

Vatican Tells Teachers Seek Tie-In With Families, Youth Groups

Versailles — (NC) — Teachers should recognize their limitations and closely collaborate with families and youth organizations in tasks of education, according to a document released by the Holy See.

This advice was issued in a letter sent from the Vatican to the French Social Weew held here. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the moral, social, cultural and economic problems of education in the present state of civilization.

THE LETTER was written on behalf of Pope Pius XII by Msgr. Angelo Dell'Acqua, Substitute Vatican Secretary of State, and addressed to president Charles Flory of the Social Weew, who read it at the opening session of the assembly.

The letter stated that a nation consists of its future should give considerable attention to the education it gives to its youth.

It said that modern states should give full freedom to private initiatives in matters of education, and recalled in this respect a passage of an address given by the Pope last November to a group of representatives of

European private schools. The Pontiff declared at that time:

"A state which takes to itself exclusively the task of education and prohibits private organizations and independent groups from assuming their responsibilities in this field, makes a claim which is incompatible with the fundamental requirements of the human person."

Noting that families are generally demanding to be more closely associated to the educational activities of schools, the Vatican letter firmly placed the family first in the hierarchy of rights in education.

Education is a social problem, it said, because schools derive their rights from families and are directly responsible to them for the formation of future generations.

"No one can deny," it declared, "the advantages to be derived from good mutual relations between parents and teachers, or the benefits to be drawn from the exchange of information between them."

"But it is likewise of prime importance that, in the name of this same principle of collaboration . . . full recognition should be given to the primordial mission of education of the family which, by virtue of this mission, is far more than a mere occasional collaborator of the school."

In this respect, the Vatican letter said, teachers should recognize the limits of their professional competence and collaborate with youth movements and organizations which are a "school of life."



Catholic Daughters' Convention

Omaha — (NC) — Some 600 delegates attended the biennial national convention of the Catholic Daughters of America, held in Omaha, Neb. Pictured on that occasion, left to right: Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan of Omaha, host to the convention; Miss Frances Maher, Kane, Pa., supreme regent, CDA; Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, N. C., national chaplain and Miss Margaret Buckley, Chevy Chase, Md., supreme vice-regent. Miss Maher and Miss Buckley were among the officers re-elected.

Corning Weddings

Corning-St. Patrick's Church was the scene last Saturday morning for the pretty summer wedding of Miss Betsey Lee Kriger and James Peter Lynch, both of Corning. The single ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas Cleary, Catholic chaplain of George Junior Republic and former assistant pastor at St. Patrick's.

The bride is the daughter of Alderman and Mrs. Frederick S. Kriger of 148 East Second Street, while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Lynch of 14 East Fourth Street.

Wedding music was played at the organ console by Mrs. Madeline Lincoln.

Mrs. J. Robert Cary of Wyoming, O., was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Lee Tipton of Johnston, O., and Miss Jean McMillin of Corning. Miss Nancy Liptak was junior bridesmaid and Susan Liptak, flower girl.

L. Thomas R. Curtin of Buffalo was best man, while seating guests at the service were: Robert Kriger, Jack Lynch, Martin Dallenbach of New Rochelle, N. Hubbard Libbey of Newington, Conn., and Donald Dean of Corning.

\$90,000 A Day For L.A. Hospitals

Los Angeles — (NC) — It cost more than \$90,000 a day to operate 14 Catholic general hospitals during 1937 in the Los Angeles archdiocese.

During 1937 these hospitals treated 31,935 patients, the report said. Total expenditures for food, supplies and services came to \$32,993,891.23, the report added.

Guatemala

Prelate Says Employers Invite Return Of Reds

Guatemala City — (NC) — Employers who exploit their workers maintain social injustice and are fostering the return of communism to this country, Archbishop Mariano Rosell y Arellano of Guatemala has warned.

In a sermon during a Mass at the cathedral here commemorating those who died at the hands of communists prior to the ousting of the pro-Red regime of President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman in 1954, the Archbishop said:

"I summon all of you to a crusade . . . against communism, which is again on the march in Guatemala, and against exploiters of the needs of our fellow-men."

Since the defeat of communism in this country, he said, "four years have passed and Guatemala finds itself again on the eve of another national conflict, caused not only by the communists who have re-

Father Erb Will Head Publicity Committee

The Rev. Charles G. Erb, S.V.D., a native of Rochester, was named to head the publicity committee for the Mission Secretariat meetings, Sept. 22, 23 and 24 in Washington. Some 600 missionaries from around the world are expected to participate.

Father Erb, a Divine Word priest has served in Alaska, Europe and Africa, both as an Army Chaplain and as a missionary. He is widely known in Rochester for his management of the World Scenerama, the mission exhibit held at Rochester War Memorial in October, 1935.

THE MEETING of missionaries will be the largest such gathering ever held in the United States. More than 100 heads of religious orders will discuss problems of administration, medical and educational work on the field, the training of future missionaries, recruitment and editorial work will all be discussed in group meetings.

The secretariat is a clearing house for information and services to aid American Catholic Foreign Mission work. With a membership of 165 congregations which maintain personnel on overseas missions, the Secretariat provides for an exchange of ideas and practical help.

Father Frederick A. McGuire, C.M., a veteran missionary, and known in Rochester where he has visited is executive secretary at the national headquarters in the NCWC Building in Washington.

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Parishioners Honor Flying Pastor

Kelley's Island — (RNS) — Father Gilbert G. Stepek, who literally flies around his parish on the Lake Erie Islands every Sunday, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination in the priesthood here.

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He praised the program for social justice promoted by the late President Carlos Castillo Armas, who led the forces that overthrew the pro-communist government but who was assassinated last year.

