

Lay Women Leave For Mission Fields

BRUSSELS — (RNS) — Thirteen lay women, members of the International Catholic Auxiliaries, left their society's headquarters here for work in the mission fields of Asia and Africa.

The Auxiliaries are a band of women who pledge themselves to poverty, celibacy and obedience and live a community life. But, unlike religious, they dress in clothes of their own choice.

Also, their promise (for one year) and oaths (for five years) differ from vows taken by religious in that they are not canonical.

Members pledge themselves for life to work in mission countries in the service of the local bishop for the "promotion and education of a strong, permanent native laity."

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

WE are living in an "hour," not in a "day." In Scripture, the "day" belongs to God, hence we speak of the Lord's Day. But the "hour" belongs to the Devil. As Our Lord told Judas when he came to betray Him in the Garden: "This is your hour."

Our Holy Mother, the Church, is now living in an hour when like her Divine Master, she is going down in momentary defeat. How the "cup" of Gethsemane has been dipped to the Church behind the Iron Curtain! How too its bitter dregs are put to the lips of the faithful in China, Korea and Indochina! Who but the devil could inspire the "airplane torture" in which a missionary of Indo-China was strapped, his hands tied behind his back, then suspended from the ceiling by the rope around his arms and beaten with a wooden or metal mallet. One of our priests endured this torture from eight at night until six in the morning.

Our Lord addressed the same words to us from the olive shades. "Can you not watch one hour with Me?" Can you not identify yourself with My grief, My terror, My reverend passion? As Americans we are spared the persecution of the Church in the Mission Lands, but as Catholics we are not spared, the people of China, Korea, Indo-China are parts of our "body," the Church as the arm is part of our physical body. Will you not please in the name of Christ Crucified and His Blessed Mother, send us a sacrifice that we may send it to the Holy Father in this "hour"?

GOD LOVE YOU TO S. G. "Enclosed please find a check for \$17.40 which I earned on jury duty." ... to A. S. "We received this \$3.38 as commission for an insurance policy. Yours is the best cause we know to give it to." ... to E. L. W. "I promised 10% of my wages each month to the missions. Here is this month's earnings." ... to R. Z. for \$10 "This is in thanksgiving for the many favors that have been granted to me during my husband's illness." ... to J. T. "I promised this \$5 to the missions if my fiancé were out of the hospital in time to attend his pre-nuptial conferences with me. He did and we were married three months ago and are very happy." ... to L. M. "I have cashed in several bonds and this \$713.82 represents the total amount received. Please use it for some needy people in the missions." ... to P. S. "A five to do good with because God has been so good to me."

Is there someone close to you whom you would like to bring closer to Our Lady? If so, a beautiful way is to remember them with a GOD LOVE YOU MEDAL. The medal is now available in small size (no bigger than a penny), with or without a chain. For an offering of \$2 and your request we will send you a small sterling silver medal (on a chain \$3). For an offering of \$3 and your request we will send you a 10K gold filled small medal (on a chain, \$4). For an offering of \$5 and your request we will send you a large sterling silver medal. For an offering of \$10 and your request we will send you a large 10K gold filled medal.

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and send it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 305 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N.Y., or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. Mgr. John S. Randall, 54 Chestnut Street, Rochester, 4, New York.

Catholics Purchase 'Ethical Union' Church Building

LONDON — (NC) — A semi-circular former non-Catholic church in Bayswater, West London, was re-opened with Mass as a Catholic church.

The church originally had stained glass windows of Florence Nightingale, the nursing pioneer, and of George Bernard Shaw and the congregation used to sit in tiers facing a large pulpit. The statues included ones of Aristotle and Plato.

G. K. Chesterton in his early non-Catholic days once lectured there. The church formerly belonged to members of the Ethical Union, a movement inaugurated in the latter part of the 19th century to "assert the supreme importance of the ethical factor in all relations of life." The Catholics spent about \$12,000 re-adjusting it for Catholic services—removing the tiered benches, the pulpit and the old windows.

British Build Church On Aylesford Ruins

LONDON — (NC) — The restoration of England's desecrated pre-Reformation monasteries took another step forward with the start of a \$300,000 church on the ruins of a medieval Carmelite shrine of Our Lady at Aylesford, Kent.

Bishop Cyril Cowderoy of Southwark laid the first stone of the new church after an open-air evening Mass in the ancient Carmelite Jerusalem Rite. He explained that he was not dedicating the foundation stone as that "already exists somewhere in the ruins."

The Carmelite Prior General, Father Kilian E. Lynch, O. Carm., brother of Aylesford's present prior, celebrated the Mass. and His Holiness Pope Pius XII sent a special message of congratulation.

The new church is being built in reparation not only for the shrine's destruction at the Reformation, but for the destruction of all the shrines of Our Lady in Britain.

Girl Swimmer Gets Scholarship To Nuns' School

TORONTO — (NC) — Marilyn Bell, the 16-year-old schoolgirl, who is the first to swim Lake Ontario, is a student at Loretta College here, although she is a member of the United Church of Canada.

While thousands lined the lake front as she neared her goal in the swim from Youngs-town, N.Y., to Toronto, the nuns and her fellow students at Loretta College spent the time in prayer for her success.

The schoolgirl outdid Florence Chadwick, world-famous Catholic distance swimmer. In the feat which was a feature of the closing days of the Central Canada Exhibition here, Miss Chadwick swam from the water line.

Cash and gifts totaling some \$60,000 were presented to the young swimmer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Bell. The gift she said she appreciated most was a two-year scholarship for her 11-year-old sister, Karen.

