

Red Playgrounds Lure Italy Children

Boston — (NC) — Italian communists are waging a subtle but intensive campaign to lure children from the Catholic Church, a visiting priest disclosed.

The Reds are building modern playgrounds and recreational facilities in an attempt to capture the minds and souls of Italy's children, according to Father Paul Sicardi of Civitavecchia, Italy. He visited here on a tour of this country to raise \$25,000 to buy land.



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The Poor Clares at Kaluram, India, have plenty of it with the local government, which is threatening to close their school if they don't enlarge it. Built on solid ground, it has sunk so that they may not use the first floor for class. Won't you send \$1 or \$10 today?

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Bishop Officiates At Reception



BISHOP KEARNEY, is shown above as he officiated at reception ceremonies last Sunday in Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse chapel. Twenty-two young women of the Rochester diocese were clothed in the habit and received religious names.

Croatian Priests Call On President, Tell Of Tito Terror

Washington — (NC) — Six U. S. Croatian Catholic priests called on President Eisenhower to discuss with him the religious persecution and violation of human rights in Tito-ruled Croatia.

The group was headed by Msgr. John Juricek of Omaha, president of Croatian Catholic Priests' Alliance in the United States. The others were Msgrs. Josip Mistic of Cleveland and M. Domladovac of Akron, and Fathers Stjepan Grubisic of Ambler, Pa., Stjepan Lackovic of Lackawanna—a former secretary to His Eminence Aloisius Cardinal Stepinac, and Sebastian Loncar of Pittsburgh.

The delegation also called on Senators and Congressmen and other government officials. The priests released a lengthy memorandum describing religious persecution in Croatia under Tito and explaining Croatia's historic right to independence.

Bleeding In Disguise
A husband under his wife's thumb may be under indictment, but seldom under indictment.

Cardinal-Like Distinctions Given 2 Papal Secretaries

Vatican City — New distinctions and privileges, practically equal to those pertaining to Cardinals, have been granted to the two ranking prelates of the Vatican Secretariate of State.

The two prelates are Msgrs. Domenico Tardini and Giovanni Battista Montini, Pro-Secretaries of State for Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs and for Ordinary Affairs, respectively.

The distinctions, of a ceremonial and liturgical nature, are listed in a hitherto unpublished Apostolic Brief, signed by the Pope, which appeared in the annual volume "Activity of the Holy See in the Year 1963," just released by the Vatican publishing house.

Addressing the Secret Consistory at which the creation of new Cardinals was formally announced, the Holy Father said: "It was Our intention to include in the number of your Sacred College two most worthy prelates who are in charge, each in his own section, of the public affairs of the Church, and their names were the first We had written when We drew up the list of Cardinals to be created."

THESE PRELATES, however, giving palpable evidence of their virtue, requested Us so insistently to allow them to decline this very high honor that We thought it fitting to hear their own expressed wishes and repeated petitions.

The Pope then recalled that, in order "to honor their virtue with some mark of recognition" he had promoted them to the higher rank of Pro-Secretaries "which will better and more fully bear testimony to their field of intense activity."

Street Clothes Worn By Women Pledging Vows In Apostolate

By STANLEY PIEZA
(Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)
Chicago, Ill. — (NC) — You would never know it—that they were like nuns. They dress fashionably, and when occasion requires they'll even wear a party dress.

Such were the nine young women who were received into the International Catholic Auxiliaries during ceremonies at St. Thomas Apostle church in Chicago.

During an oath taking ceremony, with Bishop Raymond A. Lane, superior general of Maryknoll, officiating, the nine pretty girls were dressed in simple lay clothes. Two of them were in Vietnamese native costumes.

THOSE WHO made a five-year solemn oath on the Gospels to work in the society were When Nguyen Thi Nhu-Cau of Vietnam and Germaine Buchaud of France. Miss When said she expects to work as a missionary in a diocese near Saigon.

