

Questions For Catholic Candidates

POAU Aide Resigns Post, Raps Group's Bias Attack

Washington, D.C. — (CNC) — A top official of the organization known as "Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State" quit his post this week and charged the POAU with bias against Catholic candidates for political office.

Stanley Lichtenstein announced his resignation from the POAU group in a statement from his home here.

POAU describes itself as being devoted "to defense of the principle of separation of church and state." It has charged that its "chief opponent" is "the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church." A number of its spokesmen have attacked Catholic

teaching and religious practices, as well as what they term "malpractices" by Catholics in the areas of church-state separation.

Mr. Lichtenstein said he had been with POAU for nine of its ten years, and at the time of his resignation was director of research and publicity, and managing editor of POAU's publication, "Church and State — A Monthly Review."

POAU's recent call for "particular scrutiny" of voters of Catholics who may be candidates for the presidency was the "immediate cause" of his resignation, Mr. Lichtenstein's statement said.

POAU POSED a series of "Questions for a Catholic Candidate" in an early January statement which was described as "A Ten-Year Balance Sheet of the struggle for Church-State Separation."

Signers included POAU president, Louie D. Newton, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington; John A. Mackay of Princeton Theological Seminary; and Glenn L. Archer, POAU executive director.

The POAU statement challenged Catholics who aspire to the U.S. presidency "to take a definite stand" on three issues: "denominational boycott of public schools"; "the U.S. bishops' de-

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Army Rocket Chief Evening Masses To Mark Attends Daily Mass Tribute To 'Our Lady'

Seoul, Korea—(RNS)—The new head of the U.S. Army's missile development program believes that prayers will reach further than rockets. He appealed here to men and women throughout the United States to launch them to "the waiting heart of our Creator."

He is Lt. Gen. Arthur G. Trudeau, former commanding general of the First U.S. Army Corps in Korea, who has been named to replace Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin as chief of Research and Development.

Gen. Trudeau, a Roman Catholic, gave a special interview to Religious News Service as he awaited the four-motored Air Force transport that was to fly him on the first leg of his trip to his new assignment.

He urged his fellow countrymen to take up what he called a challenge even more important than "the extreme importance of exploring space to its further limits" — the challenge to pray.

"This challenge," he said, "is greater than that of sending up satellites. It is direct and plain."

EVEN AS America's Explorer I arched through the Korean winter skies, Gen. Trudeau de-



Shrine of Lourdes where Our Lady appeared

'I Am The Immaculate Conception' World Turns To Lourdes

Paris — (RNS) — Catholics the world over will commemorate this year the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions at Lourdes, France. They also will pay tribute to the young girl, now a canonized saint, who alone saw the Virgin Mary and heard her voice. She was Bernadette Soubirous, member of a family living in dire poverty.

St. Bernadette was 11 when she beheld in a cave close to the bank of the River Gave a "lady lovelier than I have ever seen." The Lady stood above her head in a natural niche. The date was Feb. 11, 1858.

THE APPARITION was the first in a series that continued Feb. 14. There were 100 on Feb. 14 and 600 on March 1st. Two panions of Bernadette arrived at the shrine on March 4. There were 12,000 on March 4.

"They saw nothing in the niche. They only saw the head of Bernadette in conversation with a being invisible to them."

IN A WRITTEN account of the apparitions, Bernadette described the Lady's reaction to a request that she put in writing anything she wished to say. The request was prompted by a friend of the Soubirous family.

"The Lady began to smile," Bernadette wrote. "She said it was not necessary to write down what she had to say but would I be good enough to come there for 15 days. I said I would."

Without revealing her identity the Lady asked the young girl to pray and perform acts of penitence for the world's sinners. She also instructed her to tell the parish priests to build a chapel at the site in which people should "come in procession."

ON ANOTHER occasion the Lady told Bernadette to "go and drink at the spring and wash myself there." There was no known spring in the area but the young girl, following the Lady's directions, dug into the soil with her hands. A trickle of water issued. The volume in-

All parishes of the Rochester Diocese will join in special rites marking the worldwide observance of the centenary celebration of the Holy Shrine of Lourdes, according to plans outlined today by His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

Lourdes in southern France is the site of the Basilica Shrine where 100 years ago the Blessed Virgin revealed herself under the title of the "Immaculate Conception" to the French peasant girl Bernadette Soubirous.

