

Franciscans Launch Drive Against Communism in Italy

Padua, Italy — (RNS) — A campaign against Communism in Italy was launched here when 150 Franciscans from all parts of the country took over the province's 50 parishes for 11 days and preached the message of the Gospel everywhere.

The Franciscans responded to a call from Bishop Girolamo Bartolomeo Bortignon, O.F.M. of Padua, who handed his parishes over to them for the campaign.

Earlier, in an open letter, Bishop Bortignon denounced the "dangerous" activity of the Communist Association of Italian

Pioneers among the young people in his diocese.

During their 11-day "invasion" of Padua, the Franciscan missionaries talked to professors and university students, school teachers and their pupils, employees, businessmen, film people, workmen, prisoners, invalids, the poor and others.

Back at their monasteries, the Franciscans are awaiting an order to go to some other town to carry out what is regarded as a new Franciscan assault against Communism in Italy.

Recently Giacomo Cardinal Lercaro, Archbishop of Bologna, created a Franciscan corps of motorized priests and monks to work in areas of his archdiocese where there are no Catholic clergy at the present time.

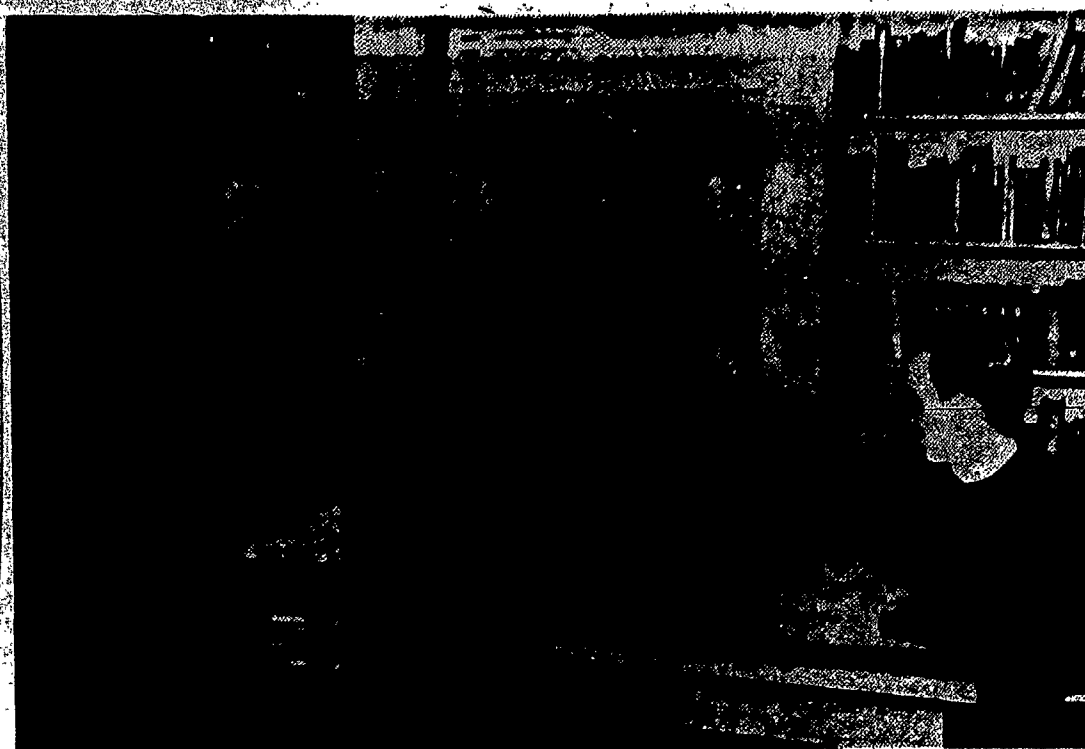
Open New School Canberra, Australia (NC) — One of the best equipped schools in the Commonwealth, Aquinas College, will be officially opened here by His Eminence Norman Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney, next March 14.

