

# Prayers Asked For 'Church Of Silence'

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### Protestant Convert Claim 'Unconvincing,' Analysts Assert

#### Data, Based On 'Inadequate' Evidence, Contradict 'Known Facts,' Specialists State

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(Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

The claim made by the Christian Herald that more than 4,000,000 Catholics have joined Protestant churches in the past 10 years is totally unconvincing, both because the evidence presented is inadequate and because the claim contradicts known facts.

The sampling employed in the survey is frankly hopeless.

The Christian Herald, an interdenominational magazine promoting evangelical Christianity, currently carries an article, based on a survey, which claims that 4,144,366 Catholics were "converted" to Protestantism in the last 10 years.

The article seeks to prove that because 1,071,997 Protestants are reported to have entered the Catholic Church in the last decade, one must not estimate that the number of converts is less than two to three million and in all probability runs closer to five millions.

THE CHRISTIAN Herald's claim is based on a questionnaire sent to 25,000 Protestant ministers in 23 cities, out of the 181,000 Protestant ministers in all parts of the United States.

Of those 25,000 to whom the questionnaire was sent, only 2,219 replied, which is a rather low proportion of respondents. The method by which the questionnaire replies were statistically analyzed is not altogether clear.

Mention is made of "a projection to the total number of church-serving pastors in the United States." Apparently this means that if the number of replies equaled, say one per cent of the total of "church-serving pastors" in the country, then the number of "converts" claimed on those replies was multiplied by about 100 to estimate the total number of Catholic-Protestant "converts" in the last 10 years.

Contrary to scientific procedure, no explanation is offered as to how the "cross section" of Protestant ministers (sometimes referred to as only "pastors") was worked out. Apparently those who replied they had no actual

By some such method, it seems an estimate of 4,144,366 was reached.

To get valid results by a mail questionnaire is difficult. First, it would have to be proved, in the present case, that the 25,000 ministers who were sent questionnaires were typical of the 181,000 ministers in the country. Secondly, it would have to be proved that those who actually replied were typical of the 25,000 who were questioned. No evidence is given that either of these requirements was met by the survey. It has been the constant experience of social scientists using mail questionnaires that those who reply favorable information to report reply in disproportionately high numbers.

ONE NEEDS no expert to see much wrong with the survey under consideration. It was conducted in such a way as to violate some of the basic norms of polling, and its results are regarded as grossly misleading.

Protestants who welcome such surveys will join in the regrets that this one went awry. The questionnaire cites early in the report that 100,000 Protestants were converted to Catholicism in each of seven consecutive years, and expresses "the suspicion of many of us that the predominance of traffic (in conversions) is in fact in the Catholic - to - Protestant direction." Then the minister is asked to give the number of Roman Catholics he has received into "the fellowship of your church" during the last 10 years. Naturally, few reported no conversions. The poles were set for big fish.

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### Detroit Bishop Named To Grand Rapids

Washington — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has filled a vacant See and created two new Auxiliary Bishops in the United States. Bishop Allen J. Babcock, Auxiliary to His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, has been named Bishop of Grand Rapids.

Msgr. Clarence G. Isenmann, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Administrator of the Church of St. Louis, has been named Titular Bishop of Phytea and Auxiliary to Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati.

Msgr. Justin J. McCarthy, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, South Orange, N. J., has been named Titular Bishop of Doborus and Auxiliary to Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark.

### Scholar Baptized On Deathbed

Rome — (NC) — The deathbed conversion of the former president of the National San Yatsen University in China and a co-founder of the Kuomintang (Nationalist) party, is reported by Fides, a Catholic mission news agency here.

Fides reports that Chou Ju was baptized and given the last rites on February 11 by Father Joseph Donohoe, an American Jesuit. Father Donohoe gave the noted Chinese philosopher the last rites while a number of prominent Formosa officials stood by the dying man's bedside.

### Women Throng Mission At Cathedral



ESTIMATED AT 150, women of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish are shown at Solemn Closing of Mission conducted by Rev. Jerome O'Grady, C.P. and Rev. Cyril Schwaberg, C.P. Participating in Benediction are: His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence Casey, pastor; Father Francis Taylor, Edward J. McAniff and Michael Hogan. Close to 200 more opened their mission, Sunday night.

### Bishop Dedicates Sunday For Aid Of Persecuted

(Stories of Red Persecution, Page 3)

Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester will dedicate this Passion Sunday (April 4) as a special day of prayer for the "Church of Silence" which includes Catholics now living in Communist-dominated lands.

At the request of the Holy See, the day of prayer for the persecuted Church will be observed in all Catholic dioceses of the United States and throughout the free world.

In a message to pastors of the Rochester Diocese, His Excellency Bishop Kearney directed that public exposition of the Blessed Sacrament be conducted on next Sunday from after the last Mass until evening when the day of prayer will conclude with recitation of the Rosary and the ceremony of Benediction.

Where it can be done, permission is granted for an evening Mass for the closing ceremony of the day of prayer, the Bishop stated.

The Holy See hopes that this worldwide day of prayer "will be a real source of consolation to the suffering and persecuted people now under Communist rule and manifestation of the solidarity of the Universal Church."

The "Church of Silence" is Pope Pius XII's own descriptive phrase of all those Catholics who are suffering persecution for their faith.

A RECENT N.C.W.C. News Service survey reveals that four Cardinals, 32 Archbishops, and 117 Bishops have been victims of Communist persecution. They have been either murdered, imprisoned, expelled or otherwise impeded from the exercise of their office.

Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty of Hungary and Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski of Poland are in red prisons. Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac of Yugoslavia is in a Soviet prison. Cardinal Thomas Mousson of China is living in exile in the United States.