CALLING UPON THE faithful for an abject expression of tribute in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Bishop Kearney this week issued the following directives for parish devotion:

• Permission is granted all parish churches to celebrate an evening Mass on weekdays from February 11th (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) until the end of Lent.

• Permission is also granted parish churches to hold evening weekday Mass during the month of May, traditionally dedicated to special devotion in honor of the Blessed Virgin.

The evening Mass permission for the specified periods is limited to parish churches and does not include Sundays, the Bishop said.

Catholics of the Diocese are also invited to join in their homes in reciting the Rosary on March 25, Feast of the Annunciation.

On that date, Bishop Kearney will lead the Rosary recitation over radio station WSAW at 7 p.m. to unite families throughout the Diocese in a 12-county simultaneous tribute to the Blessed Virgin. The broadcast known as the "Family Rosary For Peace" will originate in St. Francis Assisi Church, Rochester.

The March 25 date will mark the 100th anniversary of our Lady's sixteenth apparition at Lourdes and the occasion she revealed her identity to Bernadette, saying, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Families are urged to plan now to erect a shrine in their homes for March 25 and to join with the Bishop in saying the prayers of the Rosary.

THE BISHOP SAID he has granted the special evening Mass permission "because there is no better way to honor the Blessed Virgin than by devoutly receiving her divine Son in Holy Communion and by assisting at the Sacrifice He offered on Calvary which is renewed every day at Mass."

Courier-Journal Opens Annual Circulation Drive

The annual circulation campaign of the Catholic Courier Journal will get under way this Sunday, Feb. 9, according to Elmer G. Gropensteter, circulation manager.

A LETTER from His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, will be sent to all Masses in churches of the Diocese this Sunday urging people to subscribe and read the Courier Journal, official diocesan paper.

Subscriptions to the paper may be secured by parish guests on Sunday, Feb. 16 or Sunday, Feb. 23.

Currently 127 of the 150 parishes in the Diocese are listed as "total coverage" parishes. According to this plan, every family in a parish receives the Courier Journal each week.

Individual pastors have arranged various methods whereby parishioners may pay the subscription fee.

Despite rising production costs,

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NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS START APRIL 4th ANNUAL RATE \$4.50 PER YEAR



ATTENTION—Nazareth Hall Cadet (Lt. Col.) William Klinger salutes Sister Mary Alma, the school principal, as "Kinder Cadet" Edward Cerra tries to learn the knack of military protocol. Edward's grandfather, Lt. Col. Silvio De Christofara, U.S.N., inaugurated the cadet training program at Nazareth Hall in 1952. (Paul Contestable —Courier Journal Photo.)

Nuns Run 'Little West Point'

Nazareth Hall Boys 'Salute'

Rochester's Nazareth Hall Cadet School, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph, is the only Catholic institution east of the Mississippi offering military training to boys of elementary school age. Here boys in cadet uniforms snap to attention as smartly as servicemen on dress parade.

The scholastic curriculum follows the requirements of the elementary schools of the Diocese of Rochester and the Regents' requirements of the State of New York.

ALONG WITH academic studies, Nazareth Hall offers military training designed to foster leadership, responsibility, respect for authority, clear thinking and alertness. Discipline and personal pride in posture and appearance are primary aims of the program.

Sister Mary Alma, S.S.J., was uncertain about the advantages of the cadet program when she assumed her duties as principal last fall. But now she is a convert.

"The cadet program is really worthwhile," she admits now. "It offers the boys something extra in their training." More than 150 boys are currently enrolled in the cadet program.

The military program at Nazareth Hall begins in the third grade. Cadets wear a military blue-grey uniform similar to that worn by cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

First and second grade students are known as junior cadets and wear a modified uniform. A grey shirt is worn in place of the

blouse and an overseas cap takes the place of the visor cap. A full day kindergarten program is also provided for the "Kinder Cadets."

