

# Catholic Hymnal Still Undecided

Buffalo, N. Y. — (RNS) — The Hymnal Committee of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine adjourned here without committing itself on the hymns to be used in the new standard American Catholic hymnal which is nearing completion.

Controversy over reports that some old-time favorite hymns would be excluded was headed off. The Rev. John C. Selner, S.S., of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., committee chairman, said "nothing definite" has yet been announced officially by the committee as to the contents of the hymnal and types of the hymns used. He said several decisions have to be made before the hymnal is "firmed up."

ASKED BY one priest whether reports that some Protestant hymns will be included "means our own repertoire has been found wanting," Father Selner replied:

"We will include all hymns which have good Catholic doctrine and melodies which are consonant with the text."

He added, however, that no hymns that are "typical" Protestant hymns will be included. This substantiated previous reports that some Protestant hymns may be included, provided they are not indigenous to Protestant worship.

Father Selner said the hymnal will be published "directly under the name of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine" but that the date of publication has not been determined.

ON BEHALF of the committee he stated in part:

"A great deal of speculation as to the possible inclusion of Protestant hymns and the elimination of several popular Catholic hymns has appeared from time to time in the press before the general meeting of the committee."

"As a matter of fact the discussions have not centered on these points and the committee announces that the proposed hymnal will contain many traditional tunes, many hymns of ancient origin and a good deal of material which is new."

"The general principle for inclusion of hymns in the new hymnal is that the hymns have an approved text representing Catholic doctrine and a melody which is in conformity with the legislation of the Holy See re-

garding music to be used for divine worship.

"While every effort is being made to produce a hymnal of exceptional merit and quality, its use is not to be mandatory on the Catholic churches of the country as a whole.

"There are many good hymns in current use which will continue to be used. The hymnal which the Confraternity envisions is intended primarily for congregational rather than choir use; it is the desire of the Confraternity to promote as far as possible the participation of all Catholics in both vernacular and Latin singing as indicated by the type of divine services at which they assist.



## Supreme Court

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Associate Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. of the New Jersey Supreme Court, is pictured after announcement at the White House that President Eisenhower had named him to the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Brennan, a Catholic, will succeed Associate Justice Sherman Minton, who is retiring because of poor health.

## IBM Machine Aids Researches On Aquinas Study

New York — (RNS) — An Italian Jesuit scholar who sought the aid of technology in preparing a concordance of the work of St. Thomas Aquinas has set in motion a process that is expected to revolutionize the fields of literary and language research, indexing and compilation.

The process has been developed by technicians of the International Business Machines World Trade Corporation, a subsidiary of International Business Machines (IBM), working in close cooperation with the Rev. Roberto Busa, S.J.

It was announced at IBM headquarters here that six related, mechanically compiled concordances of the works of the philosopher and saint will be completed in 1959. It will have taken just five years to do the work that would require 40 years of labor by manual methods.

Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, and Father Busa were present when the announcement was made.

Father Busa is attached to Abbotinum College in Gallarate, Italy, which specializes in research on Aquinas. In 1946, he undertook by manual methods to prepare a concordance of the saintly philosopher's writings. Three years of painstaking work convinced him he could never complete even a representative part of the work in his lifetime. Then he came to the United States to investigate the possibility of finding a machine to help with the task.

"Cardinal Spellman brought him to us," Paul Tasman, manager for sales engineering of the IBM World Trade Corporation, said in an interview. "In the interest of scholarship and research, we explored methods of adapting our machines to do the work."

Mr. Tasman predicted that the indexing and coding process developed will "open a new technique in language engineering."

First Issue  
Evansville, Ind. — (NC) — The first edition of the Register of Southwestern Indiana, newspaper of the Diocese of Evansville, has been distributed here.



# Pro-Latin Stand Of Church In Mass Rite Cited

Buffalo, N. Y. — (NC) — Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester declared here he was "relieved" by what he called the disposition of the recent international liturgical congress in Italy "to retain and defend the use of Latin in the liturgy of the Roman Rite."