'Blue Cloud' Abbey Nears Completion

Marvin, S.D. — (RNS) — One of the world's most ambitious "do-it-yourself" projects is nearing completion near here.

It's "Blue Cloud" abbey, a Benedictine monastery in the Coteau Hills.

Following an age-old tradition whereby monks do as much of their own construction work as possible, the priests and brothers have built their abbey by hand. After eight years, the job is about 80 per cent finished.

Their eventual goal is to build a combination seminary and monastery as headquarters for the four Indian missions they operate in the Dakotas.

THESE MISSIONS were started in 1876 with the establishment of St. Michael's Indian mission in North Dakota. The founding Benedictines came from the home abbey of St. Meinrad's in southern Indiana.

Now their four missions educate more than 1,500 children each year in grade and high schools. They also house and clothe most of them, without government assistance.

With the monks doing all the work on Blue Cloud themselves, they expect to keep the actual cost of the monastery well below its estimated value of \$800,000.

During the construction, there have been the ordinary farm chores to do, too. The Benedictines have 70 acres under cultivation and have planted more than 1,000 trees.

Near the monastery site, they built a man-made lake of four acres, 25-feet deep and stocked with northern pike, blue gills, perch and bass.

IN THE ABBEY itself the monks have constructed their own machine shop, tailor shop, carpenter shop and electric and plumbing shop. It is strictly a man's world, even down to doing the cooking and laundry.

Meanwhile, the primary seminary task of preparing more priests and brothers for the Dakota missions goes on. There are 20 clerics studying for the priesthood at the abbey. The household also includes 13 priests and 24 brothers in residence and 17 other priests out in the actual mission territory.

The abbey gets its name from Chief Blue Cloud, an Indian converted by the Jesuit missionary, Father DuRoi. The abbey is located close to the Minnesota-South Dakota line on U.S. highway 12, about a mile southeast of Marvin.

A group of Minnesota Catholic laymen will sponsor a fund-raising dinner for the abbey in Minneapolis Aug. 12.

Workshop Enlists Aid Of Father Reed, Others

Two educators known in Rochester are among outstanding figures in many fields who have volunteered their services at Woodstock College, Jesuit Theological School, to conduct an experimental program in educational workshops from July 20 to Sept. 8 at the college in Woodstock, Md.

THEY ARE: the Rev. Lorenzo Reed, S.J., director of secondary education for the Jesuit Province of New York and John J. Menahan, noted Rochester artist and associated with the art department, University of Rochester. Father Reed laid the groundwork for establishment of McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester.

The workshop program has the twofold aim of continuing preparation for work in education on all levels and of stimulating interest in new developments in education. It is believed to be the first effort of its kind during the final years of training for the Jesuit student.

The schedule includes workshops in advanced placement, the 7-33 program for elementary, secondary and higher education, psychology and counseling, new approaches to catechetics, critique of present-day norms for secondary education and the use of television in education.

Classes will also be had in liturgy and its teaching, misology, biblical criticism, art, the metaphysics of love and mathematics.

Three More Priests Arrested In China

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Three more Chinese Catholic priests — one in Canton and two in Hengchow — have been arrested by Communist authorities as "rightist" opposers to the Peking regime, according to reports received here.

The Canton priest was identified as Father Dominic Tam, and the other two as Fathers Joachim Peng and Francis Chang-chueh. Canton is in Kwangtung province and Hengchow in Hunan province.

The reports said the three priests had previously been denounced several times at public meetings for opposing the Communist-sponsored Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association.

'Pro Deo' Group Honors Rabbi

Rome — (RNS) — Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer, director of interreligious activities for the American Jewish Committee in New York, was awarded a gold medal by the Catholic International Pro Deo University here for his work in promoting American democratic principles.

He was the first rabbi to be honored by the university which was founded by the International Pro Deo Movement. The movement aims at bringing democratic influences to bear on public life through the press, radio, and other mass media.

Rabbi Kertzer received the medal from Father Felix Morlon, O.P., president of the university, who said it was awarded to him "because, nourished by the wisdom of the Founding Fathers, and animated by a firm will to promote for God the culture of all people, he has been among the first to apply these principles of his heart."

Replying, Rabbi Kertzer expressed long-range optimism over the development of good Catholicism to Rome, Japan, to attend the Jewish relations.

The rabbi was in Rome on his the World Institute on Christian Education sponsored by the World Institute on Christian Education sponsored by the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association.

Gain In Sales

London — (RNS) — London's Catholic Truth Society has announced a striking increase in the distribution of popular, low-priced pamphlets over the last ten years.

Rain Water Washes Souls

Yucatan, Mexico — It didn't take long to realize that the Saturday afternoon confession line was much longer than usual.

"When confessions were over I found out why," said Father John P. Lomasney, Maryknoll Missioner from Dorchester, Mass. "A gang of kids, who were playing baseball instead of attending doctrine classes, rushed into Church to take shelter from a heavy storm."

"My catechist never one to let an opportunity pass — corralled them for their doctrine lesson, and then recommended that they all go to confession."

When I complimented him, he replied, "Padre, for three weeks I've been trying to get those ball players in here. Don't thank me — thank the good Lord for raining them out!"

Safety Award

Worcester — (NC) — The Confraternity of St. Christopher, national safety group with headquarters here, will present its annual St. Christopher Award to John G. Deedy Jr., editor of the Catholic Free Press, newspaper of the Worcester diocese.



Stamps Honor Sculptor

Vatican City — (NC) — The bicentennial of the birth of Antonio Canova, (1757-1822) famed sculptor and first director of the Vatican museums is commemorated in these new Vatican City postage stamps. The series of four denominations shows Canova's sculptures of Popes Clement XIV (left) and Clement XIII (right).

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