

CPA President

'Get The Whole Truth... Read Your Catholic Press'

New York — (NC) — The 1953 theme of Catholic Press Month, observed in February, is "Get The Whole Truth... Read Your Catholic Press," Monsignor John S. Randall, president of the Catholic Press Association, has announced.

In a statement issued at CPA headquarters here, the Monsignor said that the theme is intended as a positive stand to encompass the broad expanse of the Catholic press.

"No reflection is intended upon any other publishing media, secular or otherwise," the CPA president said. "The fact is that the Catholic press expounds and defends a great variety of truths in which the Church is vitally interested. These include not only dogmatic and moral truths, but any aspect of reality, or truth, which affects man's destiny in time and eternity."

Monsignor Randall, who is also managing editor of the Courier Journal, Rochester, N. Y., diocesan weekly, said that the apparent inability of the Catholic press to reach a large segment of the Catholic community in this country presents "a challenge to those of official and voluntary Catholic groups whose interests are served so well by the Catholic press."

He cited the growing circulation of Catholic periodicals and books as evidence that Catholic publishers "are doing a splendid job with their limited financial resources."

"But those Catholics who seldom if ever read Catholic literature — and there are thousands of them — are as difficult to reach as ever," the priest said.

THESE CATHOLICS, many the "lukewarm type," are most in need of Catholic spiritual and moral guidance, Msgr. Randall said, "and the time has come for all Catholic groups to get into the business of promoting Catholic reading on a scale heretofore unrealized."

"The Catholic press is one of the most effective teaching arms the Church has at her disposal," Monsignor Randall said. "For this reason diocesan officials must put new energy into circulating their official newspapers, and Catholic membership organizations must realize that they can serve the truths of the Faith in no better way than by well planned and well executed programs of promotion and distribution of Catholic magazines, pamphlets and books."

"None of us needs be reminded," he said, "of the immense stakes involved in today's ideological warfare. Our most dangerous adversaries are not those easily identified materialists who parade behind the banners of communism."

"Rather, they are the humanists, the relativists and the secularists who constantly use our communications media to spread false doctrines disguised under such specious slogans as 'One truth is as good as the next' and 'Nothing else matters so long as we remain friends.'"

THE CATHOLIC press is well equipped to "ferret out the wolf" in these apparently innocent ideas, Monsignor Randall said.

"Were it not for the Catholic press, I would seriously doubt that the average adult Catholic could begin to cope with the nuances and subtle-



MONSIGNOR JOHN S. RANDALL

ties of all the propaganda he is exposed to today," he said. "Surely his failure to properly distinguish between right and wrong is affecting his piety, his role as a parent and spouse and even his faith."

AN INFORMATIONAL program aimed at developing a more substantial appreciation of the Catholic press among parish priests, seminarians and members of many Catholic organizations, will be launched by Catholic publishers through the CPA this year, the CPA president said. He said the program will be just a beginning.

"Such programs have a pay-off date which extends quite far into the future and the Catholic press faces an immediate urgency in getting its message to cooperate more effectively in distributing Catholic literature," the Monsignor declared.

Almost without exception Catholic publishers believe that any substantial growth in the Catholic press rests in the hands of the parish priest, Msgr. Randall continued.

"This is as it should be," he said, "since the Catholic press serves the parish more effectively than does any other echelon of the Church's structure. Our difficulty is that not enough priests appear to realize this."

As an example of the help which can come from Catholic organizations, Msgr. Randall pointed to the success of the Knights of Columbus' educational program for non-Catholics, carried on through advertisements in secular newspapers and magazines.

"There are other ways, and many of them, which other Catholic organizations could utilize to spread Catholic literature among our own people," Msgr. Randall said. "There's a promotional and selling job

Psychiatrists Slate Bishop Sheen Talk

Washington — (NC) — Priests and lay experts in the fields of psychiatry and psychology will participate in the annual meeting of the Guild of Catholic Psychiatrists at the Catholic University of America on February 10 and 12.

General theme of the meeting will be "Psychiatric Aspects of Pastoral Practice." Such topics as alcoholism, the morality of using tranquilizers and the psychiatric selection of candidates for the religious life, will be discussed.

On Monday evening, February 11, a panel discussion, open to the public, will be held on "Psychiatry and Mystical Phenomena." Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York will speak at a dinner closing the meeting on Tuesday evening, February 12.

Founded more than nine years ago, the Guild of Catholic Psychiatrists now numbers about 300 members and associated members. Not only psychiatrists, but chaplains of mental hospitals, teachers of psychology and heads of religious congregations also belong to the guild as associate members.

Chief among the guild's purposes are the upholding of the principles of Catholic faith and morality as related to the science and the practice of medicine, especially in the field of psychiatry, and the promotion of the truth that sound psychiatry has no conflict with the Christian moral law.

