

Vatican Stamp Honors Theologian

Vatican City — (NC) — A new stamp was issued by the State of Vatican City to commemorate the eighth centenary of the publication of the "Sentences" (Quatuor libri Sententiarum) written by Peter Lombard, famous 12th century theologian. Its value is 100 lire (15 cents).

The "Sentences", a work divided into four parts, comprises a long series of questions covering the entire body of theological doctrine and uniting it in a systematized whole. It was approved by Pope Innocent III at the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215. Peter Lombard, a native of Novara, Italy, was for a brief period Archbishop of Paris.

Luther Foe Of Liberty, Priest-Historian Charges

Producers of the current "Martin Luther" movie were scored this week for representing the Protestant leader as a champion of religious freedom by the Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Zwierlein who charged that the film "is not history but lying, anti-Catholic propaganda."

Speaking on Monday evening before the Holy Name Society of St. James Church, Rochester, the priest-historian, cited Martin Luther's own writing to show that the Reformation leader openly advocated violent suppression of Catholics, Jews and even Protestants "who were dissenters from his own brand of religion."

DR. ZWIERLEIN recalled that the Protestant historian Edward Maslin Hulme has testified that the princes and magistrates incited the right arbitrarily to prescribe the religion of their subjects. "The action of these Reformation rulers followed the program given them by Martin Luther himself," Dr. Zwierlein explained.

As the speaker showed from Luther's own writings the Reformation leader, who "misrepresented Catholic worship as an abominable act of blasphemy and idolatry," gave the following order for violent suppression of Catholics in his first Advent sermon in 1524:

"All bad houses, which God indeed has earnestly prohibited, ye, all man-slayers, theft, murder, and adulteries are not so harmful as this abomination of the papal Mass."

"Therefore, I beg all princes and authorities, counsellors and judges to take to heart such horrible blasphemies of God."

"If you are allowed by God to punish a desperate fellow who blasphemes in the market place, let it also be allowed to punish this horrible great and anti-Christian blasphemy of God and rout them out of your city, lest the terrible anger of God, like a red hot furnace, be aroused at your negligence and punish you most cruelly with the idolatrous priests." (Western edition of Luther's Works, vol. 15, p. 774)

In this attack, Dr. Zwierlein said, "Luther promises heaven to civil authorities for the violent repression of Catholic worship. This is the plain meaning of this rhetoric. There is no question here of religious or civil liberty for Catholics."

THE JEWS FARED no better than Catholics in the Lutheran State, according to Dr. Zwierlein who told his listeners:

"Luther's language was even less tolerant towards the Jews against whom he wrote a treatise entitled: 'Of the Jews and Their Lies' in 1543. They also were accused of blasphemy. To avoid

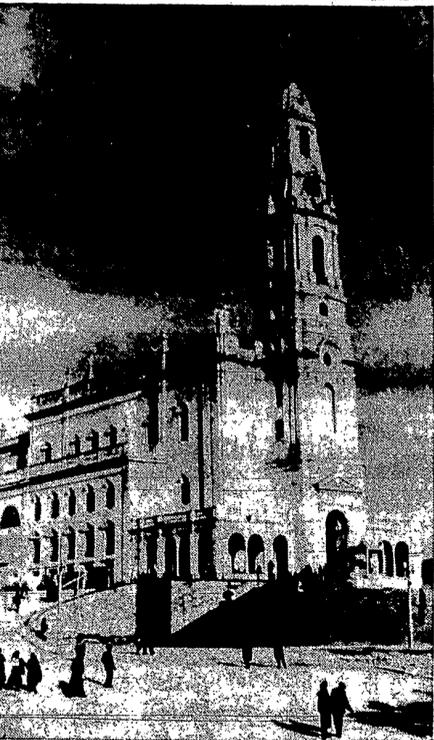
Mary's Shrines

FATIMA

By Rev. Henry Atwell

(This is the second of a series of articles describing the great Marian Shrines of Europe. A diocesan pilgrimage now being organized by Father Joseph Cirrincione will visit these famous shrines next April and May.)

On October 13, 1917, Seventy thousand eye-witnesses saw the famous Miracle of the Sun as it danced over Fatima. That was the culminating proof that our Lady had truly



This is a striking photo of the Shrine Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal, which will be visited by a pilgrimage from the Diocese of Rochester next Spring. This church is built at the site where Our Lady appeared to the three Portuguese shepherd children in 1917. During the Marian Year (1954) special ceremonies will be held here. (RNS Photo)

appeared to the three little shepherd children with her urgent message of Penance and Prayer. Francisco died in April of 1919, and Jacinta nearly a year later. That left Lucia as the only one still living who had talked with the Blessed Virgin.

