Poll Counts **Votes For Soul**

We have had polls to count just about everything else so we should have expected this one sooner or later.

Now we have a poll reporting how many people vote in favor of believing you have a soul.

A poll récently surveyed people in Europe, the Far East, Central and South America to ask them, "Do you believe there is a life after the present one?"

Most of the people answered, "Yes."

Predominantly Catholic countries like Italy had a high percentage in the affirmative but with a few notable exceptions.

In Mexico City, 38 per cent stated they did not believe in life beyond the grave, and in Brazil there were 36 per cent who did not believe in an after life.

Japan, with relatively few Christians in its teeming population, reported only 20 per cent do not believe in a future life.

The poll indicated that the amount of schooling did not seem to sway opinions one way or another. The more educated people indicated they gave the question considerable thought and then some said yes, others, no. The uneducated were also quite evenly divided as to belief and disbelief.

PHILOSOPHERS DEBATED the subject centuries before Christ was born, and some philosophers are still debating the topic.

The debate actually narrows down to the question, "Do you have an immortal soul?"

The lowest savages of the ancient Ice Ages, just like the remotest aborigines of Australia today, concluded there is a soul in every human to survive the body's death. Burial rites in Neanderthal caves, Egyptian tombs, and Fiji reefs all point to the basic belief that the soul lives after the body dies.

Plato and Aristotle in Greece, Cicero in Rome testify to the general belief in an immortal soul but admit an equally widespread puzzlement as to just what the soul is - air, atoms, or fragments of an imagined world-soul.

EVEN THOUGH THE JEWS had the Old Testament to guide them they were sharply divided about the reality of the soul. The Sadducees denied it. The Pharisees accepted it but added their own beliefs about pre-existence and transmigration.

It was left for our Lord Jesus Christ to clarify the question with his repeated statements about the soul and the everlasting consequences of virtue or vice in this life.

Christian faith is meaningless without belief in a life after the present one.

Christian philosophers, notably St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas, have probed the mysterious realm of the relationship between body and soul.

CATHOLIC DOCTRINE HAS always explicitly taught. In school buses. that the soul after the body's death goes to heaven, purga-

Many a Mason

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Must Feel . . .

My guess is that many a Mason must feel slightly ill over the situation in Oregon.

Scotish rite 33d degree Masons in that state have teamed with up POAU in an effort to take

free textbooks away from children in Catholic schools. Breig POAL, if you have forgot-

ten, is short for Protestants Other Americans United and for Separation of Church and State

POAU's main reason for being is to make things difficult for Catholic Americans.

Its chief tool in this noble. endeavor is what it calls "sep aration of church and state."

POAU HAS NO use for the separation set forth in the Constitution: "Congress "shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

That means that Congress is forbidden to set up a government church and compel people to adhere or contribute to

The Constitution does not satisfy POAU, POAU wants "separation" to mean that religious citizens tespecially Catholic citizens' are not 'entilled to the same government benefits as non-religious citizens

In practice, POAU policies add up to government discrim-Instion against Catholic Ameri-CADS.

health doctors or nurses.

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Wrong, doctor, Precisely that is what POAU wants peo-

Congress give religious schools

the same excise tax exemption

tion enjoyed by public schools

In Oregon, Scottish rite Ma-

sons, by their own admission,

are working with POAU to de-

prive Catholic school children

To this end, the rite's educa-

tion committee circularized a

statement to 2,000 public

The statement falsely al-

leged that Catholic schools

teach "governmental doctrines

that are foreign and contrary

simply reading the textbooks."

Stuff and nonsense. Any

body is perfectly free to ex-

amine any textbook used in

any Catholic school in the land.

Anybody who will do so will

A week before the Masonic

falsehoods were distributed,

Gov. Robert D. Holmes of Ore-

gon denounced the campaign

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POAU is nothing if not small; nothing if not petty. POAU does not want chilsailors and refugees.

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World Wide Church

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Friday, April 11, 1958

Cardinal Stritch of Chicago will leave this month to take up duties in the "Pope's Cabinet"-the Roman Curia.

