

## Psychiatrists Told Respect God, Faith

Trenton, N. J.—(RNS)—Some 600 psychiatrists from 18 states heard a warning here from a Roman Catholic educator that they will get cooperation from the Church only if they respect the concept of God and doctrines of Faith.

**THE REV. THOMAS V. MOORE**, for many years on the faculty of Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C., and a pioneer in the development of child guidance centers, issued the warning in a paper on "The Era of Religion and Psychiatry" at the fourth annual Psychiatric Institute.

He said a psychiatrist "will be seriously handicapped" if he "does not recognize a Supreme Being and does not seek the aid of Infinite Goodness in making himself what he ought to be and also in curing his patients."

His paper was read to the group by Dr. Francis J. Braceland, president of the American Psychiatric Association and psychiatrist in charge of the Institute for Living, Hartford, Conn. Now in retirement, Father Moore has been a member of the cloistered Carthusian community in Whittingham, Vt., only one of that order in the western hemisphere, since the charterhouse was founded in 1850.

"Psychiatrists must not attack the principles of moral law and lead the patient to evade his conflicts by immoral practices."

Otherwise, he said, there will be no Church cooperation "with the ideals of psychiatrists."

He criticized the part played by Sigmund Freud, founder of psychoanalysis, in originating "a night of irrationality in psychiatric treatment," but also acknowledged Freud's accomplishments in fulfilling "a great movement for the good of psychiatry."

Father Moore said that "in spite of what some have said in the past, the Church looks upon psychiatry, as it does our general medicine, as something to be furthered in the interests of human welfare."

## Czech Reds Block Visit To Abp. Beran

London—(RNS)—A Roman Catholic student who recently returned here from Czechoslovakia told how he was sent from one ministry to another by Communist government officials in an unsuccessful attempt to see Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague.

**MICHAEL** Constance, a member of the National Union of Students, went to Prague as an observer to a meeting of the Communist-sponsored International Union of Students.

During the congress, he said, some students were invited to meet Dr. Josef Prochazka, who is Minister of Health. About 20 attended the interview, of whom seven were Catholics, he said.

The student said the group asked a number of questions and finally asked to see Archbishop Beran.

The archbishop, 67, has been confined in various parts of Czechoslovakia since he was banished from his See in 1951.

Mr. Constance said Dr. Prochazka answered that the students would have to apply through diplomatic channels and that he would support their application.

"Later," the student said, "I received a reply from the Foreign Ministry saying a visit could be arranged through Dr. Stehlik."

Dr. Antonin Stehlik was appointed Vice-Capitular of Prague by the Communist government in 1951.

"I saw Dr. Stehlik three times at Archbishop Beran's place, and visited the Foreign Ministry once, but no arrangements were made," Mr. Constance said.

Finally, the student was told that authority must come from the Minister of Culture, Education and Religious Affairs, to whom he wrote.

The letter resulted in a meeting at the Ministry with a secretary who read a statement from the Minister, the student continued.

He said the statement "was to the effect that Archbishop Beran is carrying out his duties as a priest and is living comfortably in a monastery."



Fort Greely, Alaska—(NC)—Chaplain Joseph F. Sheehan celebrates Mass on the ice of Gulkana Glacier for Army students of the Arctic Indocentrination School, Fort Greely, Alaska, 125 miles southeast of Fairbanks. Father Sheehan's altar is made of rock lying on top of glacial ice. A native of Fort Slocum, N. Y., the priest remarked, "There is no location nor any condition in which man cannot find time, a way to worship God."

## Home Instruction Set For Children In Public Schools

St. Louis, Mo.—(NC)—Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis has launched a new program for religious instruction of public school children, giving parents the primary job of teaching the youngsters.

**TO AID PARENTS**, a series of seven booklets, totaling 300 pages, has been prepared by an archdiocesan priest, Father Clarence D. White.

The booklets have been sent to pastors throughout the archdiocese. In a letter, the Archbishop emphasized that each pastor's obligation for souls extends to all members of his flock. "Certainly those most in need (of spiritual care) are the Catholic children not attending our Catholic schools," he wrote.

"This Family Program of Re-

ligious Education is a praiseworthy and practical approach to the problem. It is a plan in which parents and priests can work together with benefit to the children whose spiritual welfare is their mutual responsibility," he said.