Curiosity seekers and devout pilgrims were constantly around her and so the Bishop determined to have her enter a convent school. This would give her a chance to forget the apparitions if they were mere

now they would suffer for their sins.

ONE SHORT year sped by and then in 1939, the sad and horrible threat was fulfilled and we sweat and bled through World War II, but Lucia remembered another promise, "In the end my immaculate Heart will triumph. Peace was granted only after we had endured the penance of long hard years of war."

Perhaps it can be called coincidence but there occurred at Fatima in 1946, just after the war had ended, an event which encourages us to hope that Mary is pleased with the prayers and penance already done. A statue of Our Lady of Fatima was to be carried from the shrine to the cathedral in Lisbon, 90 miles away.

As the procession entered the nearby village of Bombaral, three white doves flew to the statue and nestled in the flowers at its feet. Doves are a sign of purity and peace, but even so, the men carrying the statue were annoyed. They tried to shoo the doves away, but the birds refused to leave. For five days, the doves kept their vigil — despite noise and cold, or rain and wind.

AT LAST, the procession came to the cathedral and the doves were still with the statue. Once Our Lady's statue was enthroned in its place of honor, the doves were seen no more.

There at the feet of Mary, Portugal's Cardinal Primate, the Bishops, the President, the Premier, the government officials, priests and people renewed their act of consecration to the immaculate Virgin Mary.

Only a year before, the atom bomb had fallen on Hiroshima. Our Lady long before at Fatima had given fair warning: either the atom bomb of penance or doves of peace through prayer. Portugal had made its choice. It chose Mary; it chose peace. Now it is our turn to make our choice.

France's 'Bleeding Statue' Object Of Legal Battle

Entreaux, France — (NC) — The statue of St. Anne, reported to have bled here after one of its fingers was broken, is apparently going to become the object of a legal battle.

Its present owner, M. Salvade, proprietor of the Hotel du Var here, is being charged with illegal possession by its former owner. He is an art collector named Seeger, a German-born naturalized Brazilian now living in Nice.

M. SEEGER had kept an apartment here for about 15 years although he no longer lived in it. Because of the severe national housing shortage he was obliged to give it up unless he returned to live in it. When he failed to return he was served with an eviction notice which he disre-

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THE BISHOP instructed Lucia to tell no one who she was and not to talk about Fatima at all. It was not easy for Lucia to leave her home and never speak about the beautiful Virgin she had seen, but she offered this sacrifice as part of the penance our Lady had asked of her. When Lucia arrived at the school conducted by the Sisters of St. Dorothy, she was given a new name, Maria des Dores, and only the Sister Superior knew who she was. To all others, she was just another ordinary young lady.

The priest who came to the school to teach catechism was Canon Manuel Maria Ferreira da Silva, and though he recognized "Maria's" devout attention, even he did not suspect her identity for quite some time. He heard her confessions, gave her Holy Communion, instructed her—and our Lady soon rewarded him for his kindness to Mary's chosen little daughter.

Father da Silva was made a missionary Bishop in India where he was an apostle for our Lord and our Lady. After some years, he was called back to Portugal, made titular Archbishop of Olinda and national Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. And he is the personal spiritual director of Lucia, now a Carmelite nun.

ARCHBISHOP DA SILVA will meet the Rochester Diocesan Pilgrimage at Fatima on Saturday before Palm Sunday, escort them to the scene of the apparitions and guide them during their stay at the shrine. On Palm Sunday morning, the pilgrims will assist at Mass in the Chapel of the Apparitions, and then visit the just completed Church of the Holy Rosary, the magnificent shrine with its 15 chapels—one for each decade of the Rosary.

The bodies of Francisco and Jacinta were recently brought from their first resting place and entombed in this new and beautiful Shrine, near the very spot where they had knelt and seen the Blessed Virgin.

It has been over thirty years since our Lady talked with Lucia and her little companions. Even at that time, Mary warned that "... when you shall see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that it is the great sign that God gives you that He is going to punish the world for its crimes by means of war, of hunger, of persecution ..."

All Europe saw that light on the night of January 25, 1938: Lucia saw it from her convent and knew that men still had refused to hear her message and