How Pope Rules

He will be the first American prelate to head one of the Catholic Church's top governing offices,

Pope Pius XII recently named him pro-prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith, central coordinating agency for the Church's world-wide missionary program.

The Pope, of course, has supreme authority to rule the Church. That is the way our Lord established the Church, giving "the keys of the kingdom of heaven" to St. Peter and his successors.

TO KEEP in touch with the problems and needs of Catholics throughout the world, the Pope has the Roman Curia to ald him, somewhat similar to the Cabinet of the President of the United States.

The Roman Curia has 20 departments each with clearly defined duties.

The 20 departments of the Curia are divided into 12 congregations, 3 tribunals, and 5 offices.

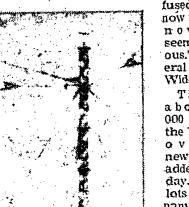
The sacred congregation of the Holy Office ranks at the top of all the departments. Its duty is to defend and promote Catholic faith and devotion.

This congregation is widely known as the publisher of the Index, a list of books barned dangerous to Christian

The sacred Consistorial conrounting bishops, organizing elect a new pope.

The Consistory also supervises the spiritual care of

> The sacred congregation of the Eastern Church deals with affairs of the 10 million Cath-



Making Marriage Click

Advice For Widows By MSGR. IEVING A. DEBLANC

(Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

"Please devote a column to the problems of Catholic middle aged widows. We were happily married, then suddenly it was all ended by the death of our husbands. We are now pursued, wooed, con-

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MARRIED WOMEN who fear that they will not be able to endure widowhood without affection will have to help their husbands live longer! They may may have to teach them to abandon their illusions of physical superiority, their cult of maleness.

They must accept more responsibilities in marriage, They will have to demand less taxing consideration. They will have to relieve their husbands from economic pressures and that striving for status.

On the other hand, God may want widows to go on plugging at their new job: one dull. monotonous moment after another.

It will take courage, but most of all it will take love, Love, however, is something you have in wholesale abundance. Perhaps love is the only answer after all; direct it properly and God will no doubt help you to understand.

Men Of Distinction

 A Fisherman was having wonderful time in a trout stream. The fishing season hadn't opened and he had no license. Finally a stranger walked up.

"Any luck?" asked the stran-Ser.

"Any luck! Boy, this is a wonderful spot. I took forty out of this stream yesterday."

"Well, meet the game ward-

"Oh," gulped the fisherman,

"Well-meet the biggest Har

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on your offspring. Accept your self as you are, not the "ideal ."Is that so? By the WAY, do you know who I arn?"

"Nope."

"Nope."

in the state."

Get really close to the Mass, the Sacraments, prayers. The Holy Father says, "a widton" en," said the stranger. cannot have interior peace and face all her tasks unfilmchingly unless she becomes more "Well, do you know who I am?"

spiritual." Volunteer your serv leest and hour a week to help the parish church. No widow can seek affecttion from married men. The

ninth Commandment was not Courser Journal revealed just for nur curiosily. To seek or consent to affection OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF

faith and morals. The Holy Office authorized eplebration of evoning Masses as a means to intensify devotion The Office also recently warned Catholics not to delay the baptism of infants.

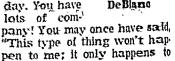
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ous." - Several Catholic Widows. There are a bout '8,000,-000 widows in the U.S.A. and over 1.300 new ones are

added every DeBlano



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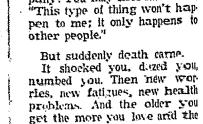
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tory or hell.

If so-called Catholics in Mexico City, Brazil or elsewhere reject the doctrine, they deny a fundamental dogma of faith and they actually cease to be Christians.

Too bad the poll did not press the doubters to give their reason for their unbelief. : .

But maybe there is no need for this. St. Augustine explained the sceptic's denial as long ago as the fourth century.

Those who deny there is a soul, he said, have a reason for wishing they had no soul.

And the people who wish like that are those with a guilty conscience, who fear the punishments in store for them in the life they dread to enter after this one ends.

