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Fatal Diplomat
Dublin — (RNS) — Magr. Gaetano Alibrandi, former counselor of the Papal Nunciature here, has left Ireland to take up a similar post with the Apostolic Delegation in Mexico.



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'Pray For Peace' Slogan To Mark U.S. Mail

Washington — (NC) — Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield said here his department is taking "prompt steps" to equip 10,000 post offices with special cancellation dies bearing the motto, "Pray for Peace."

His statement came the day after President Eisenhower signed a bill adopted by Congress which authorizes first and second class post offices to cancel mail with such stampings.

REP. LOUIS C. RABAUT of Michigan, who introduced the bill in the House last year, said it is his hope that these "meaningful words will be carried on the face of our mail to the far corners of our country and the world, proclaiming to all peoples the peaceful intentions of this great nation."

The Postmaster General's statement contained much the same sentiments. He said that by repeating the message on millions of pieces of mail, "we will re-affirm our faith in prayer to achieve the nation's most cherished hope — everlasting world peace."

MR. SUMMERFIELD explained that when the nation's 10,000 first and second class post offices are equipped with the special cancellation dies, about 97 per cent of the nation's mail will be stamped with the "Pray for Peace" phrase.

Rep. Rabaut was author last year of legislation which inserted in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag the words "under God."



Representative Louis Rabaut, Catholic congressman from Michigan, is the author of the bill, adopted by Congress and Eisenhower, which authorized signed into law by President the United States Post Office to use the "Pray for Peace" postmark on all mail. (RNS) Photo

Dallas Catholic Hospital Admits Negro Doctors

Dallas, Tex. (RNS) — St. Paul's Hospital, a Catholic institution here, has admitted seven Negro physicians to full membership on its medical staff, officials announced. It is the first Dallas hospital to take such action.

The seven previously had been given privileges of the hospital but were not members of the medical staff, composed of more than 300 white physicians.

ADMISSION of the Negroes followed their election to the Dallas County Medical Society, the society, and its parent Texas Medical Association, last year revised their constitutions to allow qualified Negro doctors to become members.

Major hospitals in Dallas require staff doctors to be members of the county and state medical associations. The

seven Negroes admitted to St. Paul's staff are Drs. Emmett James Conrad, William K. Flowers, Jr., Benjamin E. Howell, Frank Herbert Jordan, Lee C. Pinkston, George Lee Shelton, Jr. and Joseph Ralph Williams.

Hospital Lists 50 Baptisms

Del Monte, Mindanao, Philippines — (NC) — There were 50 baptisms last year in the Phillips Memorial Hospital here, which is conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Newark, N. J.

The nuns distributed 250 packages of food to the poor, four bales of relief clothing and 20 cases of powdered milk that were sent to them through New York-born Archbishop James Hayes, S.J., of Cagayan.

BOOK SHELF

The Apostolate of Chastity
By Sister Margaret Teresa Nazareth College

THE APOSTOLATE OF CHASTITY: A treatise for Religious Sisters, by Ferdinand Valentine, O.P., London: Burns-Oates 2s. 2d. pp. 350.

A solid and at the same time most quotable book, modern and blunt as true Christianity must always be, intended to show Sisters the magnificent reasons why God has drawn them to total dedication, what their vow and virtue of chastity really means for the preservation of Christian society in our times, why they must fully understand love and Christian marriage and the promotion of vocations through marriage, through teaching all children and all adolescents the rightness of Christian love and chastity.

Father Valentine warns us, too, of the waste and danger of a negative chastity, fostered when we permit any motive short of the free and generous service of Christ to hold sway.

His investigations take him into the causes and kinds of "late" vocations, the ever-estimation of the new "psychiatric" approach in judging adolescent vocations, the conditions under which the over-load of work now burdening the Sisterhoods can best be carried on.

BUT THE OVER-ALL value of the book is not so much in these particulars as in the analysis of what woman is, and the study of the equality and difference and inter-dependence of the work of men and women in the world — an inter-dependence confirmed and supported by and reaching its Christian height in the work of the priesthood and the religious sisterhoods.

Recruits are badly needed for this highest work, recruits freely and intelligently gained.

Every other page cries to be quoted so direct and strong is the message, but a few must serve.

"Woman has still to manifest her full potentialities to the world. And we must expect such a manifestation to come mainly through, not religious sisters. If woman is more true to her God-given nature through her love of Christ, she is never more so than when her heart is dedicated exclusively to the lov-

ing service of Christ" (pp. 69-70). "THEY MUST BE given every opportunity . . . in every branch of science, literature, art and general culture commensurate to the life and mind of the woman" (p. 68).

"Chastity, and chastity alone, it would seem, can preserve the saving sense of motherhood amongst us" (p. 124). "How then shall we measure the spiritual and social influence of the maternal love of the religious sister? To begin with, her maternal instinct cannot diminish through the practice of virginal chastity. On the contrary, there is every reason to believe that, even naturally and biologically speaking, it becomes the more imperious" (p. 123).

"If chastity is the liberation of human love in our hearts, and even an added capacity to love humanly, the measure of our love of God is the measure of this liberation" (p. 123).

"If chastity ceases to function as a liberating influence in the sense that it is debased by fear or any other natural motive, her stupendous love-potential as a woman tends to find an outlet in self-love . . . Negative chastity can creep upon the soul like a

paralysis in a niggardly and piecemeal sneaking back of our self-offering to Christ by every subtlety of self-regarding and self-love.

"NO ONE CAN be as ambitious and self-absorbed as the wife who refuses to face the sacrifice of love, with the possible exception of the religious sister. Religious men being human, selfish and sinful are capable of the grossest self-pity, but never, even at their worst, can they be accused of mothering themselves" (p. 125 — and if that last sentence isn't just making a word mean what he wants it to mean for the occasion; but pardonable, because of the general excellence and fervor of the book).

"The best mothers are not those who have set before themselves a high ideal of motherhood, but those who love their husbands and their children and forget themselves in the daily round . . . We need not do great things to love God with all our hearts. It is the heroism of doing ordinary things with such love of God that we keep on doing them which pleases and glorifies Him" (p. 41).

There are four appendices and 22 pages of notes illustrating points in the text.

American Poet Wins Oxford Prize

London — (NC) — David Louis Posner, an American Catholic, has been awarded Oxford University's Newdigate Prize for Poetry for his poem entitled "The Deserted Altar."

The award was established in 1896. Among previous winners were Matthew Arnold, John Ruskin, Oscar Wilde and Julian Huxley.

Mr. Posner was born in New York City on July 23, 1921, the son of a Jewish father and Catholic mother.

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