

Lourdes Pilgrims Given Travel Tips

Rome — (NC) — The central office of the International Committee of Our Lady of Lourdes Centenary here has issued travel tips for persons planning a Lourdes pilgrimage during the centenary year.

If you are going to Lourdes with an organized pilgrimage, most of your problems will be solved by your travel agent. But if you are making your own plans, the following information will be helpful.

AIR TRAVEL services direct from Paris and Brussels to Lourdes will be in effect during the Lourdes year. Formerly there were no flights direct to Lourdes.

In Lourdes the pilgrim will find an information bureau at the entrance of the grotto area. There will be persons there who can give information in any language. Information bureaus are expected to be established also in the railway stations of the principal cities of France.

A pilgrim's pass booklet, providing a number of benefits, should be in the possession of each traveler to Lourdes. Most

of the travel agencies will be prepared to supply the passes to their clients. They may also be obtained at the information bureau in Lourdes.

THE PASSES are issued to individuals and are not exchangeable. They will serve as a means of registration and identification. Upon presentation, they will admit the bearer into the basilica, the theater and the museums at Lourdes. Reductions in train fares and local transportation fares will also be given upon presentation of the pass. The price of the pass—one dollar—will be used as the pilgrim's contribution to construction costs of the St. Pius X Basilica in Lourdes.

Requests for general information, including inquiries about hotel accommodations, may be addressed in English to the committee's office at Via Aurelia 143, Rome.

Bishop Offers Requiem For Monsignor Luddy

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given in the school, and the prayers of the devoted nuns in their convent would be an edifying monument to Monsignor Luddy's genius as a parish administrator.

During his years as pastor, Monsignor Luddy supervised construction of these three buildings, as also the redecoration of the church edifice.

MONSIGNOR LUDDY'S forty years of priestly life included roles as seminary educator and parish administrator.

His distinguished service to the Rochester Diocese won Vatican recognition and he was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate by Pope Pius XII. This high Church honor came to the Brighton pastor last year on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Feb. 11, 1955.

The sixty-seven year old prelate, born in Rochester in 1880, attended local schools; St. Mary's Boys Home, Mechanics Institute, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

Ordained in 1917 by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, Rochester's second bishop, Monsignor Luddy's first assignment gave him duties as teacher at Gibbons High School and assistant pastor of St. Augustine's Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

He was named in 1918 to be assistant at Sacred Heart Church, now the Cathedral, Rochester, and the following year appointed to the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary to be professor of Latin.

In 1929, he became rector of the seminary and during his eight years in this position he reorganized the curriculum of studies and introduced New York State Regents examinations to assure students the opportunity of attaining recognized degrees at the completion of their college training.

Monsignor Luddy was named pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in 1937.

In two decades there he conducted three successful fund drives to build a rectory, school and convent. He also supervised redecoration of the church edifice in 1953.

HE IS SURVIVED by one sister, Miss Mary E. Luddy; two uncles, John Attidge and Thomas Norman; several cousins, including Sister Mary Josina and Sister Mary Francis of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Priests of the Diocese chanted office of the dead at Our Lady of Lourdes Church where Monsignor Luddy's body lay in state the evening before the funeral Mass.

ASSISTING the Bishop at the funeral Mass were Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, assist-

ant priest; Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney and Very Rev. Msgr. Leslie G. Whalen, deacons of honor.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy was deacon of the Mass and Rev. James F. Slattery, subdeacon.

Masters of ceremonies were Rev. Edward J. McAniff and Rev. Francis M. Feeney.

Rev. John S. Hayes and Rev. William J. Schifferli, acolytes; Rev. William Charbonneau, thurifer; Rev. Eugene McFarland and Rev. Richard Torney, candle and sham bearers; Rev. Edward Shamon and Rev. Raymond Moore, gremiale and mitre bearers.

BEARERS were the Rev. Fathers Austin B. Hanna, John S. Whalen, Thomas Reddington, James Collins, John F. Cavanaugh, and Michael Connors, C.P.

ATTENDING Monsignor Luddy's funeral Mass were the Rt. Rev. Monsignors George V. Predmore, John B. Sullivan, Charles V. Boyle, John M. Ball, William J. Naughton, Gerald C. Lambert, Thomas F. Connors, Richard K. Burns, Arthur F. Florack, Charles F. Shay, J. F. Goggin, Wilfred T. Craugh, Frederick G. Straub, and the Very Rev. Monsignors Patrick J. Flynn and Dennis W. Hickey, and John E. McCafferty.

