

San Cites Ban Recorded Music Church Rites

Connecticut Stiffens Church Fire Penalty

City—(NC)—The Vatican has restated its prohibition of recorded music and radios during liturgical functions.

The restatement was contained in a decree issued by the Sacred Congregation of Rites. The decree contained legislation governing the showing of movies in churches and the use of mixed choirs of men and women, during liturgical functions.

The legislation was originally contained in various decrees, some of which date back to 1908.

The "Motu Proprio" of St. Pius X, on the subject of recorded music, laid down strict provisions concerning the use of recorded music in churches. In that document, published in 1903, St. Pius pointed out that "ingers in church have a duty to sing in choir and therefore, women, being incapable of such office, cannot be admitted to the choir."

Hartford, Conn. — (RNS) — A bill stiffening the penalties for setting fire to churches, schools and other public buildings in Connecticut was passed by the state legislature.

Under the measure, imprisonment of from two to 20 years could be imposed for arson involving churches, schools, theaters, or assembly halls.

Present statutes divide buildings into two categories. One section applies to essentially private structures and carries a penalty of from two to 20 years. The other section covers all buildings not included in the first and imposes a penalty of from six months to ten years. The new legislation brings churches and other public buildings under the section providing the heavier penalty.

The bill was introduced in the Senate following two disastrous church fires last December. One of them completely destroyed St. Joseph's Cathedral and the other caused heavy damage to St. Patrick's Church.

With the understanding that mixed choirs will never be stationed in the sanctuary or in the choir behind the altar, and that men and women will be carefully separated, the former dispositions are hereby repeated and must be interpreted strictly. Such choirs may be used only on exceptional occasions, and with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese.

IN SOLEMN Masses, motets sung in the vernacular are prohibited during the Offertory. They are permitted, however, before or immediately after Mass.

Movie projectors may not be installed in churches—even if the parish has no other place available—even if it is to show films of a strictly catechetical nature, to make religious instruction more understandable and attractive.

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Church Colleges Now Total 744

Washington, D.C.—(RNS)—A total of 744 of the 1,886 colleges and universities in the United States are controlled by religious groups, the U. S. Office of Education reported here.

There are 474 Protestant colleges and universities; 263 Roman Catholic; and five Jewish, the agency said in its annual Education Directory.

An additional 481 colleges and universities are under private control but have no religious affiliation, the report stated.



Catholic Teachers From All States

Milwaukee —(NC)— King size job at the National Catholic Educational Association Convention was handled by the registration desk as 10,600 delegates were processed. Typical scene is this group of nuns, Catholic school teachers who attended the 54th annual meeting here.

Chinese Hold Faith In Red Manchuria

Hong Kong—(NC)—Despite years of persecution, Manchuria's Catholics still have a strong faith, according to two Polish priests recently arrived here from Harbin.

Father Alexander Eysymont, 74-year-old, secular priest, and Conventual Father Gratian Kozdzlecki praised the 10,000 Catholics in Harbin, most of whom have resisted communist pressure to make them join the "progressive Catholic church."

DESPITE POLICE harassment, the Polish priests said as many as 1,000 Chinese Catholics would attend Mass on Sundays and feast days, rather than attend one of the "progressive" churches.

Holy Father Once Mistaken For Beggar During Munich Days

Munich, Germany—(NC)—The Poor School Sisters here treasure unforgettable memories of Pope Pius XII from the days when he was Apostolic Nuncio here. The Holy Father used to love to visit the children in the several Munich nurseries run by the Sisters.

The Pope came here in 1917 as Nuncio shortly after his consecration as Archbishop, the 40th anniversary of which will be celebrated on May 13.

ONE BRIGHT SUMMER day in 1918 he rang the bell of the Sisters' kindergarten in the suburb of Ampling. A young fellow opened the door and, without looking too carefully, yelled at the visitor:

"Just wait here, you can't come in!"

Then, thinking a beggar was at the door, he began to look for Sister Guardian to get a few pennies to give the poor man. Before turning around, however, he noticed how the stranger was moving on.

"Sister," said the youngster, "He isn't even waiting."

Sisters looked out of the window, and lo and behold, the Archbishop was about to turn back. She rushed out terrified, to apologize, but the Nuncio was not a bit disturbed.

"You've got a good doorkeeper here, Sister," he said smiling. "Keep him on the job!"

ON ONE OCCASION when the nunciature was short a man, Nuncio Pacelli asked the Abbot of the nearby Benedictine Abbey of Scheyern whether he could perhaps spare one of the Brothers to help out.

It so happened that 75-year-old Brother Andrew had just been relieved of kitchen duty. So he was sent here, to be the Nuncio's butler and doorkeeper.

Soon the Nuncio took a great liking to the old man. Anxious to improve his German, he often engaged in conversation with him. To aid him, one day the future Pope asked:

"Suppose I were to join your monastery, I'd have to stand last in line, wouldn't I?"

"Sure," said Brother Andrew. "If you are a novice, you've got to take your turn. Later on, perhaps, since you are a Bishop, Father Abbot might let you step up. But really, if I were you, I wouldn't join."

"You wouldn't? Why?"

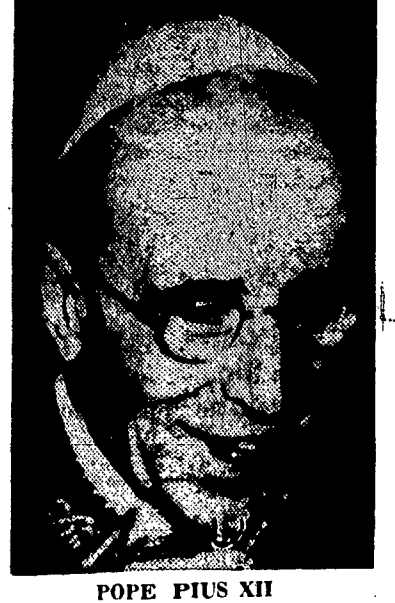
"Well," grinned the good Brother, "after all as a Bishop you are supposed to be perfect, so you needn't be a monk anymore."

"FURTHERMORE," HE ADDED hurriedly, and he was serious about it, "they couldn't use you in Scheyern. Your German isn't good enough, so you couldn't even preach or hear confessions."

The Nuncio beamed.

"Suppose I sang a High Mass, once in a while."

"No, no," replied the Brother. "That's the Abbot's job—we don't need an extra man!"



POPE PIUS XII
BEGGAR AT GATE

is forbidden to use records of liturgical music during liturgical functions. Their use is forbidden to train people to sing in churches and to teach them hymns, provided that this is done outside liturgical functions.

A photograph may not be used to play the movable or other parts of the Mass during solemn Mass. It may not be used to make up for the absence of singers or of an organist.

It is prohibited to use photographs, records inside churches

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YOU SHOULD DECIDE YOURSELF HOW TO DISPOSE OF YOUR LIFE'S EARNINGS. YOU CAN ONLY BY MAKING A WILL. REMEMBER GOD WHEN YOU DO.

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ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST

We know the souls who will be praying to him with extra fervor on Wednesday—Solemnity of St. Joseph. We mean Joseph in Lebanon and Dessay in India. Both need a friend to send the \$100 needed yearly during six years training for the priesthood.

LIKE VERONICA'S VEIL

Which so gently enclosed the Holy Face and soothed the Savior in His sufferings, your kind gift of NEW COMMUNION OUTFIT (\$10) will enclose the pure heart of a Near East child and bring precious comfort and joy on First Communion Day. Give in thanks that your child does not want.

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If that's too much, perhaps you can give \$1-A-MONTH to our Mission Club to help novices, MARY'S BANK.

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