

Archbishop Rummel/Tito Court Defers Integration Jails Priests, In Parochial Schools Seminarians

New Orleans — (RNS) — Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel of New Orleans announced here that the archdiocesan system will maintain separate classes for whites and Negroes for at least one year more.

In a pastoral letter read at Masses in every church of the archdiocese, the prelate who last February denounced racial segregation as a sin, told his flock that "certain difficulties and circumstances" made him "deem it advisable" to postpone general integration "at least until September, 1957."

Such Catholic schools as are already integrated, he said, would continue their program without interruption.

AT OTHERS, he promised, integration when it came would be "gradual," one grade at a time, and under "moderate conditions" which would be made known in advance.

Archbishop Rummel did not cite the "difficulties" which caused him to postpone integration. But he expressed the conviction that "our problem will be solved only in the spiritual atmosphere of prayer."

His pastoral ordered that in all archdiocesan churches, convents and Catholic institutions, a public novena be held in preparation for the Feast of the Assumption (Aug. 15).

"PRAY FOR THAT peace which harbors no wrath, no hatred and no ill will toward any class of human beings," he urged. "Let us cultivate in word and deed that unity of spirit which is in conformity with the divine Will and the mind of Holy Mother Church."

He said that during the coming year the correct "Catholic attitude" on race relations would be explained to local Catholics "in all patience and charity to remove doubts, misunderstandings and other difficulties."

"As Catholics, we cannot choose our beliefs according to individual taste but must accept what the Church teaches in vir-

tue of her Apostolic authority," he declared.

ARCHBISHOP RUMMEL became a center of controversy last November when he closed a mission at which a white congregation refused the ministrations of a Negro priest.

His action was lauded by Observatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper. But 100 Catholics of the mission area at Jesuit Bend formed a "citizens' council" to "preserve segregation" in the Church.

In a pastoral issued the following February, Archbishop Rummel said that for Catholics racial segregation was a sin because it violated both justice and God's "mandate of love" and denied the "universality of the Redemption."

IN MAY, members of the audience at a white citizens' council rally stood up to boo mention of the prelate's name. A few hours later, an eight-foot cross was burnt near his residence. The day was the second anniversary of the Supreme Court decision outlawing racial segregation in public schools.

New Orleans is one of the few cities in the country where more children attend parochial than public schools. Last year's registration in 181 Catholic schools was 75,405.

U.S. Agency Feeds Portuguese Children

Lisbon, Portugal — (NC) — An estimated 156,000 Portuguese children are daily receiving U.S. government surplus food sent to this country through Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, according to a report from Caritas, the Portuguese relief organization. Caritas is handling the distribution of the food.

Belgrade—(RNS)—Two priest-professors at the Roman Catholic major seminary in Split, Central Dalmatia, were sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor by a local court for "anti-state offenses," according to Borba, official Communist organ here.

The paper said Msgr. Ante Pilepic was given a five and one-half year term, and the Rev. Zdravko Ostolic a four and one-half year sentence.

Two seminarians, Peter Maslac and Veselko Lusic, also were sentenced to prison terms by the court on the same charges, Borba reported. It said Maslac was sent to prison for two years and Lusic for a year and a half.

Borba announced that meanwhile the Yugoslav government had ordered the seminary closed for eight years. In addition, it said, three other Catholic educational establishments in Split were ordered to suspend their activities for six years. The latter include a college, a primary school, and a novitiate belonging to the Franciscan Fathers.

'Shoes Over Neck' Boy Depicts Pope

Rome — (NC) — His Eminence Celso Cardinal Costantini has designed a monument to Pope St. Pius X which will be erected at Casteltranco in northern Italy, where the Saint attended school.

The monument portrays the former Pontiff as a child with shoes around his neck, a habit he adopted to save shoe leather when he walked 10 miles daily to attend school at Casteltranco from his home in Riese.

It is believed to be the first time a Cardinal has designed such a monument. The prelate is honorary president of the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Art in Italy.



Foreign Students Visit President

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Meeting with a group of 127 foreign exchange students in the White House rose garden, President Eisenhower discusses some camera equipment with Marry Fernaris of Havana, Cuba. A youth behind the chief executive takes advantage of the moment to record an odd-angle camera study of the president. 46 of the young men and women who lived a year in the U. S., were sponsored by the National Catholic Welfare Conference in cooperation with the State Department.

