

Chicago Cardinal Offers Integration To Puerto Ricans

Chicago — (RNS) — Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, announced the formation of a special committee to promote a new policy of aiding Puerto Ricans to "integrate themselves religiously, socially and economically" into the life of the city.

He told a news conference that because Chicago's 20,000 Puerto Ricans are not concentrated in one area the Church's program will center in the future on "integrating them into the churches and schools in their neighborhoods."

THIS CONSTITUTES a sharp departure from the previous practice of providing specially designated parishes for foreign language groups living in the archdiocese.

Cardinal Stritch and Msgr. Edward M. Burke, chancellor of the archdiocese, would head the new committee. The Rev. Gilbert A. Carroll will be coordinator and the Rev. Leo T. Mahon executive assistant.

"We are not so much setting up an institution for the care of these people as we are making all our institutions available to them," the Cardinal said, "encouraging them to go to churches and schools in their neighborhoods. There will be no special churches devoted to them."

HE ADDED that in order to help those who have a limited knowledge of English, sermons in Spanish will be given at Holy Name Cathedral and at three other churches with a large number of Puerto Rican parishioners.

The Cardinal predicted a large increase in the Puerto Rican population of Chicago within the next ten years. He said the greatest problem these newcomers face is adjusting from "a rural economy and social setting to a big city."

Priests Assigned To Spanish Groups

New York — (NC) — Twenty-two of the 39 recently ordained graduates of St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, will serve among the Spanish-speaking Catholics of this archdiocese, according to an announcement by Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

To prepare for their future ministry, twenty of the 22 new priests have been assigned to an eight-week course of special studies in Spanish at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Two others have been assigned to one year's service in parishes in Puerto Rico.

According to Cardinal Spellman's announcement, the project is part of the Church's program for the training of priests to serve the spiritual needs of the large Spanish-American population of New York. All 22 priests will eventually be assigned to parishes here that have Spanish-American parishioners.

Nuns To Operate Hotel For Aged

St. Louis — (NC) — White-robed Franciscan Sisters have begun the task of converting the 15-story De Soto Hotel in downtown St. Louis into an old folks home.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has taken formal possession of the 300-room hotel and many of the hotel employees are remaining to service the new archdiocesan institution.

Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis has announced that the home will be open to applicants without regard to race or religion.



New York — (NC) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles shakes hands with his newly-ordained son, Father Avery Dulles, S.J., who had just been raised to the priesthood with 33 others, by Cardinal Spellman (right) of New York. Watching is Mrs. Dulles who also attended the ceremony here at Fordham University Church. Father Dulles, a convert to the Church in 1949, will celebrate his first Solemn Mass June 24 at Georgetown University's Dahlgren Chapel, Wash., D.C.

Secretary Dulles Greets Jesuit-Priest Son

New York — (RNS) — The son of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, celebrated his first post-ordination Mass in Fordham University church here.

A convert to Roman Catholicism, Father Dulles was one of 36 Jesuits ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, on June 15.

MRS. DULLES, a member of Brick Presbyterian church here where her husband is an elder, attended her son's Mass at Fordham. Mr. Dulles attended Sunday services at Brick church. Both were present at the ordination ceremonies at Fordham the previous day.

After the ordination, Mr. Dulles said he was "proud and happy" that Father Dulles had "found a faith and the satisfaction of his faith."

"I have three children, all of whom are devout and religious," he remarked. "They have each in their own way found a com-

munism with God and for that I am very happy."

AFTER THE ordination ceremony, Father Dulles, who is 37, gave his first blessing to the Rev. John LaFarge, S.J., a founder of the Catholic Interracial Council and a former editor-in-chief of America, Jesuit weekly review.

Then he greeted members of his family. They included, in addition to his parents, his aunt, Mrs. Allen Dulles, wife of the head of the Central Intelligence Agency, his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Shaw and their two children. The family group was joined briefly by Cardinal Spellman.

FATHER DULLES, who had been a Presbyterian, became interested in Roman Catholicism while he was a student at Harvard University. There he talked frequently with the Rev. Edwin A. Quinn, S.J., now vice-president of Fordham, who was doing graduate work at Harvard.

After serving as a lieutenant with the Navy in World War II, Father Dulles entered the Society of Jesus in 1946.

