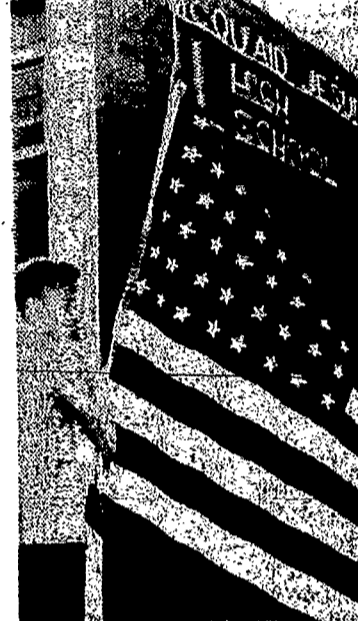


Hierarchy: Religious Schools American

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Private and church-related schools in America exist by right and not by sufferance, the Catholic bishops of the United States declared in a statement issued at the close of their annual meeting here.

The private and church-related schools are part of the American system, the statement said. "Manifestly, they exist by right and they are unquestionably carrying a large share of the educational burden. Their teachers, religious and lay, have dedicated themselves to a high purpose, have labored hard to acquit themselves worthily, and the entire nation is their debtor."



Freedom—Catholic Schools in America 'Exist by Right and Not by Sufferance'

These schools have every claim to recognition as powerful contributing factors in the building of a better and more just society.

THE BISHOPS' declaration was in effect a plea for the preservation of educational freedom. Such freedom, they pointed out, has been an underlying principle of the nation since its founding.

The American school system, the hierarchy emphasized, "is not a closed, unitary creation of the State, a servile instrument of government monopoly."

It embraces, they said, "together with the state-supported schools, a whole enormous cluster of private and church-related schools, including many of the most honored names in the entire educational world, and devoted to the education of many millions of the nation's youth."

Private and church-related schools, the bishops asserted, are such an integral part of the nation's educational program that their students "have the right to benefit from those measures, grants or aids, which are manifestly designed for the health, safety and welfare of American youth, in-

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Reds Brain Wash Card. Mindszenty

New York — (RNS) — Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, is being subjected to daily "suggestive hypnosis" to ready him for use in a "frightful" Communist propaganda stroke, according to reports received here.



Cardinal Mindszenty

MONSIGNOR BELA VARGA, president of the Hungarian National Council, said he had learned that the "man in a cassock" who spends hours with the Cardinal daily and is the only visitor admitted to his presence is not a priest but a secret police agent skilled in psychiatry. His visits have continued over the past four months.

MONSIGNOR VARGA said the psychiatrist is perverting his medical skill to deprive the isolated Primate of "every last spark of will and judgment."

The prelate said he was informed that when this has been accomplished it is planned to present Cardinal Mindszenty to the world as an ardent supporter of the Communist regime.

"It is my duty to prepare the world for what will happen if the scheme succeeds," Monsignor Varga said in an interview. "Nothing could be more devastating, nothing could cause more confusion, more divisiveness than to hear the great Catholic leader of Hungary mouth Communist sentiments. That is the diabolically clever plan that is being hatched."

MONSIGNOR VARGA, who was the last freely-elected Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament, pointed out that for the last six and a half years Cardinal Mindszenty has had absolutely no knowledge of what is going on in the world except what his Communist captors chose to tell him.

He said he was certain the Primate was shown pictures taken at the Geneva Conference last summer. "Up those pictures," Monsignor Varga said, "were leaders of the free world smiling with the Soviet gangsters. Who knows what explanation was given to him to account for the smiling faces?"

The prelate said he has learned that Cardinal Mindszenty is living in an isolated building in Southern Hungary, is heavily guarded and "no more free than he has been since the day of his arrest."

On July 16, the Hungarian Justice Ministry announced that Cardinal Mindszenty's life sentence had been "interrupted" after six and a half years of imprisonment. The building selected for the Primate's residence had been made the prelate's place of residence, but his whereabouts were not disclosed.

Religious People 'Happiest,' Says Pollster Gallup

New York — (NC) — The most religious people are the happiest, and the more irreligious people are the most unhappy.

This conclusion was reached by the poll-taker Dr. George Gallup, as a result of opinion surveys he has conducted as director of the American Institute of Public Opinion at Princeton, N. J.

Dr. Gallup reported his findings and conclusions at the annual meeting here of the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies. He said that the polls further show that the number of atheists in this country are no more than one to two percent and that in France the Communists were the least happy group of people.

The most interesting polls taken by his institute, Dr. Gallup said, have been on questions of religion. He said his interviewers never experienced any resistance when asking questions about individuals' religious preferences or affiliations.

"Actually we experience resistance when we ask how they voted in the last election," Dr. Gallup said.

