

People In News

Church Exams

Saint's Father

Bayeux, France—(NC)—The preliminary diocesan process which may lead to the beatification of Louis Martin, father of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, has been opened here by Bishop Andre Jacquemin of Bayeux.



Requests for opening beatification proceedings for the parents of the famous French saint as models for Christian family life have been received here from all over the world for many years. Bishop Jacquemin has received permission from the Sacred Congregation of Rites to begin the investigation for St. Therese's father.

Louis Martin was born in Bayeux in 1823. He married Zélie Guerin, a woman of great piety, in 1838. Their ninth and last child was St. Therese of the Child Jesus, born in 1873.

Chicago Cardinal

Tells School Plans

Chicago—(NC)—Cardinal Stritch emphasized the need for expanded school facilities in the vast Chicago archdiocese.

"Births and baptisms are on the increase from year to year," the Cardinal observed. "The end is nowhere in sight."

The Catholic population in the Chicago archdiocese is expected to surpass the 2-million mark by the end of this year. The Cardinal estimated that high school facilities will be expanded adequately by 1962 to handle 80 per cent of the students who graduate from parochial elementary schools.

American Works

To Convert Russia

Green Bay, Wis.—(NC)—Father George A. Maloney, S.J., of this city will be ordained to the priesthood in the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite at the Russian Pontifical College in Rome this month.

Spurred by Our Lady's words at Fatima, "Russia will be converted," Father Maloney will become one of 50 Jesuits and fewer than 150 priests working all over the world for the conversion of Russia.

In Rome, Father Maloney lived with what he calls the "Russian converts" in the Jesuit Scholasticate of the Gesù. "We have our Russian chapel where every morning we sing the Liturgy exactly as it has been done for centuries in Russia," he said.

It was there he grew his beard, necessary for a Jesuit to be ordained in the Russian Rite.

Birthday Letter

Sent From Prison

Glendale, Calif.—(NC)—A letter of birthday greetings from her imprisoned son, Father John Houle, S.J., has been received here by Mrs. John Houle.

Father Houle, scheduled to complete a four-year prison term in Red China in June, said in the letter to his mother that he was well and was looking forward to a reunion with his family. The letter was received on the eve of his mother's birthday.

"God has His own designs," Father Houle wrote, "and I trust His loving care is a source of great happiness to all the family and redounds to his greater honor and glory."

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Abp. O'Hara

Federal School Aid Proposals Challenged Again

Philadelphia—(NC)—The taxpayers of the whole United States are being asked to finance a school construction program which disproportionately favors five states, Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia, charged here.

His challenge against current proposals of Federal aid to education was published in a front page editorial of the Catholic Standard and Times, archdiocesan weekly. The editorial is the third the prelate has written in recent weeks deploring "the jungle of guesswork" surrounding the Federal aid controversy.

STRESSING THE ability of individual states to handle their own enrollment difficulties, the Archbishop points out that "43 states and the District of Columbia have announced construction plans for this year that will take care of at least 30 percent of their total present needs, including the replacement of obsolete buildings."

He says that only "five states are below that minimum (which would envision meeting all needs within less than four years)."

The Archbishop notes that "sponsorship of the proposal for Federal aid to school construction includes a plea for the taxpayers of the whole United States to finance the replacement of 89 percent of the school plant of the State of Arkansas, 88 percent of Alabama's, 37 percent of Kentucky's and Mississippi's, and 34 percent of South Carolina's."

There are discrepancies, he charges, in figures being presented to show the number of classrooms required by the various states. Before the White House Conference on Education, Alabama reported a need of 12,033 classrooms. After the conference the need was set at 10,000. Missouri carries off the honors with a variance of 3300 per cent," he added.

ARCHBISHOP O'HARA, former president of Notre Dame University, contends that accurate knowledge is essential if the country is to deal intelligently with the problem of school construction.

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Ex-Statesman Enters Religion

Rome—(NC)—Luis Andrade, who was twice Prime Minister of Colombia, has arrived here to enter the last year of his novitiate with the Claretian Fathers.

Mr. Andrade received the habit of the Claretian Fathers some time ago from Father Peter Schweiger, superior general of the Claretians. The new religious was also the Ambassador of the Colombian Republic to the Holy See in 1930.

Convert Ordained Priest in Miami

Miami, Fla.—(NC)—Father Hubert J. Reason, a convert to the Catholic Faith, was ordained in St. Mary's Church by Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine.

Father Reason, the only Catholic member of his family, was converted while serving in the Navy between 1942 and 1948. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Reason live in Miami.

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ST. JOHN FISHER College junior Joseph Butler, premedical student from Watertown, estimates yearly school cost at \$2,000. "Fellows eat more than girls," he explains. A construction job in the summer helps balance the budget.

NAZARETH COLLEGE junior Moya Neville of Buffalo figures annual school cost under \$1,500. New bicycle—"as soon as I learn to stay on it"—closes trip from her rooms in Pittsford to East Avenue campus.

