

### Burlington Auxiliary Lists Consecrators

Burlington, Vt.—(NC)—Auxiliary Bishop-designate Robert F. Joyce of Burlington, will be consecrated by Bishop Edward F. Ryan of Burlington in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here October 28, it has been announced. Bishops Matthew F. Brady of Manchester and Bernard J. Flanagan of Norwich will be the co-consecrators. The sermon will be preached by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston.

### Fast-Talking Youth Bilks Two Pastors Of \$1,700

New Orleans—(NC)—Police say Donald L. Copping, 20, has confessed to operating a confidence game that netted him \$1,500 from St. James Major Church here and another \$200 from Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in St. Bernard parish (county).

When he was taken, he had dissipated all but \$75 of the \$1,700, living in a \$40-a-day hotel suite, playing host at a party costing \$350 and other such activities.

COPPING HAD been discharged from the Army last December because of a nervous condition. A few weeks ago he appeared at St. James' rectory and introduced himself to Father Carl J. Schutten, pastor, as "Officer Cox of the Juvenile Bureau."

He told a story of arresting two boys in a penny arcade and said they confessed to taking money from the rectory. The pastor said he was unaware there had been a robbery and "Officer Cox" made a phone call, pretending to talk with police headquarters, "confirming" the story.

"Officer Cox" persuaded the pastor to open the rectory safe, then dusted it for fingerprints. Police later said he used talcum instead of finger print powder in his "investigation." But while dusting the safe, with Father Schutten's attention momentarily distracted, "Officer Cox" succeeded in slipping the \$1,500 from

the rectory safe into his "finger-print" kit.

BEFORE LEAVING, he asked Father Schutten not to reopen the safe until he returned to take photographs for fear the "light" would destroy the prints. He didn't return that evening and Father Schutten was called out of town the next day. Several days later when the pastor came back, the robbery was discovered.

Meanwhile, using the same "m.o." — as they say in the TV detective stories — "Officer Cox" visited the rectory of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church. He used the same line in victimizing Father Paul Moore, pastor, out of \$200.

Copping was taken into custody when he drove into a garage to return a rented automobile. Police said that in addition to confessing the two rectory thefts, he admitted that he had tried the same stunt without success at a dozen other rectories. He insisted to police that he robbed only rectories that were insured against thefts.

### Nuns Learn TV Technique



Philadelphia—Sister Alma Maria of the Sisters of St. Joseph handles a big TV camera during a visit which she and 17 other nuns made to a television studio here. The Sisters toured the studio as part of a summer workshop in television techniques held at the College of Chestnut Hill. The course aimed to help the nuns prepare better student programs for in-school listening. Three TV companies in the city contributed to the workshop. (RNS Photo).

### Rural Priest Greets France's First Lady; Washed Hands, Forgot Muddy Boots

Paris — (NC) — It was a sleepy afternoon in the little French village of Beauvain. The pastor of the village church was digging potatoes in his garden. He wore his large wooden "garden shoes" and an old blue apron to protect his cassock.

A parishioner ran to him to tell him that the wife of the President of France, Madame Rene Coty, had come to visit him. Ripping off the old blue apron, the priest, Father Launay, son of a peasant family, rushed to wash his hands.

HE GREETED his distinguished visitor, and only then remembered that he had not removed his muddy wooden shoes. He bowed low and offered profuse apologies to the First Lady of France. She laughed and brushed aside his apologies.

She told him that she had become a temporary parishioner. Her husband, she explained, had rented a villa near the village. She had come to pay her respects to the pastor and to find out what time the High

Mass was on Sunday. She also wanted permission to offer "pain ben" (blessed bread) to the parish. In rural districts of France it is the custom to offer blessed bread at the offertory which is distributed to the people after the Mass.

Before she returned to her villa she stopped at the village baker and ordered buns for 350 persons.

Sunday morning a blue velvet arm chair was conspicuous in front of the straw chairs that form the pews of the little church. The pastor had borrowed it from the chateau of Beauvain.

EXCITED AND nervous, Father Launay stood with his parishioners in front of the church to welcome Madame Coty. The presidential car drove up, and out of it stepped, not only the First Lady of France, but the President himself.

"Excuse me, Monsieur le President," stammered the pastor. "There is only one arm chair... I did not realize the great honor..."

"Monsieur le Cure," answered President Coty. "I am your parishioner. I would have failed in my duty if I had not come."

And so the chief of state sat on a straw chair before the communion rail, his wife in the blue velvet armchair beside him. But not for long. Father Launay had asked the chateau for a second arm chair which, with much bowing, he insisted the President take.

While Mass was ending, the children in the choir distributed the blessed bread offered by Madame Coty. After Mass, the President and Madame Coty stayed with the people for a long time. The President talked with the pastor, the mayor, the school teacher, the farmers. Madame Coty was surrounded by the women of the parish who wanted to show her their children.

### Toronto Cardinal Attacks Immodesty in Women's Garb

Toronto—(RNS)—His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, lashed out here against immodesty in women's clothes.

Certain fashions, he said in a statement, "indicate a pagan mentality."

CARDINAL McGUIGAN said that "it is because men are more strongly tempted than women that modesty is more incumbent on the latter." He added:

"Modesty is a virtue which safeguards purity by reducing temptations as much as possible. Yet today we see fashions in women's clothes that indicate a pagan mentality."

"We see women's bodies paraded in public for the motive of money or reputation. Without purity family stability is impossible. Yet society allows and sometimes encourages such displays and they are publicized by the newspapers."

THE CARDINAL said the people must decide whether or not they believe in Christianity. If they do so believe, he said, then "the ideals to be stressed are gentleness and self-sacrifice, for the true beauty of a woman is from within."

"If, on the other hand," he added, "we are pagans and do not believe there is a creative God Whose omnipotent will is law and Who will punish those who disobey — even then let us remember that the noblest pagans abhor the sexual licentiousness of the de-Christianized world."

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### Catholic Scholars Face Martyrdom Says Prelate

Chicago — (NC) — This age may prove to be one of martyrdom for Catholic intellectuals since those without the Faith will be resentful and seek to destroy the ideas to which Catholic intellectuals bear witness.

Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester said at the opening of the 11th congress of the National Federation of Catholic College Students (NFCCS) here.

STRESSING THE importance of the individual Catholic witness in personal life and vocations, Bishop Wright told over 700 delegates that this is the most glorious of vocations and is urgently needed in our day, though it might mean considerable sacrifice.

"The need of the hour is for good ideas even more than it is for good deeds. We are not saved without good works, but even works of charity are not enough to save us or our society," he said. "It is the supremely important function of the Catholic intellectual to state the saving word of God in terms of the passing hour's need," he declared.

"If the world is to be renewed for Christ, the devout intellectual must discern and interpret to us the great master ideas of that renewal," Bishop Wright said.

### New Tax Law Raises Allowance For Charities

Washington — (NC) — The charitable contributions limit of an individual taxpayer has been raised 10 per cent in the new Internal Revenue Code revision as approved at the last session of Congress.

Previously the taxpayer's contributions to churches, educational institutions and other charities was limited to 20 per cent of his adjusted gross income. Under the revision approved by Congress, the limit is raised to 30 per cent with the provision that the extra ten per cent would be allowable only with respect to contributions to educational institutions, hospitals and a church, or a convention of churches.

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