

Jesuit Proposes

**Federal Allowances
For Families With
3 Or More Children**

St. Louis — (NC) — A program of family allowances financed and administered by the Federal government in a single national program has been advocated by Father Francis J. Corley, S.J., editor of the Social Order magazine published here.

Father Corley recommended monthly payments be distributed to all families on the following basis: \$12 to be contributed to each family toward the support of a third child; \$10 for a fourth child and \$8 for each succeeding child.

More than half of the children of the nation are supported by a small minority of adults and it is important that they be reared well, Father Corley said. He added: "Obviously these sums would not cover the entire cost of supporting a child, nor should they. The responsibility for the care of children still and always will remain with the parents."

Father Corley said that a Federal family allowance plan would amount to "a recognition on the part of the whole people of the extremely important social contribution which parents make to the well-being of our country."

He observed that "economic security cannot, of course, assure good citizens and acknowledged that 'great men can climb out of grinding poverty' but added that 'it is safe to say that, generally speaking, better men and women will come out of homes that are somewhat relieved of the constant anxiety inseparable from insecurity.'"

SPEAKING ON THE Sacred Heart Program over Radio Station WVEV here, Father Corley said 29 million children (more than 56 per cent) are concentrated in six million families (only about 15 per cent).

He said that other countries have been quicker to recognize the growing problem of family allowances and have acted on it. He said family allowance plans are in effect in more than 40 countries of the world. He called family allowances "a contribution by the whole of American society to the upbringing of its future citizens."

Parents have been allowed "to shoulder the heavy economic cost of perpetuating our society unaided," Father Corley said, and it "is high time that we make an economic contribution to the rehabilitation of parenthood."

He called this a "clear and inescapable duty" as he pointed out that in 1952 more than 19 million families in the country had no children; eight million had only one child and another seven million had only two children.

**Untrained Boy
Church Organist**

East St. Louis, Mo. — (NC) — Dennis York is full-time organist at his parish church here, although he is only 13 years old and has never had music lessons. His parents recall that Dennis began to "pick up tunes on the piano" when he was five years old. Later a member of the church choir, Dennis would arrive early for singing practice so he would have time to play the organ. Last September when the regular organist left his job and the pastor was looking for a replacement, some of the youngster's friends suggested Dennis. Since then he has played regularly at daily and Sunday Mass, and at all devotions.

Mechanically minded, Dennis is at present gathering parts for an organ. He said he hopes to build one which will be "electronic and will work, too."

Legate Named

Vatican City — (NC) — His Eminence Angelo Cardinal Roncalli, Patriarch of Venice, has been named by His Holiness Pope Pius XII as Papal Legate to a National Marian Congress which will take place in Lebanon next October.

NATIVE PRIEST RETURNS



Capetown, S.A. — The humble background of the new army of native priests working for the Church in the African hinterland is vividly portrayed here. This priest, newly ordained, is shown visiting relatives in his native kraal. In the seminaries of the African continent, African youth are studying for the priesthood in larger numbers than anytime before. (RNS Photo)

**U. S. Archbishops Named
Papal Throne Assistants**

Vatican City — (NC) — Two American archbishops have been named assistants to the papal throne, it was learned here, bringing to 26 the number of archbishops and bishops in the U. S. holding this honor.

The latest to receive the distinction are Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston and Coadjutor Archbishop Leo Binz of Dubuque.

Four of the U.S. prelates received the honor from Pope Pius XI, the other 22 from Pope Pius XII. The senior American assistant to the papal throne is Bishop John Swint of Wheeling, who received the honor from Pius XI in August 1929.

THE HONOR carries with it the title of "Count of the Apostolic Palace and Court of the Lateran," and dates back to the eleventh century. Assistants to the papal throne rank after cardinals. In papal ceremonies they are assigned a special place around the papal throne. There are now 250 assistants to the

**Marian Rites Set
For Soldier Field**

Chicago, Ill. — (NC) — His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago has announced plans for a mammoth public homage to be paid to the Blessed Virgin at Soldier Field here, September 8.

**World's Food
Paces Need,
UN Reports**

Geneva — (NC) — Food production, thanks to improved farming methods, promises to keep pace with the growth of the world's population over two

This report, submitted by the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization to the UN Economic and Social Council's 18th session meeting here, notes that "the future outlook of impoverished nutrition" is taking on "a more cheerful aspect."

REVIEWING THE PERIOD from 1948 to 1952, the report indicates that food production in Europe and the Near East surpassed population growth by over two per cent. In Latin America and Oceania food production expanded sufficiently to keep up with the unprecedented increase of the population.