He will celebrate his first solemn Mass on June 24 in the Dahlgren Chapel on the campus of Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

Town Seeks Zone Ban On Religious Groups Major Recipients Of Philanthropy

Purchase, N. Y. — (RNS) — A vote to amend an ordinance permitting only public schools and accredited colleges to be built in the residential area of Purchase will be taken at a public hearing before the Harrison Town Board here on June 27.

THE HEARING follows the board's rejection of an application to permit the rezoning of 20 acres for a Roman Catholic convent and high school operated by the Sisters of the Holy Child. For many years the convent school, known as St. Walburga's, was located on Riverside Drive in New York. Its removal to Purchase was projected when the property was condemned by the City of New York.

Joseph A. Vassallo, an attorney representing the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, presented the application to the Harrison Board which turned it down by a 3-2 vote on April 25.

At a subsequent meeting on June 13 Richard Condon, the Town Attorney, suggested that the ordinance be amended on constitutional grounds. The Town Board voted unanimously to accept the attorney's suggestion and recommended that the matter be placed on the agenda for the June 27 hearing.

MR. CONDON contended that the Town of Harrison "may not bar all schools nor may it discriminate as between public, private or parochial schools affording the same general type of education and approved by the Board of Regents of the State of New York."

James G. Landis, Town Supervisor and a former Harvard Law School dean, was one of the two board members who voted at the April meeting to admit the Catholic school.

St. Walburga's operates under the State Board of Regents. The Archdiocese of New York contends that, as such, it should not be discriminated against by the town ordinance.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — American religious groups receive 53 cents out of every dollar that is given for philanthropy, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare reported here.

"Religion is the main recipient of the philanthropic dollar," the department said in a report prepared by Dr. Thomas Karter of its division of research and statistics.

THE DEPARTMENT estimated that philanthropic giving in 1955 reached a record \$5,401,000,000 of which churches and other religious agencies received \$2,850,000,000.

In 1952, the last previous year for which such a survey was undertaken, the department estimated that \$5,037,000,000 was given for philanthropy and that churches received \$2,354,000,000, or about 47 cents of each dollar.

Raffles Crackdown Hits Mission Aid

St. Louis — (NC) — Strict enforcement of a 77-year-old Missouri law prohibiting games of chance is creating havoc in Catholic women's sewing circles and also is hurting many Christian missions throughout the world, which no longer receive goods the women's sewing raffles once made possible.

The Missouri statute prohibits any game of chance where money or property is at stake. For years its application to church raffles was not enforced in many sections of the State.

Recently a crackdown was ordered by many county sheriffs after the sheriff of St. Louis County was ousted from office on charges he had allowed open gambling.

In adjacent St. Charles County each of a dozen parish women's organizations had been raising around \$2,000 a year through raffles for the missions. This year the missions won't get the money.

The share of the nation's philanthropic gifts going to religious groups has shown a steady increase. In 1945, for example, of \$3,228,000,000 contributed for all philanthropic purposes, only \$1,158,000,000, or a little more than a third, went to religious groups.

AMERICANS have increased their philanthropy five-fold in the last 25 years, the report indicates. In 1930, philanthropic gifts totaled only \$1,189 million. In the depression year of 1935 they had dropped to \$629 million. By 1940 it had risen to \$1,249 million and in 1945 was \$3,228 million. In 1950, gifts totaled \$4,468 million and in 1952 \$5,037 million.

Corporations have increased their giving ten-fold since 1940, from \$38 million in that year to \$375 million in 1945, the report shows. However, the 1954 figure is a cut-back from the 1952 record of \$399 million.

Individual living donors gave a record \$4,789 million in 1954, compared with \$4,432 million in 1952 and \$4,008 million in 1950.

Of the \$3,850 million which religious groups received in 1954, the study estimates that \$1,702 million was spent on current operating expenses, \$508 million on construction of new buildings, \$270 million on church-supported welfare activities, \$80 million on church-supported hospitals and medical institutions, and \$180 million for foreign mission work and overseas relief activities.

Vienna Archbishop Vienna — (NC) — Archbishop Franz Koenig of Vienna took formal possession of his See in ceremonies in Vienna's historic Cathedral of St. Stephen.



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