Christmas Star

Chicago — A giant Christmas star is formed by 100 lighted windows in the Palmolive Building here. Lighted every evening from Thanksgiving to Christmas, it has 14 stories or 160 feet from tip to tip. Millions of people have seen it since it has been lit every season for the last 25 years.

Reds Jail Chinese Carmelite Nuns

Hong Kong — (NC) — Four more Chinese-Carmelite Sisters have been arrested by Red Chinese authorities in Shanghai, according to reports here.

The reports said that four foreign members of the community meanwhile had been freed by impossible living conditions and the deprivation of all religious services to apply for exit permits.

TWO OF THE foreign Sisters had been granted permits, but these were later revoked by the Reds, the report stated.

A letter from Shanghai brought other news that Sister Esperanza Maruy, a Salesian, was dragged from bed on the night of September 26 and hustled off to jail. Two other Chinese Salesian Sisters in Shanghai are under house arrest.

One of these nuns is seriously ill. The other had to endure lengthy interrogations while under heavy pressure by an apostate Catholic from her native town who wanted her to abandon her vocation and help him set up an "independent church."

THE SISTER, however, remained firm in her loyalty to the Church, the letter said. Just as another Chinese Salesian Sister, a prisoner in Canton since May, 1951, has done.

The letter was informed that she would be freed if she consented to communist indoctrination, but she scorned the offer.

Red China Expels U. S. Missionaries

Hong Kong — (NC) — Two American Passionist priests arrived here in good condition from Red China after being held for 26 months in Changsha. They are Father Justin Garvey of Ridgewood, N. J., and Father Marcellus White of Waltham, Mass.

A radio broadcast from Peking had announced that the two were to be "deported." At a trial October 29 Father Garvey had received a sentence of five years and Father White a sentence of four.

The priests had been subjected to the usual accusations. The only accusation at the trial was that they had corresponded with Bishop Cuthbert M. O'Gara, C.F., of Yaoming, expelled primate now in the United States, and that Father Garvey had engaged in Legion of Mary activities.

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Bishops To Launch National Crusade For Decent Movies

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The Catholic Bishops of the United States, at their annual meeting here approved a nationwide crusade to stem what they described as a rising tide of moral laxity in motion pictures.

God of the campaign, to be carried into every diocese and parish in the United States is to arouse Catholics to vigorous protest over "the increase in objectionable films." A primary objective will be to revitalize and re-activate the aims and purposes of the National Legion of Decency.

THE CRUSADE will emphasize instruction and guidance among American Catholics relative to the moral trends and influences of motion picture entertainment. In this way the bishops hope to correct the moral apathy which has arisen with many people in their selection of film entertainment.

Stressing the increase of objectionable material on the screen, the bishops placed the blame for this trend on the reluctance of producers and exhibitors "to accept their full share of responsibility for the moral and social character of the entertainment shown in the nation's theaters."

On several occasions during the past 20 years, the bishops noted, they have commended the Hollywood Production Code "based on the Ten commandments and the traditional moral standards of a Judeo-Christian culture," and its administration as "a potentially effective means of maintaining a morally wholesome screen." However, the prelates said, they now find it necessary "to improve the increasing laxity that has been evident in the application of the Code."

MISNOR William A. Scully of Albany, N. Y., chairman of the Bishops' Committee on Motion Pictures, reported that the Legion of Decency this year had listed the largest percentage of objectionable films in its history.

He said that of the 275 films reviewed by the Legion of Decency 82, or 29.82 percent, were A-1 (morally objectionable for general patronage). Ninety-seven, or 35.27 percent, were A-2 (morally objectionable for adults). Ninety-two, or 33.45 percent, received a B classification (morally objectionable in part for all), and four films were rated as C (condemned).

The amount of moral offensiveness manifested in the "B" category, Bishop Scully said, is an increase of approximately 11 percent over 1954. Of the condemned films, he reported, one bore the Seal of Approval of the Production Code Authority.

Of 52 foreign films reviewed, 12, or 23.08 percent, were classified A-1; 18, or 34.62 percent, A-2; 18, or 34.62 percent, B; and 4, or 7.69 percent, C.

Father Lord Deathbed Book To Be Issued

Chicago — (NC) — "Played by Ear," the autobiography of the late Daniel A. Lord, S.J., one of the most widely-known priests in the country, is scheduled for release on March 1, 1956, the publisher, Loyola University Press, announced here.

Father Lord died January 15, 1955, at the age of 68, after a strenuous career of writing, speaking, and work, much of it in connection with the Sodality of Our Lady, which he directed on the national level until his death.

