

Soul Key To Man, Psychiatrists Told

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen said here that modern psychiatrists through their research are beginning to realize "the truth of the Catholic Church's teaching that man is a psychic unit."

The Bishop told the closing dinner session of the ninth annual meeting of the Guild of Catholic Psychiatrists that this is an extremely promising development.

"Thanks to the spatulas, psychiatry can now go back to its laboratories and grow up," the prelate said. "Physics and mathematics are now the popular rage and psychiatrists instead of compelling with one another to write feature articles for the Sunday newspapers can now devote themselves to the serious study of the science."

Bishop Sheen criticized those who would try to separate the mind from the body and treat it independently.

"The subconscious mind is not sick; it is the person who is sick," he declared.

HE SAID that leaders of the three great modern schools of psychiatry had all fallen into the error of failing to consider man as an entity. Freud, he said, put all of his emphasis on disorder of man's bodily drives, and interpreted all mental disorders in terms of lust while Jung studied the disorder of man's ego and classified all ailments in terms of search for security. Adler sought to find the cause of all ailments

in greed and desire for power, the bishop added.

"Take all three together and you have a good description of the disorders into which man's mind can fall," he pointed out, "but you still do not have the complete picture of man."

The true picture of man can be seen only by considering his soul, Bishop Sheen asserted, and by understanding that God has established two laws of gravity, the physical law pulling all creatures earthward and the spiritual law drawing men's souls constantly upward.

BISHOP SHEEN warned the Catholic doctors not to assure their patients "peace of soul." "There is an eternal conflict between soul and body," he said. "They are not well adjusted to one another and in every personality there must be conflict."

He added that modern psychiatrists are discovering the scientific truth that there can be no cure for mental ailments without bringing the individual's soul into contact with the uplifting and healing power of Christ.

Dr. Francis T. Harrington of Dallas, Tex., a neurosurgeon and psychiatrist, was elected new president of the guild.

Former Soviet Soldier Now Priest In London

London — (NC) — A former artilleryman in the Soviet Army, a convert to the Church from Russian Orthodoxy, is now serving as a Catholic priest of the Byzantine Rite in a small London church for Russian exiles.

FATHER CONSTANTINE Maszkalk, 39, was working on his father's farm in Byelorussia — "White Russia" — when he was conscripted into the Soviet army. A fervent Russian Orthodox, he continued saying his prayers despite the jeers and ridicule of his comrades. Finally, because he had organized prayer services

among his fellow soldiers, he was transferred to a labor battalion.

Eventually he was moved to a Red Polish Army unit and, after many hardships, made his way to Rome.

AFTER SOME time in Rome, he was received into the Church, and made his studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical Gregorian University.

Pontiff Names Saint Clare TV Patroness

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII, in a decree issued by the Sacred Congregation of Rites, has proclaimed St. Clare of Assisi as universal patroness of television.

St. Clare, co-foundress with St. Francis of Assisi of the Order of Poor Clares, was born in 1193 and canonized in 1255, only two years after her death. She governed the cloistered congregation of nuns for some 40 years and Popes, cardinals and other leading prelates of the Church came frequently to consult her.

Petitions to have St. Clare proclaimed patroness of television were made after worldwide celebrations in 1953 commemorating the 700th anniversary of her death. She is said to have been granted the power by God on several occasions to witness events taking place at a considerable distance. One was in 1234, when she was able miraculously to witness the approach far off of the army of Emperor Frederick II who was preparing to make an assault upon Assisi.

IN 1951, Pope Pius XII designated the Archangel Gabriel as patron of telecommunications and of television workers. Previously the Archangel Gabriel had been designated by papal brief as patron of postal employees.

Southern Baptists Protest KC Day

Freeport, Tex. — (RNS) — A group of 400 Southern Baptists representing 375 Gulf Coast churches have protested the designation of March 23 as Knights of Columbus Day in Texas by Governor Price Daniel.

