

Holy Father

Polio Victims Need Spiritual Attention

Castelgandolfo, Italy — (NC) — "The need for more attention to the psychological difficulties of patients afflicted with infantile paralysis was stressed by Pope Pius XII at an audience to medical specialists from 47 countries attending the Third International Poliomyelitis Conference in Rome.

POPE PIUS told the doctors who were received at the papal summer palace, that their patients expect from them not only competent medical attention, but a complete understanding of the spiritual values which are so important to man.

He said that the psychological difficulties of a victim of poliomyelitis often surpass his merely physical difficulties, and determine his conduct in the face of affliction. He stressed that often a mature person stricken with the disease becomes selfish and self-centered and loses the opportunity to really and effectively help himself.

"It would be erroneous to believe that it is easier to re-establish moral and psychological equilibrium than the use of muscular forces," the Holy Father said. "Apart from exceptional cases, man is surprised by the brutality of the catastrophe, and looks for help to react positively and rightly to it, and to take life again into his hands and remake it on a new plan."

THE POPE declared that although the injury suffered by the patient may be great, he "remains a man with a moral responsibility in the face of his own conscience and society, capable of affection, and called to the giving of himself in generosity and unselfishness."

Even if the sick person finds himself constrained to practice a humbler profession than that of his dreams, even if he is reduced virtually to immobility, nothing keeps him from acquiring the highest virtues, the Pontiff declared, adding, "In a broken body, a soul which strives for greatness can refine its best qualities."

POPE PIUS said that because the ordinary ways are closed to him, the afflicted person must strive harder to reach a human value which he would probably never have attained otherwise.

Because this is difficult, the Pope declared, "it is important

Women Plan NCCW Rally In Boston

Boston — (NC) — The largest convention of Catholic lay women ever held in the history of the United States is expected here from November 6 to 10.

More than 3,000 women from all parts of the country, representing a total of 8-million Catholic women affiliated through 9,500 parochial and inter-parochial as well as national organizations will gather here for the 27th National Council of Catholic Women's convention. It will be the first NCCW convention ever held in New England.

THIRTY-EIGHT States and the District of Columbia are already represented among the pre-convention registrants, it has been announced.

An international character will be given to the sessions through the participation of members of the Bureau of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations.

This organization, with a total membership of 36-million women throughout the world, is an international federation of Catholic women under the patronage of Pope Pius XII. Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, convention host, is Episcopal chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations, National Catholic Welfare Conference. The two components of this department are the National Council of Catholic Women and the National Council of Catholic Men.

BLESSING AT CEMETERY



Bishop Kearney blesses graves at annual ceremony on Sunday in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester.

News Vendors Face Cities' Legal Action

Oklahoma City, Okla. — (RNS) — Pressured by local church and civic groups, the City Council here adopted an ordinance banning the sale to minors of "obscene, immoral, lewd, lascivious or indecent" comic books.

The ordinance, effective immediately, provides for the creation of a nine-member censorship board to rule on matter suitable for juvenile readers. It imposed a \$20 fine for each violation of the law, with each day of additional violation considered a new offense.

Cleanup Newsstands Judge Tells Police

Belleville, Ill. — (NC) — Law-enforcement officers were called upon to confiscate crime and sex "comic books" and magazines in St. Clair county here by Acting County Judge John J. Driscoll.

The judge charged the books were responsible for much of the juvenile delinquency in this county.

"These books are destroying the morals of our young people," he said. He remarked that a policeman will pounce upon a slot machine, confiscate it and arrest the operator, but said police officers fail to take objectionable literature from store racks.

Judge Driscoll, father of nine children, made his remarks after granting a year's probation to a 14-year-old Belleville boy who admitted molesting two young girls. The boy said the incidents occurred after he visited stores and read lewd magazines and crime-glorifying comic books.

Houston Bans Sex, Horror Literature

Houston, Tex. — (NC) — Newsstand operators here have been ordered to remove objectionable "comic books" and magazines from their racks by September 25.

Houston's City Council has passed an ordinance banning crime "comic books" for children and forbidding the sale of publications which "prominently feature" criminal acts illustrated by photographs or drawings.

Why No Catholics At Evanston?

Episcopacy Needed For Church Unity

Boston — (RNS) — The concept of the apostolic succession of bishops held by the Roman Catholic Church was the major reason for the absence of its members from the recent Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches, a prominent priest said here.

Reference to the Assembly was made indirectly by Msgr. Edward G. Murray in a sermon at consecration rites for the Most Rev. Jeremiah F. Minihan, new Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, Msgr. Murray, former rector of St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Mass., is pastor of Sacred Heart church, Roslindale, Mass.