Modern martyrs, including laymen and laywomen, as well as priests and religious, lost almost every part of the globe where Communism has seized power. They lie in humble graves and languish in Red dungeons from Czechoslovakia in the West to Korea in the Far East.

### Native Chinese Priests Arrested In Red Drive

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Chinese Communist officials arrested 28 native Catholic priests in Peiping on March 2 in a revived drive against the Church, the Catholic Center here announced.

Twelve influential lay Catholics also were arrested, the Center said.

It added that all religious houses in the Chinese Communist capital have been occupied by police, and priests remaining there have been confined to their quarters.

Catholic officials here said the arrested priests had resisted government pressure to join the Communist Church, a Red front Movement and had openly campaigned against it.

Meanwhile, Msgr. Quinlan Peeters, O.F.M., Prefect Apostolic of Kiangchow, arrived here by boat from Tientsin after being expelled from the Communist mainland.

### RKO Files Chicago Suit

Chicago — (NC) — RKO Radio Pictures has filed a two-page suit to remove the Chicago ban from "French Line." One suit filed on behalf of "the people of the State of Illinois" and RKO asked a mandamus writ against Police Commissioner Timothy J. Conroy's ban of the film. The second named as Defendants Chicago's mayor and the theater which had scheduled "French Line."

The Police Commissioner rejected the support of the mayor and of the theater after he had banned the movie, which has been condemned by the Legion of Decency and which was denied a seal of approval under the Motion Picture Production Code.

The theater's presentation and writer-treat-theater owners to pick up letters against the movie for a quick recovery, and to be easy to be. Just as the movie is being shown, the theater owners are just the first to be arrested.

According to reports, Pope Pius XII has repeated his intention of holding the canonization of Blessed Pope Pius X as scheduled on May 29 and 30, it was announced at the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

The ceremony will still depend upon Pope Pius' continued recovery from illness, since if he is unable to participate the canonization rites cannot be held. He must himself make the infallible pronouncement of sainthood.

Since the canonization of Blessed Pius X involves a Pope of living memory, the ceremony must be of the utmost solemnity. This means for Pope Pius an exciting and arduous occasion.

The Vatican has not issued any bulletin stating that the Pope has really begun a definite convalescence or has finally surmounted his long illness. Nor has it been said that his eating and other habits have returned to normal, or that he has been receiving the Vatican Pro-Secretaries of State on recent days.

However, it was unofficially but reliably learned that his bed has been returned nearer to normal. But no exact information was given about the nature and quantity of his nourishment.

WHEN THE 78-year-old Pontiff took his second ride in the Vatican Gardens, Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, commented that it was hoped that with good weather, this habit which has been interrupted by

## The Life of Christ

By BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

### THE TEMPTATIONS

### Satan Faces His First Defeat; Turns Attack To Christ's Soul

In last week's installment Bishop Sheen pointed out the lesson for our world today, in the way Christ resisted temptation. The Bishop also stressed the differences between Satan's temptations of man and of Christ. Man's three temptations are those of the flesh (lust), the mind (pride), and of things (avarice). To Christ's first temptation, to become a social reformer by giving bread to the multitudes, Our Lord replied to Satan, "Not by bread alone doth man live. . . . And because Satan suspected Jesus of being God's son he prefaced each of Jesus' temptations with the conditional "If . . . Thou be the Son of God . . . , etc.)

#### CHAPTER VII

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but I say to you: Not by bread alone. Bread there must be, but remember that even bread gets all of its power to feed from Me. Bread without Me can harm man, and I refuse to hold any theory about security, apart from the Word of God, even though I must go hungry.

"If I give bread alone, then even dogs shall come to My banquet. Those who believe in Me must hold that faith, even when they are hungry, starved, weak, in prison, scourged, and even willing in your Soviet prisons."

"I am hungry! I have not eaten for forty days; but I refuse to become a mere ethical reformer by catering to the economic and to pleasure and society. Say not that I am disgraced in social justice, for I am feeling now the hunger of the world. My stomach groans with the starving, crawling wretches of humanity. That is why I fasted, that they can never say God does not know what hunger is. Be gone Satan! I am not like some well-fed reformer who says: 'By bread alone, I refuse any plan which will make men richer without making them holier. Remember! I, who say: 'Not by bread alone, have not tasted bread in forty days!'"

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### 'Policeman's Prayer' Is Addressed To St. Michael, 'Heaven's Police Chief'

Washington — (NC) — "Policeman's Prayer" to St. Michael the Archangel was read at a Catholic laymen's luncheon here by Capt. John Ryan of the police department's juvenile squad.

It was composed by the late Father Patrick Gallagher, S.J., who for years was active in the laymen's retreat movement here and was long a retreat master for policemen and firemen. The prayer:

Dear St. Michael, Heaven's glorious Commissioner of Police, who once so neatly and successfully cleared God's premises of all its undesirable, look with kindly and professional eye on your earthly force.

"Give us cool heads, stout hearts, hard punches, and unquenchable thirst for investigation and wise judgment.

"Make us the terror of burglars, the friends of children and law-abiding citizens, kind to strangers, polite to boys, strict with lawbreakers and impervious to temptations.

"In troubles and trials, give us sheer muscle without temper; at the police court, give us love for truth and evidence without any thought of self.

"You know, dear St. Michael, from your own experiences with the devil, that the policeman's job on earth is not always a happy one; but your sense of duty that so pleased God, your hard knocks that so surprised the devil, and your angelic self-control give us the inspiration. Make us as loyal to the law of God as we are particular about the law of the land.

"And when we lay down our night sticks, enroll us in your Heavenly Force, where we will be as proud to guard the throne of God as we have been to guard the city of men. Amen."



Satan senses defeat as Christ rejects his first challenge.

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