Charge Protestant Minorities Suppressed In Catholic Countries Exploded By Expert

Because of a renewed interest recent developments have given to the subject, the N.C.W.C. News Service asked Dr. Patten to write on the position of Catholics in Protestant countries and the position of Protestants in Catholic countries.

By DR. RICHARD PATTEN
(Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

It has become a truism in certain circles to assert that as soon as Catholics become a majority in any place they divest themselves of all understanding of the problems of the minority and promptly go in for a spot of persecution.

This conception is at the basis of much of the discussion of so-called "Catholic power" in this country and great is the alarm in certain sectors at the idea that in some unpredictable or undeniably future, Catholics may become the largest religious group and then be free to indulge in what are assumed to be their privileges for the ruthless suppression of the rights of Protestants.

THE BEST WAY to ascertain the truth of this thesis is to look at a number of Catholic countries where for centuries Catholics have not only been a majority but frequently in power. This examination shows exactly the opposite of what is currently assumed to be the result.

Since space does not allow for more than a very brief survey of this situation, I want to pick out a few test cases and call attention to what is actually going on under Catholic majority rule.

In the first place, let us make one thing perfectly clear: If Catholics represent a very large majority, there cannot be any serious objection to their predominance not only in religious life but even in political and social. If democracy means anything at all it clearly means that if 90 percent of the population is of a given belief, certain consequences are going to flow from that fact and it would be foolhardy to expect that in an area such as the province of Quebec in Canada, the way of life and even the policy of the government should conform, let us say, to the outlook of the Seventh Day Adventists or the Jehovah's Witnesses.

I have mentioned Scandinavia in a previous article and there it is often argued that since 98 percent of the people profess the Lutheran faith, it is to be expected that the atmosphere and general character of the national life shall partake of Lutheranism. This is an obvious conclusion. By the same token, it is a matter of no surprise that in Spain, Ireland, Quebec and similar areas, the Catholic attitude should prevail.

NOW SUPPOSE we turn rapidly to some of the practical results of this majority status.

First of all a nearby country, Canada, and its largest province, Quebec. I know that Mr. Paul Blanshard has called Quebec a "cultural desert," presumably because people do not care to listen to him as a lecturer. But Quebec has one of the most extraordinary records of respect for the Protestant minority and rigid recognition of their rights.

The Protestant School Commission of the province receives more than its proportionate share of public funds. Time and again Protestant leaders have expressed their total satisfaction with the way the provincial government supports their hospitals, schools and other enterprises. Only a short time ago, in June, the Rector of Laval University, which is a pontifical institution, presided over the organization of the local English-Speaking Union, at the meeting of which was the chairman of the Protestant School board and the wife of the Anglican archbishop. I do not think that the record of

France, Canada in tolerance and understanding of the interests of the minority can possibly be doubted.

ON THE OTHER hand, can one say the same thing regarding Catholic interests in the other Canadian provinces? In British Columbia, the fight for Catholic schools still goes on and no question of public support is involved at all; simply their right to exist. In Ontario, the story of difficulties in education and other forms of Catholic life fill numerous pages during recent times.

I lived for some years in the canton of Fribourg in Switzerland which is almost totally Catholic. The cantonal government in collecting taxes was scrupulous in insisting that each taxpayer indicate his religion. If he were a Catholic a proportion of his taxes went to the support of the Church and Catholic institutions. If a Protestant to his own establishments and if of no religion, he did not pay at all. In the canton of Vaud next door, everyone, including Catholics are obliged to contribute to the support of the evangelical church. And let it be added that along with Norway, Switzerland enjoys the privilege of being one of the few countries—certainly in the West—which forbid the Jesuits.

Even Paul Blanshard who finds little enough to praise in things Catholic admits that in the Republic of Ireland, "Southern Irish Protestantism is saturated with the present system of school control. In its financial operations the scheme is administered with scrupulous impartiality, and the government has carried out the pledges of the Constitution not to discriminate against the children of non-Catholic faiths." (Irish and Catholic Power, Boston: 1953, p. 118).

The criticism of the Republic of Ireland rests largely on the fact that it is Irish and that it prefers to be Catholic. It would be difficult, however, to find a valid argument to the effect that the Irish state has made life wretched for its Protestant minority or that this minority is tormented in all sorts of ways in the name of a Catholic majority.

One may or may not like the Irish way of life that is the product of its Catholic tradition, but the fact remains that there is no basis whatever for the notion that in the Republic Protestants are persecuted or even made uncomfortable.

What would happen in the Swedish countryside if a Catholic priest proceeded to denounce Martin Luther and pass out Catholic pamphlets? I venture to say that the reaction would lead to precisely the same security measures that prevail in Spain.

Four Quints To Continue Education In Montreal

CALLANDER, Ont. — (NC) — All four of the surviving Dionne quintuplets will continue their education in Montreal this fall. Marie not returning to the cloistered convent in Quebec which she left because of poor health last July.

Their father, Oliva Dionne, told the press that all still miss Emilie deeply, but are adjusting themselves to their loss. Emilie died at the age of 20 a month ago at the convent of a religious community she was considering joining.

MR. DIONNE said that Marie, who had been a novice at the cloister of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, would enroll in Marguerite Bourgeois College in Montreal to take a general course of studies. Since returning from the convent, he said, her health has shown much improvement, and she is now eating better and sleeping well.

Annette, who plans to specialize in piano, will study at the same institution as Marie. An affiliate of the University of Montreal, it is conducted by the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. Celine and Yvonne, meanwhile, are to enter nursing training at Notre Dame de l'Esperance Hospital in the Montreal suburb of Ville St. Laurent.

Mr. Dionne said he and his family are deeply grateful for all the kind messages they received on Emilie's death. They have already answered some 900; he said, but have another 2,000

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