"We have watched in recent days, sympathetically and prayerfully, evidence of the nostalgia for unity which has prompted our separated brethren to canvass ways and means for the reunion of Christendom," the prelate said in regard to the Evanston Assembly. "Our prayers, as ever, are those of Christ: 'That they may be one, Father, as thou in me and I in thee.'"

"Our greatest reason for not meeting to join them in their search is demonstrated here this morning. It is the historic episcopacy from Christ to this very moment in which Bishop Minihan takes his place in that order. There has been a succession from the beginning of laying on of hands, and the reception of the Holy Spirit by those who are called to be the rulers and leaders in the Church of God. So shall it be, by the promise of Christ till the end of time."

A hierarchy working under the Holy Spirit is necessary to bring about church unity, Msgr. Murray said.

"The Church is not a society which is just like other societies," he said. "Every Christian is in some degree the possessor of the Holy Spirit, because it is the Holy Spirit which assimilates him to Christ. To a bishop, the Holy Spirit is given in plenitude, in fullness."

The Holy Spirit is given in such fashion that only the bishop himself can communicate it to others, he continued. He prays the Father to send the Holy Spirit on those whom he confirms and ordains, and at the same time he extends his own hands over them, as

though to signify that he gives the Holy Spirit from his own abundance.

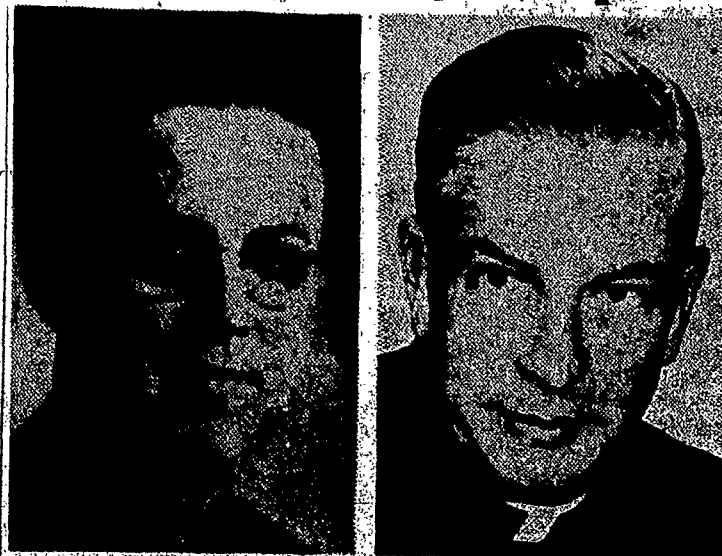
"He, in turn, has received the Holy Spirit from another bishop and hence by apostolic succession from Christ himself," Msgr. Murray said.

"It is the Holy Spirit that gives to bishops the direction of the Church and the care of souls. It is the Holy Spirit of truth that makes a bishop judge and teacher of the faith."

"If the bishop is the minister of the sacraments of redemption it is the power of the Holy Spirit, the author of all spiritual life. If he brings souls together in unity, it is because again he is the instrument of the spirit."

Bishop Minihan was consecrated by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, in Holy Cross Cathedral here. Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, N. C., and Bishop John Wright of Worcester were the co-consecrators.

Detroit Auxiliary Bishops



Detroit — Two new auxiliaries to His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, have been named by Pope Pius XII. They are: Msgr. Henry E. Donnelly, pastor of St. Catherine's church and former rector of Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit (left); and Msgr. John A. Donovan, pastor of St. Aloysius' church here and chancellor of the archdiocese since 1951. Msgr. Donnelly was named Titular Bishop of Timbuctoo, and Msgr. Donovan Titular Bishop of Sulla Regia. (RNS Photo)

Twin Rite Set For Prelates

Detroit — (NC) — Auxiliary Bishops-designate Henry E. Donnelly and John A. Donovan of Detroit, will be raised to the hierarchy at a double consecration ceremony October 25 in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral here, it has been announced. His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, will be the consecrator. Bishop Allen J. Babcock of Grand Rapids, and Auxiliary Bishop Alexander M. Zaleski of Detroit will be the co-consecrators. The sermon will be preached by Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus. In a statement concerning the appointments, Cardinal Mooney expressed his deep appreciation to His Holiness Pope Pius XII in giving him the additional help of two Auxiliary Bishops in the administration of this fast-growing Detroit archdiocese. He added his confidence that the Bishops-designate will prove "able co-workers in serving the more than 1,000,000 Catholics of this archdiocese."

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