

# Clergy Need Cited In Latin America

Baltimore, Md. (NC)—Latin America's pressing need for priests has been underscored in a statistical study compiled at Loyola College here.

The study indicates South and Central American archdioceses and dioceses generally have a low ratio of priest to people, must rely heavily on religious orders for their clergy and are facing the possibility of having the present population double itself in the next 25 years.

**IN LATIN AMERICA** in 1953, the year on which the study is based, there were only some 31,000 priests available, the study says. The Catholic population was put at 150,000,000 which means an average of 4,840 Catholics for each priest.

This is compared to the United States ratio which that same year was 650 Catholics for each priest with one priest for each 3,000 Americans, Catholics or not.

The study was compiled by Thomas K. Burch and Donald J. Burton, students at Loyola. It was done under the direction of Father William J. Gibbons, S.J., and is entitled "Basic Statistics for Latin America."

The reliance on religious orders from outside to help fill the gap created by the lack of vocations for diocesan priests is shown by the fact that of the 31,000 priests, 15,528, or 50 per cent, are members of religious orders.

In some countries, the Order of priests constitute a definite majority, the study says. Brazil, for example, has 4,529 religious order priests to 3,325 members of the diocesan clergy.

The probable doubling of the population in the next 25 years, according to the study, is based upon the expected continuing decline in death rates, upon introduction of hygienic and sanitary measures and reduced infant mortality rates.

## Egyptian Minister Received By Pope

Rome, Italy (NC)—Aly Chamky, new Egyptian Minister to the Holy See, presented his credentials to His Holiness Pope Pius XII at an audience during which he was received with the customary solemn protocol.

## Abb. Rummel Delays School Integration

New Orleans (RNS)—Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans announced here that school integration in parochial schools will not be started in his archdiocese before September, 1955.

The archbishop said he had reached this decision "after mature deliberation and consultation."

Although the ruling of the Supreme Court against segregation in public schools is thoroughly in accord with the principles and teachings of the Catholic Church, Archbishop Rummel said, "immediate integration would not be prudent or practical."

In this connection he noted "we are confronted with the tradition of segregation over a period of 150 years." The archbishop also called attention to "the present crowded conditions of our parochial schools for Negro as well as white children" and "the responsibility of maintaining the present interest and enthusiasm of all our Catholic people for Catholic education."

"Obviously," he said, "it would not be just to defer integration indefinitely. Therefore it has been considered wise and necessary to allow time for a fuller explanation of Catholic teaching on this subject and for the physical adjustment that integration will require."

During the intervening year pastoral letters and other instructive communications will serve to prepare the way for the most propitious plan to be followed.

**New Engineering Plant**  
Los Angeles (NC)—Loyola University announced that its new \$1,000,000 engineering college structures will be ready when the fall semester begins on September 12.

## Bishop Wright Confirms Converts



Worcester, Mass. — Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester stands with three girls after confirming them into the Catholic Church during the 16th National Liturgical Week conference here. They are left to right: Jacqueline Marie Proctor, Rheta Virginia Smith and Lois Ann May, all of Worcester. Before their confirmation, the girls were baptized by Msgr. William E. Schulte of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at a ceremony witnessed by some 1,200 persons. Bishop Wright is patron of the Liturgical Week. (RNS Photo)

## Participation Of People In Liturgy Gains In U.S.

Worcester, Mass. (NC)—Catholics throughout the country are beginning to take a more active part in liturgical worship.

The experiences of a number of parish priests who attended the 16th Annual Liturgical Week which just ended here seems to prove it.

The priests reported that in parishes the dialogue Mass was being used more frequently and that congregational singing of High and Solemn Masses was becoming more a feature of parish life.

They also told that in some cases a much fuller spirit of parish community is being developed as their people participate more fully in the liturgy.

Although some of the priests admitted initial difficulties in establishing more active participation by the people, it was evident that both in large city parishes and in small rural ones, sufficient instruction of the people was the big factor in overcoming their

## Vernacular Society President Elected

Worcester, Mass. (NC)—Abbot W. Michael Ducey, O.S.B., prior of the Benedictine Dormition Monastery in Weston, Vt., has been elected president of the Vernacular Society here. The organization met in conjunction with the 16th National Liturgical Week here.