For Christians who make a reasonable effort to serve God according to His commandments there is the opposite outlook - one of serene consolation knowing that God is good and has a reward exceeding great awaiting them beyond the grave, even if another poll shows a majority vote to the contrary.

Calendar

Sunday, April 13-Low Sunday (white), Gloria, Creed, Easter Preface.

Monday, April 14-St. Justin, martyr (red), Gloria 2nd prayer* of St. Tiburtius.

Tuesday, April 15, through Friday, April 18. Mass as Sun-

day, except no Creed; or Thursday, St. Anicetus, martyr (red) Gloria, 2nd prayer* of Sunday; VR.

Saturday, April 19-Saturday Mass of our Lady (white); Gloria, Preface of the Blessed Virgin; VR.

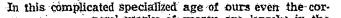
equipment. If a religious schools buys a typewriter to teach typing, POAU wants the school taxed. Oh, POAU can be piddling

BY BEV. PAUL COURTNEY

SERMONETTE

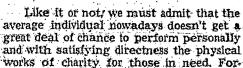
Where There Is Darkness, Let Me Bring Light ...

Have you ever personally given a poor man a meal cooked with your own hands? Even a sandwich? Have you ever given a piece of needed clothing to a specific poor child? Ever tended the sickness of an indigent stranger?





poral works of mercy are largely in the hands of specialists. We are not even sure where the poor and needy are. If we want to give we call the parish priest or the charities bureau to identify and locate the poor for us.



tunately, or perhaps unfortunately, we are so far removed from poverty that we must deal with the poor by proxy.

But how different it is in another area. We need not search long for those who need spiritual help. On all sides of us we see persons in the throes of discouragement, depression and darkness of spirit. If bodily hunger is no longer a common threat, the ills of the spirit abound. Sometimes these ills are far too deep to be touched by the simple therapy of kindness. But more often they are minor miseries which we could cure by the easiest acts of mercy.

· Unfortunately we rarely think of the darkness in the lives of others and little realize how much light lies in our power. We worry about the darkness in our lives. St. Francis tells us we've got it backwards. How well are we using the light that we have for others?

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Many thousands of these POAU does not want Cathoeastern rite Catholics are in lic American youngsters to gét the United States - such as any of the government aids parishioners of St. Josephat, that other children get - in-Rochester; St. Peter and St. Paul, Auburn: Christ the King, Bath; St. Nicholas, Elmira POAU wants hospitals operlleights. ated by religious denomina-

tions to be excluded from fed-The sacred congregation of Sacramental Discipline watches SURELY SAID THE phyover the proper administration sician who heads the staff of and reception of the sacraone hospital, POAU "does not = ments.

expect reasonable men to believe that the operation of a The congregation of the modern hospital staffed by doc-Council enforces the decrees of the Council of Trent, Canon tors and nurses of all creeds, and caring for men of all Law, and supervises lay aposfaiths and no faith allke . . . is iolic groups organized under the title Catholic Action, as in propagation of religion in the sense that funds used for such France and Italy. purpose are for the establish-

The sacred congregation of Religious has authority over all the religious orders of men and women as also over the third orders of lay people.

POAU fought a proposal that . The sacred congregation of the Propagation of the Faith, usually called by its Italian "Propaganda," coordiname for necessary educational nates the Catholic Church's world -wide missionary program.

> Propaganda is currently witness to spectacular triumphs in the conquest for souis-in A irica; and to shattering ragedles as the faith is bitterattacked and hobbled in China and Communist satellite countries.

The Propaganda has charge of appointing missionary bishops and of raising funds to support missionaries, especially through the Propagation of the Faith Society headed in this country by Bishop Sheen.

The sacred congregation of rites has charge of all Latin to the American concepts of rite church ceremonies.

This congregation in 1956 "This is evident," said the decreed the new Holy Week schedule and ritual changes. In-Scottish rite statement, "by cluding Holy Communion on Good Friday. This amounts to saving that

the State of Oregon has been The congregation's biggest giving un-American textbooks task vis the investigation of candidates for canonization.