The FAO report points out, however, the incongruity of the mounting accumulation of certain foods in some countries while in large parts of the world food supplies are inadequate.

**K. of C. Buys Site
For Printing House**

New Haven, Conn. — (NC) — The Knights of Columbus have purchased property from the New Haven Railroad to house expanding printing operations. It was announced here by Superior Knight Luke E. Hart.

The new property, opposite Supreme Council headquarters on Columbus Plaza here, was purchased for \$65,000 and will be the site of a proposed \$400,000 building. The new building, covering the entire site with its 22,000 square feet, is expected to be ready by next November. It will be equipped with new presses, the cost of which is not included in the \$400,000 estimate.

The new printing equipment, Mr. Hart explained, is in line with a change in format for Columbia, the official Knights of Columbus monthly magazine beginning with the January 1955 issue. Columbia will consist of 52 pages printed in a size similar to news magazines, rather than its present large size, similar to large weekly magazines.

How It Happened

**Idea For Carmelite Nuns Convent In Reno,
U.S. Gambling Town, Came From Brooklyn**

Reno, Nev. — (NC) — Like so many other unusual things, it happened in Brooklyn — this idea of a convent of cloistered Carmelite nuns here in rip-roaring Reno, which proclaims itself "the biggest little city in the world."

Reno's Bishop Robert J. Dwyer is the authority for the announcement that within another month, the once incredible idea will grow into a reality.

THE BISHOP made short shrift of the report that the Carmel will be located "practically cheek by jowl with Reno's famous 'Gamblers' Row.'" He said that this report like the one of Mark Twain's death, was slightly exaggerated.

But here in this city, known as the nation's gambling and divorce capital, the Carmelite nuns have taken over a former private hospital. According to the Bishop, the work "for its

conversion into a reasonable facsimile of a typical Carmel" is just about completed. The Carmelite nuns from Indianapolis, Ind., Bishop Dwyer said, are prepared to move into their Reno convent in August.

IN HIS COLUMN in The Nevada Register, the diocese's newspaper, Bishop Dwyer disclosed how the idea for the Reno Carmel originated.

A benefactor of the Nevada missions residing in Brooklyn, whose proud inhabitants claim the rest of the world as its suburb, suggested to the Bishop that maybe Nevada needed something more than chapels and convents and other material subsidies — something that would be a spiritual counterweight to the crass and rampant materialism. In other words, maybe Nevada needed a house of continuous prayer

and fasting in reparation for the sins of the world — a Carmel.

Bishop Dwyer confessed that he was skeptical when the Brooklyn benefactor advanced the idea, but soon became convinced that this was "not a dream of the future, but a reality of the present." This conviction was brought about because the Brooklyn benefactor also wrote to the Mother Superior of the Indianapolis Carmel asking whether the nuns would be interested in establishing a foundation in Nevada.

The Bishop recounted that the Sisters were at once interested since their community had increased beyond the canonical limitation of 21 members — even though they had established a few years before a Carmel in Terre Haute, Ind. — and they were seeking a place for a new foundation.

"Let us be candid about it: the possibility of the establishment of a Carmel in Nevada," the Bishop wrote, "seemed so remote as to be almost pure wishful thinking." He added that he "adjusted his glasses" as the subsequent events were so rapid. Mother Angela of the Eucharist, prioress of the Indianapolis Carmel, and Sister Anne of the Trinity obtained permission and came to Reno to arrange for the purchase of a Carmel site.

"IT WAS perhaps something unprecedented in the annals of Carmel," the Bishop wrote, "that two nuns should be met at an airport in the dead of night by a Bishop, but it is more than probable that St. Teresa of Avila would have enjoyed it enormously."

The Bishop recounted that the Sisters selected the former private hospital on North Virginia Street — which is somewhat removed from Reno's Gamblers' Row — and made the arrangements for its alteration. He said the Sisters already "have" made a host of friends and will be "one of our greatest spiritual assets."

Bishop Dwyer concluded: "So God moves and we, wittingly or unwittingly, willingly or unwillingly, are His instruments. The story of the origins of the Carmel of Reno is a case in point."

POPE BLESSES UNIONISTS



Cleveland — Archbishop Edward F. Hoban of Cleveland (left) presented the Apostolic Blessing of Pope Pius XII to the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists during its 9th annual convention here. Shown with him are: Father George A. Schneider, ACTU chaplain for the Cleveland archdiocese; and James Nolan, president of the ACTU's Cleveland chapter. Archbishop Hoban obtained the Papal Blessing for the labor group during his recent ad limina visit to the Pontiff. (RNS Photo)



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