The autobiography was composed in three weeks while he was a patient in St. John's Hospital, St. Louis, during his last illness. Although he didn't live to complete it, the book contains over 400 pages of personal history and frank commentary on every aspect of contemporary life which came under his review.

The full story of the Motion Picture Code, which was co-authored by Father Lord, appears among the reminiscences in the volume. The author also describes the way he came to be a Jesuit and a writer, and the Hollywood he got to know as technical adviser on the filming of "The King of Kings."

The title Father Lord chose for his autobiography was suggested by his well-known habit of improvising at the piano.

Bishops Elect Baltimore Prelate

Washington — (NC) — Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore was elected chairman of the new Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference organized here.

Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington and Archbishop Leo Binz of Dubuque, Iowa, are new members of the Administrative Board. They were among the ten members elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops of the United States held at the Catholic University of America.

Irish Nuns Rescue Korea's 'Awful Cooks'

Mokpo, Korea — (NC) — Missionaries in Korea mostly just put up with their food. It took the Columbian Sisters here to start doing something about it. Their new cooking school here has been a revolutionary novelty.

HOW DID IT happen? Mother Mary Linda, M.D., heard one priest tell of his "awful" cook. "Send her in to us," she said. "The cook came by the next bus. Soon she was joined by others. Now the Sisters teach a five-week course in breadmaking, home cooking, housekeeping and hygiene. Irish soda-bread has appeared in Korea.

"I wish someone had thought of a cooking school sooner," said Father Charles Cooper on remote Cheju Island, after his cook had returned from the school. "In a few months the Sisters have achieved something that had defeated a generation of missionaries."

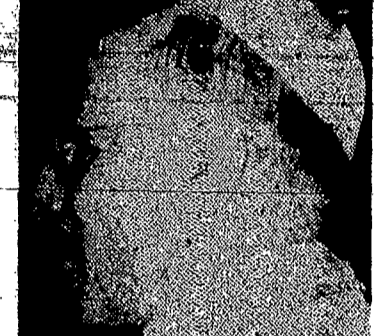
Visitors in every rectory in Kwangju share the enthusiasm of the priests about the cooking of the new school's graduates.

THE LADIES responsible for this revolution are six Columbian Sisters, five Irish and one American. They are doc-

Vatican Confirms Holy Father Saw 'The Lord' During Sickbed Vision

Vatican City — (NC) — The Vatican has confirmed a report saying that His Holiness Pope Pius XII revealed to intimate friends that he had an apparition of Christ during his grave illness in December last year.

The confirmation came in a statement issued by the Vatican Press Office. It said it had been "authorized" to confirm a story in the Italian illustrated weekly, Oggi (Today).



Pope Pius XII

The magazine reported that Christ appeared at the Pope's bedside on the night of December 2, 1954, at the peak of the Pontiff's illness when he was alone in his room. The apparition came, it said, while the Holy Father was reciting the prayer "Soul of Christ, Sanctify Me."

At first, Oggi stated, the Pope thought the vision meant his death. But instead, it continued, Jesus comforted the Holy Father and told him that his hour had not yet come.

The Pope is absolutely sure he saw Christ, Oggi declared. The apparition was not a dream, it reported, because the Holy Father was fully awake and lucid when it took place.

The day following the apparition, the magazine pointed out, the Pope began to make what seemed to many a "miraculous" recovery.

THE HOLY FATHER told very few people about his vision and asked them not to talk about it, Oggi said. It added that it got the story through the "affectionate indiscretion" of a person to whom the secret had been confided.

The newly confirmed vision of the Pope recalls a similar occurrence of several years ago. In October, 1951, His Eminence Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, then serving as Papal Legate to an anniversary celebration at Fatima, said that the Pope had seen Fatima's "miracle of the sun" four times during the 1950 Holy Year. The "miracle of the sun" is the spinning of the sun reportedly witnessed at Fatima in October, 1917, at the time of Our Lady's "apparition" there.

Even before the account of the Pope's sickbed vision was published, various rumors said that supernatural intervention was responsible for bringing about the Holy Father's extraordinary recovery from his grave illness. The Oggi article, however, is the first detailed one and the only one to be confirmed by responsible Vatican quarters. The author's source of information is still unknown.

THE FOLLOWING is Oggi's account of the vision:

"Regarding the illness from which the Holy Father recovered in December of last year, we are in a position to reveal to the world a hitherto unknown and miraculous fact that happened during those critical days.

"When his sufferings became ever more painful, the Pope often repeated to himself the prayer 'Soul of Christ, Sanctify Me.' During the night when the crisis reached its highest point, the patient, who for a time remained alone in his room, recited that prayer again.

"When he came to the invocation. In the hour of my death, call me." He saw beside his bed the sweet figure of Jesus. At that moment the Holy Father thought that the Master had come to call him to Himself and, seriously answering the call, continued the prayer: 'And bid me come unto Thee.'

