opposing extremes of individualism.

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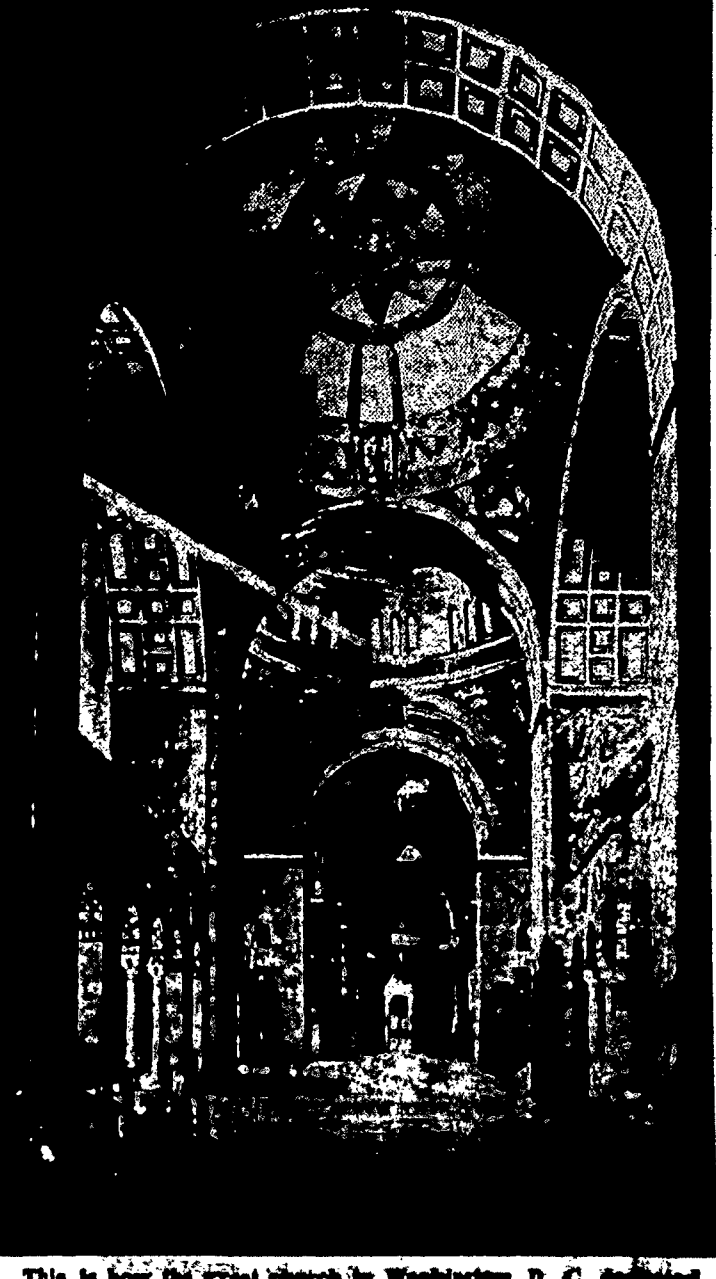
Basilica For Our Mother

Papal Aide Tells Marian Year Aim, Observances Asked

Vatican City — (NC) — The true purpose of the Marian Year — to inspire men to holiness and to foster greater devotion to the Mother of God — will best be realized through demonstrations and devotion in diocesan and parish levels everywhere.

This statement was contained in a letter sent to Ordinaries throughout the world by Archbishop Luigi Traglia, Vicar of Rome, who has been appointed president of the committee named by His Holiness Pope Pius XII for the observance of the Marian Year which begins December 1.

Archbishop Traglia's letter said his committee was set up "not to promote or regulate a flow of pilgrims to the Holy City, as in



This is how the great church in Washington, D. C., dedicated to the Mother of God, will look when completed. It is the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and will be one of the ten greatest religious edifices of the world. The foundations, including a splendid Crypt Church, are completed. Fund appeal for the Shrine will be held this Sunday (Nov. 29) in the Rochester Diocese.

Marian Year Plenary Indulgences

Vatican City — (NC) — The special plenary indulgences which may be gained on the Feasts of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 in 1953 and 1954 — the special closing days of the Marian Year — and on certain other feast days of the Year, are "loose quotes."

This means, Vatican authorities pointed out, that a plenary indulgence may be gained on these days as often as a Catholic, who has already confessed and received Holy Communion, visits a church and prays for the Pope's intentions.

According to the terms of the indulgence, the church must be one built in honor of the Blessed Virgin. It must be visited in person, and the devotee must be dedicated to the Mother of God.

Besides the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the official days on which the special Marian Year plenary indulgences may be gained "loose quotes" are the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary on February 2, the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25, the Feast of the Assumption on August 15, the Feast of Mary's Nativity on September 8, and the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin on September 15.

Bishop's Letter:

Asks Tribute To Nation's Patroness

My Dear People: The centenary year of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady has been set aside by our Holy Father Pope Pius XII as a year of special honor to the Mother of God.

The bishops of the United States have decided to honor Our Lady this centenary year by completing the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. This tribute of a nation's devotion is an expression of gratitude to the Patroness of the Church in the United States. Every Catholic in the country should be a builder of this shrine.

On Sunday, November 29, I appeal to every Catholic to give a day's wage to this collection. Our quota of \$80,000 is so high as to demand at least that much generosity. However, since this shrine is intended to be an expression of the devotion of every individual Catholic, expressed in terms of a donation for the shrine, I feel that a day's wage is the least sacrifice that will express an adequate gratitude for the place Our Lady occupies in our lives and for the blessings She brings to all of us. Unless we average a day's wage throughout the parishes, we shall fail to raise our quota.

May I ask then of every wage earner at least a day's pay for your Mother's Shrine. Anything in excess of that will be an eloquent expression of your filial devotion to the Mother of God, and will help ensure our success.

I do hope that we can open Our Lady's Year with an outstanding gift for Her National Shrine.

May Her Divine Son richly reward you for your kindness to His Mother.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

John E. Kearney

P.S. The special collection for the National Shrine (which also this year will include our collection for the Catholic University) is to be taken up at all Masses on Sunday, November 29.

the Holy Year, but rather to coordinate and facilitate, when asked, undertakings organized by the various dioceses to realize the lofty desires of the Pope."

CONTAINED in the letter were five general suggestions for diocesan and parochial Marian Year activities. They were:

- 1 — To examine the possibilities of establishing social works or activities "dedicated to the Immaculate Virgin which may remain as a living monument of her centenary." This is particularly true and fitting, in view of the objective of the Year — "to rekindle the sentiment of charity between Christians, who should consider themselves as brothers."
- 2 — To make Marian structures better known to the faithful, especially those shrines which are nearest at hand and which have already acquired wide fame as centers of devotion.
- 3 — To organize lectures and sermons, perhaps in every parish, which will be catechetical and formative in character.
- 4 — To foster the spreading of Marian books among the faithful.
- 5 — To take every possible occasion so that those who are brothers in the Faith and sons of Mary, and are now suffering persecution for justice's sake, are not forgotten.

The letter concluded by stating that the Ordinaries will know how to establish and regulate such matters, in collaboration with religious congregations and Catholic associations. It said that it might also be seen fit to establish diocesan and national committees for the observance of the great year of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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