Sisters, priests and military instructors draw salutes from the uniformed cadets as they move about the school grounds at 180 Raines Park. Adults receive special courtesy from the cadets with a snappy "Yes, sir" and "No, sir" in answer to questions.

THE HISTORY of Nazareth Hall dates back to 1884 when it was founded as a private school for boys, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph. The school was reorganized as a cadet school in 1952 in order to provide advanced physical training and strict mental discipline for young boys.

"Soli Deo Gloria" is the motto of the cadets as they go about their daily duties. "Solely for the Glory of God." The cadets begin each day with a private visit to the school chapel.

Frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament are encouraged and opportunity for Mass, Holy Communion and Confession are provided by the school chaplain, the Rev. Francis R. Davis of St. Bernard Seminary.

NAZARETH HALL seeks to impress the student with the importance of knowing how to study rather than the mere absorption of classroom information. Education at the cadet school is aimed at developing all the capabilities of the student to his highest capacity. Classes are small, averaging about 18 students, and an average of 85 or more must be maintained. Moral and intellectual guidance of the

cadets is under the constant supervision of eight Sisters of St. Joseph.

Each Thursday afternoon two instructors from the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Rochester inspect the cadets. Major Joseph Schlimm, U.S.M.C., and Sergeant Harold Brooks, U.S.M.C., rate the four platoons at the school on appearance, posture and drill.

TRAINING IN speech and dramatics is included in the curriculum with Mrs. James Lane offering both individual and group instruction. Through music too, the cadets receive an appreciation of the finer things in life. Opportunity is provided for instruction and participation in the school band and glee club.

Physical education is under the direction of George Cheston of the Catholic Youth Organization. The well-equipped gymnasium at the school affords the cadets the opportunity to participate in all athletics. Each February, the students compete in a Sports Night program.

Religious training of the young cadets is rated for by students from St. Bernard Seminary. Classes in Catholic Doctrine are taught each Friday by two seminarians.

At school and at home, the cadets strive to live to their creed: "I am a Nazareth Hall Cadet. I wear my uniform proudly. It is a symbol of my loyalty to my school, my country and my God. I pledge myself to keep my honor bright. I am a Nazareth Hall Cadet."



GENERAL TRUDEAU

cribed it as "the 20th century's challenge to believing men and women a challenge for us to launch our prayers which can and do go higher and further than a satellite rocket or space ship can ever reach."

Stressing that the problem of peace is more fundamental than the problem of space, the general said "man clearly does not seem able to solve it on his own."

GEN. TRUDEAU, who grew up in an unassuming home in Middlebury, Vt., spoke with gratitude of the spiritual example and encouragement he himself received from his father and mother in his early years.

"My father was a plain, hard worker for many years at the Vermont Marble Company," he said. "But from him and from my mother I learned of integrity and of the love of God — two guiding beacons for any life."

"As I grow older, I feel the need for divine guidance every day. Without that kind of guidance, where can you find the courage to go and do what you know is right?"

Present at the seven o'clock Mass every morning of his duty in Korea's four command post, he closed out a rigorous last day of formal farewells by voicing privately the hope that the Pentagon schedule he faces as head of all Army missile research and development will still allow him to keep up the practice which he says "has made this year in Korea one of the highest experiences of my life."

Every girl hopes she'll be remembered with flowers on Valentine's Day, February 14th. Call BLANCHARD'S for one of those unique heart and flower arrangements, together with Hallmark Greeting Card, BLANCHARD FLORES, 55 BEAUCHE AVE. Free parking on premises or call BAKER 5-9494. —Adv.

— STARTS NEXT WEEK —

THE MOTHER SETON STORY

MOTHER SETON is as American as Betsy Ross and the Star-Spangled Banner. She may become the first native born American citizen raised to sainthood in the Catholic Church.

Born of Episcopalian parents in New York City on the eve of the American Revolution, she married and was the mother of five children.

After her husband's death she joined the Catholic Church and founded the American Sisters of Charity.

Mother Seton's amazing career, as told by Edward Steimer of the Pittsburgh Catholic Staff, begins next week in the COURIER-JOURNAL.

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