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Poet-Educator Sister Madeleva: Man Seen At His Best 'Thinking About God'

By JACK HEHER

Kansas City, Mo. — (NC) — One voice of our civilization is not doomsday, defeated. One voice, at least, is not strident with crisis, crackling with terminology of war and space.

For 75 minutes this voice, soft, womanly, spoke here provocatively of poetry and contemplation. It counseled many to "think constructively, to think creatively, to think with our hearts."

Though diffident, the voice was for the listeners authoritative. It was that of Sister Mary Madeleva, of the Sisters of Holy Cross, for 21 years president of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind. She delivered a Visiting Scholar lecture in Rockhurst College here.

Sister Madeleva, who is marking her golden jubilee as a Holy Cross nun during 1958, spoke freely over a broad range of topics. On "thinking" she declared:

"Ten per cent of college students think. Twenty per cent of graduates think. I'm going to start a kind of apostolate of thinking. It seems very much more important to me that we record our thinking about subjects than our feelings about subjects. I recommend that you. Notice how often people say, 'Well, I feel this way...'"

"Thinking," she added, "is our great rational capacity; the peculiar gift of the rational animal, man. We can think on natural and supernatural levels."

TURNING to the subject of "contemplation," she observed: "The philosophers say that man is called to supernatural contemplation and that to invite him to another darkness is to rob him of his possession."

"Man is called to supernatural contemplation," she said. "No, that doesn't mean the Jesuits of Rockhurst, or the Sisters of the Holy Cross, or the nun of St. Teresa's College, or at St. Joseph's Hospital, or the Benedictine Nuns in their cloister. It means you, it means all of you."

"You are called — man is called — to supernatural contemplation. Just think, think. What shall we think about? Of whom shall we think? Well, on the supernatural level we think of God, first of all, and then everything else will follow from that infinite object."

"And if we invite ourselves to a lesser level of thinking," Sister Madeleva added, "we are robbing ourselves of... our greatest possession."

"The philosopher," she continued, "tells us that to turn away from this contemplation, to turn away from this wisdom, to aim lower than God, is, in our

love poetry, and to write it even, and to want to study it, and to want to understand it. These are only the normal appetites for truth that we all have."

"We haven't any great poetry today to boast about," she said, "but the best of what is being written today is being written by religious poets, and even by religious themselves."

"The philosopher," Sister Madeleva continued, "is concerned with truth for its own sake, and he is an authority on it. The poet is not an authority on it. The poet is not an authority on truth. He can be mistaken about it. What the poet wants to do is to take truth from the philosopher and fashion it into a form of beauty, to carve it into a jewel, to set it in a form of beauty."

OF THE HUMAN BODY, she remarked:

"We are all familiar with the fact that our bodies are deemed as miserable and sinful, and the occasion of a great many disorders, and we blame them for all sorts of inordinate appetites and desires and uncontrolled feelings. I think we're not fair to our bodies."

"I think the soul has more to answer for than our bodies," Sister Madeleva said, "and will have eventually. Besides that, I think God is on the side of our bodies, too. He has shown many preferences for bodies. He has given them to us, has created them. He accepted a body himself, through the natural means of birth."

"He has given us the sacraments. The angels do not receive the sacraments. The entire sacramental system was given to us by God to minister to our souls through the avenues of the body, and if we didn't have bodies we couldn't receive the sacraments."

"And God has promised that our bodies shall be restored at the end of time and will be glorified and immortal. Now that is quite a good deal for these miserable bodies."



SISTER MADELEVA
"think with hearts"

Christian civilization, the first cause of all disorder.

"There isn't anyone here who will question that we are in a state of disorder and we have been for almost the lifetime of everyone here. We must have aimed lower than God. No matter if we are aiming at Mars, or the moon, we are aiming very much lower than God. And that is the first cause of disorder."

SISTER MADELEVA, herself a poet of distinction, next considered poets and poetry. She contended:

"It isn't an abnormal thing to

Olympics Study Papal Villa Site

Castelgandolfo, Italy — (NC) — Lake Castelgandolfo, situated below the summer home of Pope Pius XII in the Alban Hills outside of Rome, is being considered as the site of the 1960 Olympic Games rowing events.