The Massachusetts prelate attended the congress in Assisi, and heard the address made to the 1,300 delegates later in Rome by Pope Pius XII. Bishop Wright flew back to the United States for the national congress here of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

BISHOP WRIGHT remarked in an interview that speakers at the Assisi Congress acclaimed the results of recent permissions given by the Holy See for use of the vernacular in certain ceremonies.

"There seemed to be no misgiving or regret," he said, "about the concessions made in recent years for the use of the vernacular in the administration of the sacraments and ceremonies which

involve responses from and instruction of the people. Quite the contrary. Several of the leaders of the hierarchy who addressed the congress reported the unmitigated spiritual good which had resulted from the Holy See's approval of increased use of the vernacular in the administration of some of the sacraments."

"HOWEVER, many of us," Bishop Wright recalled, "were relieved to discover no disposition to encourage any substantial concessions which would affect the traditional use of Latin in the public worship of the Roman Rite and especially the Mass."

"In his opening address at Assisi, Cardinal Cicognani (President of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, who served as president of the liturgical congress) dwelt on the place of Latin in the public prayer life of the Universal Church, at least in the western world, and of the reasons, cultural, religious and even doctrinal, why it is desirable that the use of Latin be jealously guarded in the rite which unites Catholic Christians of nations otherwise so divided."

"In the allocution by which he closed the congress, the Holy Father emphasized this same point," said Bishop Wright.

"Even those," he added, "who are sympathetic with the desire to see the use of the vernacular increased wherever popular instruction and piety would benefit from it, came away glad that the integrity and dignity of the Mass and of the theological form of the sacraments will continue to be protected by the use of the ancient, universal Latin of the Roman Rite."

"Latin remains a living language in the Holy Catholic Church," said Bishop Wright, "and the old Latin grammars had best be found with the new liturgy books on all our bookshelves."

# Teenage-Driver Problem Weighed

Iowa City, Iowa — (NC) — The problem of the teenager and the automobile came up for a thorough discussion during a session of the Governor's Conference on Children and Youth here. Some 450 government officials, welfare and social workers, educators and clergymen were at the meetings.

It was agreed, generally, that the teenager plus an automobile often adds up to trouble.

Father Gerald Kelly, principal of St. Edmond's High School, Fort Dodge, related that 17 per cent of the high school's football players quit the team "because they were paying for cars." He said the presumption was that the youngsters got it after-school jobs to meet payments on their cars.

The priest told how the high school handled the situation of students driving around during lunch hour. He said: "We

made the lunch period so short that they couldn't get off the school property."

District Court Judge Milton J. Glenn of Dubuque, who is active in Catholic lay organizations, said that a "good share of delinquency cases" among youngsters stems from automobiles. He recommended that the minimum age for a driver's license be raised from 16 to 18.

## Belloc's Grandson Ordained Priest

London (NC) — Dom Philip Jobb, O.S.B., grandson of Hilaire Belloc, was ordained a priest recently at Downside Abbey by Bishop Joseph E. Rudderham of Clifton.

Two days later the new priest celebrated Mass in the chapel of the house where his famous writer grandfather lived for many years, and where he died.

## At C.C.D. Congress

Buffalo — (NC) — Sister Mary of the Incarnation, left, of Pine Falls, Manitoba, and Sister Saint Augustin, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, take time out here for a hot dog and ginger ale during the National Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Buffalo, N. Y.

## Berlin Engineer, Convert. Ordained At Age Of 74

Milan, Italy — (NC) — Leonard Adler, O.F.M., 74-year-old former director of the transit systems of Berlin and Milan, was ordained a priest here this week in the Franciscan Church of San Angelo by Archbishop Giovanni Battista Montini of Milan.

Father Adler pronounced his final vows as a Franciscan here last June. Because of his age, and the fact that his wife and three children are living, he had to obtain a special dispensation from Pope Pius XII.

Father Adler was born of Jewish parents in Milan and studied in Vienna for his engineering degree. He was placed in charge of all city traffic in Berlin in 1920 and later, after fleeing to Milan from the Nazis, he was made general director of the street car system in Milan in 1948.



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