Short Cuts Balance \$\$\$ In Collegians Annual Budget

By ROBERT SMETT

With a little bit of luck and "pulling in the belt," a college education can cost less than reported in a current national survey, according to Nazareth College student Moya Neville.

Faced with the survey stating that the average private college student pays \$2,000 a year, St. John Fisher College junior Joseph Butler felt that the statistics sounded "about right."

"Of course, there are lots of short cuts you can make in expenses and it's always cheaper for a girl in college—they don't eat as much as fellows and they don't have to pick up the tab on a date," Joseph added.

AMOUNT OF MONEY spent by students attending college has

doubled since 1940, according to the survey released this week by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington.

The survey revealed that the annual expenditure for full-time undergraduate students attending a non-sectarian college this year averages about \$1,500, while a student in a private college pays about \$2,000 a year.

However, except for state-aided colleges, Catholic higher education is notably less expensive than in other colleges of New York State.

PRESUMABLY the great number of state-subsidized colleges and few private institutions in many states accounts for the higher cost of private college education in those areas.

Moya Neville of Buffalo is a junior art major at Rochester's Nazareth College where tuition is \$425 a year. Tuition will be raised \$65 next year.

Moya's "extra" college fees amount to \$68 a year with an additional fee of \$10 for art study. "Real lucky" is what Moya considers her rooming arrangement in Pittsford where she pays only \$7 a week, compared to the \$8 or \$10 a week rent usually demanded.

Resident students at Nazareth College pay \$700 a year for room and board.

At the private home where she rooms, Moya has "kitchen privileges" and her landlady takes care of her fist laundry. Food averages about \$3 a week. Books and art materials amount to about \$125 a year, higher than that required for students in most other courses.

Moya, who is vice president of the undergraduate class at Nazareth, usually "hoofs it" to the East Avenue college from Pittsford, although she recently purchased a bicycle to take her to and from school "as soon as I learn to stay on it."

ALONG WITH OTHER Nazareth girls who board off campus, Moya spends two or three evenings a week baby-sitting. Paid sixty cents an hour for her services, she earns between \$5 and \$10 each week.

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U. S. Priest Tells Of Tortures By Chinese Reds

By FATHER MORGAN J. VITTEGEL
(Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Hong Kong—(NC)—Franciscan Father Fulgence Gross, released from Red imprisonment, told a story of terrific mental and physical torture on his arrival here from the Chinese mainland.

With a gesture that revealed his wrists, scarred from manacles, Father Fulgence said, "Although it was physically horrible, it was wonderful spiritually. I was never sad."

Father Fulgence, wearing a threadbare black suit and a blue shirt borrowed from a fellow prisoner, quietly told how the Chinese Reds beat him and, holding a sword to his throat, threatened to behead him if he did not confess to the accusations of "espionage" they made against him.

"I thought I was going to die for sure," he said, "but it was only the beginning. They conducted one trial after another one, which had lasted 13 days. During this second trial, I was forced to stand for three full days without sleep and with my hands and feet manacled. Every time my eyes closed, the guards would throw cold tea in my face."

The priest said that the charges against him were "hot true" and that he "did not confess to anything."

The Reds then tried to enlist him as a spy against the U.S., but he refused. Because of his "obstinacy," he was put into solitary confinement for more than a year. The communists would come periodically to beat him up, in an effort to make him confess.

DURING THIS time, he said, he prayed constantly and, to pass time, he made needles from straw and mended his clothes with threads taken from old rags.

Father Fulgence said he was arrested in Tsingtao, on March 29, 1951, and held there until October 29, 1955—a day after sentence was passed on him—when he was taken to Shanghai. He said that sentence was passed on other American prisoners on the same day.

In January, 1956, he joined the other American prisoners for the first time, when the Chinese government took them for a tour of China. They were shown the industrial and agricultural centers of Hangchow, Wuhan, Nanking, Peking and Tientsin. He said, "The trip was a failure because we knew we were being shown only the showpieces of Red China and the trip failed to convince us."

FATHER FULGENCE stated clearly that from what information he had gleaned, there is no religious freedom in China.

He said that as late as September, 1955, in Shanghai, the Reds had imprisoned Bishop Ignatius King, of Shanghai, his vicar general, Mgr. Sylvester Tsui, 50 priests and seminarians and 2,000 Catholics. He also felt that it would be useless for American newsmen to enter Red China since "they will only see what the communists want them to see."

Father Fulgence, a native of Omaha, Neb., was assigned to the Chouwisau diocese in 1932, two years after his ordination. He became regional superior of



Free

Father Fulgence Gross of Omaha, Neb., wearing civilian garb, talking on arrival in Hong Kong, the British port city on the Chinese coast, after completing six years imprisonment by the Chinese Communists.

the Franciscan Fathers in 1946. THE PRIEST was released March 28 and arrived in Hong Kong a week later. He reported that the other four American priests with whom he had been under house arrest in Shanghai for the past year, were all in comparatively good health. They are still prisoners. Father John Wagner, O.F.M., of Pittsburgh, he said, is in a hospital because of asthma, but the condition is not too serious.