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Vatican Approves Blessing Rite For Radio Stations

Vatican City — (NC) — A new formula for the blessing of radio stations has been approved by the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

The blessing opens with the Cantic of Zachary (Luke 1, 68-78), and the Cantic of the Three Children (Dan. 3, 52-90), followed by the 18th Psalm.

The first of two prayers with which the blessing concludes asks God to let men "share Your mind so that he may discover and harness the forces You placed in all things." It also asks God to bless the radio apparatus so that it may serve to bring about "salvation in danger, comfort in misfortunes, advice in doubt and light in darkness."

It further prays that radio will give glory to God and make brothers of men.

Cardinal Mooney To Host Savants

Washington — (NC) — The 32nd annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association will be held in Detroit on April 8 and 9, it was announced here by Msgr. Charles A. Hari, association secretary.

Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, will be host to the meeting, theme of which will be "The Role of the Christian Philosopher."

Protestants Ask Rights For Catholics

Zurich, Switzerland — (NC) — Protestants in the Catholic canton of Schwyz have unanimously adopted a resolution asking the Protestant canton of Zurich to grant equal rights to Catholics there.

The resolution was adopted by Protestants of the Hofer district as a sign of gratitude for their official recognition by the cantonal government of Schwyz.

With official recognition, the Protestant church in Schwyz can apply for financial support from the cantonal government, Catholics in Zurich canton, however, are not recognized by the government and cannot receive government aid.

Making Marriage Click Living In Style Is Okay

By MSGR. IRVING A. DeBIANO
(Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

Were you ever shocked that the saintly Francis Xavier constantly used the high-toned ricksha in India or that the penitential missionary Robert de Nobili wore the

luxurious rich greens of the Brahmins or that an ascetic Pope today lives in a rather regal setting though still a follower of the poor Carpenter of Nazareth.

There is, of course, an explanation: People must have some status if they are to function.

Status involves esteem or disesteem, privilege and responsibilities. It also involves symbols. The ricksha in the green vestments, the Papal guards are symbols.

Our Lord used miracles as His symbols of status. Ordinarily unless we use the right symbols we are hampered in our work. A professor, for instance, who constantly dresses like a scarecrow may have the same amount of influence.

ONE MUST FIRST understand this idea of status in order to follow St. Thomas' recipe on money—that it is to be used first for absolute necessities, then for conditioned necessities, then only for luxuries.

What exactly is meant by "conditioned necessities" confuses many. It mainly involves living according to status and using the right symbols.

Society, the people we associate with, set the rules for those symbols. But the symbols are mainly determined by the job we do. Janitors have certain ones, doctors have another.

ANCESTRY IS considered important in some places, as in the length of residence in a community. Race and nationality are frequently considered important, although, fortunately, that is changing rapidly. Education, physical beauty,

wealth and the source of that wealth also affect our status. The teenagers know that age certainly affects their status—generally for the worse.

THE JOB WE DO, however, is what mainly ranks us. The status of that job is shared and transferred from the father to his wife and to his children.

Men in certain businesses feel that society requires them to adorn and exhibit their womenfolk and many do just that. The way a man presents his family often reflects his rise in status. Women in a special way act as a symbol for the status her husband has achieved. This, of course, does not imply that women have no status of their own.

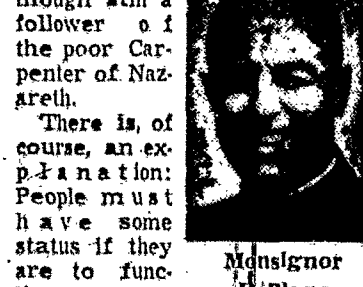
Women have independently achieved status in education, in politics, in the recreation world, as culture-bearers. More and more as widows they are entering into business enterprises.

If women are as conservative by nature as they are reputed to be and if 50 per cent of the corporation stocks in the United States are registered in their names, then the darling trends in economics, which characterized earlier America, will no doubt be affected by this change.

YOUNG PEOPLE, too, have a status of their own. There is a volatile, ambiguous status but normal for they are in constant flux.

The Negroes as a race, through great new educational studies, have definitely added to their status.

The Russians use power, as we saw at Yalta when Stalin asked, "And how many divisions does the Pope have?" Symbols can be Christian as status can be Christian. The next column will offer a few Christian rules.



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