A resolution adopted by messengers (delegates) of the churches said that "Baptists have always stood for complete separation of Church and State" and called upon Southern Baptists "to let their convictions be known." Governor Daniel is a Baptist.



'No More Snow For Them'

Farmingham, Mass. — (NC) — Departure Day for Marist Missionary Sisters leaving for Pacific posts was brightened with snow at Motherhouse here. The Marist Missionary Sisters are now celebrating their Centenary Year, with 141 American Sisters in missions throughout the Pacific.

Red China Reneges On Prisoner Pledge

Washington — (NC) — Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson repeated here that communist China is violating its commitment to allow U.S. citizens imprisoned there to return to the United States.

The U.S. official made the charge when two of three American mothers, who made trips to Red China recently to visit their imprisoned sons, called upon him.

THE MOTHERS, Mrs. Mary V. Downey of New Britain, Conn., and Mrs. Ruth Redmond of Yonkers, N.Y., were accompanied by William Downey, brother of one of the jailed Americans, and Father Anthony Murphy of St. Maurice Church, New Britain.

They discussed with the Assistant Secretary "their trips and the prospects for their sons' release."

Vows Renewed In Sign Language

Chicago — (NC) — Their lips still but with hands moving rapidly, 100 couples renewed their marriage vows in St. Alphonsus Catholic church here. All of them are deaf, and most of them are mute.

The unusual service took place at the end of the Chicago archdiocese's first Cana marriage conference for the deaf.

Father Laurence Kelly read the ceremony, while Father David Walsh quickly translated the words into sign language for the unhearing couples.

When the service ended, the couples rose and, with their hands, "sang," "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name." Practically the only voices heard were those of the two priests.

11,375 Negro Converts Reported

Washington — (NC) — About 11,375 Negroes and 890 Indians became converts to Catholicism last year. The total number of Negro Catholics in the United States is 575,925 and the number of Indian Catholics living on or near reservations is about 117,400.

These figures came from a report on the Church's efforts last year in the Indian and Negro missions. The review was issued in advance of the collection to be taken in many dioceses this Sunday (February 23).

THE REPORT was distributed by Father J. B. Tennyly, secretary of the Commission for Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians. The commission has headquarters here. Signers of the report were the commission's board of directors: Cardinal Spellman of New York; Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore, and Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia.

Their statement said that 17,000,000 Negroes and 250,000 Indians are in spiritual darkness, and that Catholics "should not be content until they have all been given at least pressing invitations to arise and come to the True Light."

According to the commission's report, the new total for

the number of Negro Catholics represents a gain of about 30,000 over a year ago.

"Every diocese in which special attention is directed to non-Catholic Negroes has reported converts among them," said Father Tennyly in a statement accompanying the report.

"The average number of Negro converts in the missions and parishes maintained especially for them was 24 last year, which contrasts with an average of six converts for white parishes," said Father Tennyly.

Over a ten-year period, he stated, "the Negro Catholic population has increased by 60 per cent, or in round figures, by about 200,000 souls."

"Close to 100,000 of these are converts to the Faith," he said.

AS FOR the Indian missions, he reported that the Indian Catholic population of 117,400 represents an increase of about 22,000 in the past decade and about 7,000 of these have been converts.

Attorney General Declines Opinion On Nativity Plays

Ross, Calif. — (RNS) — The California attorney general has declined to give a legal opinion on whether the staging of a Nativity play at the Ross grammar school was constitutional.

Marin County Attorney Leland H. Jordan also was asked to give an opinion on the matter and his reply has not yet been received, Mr. Parodi said.

Mrs. Diamond is Jewish. She contended that two of her children in the grammar school participated in the play based on the New Testament and that this could confuse them about religious matters. She was supported by the Marin County chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Mr. Parodi had requested the legal opinion after Mrs. Ann Diamond, a Ross attorney and parent, had protested that the play reflected a particularly religious



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