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Students To Study Church Unity



AN EXTENSION PROGRAM for the Chair of Unity League at St. John's Atoneum Seminary, Montour Falls is here being planned by (from left) Very Rev. Alexander Boston, S.A., Fr. Facs Von Essen, Thomas Brown, John Hunt and Robert Cummings.

Way Signs, Topic For Forum Talk

The Rev. Paul Murley of St. Andrew's Seminary faculty will deliver the next lecture in the Catholic Information Forum series.

"Signs that Point the Way," is the title of this, the sixth lecture, to be delivered Monday, Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. in the Seneca Hotel.

Father Murley's thesis will be that Christ established but one church and that the inexorable tests of oneness, holiness, universality and apostolicity, which must be demanded of Christ's Church, point alone to the Roman Catholic Church as the true Church of Jesus Christ.

These lectures are open to all especially to those not of the Catholic faith. There are no charges involved. A question period follows the talk.

Chair Of Unity League Begins Extension Program

Montour Falls — Plans for a Chair of Unity League Extension Program were approved at the November meeting of the League in St. Joseph's Atoneum Seminary here.

Purpose of the League is to increase the knowledge of the unity problem among students for the Atoneum priesthood, and to foster a desire for the accomplishment of this great work in the hearts of the seminarians.

The Extension Program is an outgrowth of the League work. Its aim will be to acquaint outside school students with the Unity vocation of the Society of the Atoneum and to encourage them to work and especially to pray for the effective fulfillment of Christ's urgent prayer "That they all may be one."

This object that the League members have set for themselves will be achieved through the formulation of the Extension Constitution, a series of outline discussions relating to Unity and a small monthly bulletin called Key Notes that will highlight unity news.

Newsman Directs Lectures For Padua High Students

Padua High School of the Franciscan Fathers at Watkins Glen has created considerable interest among the 125 young

school boys attending the school and the faculty members. The lectures held each Monday evening from 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. are in charge of Arthur H. Richards, Jr., of Watkins Glen, widely known Gannett newspaperman.

News writer Richards has long been a friend and booster of the school of the Franciscan Fathers, which is located on the extensive acreage of the old Glen Springs Hotel.

PADUA HIGH School high on a hill above the Glen village commands a sweeping view of Seneca Lake and the purple chain of hills to the east.

Professional writers, area physicians and faculty members of vicinity colleges and universities, along with industrial leaders have been invited to be guest lecturers at the school.

Due to the high calibre of the men lecturing at the school there has been a strong demand from the lay people to open the speaking programs to the general public.

Although this has been considered seriously, at the present time, the public will not be invited as the lecture series has been designed for the student body. The lecture course has gained a great deal of prestige due to the high calibre of the invited participants.

SPEAKERS THUS far have been Arthur Richards, who inaugurated the lecture series with a talk on Newspapers, Dr. A. E. Herr of nearby Lakemont Preparatory School for Boys, whose subject was "The Art of Reading"; Dr. James Norton of Montour Falls, who gave a thrilling illustrated lecture on "Japan"; and Dr. William Tague, also of Montour Falls, who discussed "Hobbies."

In the weeks ahead others

scheduled to speak are: Dr. Earl A. Bates of Cornell University on "India's Moon Over Padua High School"; Capt. James Calletta of the Army's Intelligence Service on "Cloak and Dagger, Today"; Dr. Fritz Landberg of Watkins Glen, "Travel in America"; Herbert W. Gledhill, Shepard-Niles Crane and Holst Executive, on "Guns"; Craig Allen of Burdett on "Trout Fishing in the Canadian Wilds";

During the winter others have been invited from Elmira College, Cornell University, Ithaca College and other area schools.

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Michael J. Ready of Canastota has requested that some papers be confined to all issues and chapters of his class immediately preceding the Milan Year.