"For the Catholic family program to be carried on most effectively," he continued, "there is needed the help of apostolic members of the laity—to contact and to assist parents, and to share with the religious teaching task of the religion class."

Previously, the effort in educating Catholic children in public schools has been pointed toward after-school religion classes. The new program envisions continuing religious education by the parents in the home.

The first of the seven manuals explains the overall program, comparing the parent's role to that of Mary and Joseph in the rearing of Christ. The second manual is for priests and teachers. The third is for parents. The others contain the lesson material—one for pre-school children; one for children in the lower grades; a third for upper-grade children; and a fourth for high schools.

The whole series is planned so that a child's religious education can be continued without interruption regardless of his age or the parish he moves to within the archdiocese.

Father White, who wrote the pamphlets, is a former U.S. army chaplain who is now spiritual moderator for the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men and Women in St. Louis.

Prayer for Beatification Detroit—(NC)—Members of Detroit's Society of St. Vincent de Paul, observed "Our Lady Day" to promote the beatification of the Society's founder, Frederick Ozanam.



## No Limit

Washington—Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York urged Catholic missionary orders to work together for the conversion of the world.

Speaking before more than 400 priests, brothers and Sisters representing 115 congregational provinces in America, Bishop Sheen said that each order tends to look only at its own particular mission field.

"Now I ask you," he said, "did St. Francis go off in one corner and labor only there? Did St. Augustine go off in another corner?"

"No, they labored for the salvation of all mankind and so must we follow in their footsteps."

Calling attention to the great mission field awaiting the Catholic Church in Asia, Bishop Sheen said that if all that continent's 1,200,000,000 people could be assembled, and if they marched in lines 10,000 abreast, 100 lines a minute so that 1,000,000 passed by a reviewing stand every minute, "You and I would have to stand there 31 hours before they could all march by."

"With a field of that size challenging us, there must be no limits to our vision," he added.

## Borneo Natives Prefer Floor In Hospital

Kanowit—(NC)—A fine new hospital has been opened here by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of St. Joseph, but they have a problem—the hospital has beds.

This may seem like the normal thing in the U.S. but the Dyak natives in this mission center look upon beds with scorn. The old mission hospital here had four beds, strictly for maternity cases. The new hospital has 30 beds.

Old style hospitals in this area are not rated according to the number of beds because the patients sleep on the floor, anywhere they can find a place for a mat. When a patient enters the hospital, he brings his own mat and blankets, at least half of his family, cooking utensils and firewood.

Family and possessions surround the patient and remain there until he is well. When the hospital is filled with patients, the inside of it resembles an American Indian encampment. Lack of privacy does not seem to bother the patients.

With the establishment of the new hospital, the nuns will attempt to break this ancient family custom. They have built

a hostel to take care of families of the patients.

The families will be able to cook their food in a real kitchen. They will be admitted to the hospital to see their sick relatives only at prescribed hours.

Kanowit, with a population of 1,430, is located 26 miles southeast of Sibiu. The mission center here is conducted by the Mill Hill Fathers, Bishop John Vos, Vicar Apostolic of Kuching, presided at the dedication of the new hospital.

Present for the ceremony were several Dyak chieftains of the Rajang and Kanowit river areas, government officials, and prominent Chinese who contributed largely to the new hospital.

The mission is one of the first established in Borneo. It is built on the banks of the Rajang river, with the jungle rising high in back of it to form a picturesque background.

The nuns who conduct the hospital are saying special prayers, hoping that the beds in it will be accepted peacefully by the Dyaks, who look upon beds as being strictly for

soffles.

## Carolina Churches Set 'Open House'

Raleigh, N. C.—(RNS)—It will be open house Sunday, Oct. 14, in every Roman Catholic church of North Carolina "to help promote greater understanding by eliminating some of the misconceptions about Catholics."

Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh directed all Catholic pastors in the state to conduct guided tours on that day, with explanations of the altar, the tabernacle, the Stations of the Cross and other features of the church.

Bishop Waters based his action on the fact that thousands of North Carolina residents have never been inside a Catholic church. He expressed hope it would increase understanding of Catholics among non-Catholics.

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