Those who made one-year promises to serve in the society were Roselyn Kulzer of Sauk Rapids, Minn.; Mary Ann Miller Sack Center, Minn.; Virginia Leary, Salt Lake City, Utah; Denise Robitaille, Quebec, Can.; and Luce Vandal, Montreal, Can. Promises to the auxiliaries were renewed by Ursula Geley, Lowell, Mass., and Nguyen Thi My-My of Vietnam.

The nine women will continue their training for another year and then will proceed on their missionary work.

VIOLET NEVILLE, director of the "Crossroads," Chicago headquarters of the auxiliaries, explained that the nine women assumed the oaths which require living "in the spirit of poverty," in chastity and obedience to the society and the bishop of the diocese.

Members of the organization do not live like nuns in community life. While mingling among laymen at work and school they strictly observe the rules of nuns as lay persons.

The Chicago council of the auxiliaries, Miss Neville said, was established in 1951. Its headquarters is located at 5621 S. Blackston Avenue. A new training center is planned for the near future.

AT PRESENT there are 15 members of the society in Chicago. Some of these are college graduates, while others continue their studies at Loyola, De Paul, St. Xavier and other colleges.

Miss Neville, 27, was born of English parents in France. She learned of the auxiliaries while living in Africa.

"I was an architect," she explained, "and felt like I wanted to work for God, so I joined the auxiliaries."

Nuns Establish Cloister In Capital

Washington — (NC) — A community of Franciscan nuns of the Most Blessed Sacrament has been established here in the nation's capital where every day they open their hearts for the protection and welfare of the United States Government.

MOTHER JEANETTE explained that the Sisterhood's constitution binds them to pray for the Government and that some "people knowing that we pray for the government felt it would be good for our capital city if we were here."

The nuns—five in all—came here from Cleveland. They also will pray for the intention of anyone who telephones a request. Mother Jeanette said. She added that in times of stress and grief so many persons think of prayer.

"They open their hearts in grief and I have come to believe that those in the cloister, in that way, know more about what is going on in the world than news reporters outside," Mother Jeanette said.

THEIR CLOISTER is situated close by the Franciscan Monastery, one of the places of pilgrimage of the capital city. Mother Jeanette and Sister Mary Veronica came here six months ago and advised a contractor on how to turn a 15-room house into a cloister.

The cloister has a chapel open to the public daily from 8:45 a.m. to 8 p.m., where Benediction is imparted every evening at 7:30.

State Department Turns Down Plea For Sick Bishops

St. Augustine — (NC) — The U. S. State Department has declined to intervene in behalf of two Catholic Bishops seriously ill in Yugoslavia. The Florida Catholic newspaper of the Diocese of St. Augustine, declares.

The paper says it has received an official reply from Deputy Secretary of State Robert Murphy "that a direct intervention by the United States Government on behalf of Bishops Cule and Budanovic would not serve a useful purpose." The paper says this is "diplomatic verbiage" for "a flat refusal."

Father John J. Fitzpatrick, executive editor of The Florida Catholic had telegraphed President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, urgently calling for "immediate action on humanitarian, if not religious grounds" to aid Bishop Paul Cule of Mostar and Bishop Lajd Budanovic of Subotica.

THE PAPER SAYS Bishop Cule "is dying of advanced tuberculosis in his prison cell at Zenica," and that 81-year-old Bishop Budanovic "is suffering severe shock following a brutal beating he received at the hands of a communist mob last September."

Queen Elizabeth Aids Cathedral

London — (RNS) — A donation made by Queen Elizabeth to the restoration fund of St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, marked the first time since the Reformation that a reigning English monarch has subscribed to a Roman Catholic church.

The Queen's husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, also donated to the \$300,000 fund for the cathedral which was destroyed during the bombing of London in the last war.

Work to restore the edifice was started last year and is expected to be completed in 1968. The British government War Damage Commission has awarded Southwark diocesan officials nearly three-quarters of a million dollars for the reconstruction.

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