> The congregation also has to authenticale relics and see to their proper distribution and reverent use. Officials of this congregation also assign the patron saints to new inventions or organizations.

> The sacred congregation of Ceremonies arrange all rituals in which the Pope takes part.

against free textbooks as plain The sacred congregation for Extraordinary Ecclesiasti-One thing is certain - It. cal Affairs deals with civil sure is small. It sure is petty. governments w hich have It sure is enough to make many a Mason feel slightly ill. special treatles with the Vati-.can.

The sacred congregation of appeals court for Vatican City; and the Rota, the court which Seminaries and Universities is decides marriage cases. the Catholic Church's top edu-

Pope as Vicar of Christ and-successor of St. Peter,

Prince of Apostles, has supreme authority in Catholic

Church. He is aided in government of Church by

prelates of Roman Curia.

cational office. Although this congregation concen-THE FIVE offices are called the Apostolic Chancery. trates-most of its attention on seminary courses it also out-Apostolic Datary, Apostolic lines subjects to be studied in largest church, annually visitall Catholic schools. Letters and Secretariate of. State.

The sacred congregation of These offices prepare offi-St. Powe's Basilica has charge cial documents for the congreof the upkeep of the world's gation and tribunals. largest churchh, annually visit-The Secretariate of State is ed by millions of tourists and the Vatican Foreign Office. pligrims and the scene of the principal ceremonies of the

Once asked what is the overall polley followed by Vatican agencies in administering THE THREE tribunals .or courts of the Curia are the Church affairs, Cardinal Merry Penitentiary, in charge of indel Val, secretary of state to dulgences and easing of pen-Pope St. Plus X, said, "The ances assigned in confession; Ten Commandments." the Apostolic Signature, an

French Priest

Catholic Church.

from bachelors or widowers carries risks. Unless one intends to remarry, one may not have a proportionate reason for the dangers involved in

> The advice of a local spiritual director is needed. Incidentally, If_widows tried to remarry, where would they first the men? There are over one and a half million more women in the U.S.A. than men.

Nomen are outliving men by 6 years. Some sociologists suggest polygamy! Some preacher in

England proposed that a lady marry for Men years, then give some other woman a chance. Obviously, this is ridiculous, but the fact remains that, except for his greater muscular strength, man is actually the

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Catholics In America Are Best'

French Dominican Father Sebastian Tauzin' said in Rochester this week, "Catholics in America are, I think, about the best I have seen anywhere."

He has come to this conclusion after twenty-five years in the priesthood and first hand knowledge of the spiritual life of people in France, Brazil, and Italy.

Most of his priestly career has been spent as a mission. ary in Brazil where he also served as a provincial superior of Dominican priests.

"cradle of the order" by HIS PRESENT assignment is the restoration of historic Dominican priests and nuns. shrines and monasteries in

school system in this country in the 13th century."

the children." He also admitted his amaze-

The French priest in his three months visit to the United States has also noted that American Catholics are, "so land and so generous."

He will sall a board the



Dominican seminarian views scene from Toulouse priory where St. Dominic told his first hand of frians on May 14, 1217, to "preach all over the world." Cross marks spot where he stood to give the command.

FATHER TAUZIN cited the southern France where 13th famed French priest orator century St. Dominic laid the Lacordaire who said that for foundations of the Order of the salvation of souls "God Preachers. predestines a man and a place, a man who is to act, a Father Tauzin is currently blace to be the theater of his 'in America until May visiting action. In this way were pre-U.S. Dominican establishments. destined Adam and Eden, Abra-He marvels at the Catholic ham and Palestine. Moses and

and paid a deserved tirbute to the nuns who staff the schools, "Your sisters are so competent and so devout," he said. "Your eople must be very grateful

America - Trappists, Carders devoted to prayer, medita-

> nheded to restore the buildings so pilgrims may safely visit them. Father Tauzin said. Inereasing numbers of tourists in the French Riviera sector

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bring more and more pligrims to the Dominican shrines each

year, he said