"But Jesus had not come to take him, but rather to comfort him and we think, to assure him that his hour had not yet come.

THE HOLY FATHER is absolutely sure that he saw Jesus. It was not a dream. He was fully awake and lucid at the time.

"The following day, when it seemed that there was no more hope and when newspapers all over the world had already come out with predictions of an imminent catastrophe, the patient began to improve in such an unexpected fashion that it seemed miraculous to many.

"This event was confided by the Holy Father to very few persons, whom he asked not to divulge it. As a matter of fact the secret has been kept until now and only an affectionate indiscretion by one of the people who knew about it has enabled us to learn and tell about this wonderful event, which will undoubtedly deeply move Catholics all over the world."

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Pope's Health Good As 5 Years Ago

(Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Rome — (NC) — How is the health of the Holy Father? This question, always of tremendous interest to Catholics all over the world, gains particular importance in these days — just a year after the Pope's grave illness which caused many to fear for his life.

It was on November 27, 1954, the day when the Pope concluded his stay at the summer residence of Castiglionello, that the first reports appeared about his precarious state of health. And a few days later, on December 2, the first official bulletin announced that the condition of the Holy Father had been suddenly aggravated by a peritoneal irritation.

Now, according to all reports, the Pontiff is once again preparing to change his official residence from the rural calm of the Alban Hills south of Rome to the Apostolic Palace adjoining St. Peter's. Traditionally, the first week of Advent is dedicated at the Vatican to spiritual exercises in which the Pope and the members of his household participate.

THE QUESTION inevitably arises: how the Pope's health this year compares with his condition twelve months ago. Of course, it would be presumptuous for an outsider to pretend to offer a complete clinical picture. The few persons, apart from the Holy Father's physicians, who might be able to do so are not available as sources of medical information.

However, there are tens of thousands of people who have seen the Holy Father at close range during recent months, and thousands who have had the privilege of talking with him. In addition, there are a number of indisputable facts allowing deductions on the Pope's present state of health. The consensus of these personal observations,

Rules For Missal, Breviary Published

New York — (NC) — A booklet explaining the changes in the Missal and Breviary which will occur on January 1, 1956, has been published by Joseph F. Wagner, Inc., publishers here.

Called "New Rubrics for Missal and Breviary," the booklet contains a complete translation of the Decretum Generale, the Latin text of the changes approved by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The new publication is sized to fit neatly into the Breviary and has a heavy-paper cover.

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plus facts on record, add up to this:

To all appearances, the Holy Father has made a remarkable — some even call it astounding — recovery from his grave illness. His state of health at this time seems better than it was a year ago. His physical abilities — his bearing, his stamina, his walk, his gestures — belie the fact that he will be eighty years old next March. His mental abilities — his memory, his alertness, his immense capacity for work, his penetrating power to deal with the tremendous issues of our time — have not suffered the slightest impairment.

THIS REPORTER saw the Holy Father dozens of times during the 1950 Holy Year. He observed him again at close range during the Consistory of 1953. He saw him many times, often at a distance of only a few feet during the current year.

Some claim to have noticed a "slowing up" in the Pope's general appearance. Others believe they have seen signs of rheumatism or similar afflictions which would not be at all extraordinary in a person of the Pontiff's age. Others again claim to have "heard" that the Pope tires more easily than formerly, which also could find a perfectly natural explanation and need not be any indication of trouble, health or sickness.

But this reporter must state in all honesty that even such comparatively minor indications as these are not in the process of aging. They have escaped him. It is his opinion that at the present time the Holy

Catholic University

My dear People:
November 14, 1955

On the first Sunday of Advent each year the annual collection is taken up in all the dioceses of our country for the support of the Catholic University of America.

As a member of the Board of Trustees I am deeply interested in the progress of the University. I have seen it advance from a small graduate school which I attended in 1908 to the largest graduate school in the country. The generosity of American Catholics each year has given us a school of which we can be proud. Just now the walls are rising on the new national shrine to Our Lady which will be the heart of the campus. I have been honored by being appointed a member of the Shrine Committee, so that I am deeply interested in activities on the campus of my Alma Mater.

The whole educational program of the Church in America has been enriched by the direction and services of the Schools of the University. The service spans the field from the training of kindergarten teachers for the elementary school to the training of the faculty members of our colleges and universities.

May I ask your generous support of this very important work so tremendously significant in this our day, when God has so signally blessed our efforts for His children.

Assuring you of my personal appreciation of a generous response to this appeal and with sincere blessing to all of you, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
James E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

P. S. The collection for Catholic University is to be taken up at all the Masses on Sunday, November 27.