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Apostleship of Prayer
By THOMAS H. MOORE, S.J., National Secretary

Mass And Morning Offering
The third feature of the Apostleship of Prayer, selected by Pius XII as being worthy of special mention, is the union of the Morning Offering with the Eucharistic Offering of the Mass.
To understand the significance of this union we must remember that the whole purpose of the Church is to continue the work of redemption. All that Christ did in life and death to save us from sin must be applied to men. The death of Jesus did not make salvation automatic.
Men must cooperate in their own salvation because they are free beings; they can reject God now just as they did before the crucifixion. Salvation is still a divine-human job.
Christ has done all He can do; now we must do our part. The life of the Church is the continuing life on earth of the redeeming Christ.
THE GREAT ACT of redemption was the Sacrifice of Jesus begun in the Supper Room and ended on the Cross. This Sacrifice is perpetuated in the Mass.
The Mass is not a new sacrifice but the one and only Sacrifice of Christ continued down through the life of the Church. Because the Mass is this continuation of the Sacrifice of Redemption, it is the greatest thing that happens each day in the world.
It makes each day of our lives another Good Friday; and in the spirit of the Mass, each day is a good day. In the same sense that the day on which Christ died for us was good, it is good for us.
In the Mass, Christ is offering His life for the salvation of souls. Because in Baptism we have become part and parcel of Him, we make the offering with Him. That is what it means to assist at Mass.
If, when we make this offering of Jesus, we offer ourselves and all we are to do that day with Him, the Morning Offering makes its way into the heart of redemption; it becomes a part of the great Offering by which we were redeemed.
My offering now is in the most perfect possible position to help in the reparation for which God asks. It is one with Christ's infinitely powerful act of Reparation on the Cross.
HOLY COMMUNION intensifies this oneness. My Morning Offering makes it a Communion of Reparation.
Thinking of this from the pastor's point of view, the Pope says that those who teach their people to look upon the Morning Offering in this way are teaching them to consider the unbloody Sacrifice of the Altar as the very center of their lives.
A habit forms a way of life begins comparable to the life of the Holy Family at Nazareth, which was, in every sense, a preparation, through the ordinary acts of the day, for redemption.

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Luncheon, Card Fete Set At St. Sacrament

A luncheon card party will be sponsored by Blessed Sacrament Church Rosary Society in the church hall at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7.

Everyone is invited to attend and bring their friends according to Mrs. Rose Collins, chairman.

Church To Overcome Trials As Always, Pope Predicts

Castelgandolfo, Italy — (NC) — The Church has always had periods of apparently real and complete disaster, and today is no exception. But God has always brought her safely through.

This was the assurance given by His Holiness Pope Pius XII at an audience at his summer residence here to a number of student groups. He recalled the barbarian invasions, the struggles to keep the elections of the Roman Pontiffs free from the interference of sovereigns and ruling families, the schism of the West, and "the whole progressive apostasy tending toward the complete de-Christianization of human society."

"HAD ONE" stopped at a appearance at such times," the Holy Father said, "he would have believed them to be real dangers for the existence of the Church, or at least for the work of the Church among men."

"In fact, however, with the help of its Founder and Invisible Head, she has found in them and till the end of time will find in them, occasions for progress, an intensified precision in her doctrine, a wonderful reawakening of sanctity within, and the extension of her apostolate to other lands, thanks to her missions."

POPE PIUS declared that "alongside prevaricators, God raises up saints and to heretics ecclesiastical writers." He said that "the violence of autocratic emperors is contained by the fearlessness of Pontiffs, while the great work of Catholic restoration is offered in response to the so-called Protestant reform."

Breakfast Listed

Members of the Holy Name and Sacred Heart Men's Societies of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, will hold a Communion breakfast in the Annex on Sunday morning following reception of Holy Communion by the combined groups at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Joseph Carrozza and Anthony Fabrizio are cochairmen.

XAVIER YOUTH CLUB STAFF



OFFICERS ELECTED in the Xavier Youth Club of Holy Cross Church, Charlotte plan the coming year's program. Standing (from left) are: Jack Heffernan, vice president; Rev. John P. O'Malley, moderator; John Desmond, president; seated (from left) Céline Farrell, secretary and Marcia MacAdams, treasurer. The club is city-wide in membership.

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