Jesuits Establish Philippine Province

New York — (RNS) — Philippine missions of the Society of Jesus, largest Jesuit foreign mission territory, have become an autonomous province of the Order, it was announced here. They had previously been attached to the New York Province.

The Very Rev. Thomas E. Hennberry, S.J., provincial of the New York Province, said the Very Rev. Francis X. Clark, S.J., New York Jesuit, has been named provincial of the new province, which will maintain headquarters in Manila.

Irish Stamp To Honor Charity Nuns Foundress

Dublin, Ireland — (NC) — For the first time in the nine years that the Republic of Ireland has been issuing postage stamps, a woman will be honored by a special stamp.

A picture of Mother Mary Alkenhead, foundress of the Irish Sisters of Charity, will appear on a special stamp to be issued this year in commemoration of the centenary of her death.

A convert to the Faith, Mother Alkenhead established her order during a period when economic conditions in Ireland were appalling. From 1831 to 1858, Mother Alkenhead was in ill health and carried out her administrative



GEORGE WASHINGTON

Washington Ban Against Cursing Still Stands

Fort Meade, Md. — (NC) — The Second Army Sentinel said here that cursing is no less a vice today than it was when Gen. George Washington issued a general order against it in July, 1776.

"Too many actually seem to think it funny to insult the Holy Name with shocking cursing in their commonplace talk," said an editorial in the Sentinel published at this base under the authority of Lt. Gen. George W. Read, Jr., commanding general, Second Army.

The newspaper reprinted the order of Washington and noted

Irish Bishops Warn On 'Smut' Books

Arragh, Northern Ireland — (NC) — Irish Catholics have been warned by the nation's hierarchy of the moral dangers they face in the quantities of printed smut now flooding Ireland.

A decree for the introduction of her beatification cause was signed in 1921 by Pope Benedict XV. Her grave at St. Mary's Convent, Donnybrook, Dublin, has been a popular pilgrimage site.

Added to this, it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."

Adenauer's Priest-Son Studying In United States

Washington — (NC) — The priest-son of West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is studying American small business practices at Georgetown University here.

Jesuit Father Paul Adenauer is engaged in an eight-week study course as part of his work for a doctoral degree at the University of Muenster, Germany. He said he hopes to put the results to work in helping German small businessmen.

FATHER ADENAUER, the oldest child of Chancellor Adenauer's second marriage, was born in 1923, when his father was Lord Mayor of Cologne. He began his studies for the priesthood in 1941 at the University of Bonn, but in that year was drafted into the German compulsory labor service. He later served with the German army until 1945.

Returning to theological studies upon his release from the army, Father Adenauer was ordained in 1951. He was assigned to a post as parish priest in Porz.

BOOK SHELF

Portrait Of A Champion
Sr. Margaret Teresa, Nazareth College

PORTRAIT OF A CHAMPION: A Life of Saint Stanislaus Kostka, by Joseph E. Kerns, S.J., Newman '57, 278 pp. \$3.50.

This popular life of St. Stanislaus is three kinds of a surprise.

It is an adventure in geography first of all. The young Saint in the making must travel on horse back from old Poland, Masovia, down through the Carpathian Mountains to Vienna, and later, escaping from his brother, must walk to Augsburg and thence to Rome. It is a great trek, and the Alps, massive presences first confronting him above the Vienna Woods, seem to follow him. The Dolomites, the Brenner Pass, are his major domos to the House of the Church.

And second, Father Kerns keeps his story bristling with the actuality of those stirring quarrelsome times when Luther's defection first tore family from family and father from son in Germany.

THE UPS and downs of one boy's school one Jesuit mission in old Vienna, the mild upsets over lessons poorly done for this Saint Stanislaus — so the name is generally spelled, the author reports, was no star at his books sometimes followed before day a end by riots and imprisonments, make one understand the times better than do history books.

MORE SURPRISING than all this is the powerful handling of the growth of the love of God in a boy. This is not a pious book. It does not preach.

What you see is the forming of a friendship, without words, just by daily association. What gives proof of the friendship is performance; this boy forces himself to take the punches, the headblows his older brother deals out, forces himself to lie silent when the brother's friends walk deliberately upon his body when he prays at night; though he is of the highest nobility, he waits on table and does K.P. even before he has been accepted as a Jesuit candidate. And this boy makes his own decisions, his own escapes, pleads with the greatest ecclesiastics of his time, and is victorious.

His brother, by the way, becomes a saint, or nearly that, afterward.

This is a good book, too, on high school education as the Jesuits practiced it in the sixteenth century. The changes have not been so many; the techniques are still useful.

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