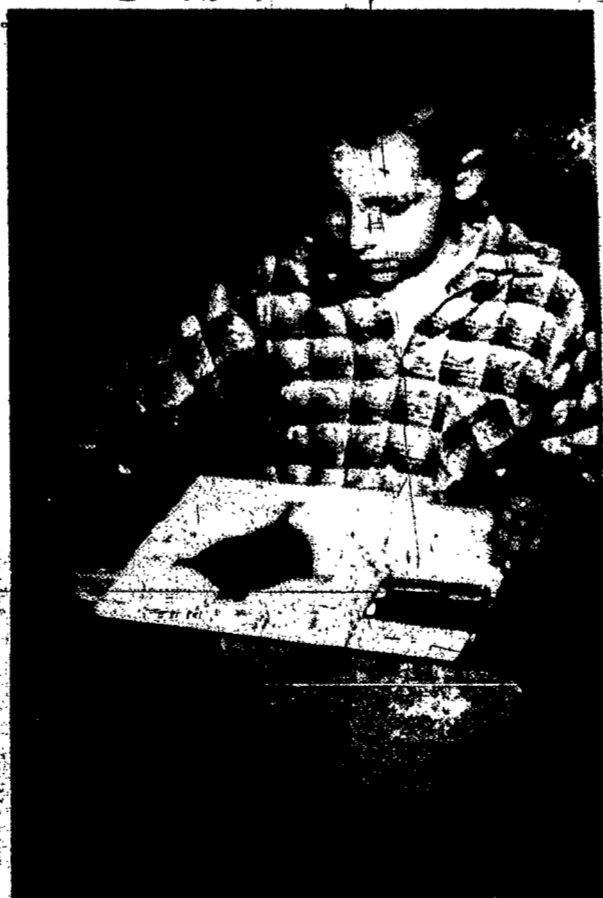
Jesuit Fathers Charles McCarthy and John Houle, both Californians, are due to be released at the end of June. Father Wagner and Maryknoll Father Joseph McCormick, of Palmyra, N.Y., are due to be released next year.



JAMES LEONE
'God on Cross'



SISTER CLAIRE JOSEPHA
'Draw God'



PAUL HOULE
'Passion Crucifix'

Sister Said, 'Draw God'... So They Did!

Sister Claire Josepha tried an experiment last week. She asked her fourth graders at Rochester's Holy Rosary School to take out drawing paper and crayons. Then, with matter-of-fact calmness, she said, "Draw God!"

THE ORDER was taken with the equal calm that only fourth graders can assume. Some heads immediately went down to their task and others were held upright in thought

for a few minutes, planning an attack to the problem. Results were interesting. While Sister Josepha had not said to draw "Our Lord" or "Jesus," the greater number of pupils made their drawings of Christ on the cross.

MOST OF the art work was quite intricate in detail, recalling the two other crosses of the thieves, the storm clouds overhead, the grouping at the foot of the cross, the flow of

Precious Blood. Other drawings showed the figure of a man, closely resembling Our Lord, but the young artists had printed "Eternal Father" on some other bits, so there would be no theological confusion. Bright colors were used to set off the white robed figures and a brilliant yellow halo was always included.

ONE FOURTH grader drew the figure of the crucifix and carefully covered the corpus with a purple crayoned drape. Sister explained that she had been talking recently to her pupils about Passion Sunday and the practice of covering the crucifix and statues in church.

"Draw God," Sister said and her pupils complied. An adult might have panicked but, as Sister says, "Children can draw. Anyone they are familiar with!"



Love Speaks From The Cross

By MONSIGNOR PATRICK J. FLYNN
VI—"It is consummated!" (John 19:30)

THE DYING Christ, only seconds away from death, is the first to proclaim the Triumph of the Cross.

As soon as He has sipped the soldier's wine-soaked sponge, Christ cries out with a loud voice: "It is consummated!"

St. John is the only one of the Four gospel writers to report Christ's death words from the Cross.

The other three evangelists report that Jesus cries out with a strong voice but do not tell us what He says.

John, however, standing near the cross, not only hears what Christ says but understands what He reports the Passion of Christ, particularly His death on the

cross, John is conscious of a divine plan rushing to fulfillment.

"It is consummated!" Everything is finished, says Christ. Here on the cross Christ has finished the work which He came to do—give His life for the world's redemption.

And John, the beloved apostle standing here near the cross, understands the greater meaning and significance of the Passion. Christ's life, and His death, are the

Everything that is on this page is in fulfillment of the promise made in the Holy Scriptures. The Cross is the center of our faith. It is the love that speaks from the Cross.

LENTEEN READING

This article is the sixth of a series in Our Lenten Series last week from the Cross.