'Our Lady Of Highway' Shrine, Motorists' Goal

Little Falls, N. J. — (NC) — A unique shrine to the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of the Highway, which stands on the grounds of Our Lady of the Angels church here, is proving increasingly popular with motorists.

The scene of many private pilgrimages, the shrine is located outside the church. People drive their cars to the terrace there to have them blessed, and to pray there before the statue.

The shrine was the idea of the late pastor, Father Giles Lawlor, O.F.M., who figured in a serious auto accident. His traveling companion was killed instantly. Father Giles attributed his own escape to the protection of the Blessed Mother whose medal he was wearing.

Securing ecclesiastical permission he had a medal struck showing Our Lady of the Highway in

Marquette Cancels Game In South

Milwaukee—(NC)—Marquette University has cancelled its scheduled basketball game with Loyola University of the South in New Orleans because of Louisiana's new laws which ban athletic contests between Negro and white players, Athletic Director Larry (Moon) Mullins announced here.

He pointed out that Marquette has Jimmy McCoy, a Negro sophomore, on its basketball squad.

As a result of the laws, Notre Dame, St. Louis and Dayton universities have pulled out of the Sugar Bowl tournament scheduled for next December 28 and 29 at Loyola's gym in New Orleans. Only two teams are left on the Sugar Bowl schedule, Loyola and Kentucky.

English Pastor Now Bishop Of Gibraltar

Vatican City — (NC) — Father John F. Healy, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Camberwell, near London, has been named Bishop of Gibraltar by Pope Pius XII.

Maryknollers Elect Superior General

Maryknoll, N. Y. — (RNS) — The Very Rev. John W. Comber, M.M., of Lawrence, Mass., was elected here to serve for the next ten years as Superior General of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, popularly known as the Maryknoll Fathers.

A veteran missionary, who spent two years in a Japanese concentration camp during World War II and has seen service in Manchuria, Peru and Chile, Father Comber, 50, succeeds Bishop Raymond A. Lane, M.M., also of Lawrence, whose term had expired.

HE IS THE fourth superior general to be elected as head of Maryknoll since the society was founded in 1911. In his new post he assumes charge of all overseas mission work and the missionary training program carried on in the United States.

Father Comber was chosen by delegates attending the Maryknoll General Chapter. His election occurred 25 years after his ordination here in 1931. He had come to the chapter from Chile, where he had been serving as group superior of all Maryknollers in that country.

The new superior has had a

colorful career ever since his assignment shortly after his ordination to the Maryknoll mission in Manchuria.

As pastor of Tung Hua, a mountain town in the heart of bandit country, he had a number of brushes with brigands and one of his assistants was kidnapped and held for ten months before escaping. Another Maryknoller was kidnapped from a neighboring mission and his strangled body, partly eaten by wolves, was found months later on a bleak mountainside.

Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Father Comber was arrested and taken to a concentration camp, where he remained until he was repatriated in a prisoner-of-war exchange aboard the S. S. Gripsholm in December, 1943. The next year, he was appointed rector of the Maryknoll major seminary here. In 1953 he was assigned to Peru and a year later was transferred to the post in Chile.

U.S. Sends John Barry Statue As Gift To Ireland

Boston—(NC)—Commodore John Barry, "Father of the American Navy," has taken to the high seas again — this time enroute home to his native Ireland.

A blessing and departure ceremony was held here at Charlestown Navy Yard where the created, ten-foot bronze statue of Barry was placed aboard the USS Charles S. Sperry for shipment to Wexford, Ireland. Gift of the United States Government, the statue is the work of sculptor Wheeler Williams.

Based on a Gilbert Stuart portrait, it represents Captain Barry, at 32, in full battle dress. The project took two years to

complete and was sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The U.S. Congress voted \$50,000 to finance the gift. U.S. naval officers will present it to the city of Wexford at an evening ceremony there on September 16.

Bishop Philip J. Furlong, Military Delegate, blessed the statue and Rep. John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, spoke at the departure ceremonies at the Navy Yard.



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