

Public School Nun Teachers Win Ohio OK

Columbus—(NC) A religious habit is no impediment to teaching in a public school, Ohio's attorney general has ruled.

While "sectarian teaching" is forbidden in public schools, "wearing a distinctive garb does not amount to a teaching of religious doctrine," said Attorney General William Saxbe. Persons of "any religious faith or of no faith," may lawfully be employed to teach in public schools, Mr. Saxbe added.

The attorney general's statement was made in reply to a question from Randall Metcalf, Washington County Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Metcalf's query asked "Can members of a religious order teach in the public schools wearing the religious habit required by said order, and for the purpose of teaching public funds?"

THE QUESTION apparently arose when a local school district which had been beset by financial problems leased a Catholic school from the Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio, and employed a religious order to teach in it.

In submitting his query to the attorney general, Mr. Metcalf expressed that "it is his opinion so far as his office is concerned, on the 'background' or 'ability' of these Sisters."

Seek Facts Says Archeologist

Milwaukee—(NC) Archaeological excavations should not be undertaken to prove the Bible is true, but simply to acquire facts in a scientific way, a leading biblical scholar said here.

Father Robert North, S.J., director of the Jerusalem branch of the Rome Pontifical Biblical Institute, warned that "much harm" has been done to the faith by well-meaning excavators who set out to "prove true" the facts related in the Bible.



Monsignor Burns, pastor of St. Thomas Church, Immaculate, leads Mercy nuns to new convent in Saturday dedication rite.

St. Thomas Parish Opens New Convent

Four years of cramped life in two temporary convents came to a dramatic end on Saturday morning, Nov. 8, for the 14 Sisters of Mercy at St. Thomas parish, Immaculate.

Led by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard E. Burns, pastor, the Sisters sang a final "Te Deum" in the old convent chapel, and then moved in solemn procession across the parish grounds to their new home at 217 Washington Ave.

Occupancy was begun by the chanting of the "Veni Creator" in the beautiful new chapel, after which Msgr. Burns blessed the house and celebrated Mass for the Sisters and people of the parish.

THE PASTOR paid tribute to the outstanding generosity of the people "without whose help, when all is said and done, this building would not stand here today."

Also in attendance at the Mass were Rev. Mother Magdalene of the Sisters of Mercy, Rev. John

New Record High In Subscriptions

Subscription totals for the Courier Journal have reached a record high figure for the second consecutive week.

Five parishes this week report an increase in totals from their parishes pushing the overall number to an all-time high of 3,608.

The reports from the five parishes also indicate a new record number from each parish:

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, 1,608 subscribers.

St. James, Rochester, Rev. Francis M. Feeley, pastor, 936.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira, Very Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor, 621.

St. James, Waverly, Rev. G. Stuart Hogan, pastor, 487.

St. Agostus, Auburn, and St. Joseph, Cayuga, Rev. James C. Lane, pastor, 392.

Cardinal Urges Quick Action To Save Faith

Rome—(NC) Quick action to solve the problems of the Church in Latin America was urged by Cardinal Menni.

The Cardinal addressed the opening session of the third Latin American Episcopal Council meeting this week in Rome.

CARDINAL MENNI urged the meeting to make haste in its actions since "trends of thought move quickly today" and because "once positions are lost, it is difficult to win them back again."

He stressed that special attention should be given to the problem of religious instruction, calling it "the basic problem which gives present cause for concern." He continued:

"Religious ignorance is the great danger which threatens the Christian world. Untiring efforts must be made so that everyone may have a thorough religious education. The clergy, men and women religious, members of Catholic associations and, in brief, the whole great army of the Church Militant must be called and compelled to work in the tireless and of the Christian apostolate."

Brooklyn Catechism Meet To Hear Bishops, Priests

Both Bishop Kearney and Auxiliary Bishop Casey will take part in this weekend's ninth regional congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to be held in Brooklyn.

Bishop Kearney will preside at a Saturday morning session whose topic will be "Organized Schools of Religion"—the growing method of instructing Catholic pupils attending public schools.

Bishop Casey is scheduled to preside at a Friday evening session for an estimated 1,500 high school students. Topic will be "Eunuchs of Wines."

Father Albert Schnacky and

New Church Construction Tops Record

Washington—(RNS) Church construction set a new record during October, totaling \$81,000,000 and breaking by \$1,000,000 the record for the month established in 1937, the Department of Commerce and Labor reported here.

THE SPURT in October building activity carried total church construction for the first 10 months of 1936 to an estimated \$701,000,000, only \$1,000,000 less than for the same period of 1937, an indication that the effects of the recent business recession have been shaken off.

Church construction was not affected as much as other types of building activity by the business slump, dropping only about 3 per cent.

Construction activity by the non-public schools and colleges also set a new record in October, reaching \$30,000,000, compared with \$28,000,000 for the same month in 1937. New building by these educational institutions, most of which are church-related, has totaled \$405,000,000 for the first 10 months of 1936, compared with \$452,000,000 in the same period last year.

Vatican Paper Blasts Night Club Carousal

Vatican City—(RNS) A scandal in a Rome night club prompted a sharp attack by Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, on the local gay set which it branded as "parasites, live outside the life they exploit."

The night club in question was the scene of a private party given by an American socialite for the 24th birthday of an Italian countess. It degenerated into a wild carousal during which a Turkish dancer allegedly staged an indecent performance and was afterwards taken to police headquarters for questioning.

A scandal in a Rome night club prompted a sharp attack by Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, on the local gay set which it branded as "parasites, live outside the life they exploit."

The paper said the police should "admonish managers of all local night clubs to prevent licentiousness." It said it demanded not "monastic rigor," but respect for the special status of Rome as the seat of the papacy.

Only Wilson pledges quality

at \$3.99 A FIFTH

THE WILSON PLEDGE

Wilson is one of America's oldest whiskey brands. Thousands have enjoyed it at a higher price. We pledge that today—at its new low price—Wilson is the same identical whiskey in every respect... still with the same fine quality and distinctive taste. Try Wilson today.

Same Famous Old-Time Quality

Quart reduced to \$4.79

Pint reduced to \$2.49

Prices effective in N. Y. State only.