Abbot Ducey succeeds Msgr. Joseph P. Morrison of Highland Park, Ill., who retired because of serious illness, after many years' service.

Purpose of the society is to study possibilities of greater use of English in public prayers, rites and ceremonies of the Church.

## 12 Refugee Nuns Coming To U.S.

New York (NC)—Twelve Croatian refugee nuns of the Order of St. Vincent de Paul will arrive here by plane from Rome on September 8, it has been announced.

Five of the Sisters will go to Our Lady of Carey Seminary, Hubbard Woods, Ill., and for 26 years vice-president of the National Liturgical Conference.

## 'Work' Laws Scored As Anti-Labor

Cleveland (RNS)—A Louisiana priest reported here a "right-to-work" law enacted in his state last year already is having an "adverse" effect on labor union activity.

The Rev. Louis J. Twomey, S.J., said the law had hampered union recruitment of colored workers on the sugar plantations and in other agricultural industries.

Father Twomey is director of the Institute of Industrial Relations at Loyola University, New Orleans, and regent of the university law school.

THE PRIEST also said unions were experiencing great difficulties in the other 16 states where "right-to-work" legislation is in force.

"Right-to-work" laws are supposed to protect the worker's freedom from unionism if he so wishes," he said. However, they are more than likely to provide him with the opportunity of working at less than union wages and without the protection of association with his fellow workers.

"Such legislation places individual rights before group rights and defies the democratic principle of majority rule. It is easy to understand why some employers favor 'right-to-work' laws. It enables them to deal with individuals rather than with unified groups. The individual worker then is at the mercy of the employer who may, or may not, be just."

However, Father Twomey said, demands for "right-to-work" legislation were on the decline. He credited this trend in part to the opposition voiced by Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell who last year called for the repeal of such laws.

## Labor Day Message

# Foresees 'Better' Industrial Relations

Washington (NC)—"Substantial progress" has been made in the field of industrial relations in the past decade, and "there is every reason to hope that the next ten years will be even better," the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference declared in its 1955 Labor Day Statement.

From time to time during the ten years that have elapsed since its first annual Labor Day message, the N.C.W.C. department said, there has been "reason to fear that its guarded optimism about the future of labor-management relations in the United States was merely wishful thinking."

THE MOST serious cause of alarm came in 1947, when Congress enacted the Taft-Hartley Law. This the 1955 Statement characterized as an "excessively legalistic" law which was destined to stir up bad blood between unions and employers, to involve them in wasteful litigation, and, finally, to plunge them more deeply than ever before into a partisan struggle for political advantage. It added that similar legislation passed by many of the states has had the same bad effects, and that "so-called right-to-work" legislation has been particularly harmful.

Despite these "blows on the debit side of the ledger," the Social Action Department said, "continued optimism is based, in part, on the expectation that the Congress and at least some of the state legislatures will modify or repeal the laws referred to above and will then look for new opportunities of encouraging the further development of constructive labor-management cooperation through the process of collective bargaining."

THE STATEMENT, written by Social Action Department Director Msgr. George G. Higgins, noted that the director general of the International Labor Organization recently observed that collective bargaining is being transformed into "collective thinking rather than conflict bargaining."

It said that, given "a modicum of good will" on the part of labor and management, plus "the necessary minimum of encouragement" by government, this devel-

## First Malayan Bishops Consecrated

Bangkok (RNS)—The first two Malayan Catholic bishops in Malaya were consecrated within a week of each other at ceremonies in the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd here.

They are the Most Rev. Dominic Vengpanong, Bishop of Kuala Lumpur, and the Most Rev. Francis Chan, Bishop of Penang. The two dioceses were erected recently by Pope Pius XII.

Bishop Vengpanong previously was pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Kuala Lumpur, and Bishop Chan served Our Lady's National church here.

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