

# Bishops Stress Church's Role As Moral Guide

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blown by history to involve all other rights of individuals and institutions.

"Under whatever form of tyranny," they said, "from Cossackism to Sovietism, the subversion of human freedom has almost invariably begun with the restriction or denial of the right of the Church to teach."

"The record extends from the imperialism of Rome to our contemporary examples of state socialism with its vicious repetition. Once the Church has been muzzled, then other freedoms fall ready prey to those powers which would darken the mind and control the will of man. The irony, indeed, of many of the modern regimes which have passed as liberal is that they have vitiated their claim only too often by a radical intolerance in regard to the Church as teacher."

THE CHURCH'S right to teach they said is "deeply rooted in man's primary right to know the truths necessary for salvation. There is no right anterior to this in value or importance, and there is no consideration which can justify the slightest infringement of it."

The Bishops declared that it is "significant of the temper of our times" that undisciplined attempts are rarely made to attack the Church's right to teach dogma. Instead, they pointed out, "the debate more closely centers around her freedom to assert her moral teachings in a world which has increasingly tended to acknowledge no objective standard."

They continued: "It is questioned, thus, whether she has the right to preach her own concept of the holiness and inviolability of the marriage bond in a society

which has legalized divorce and has advanced very far toward accepting it as a normal solution for marital problems of any kind."

"Again, there is vehement opposition raised when she states her principles on contraception. In another field it is contended that the Church is not justified in adopting measures to protect the faith of her children in a mixed society where established principles are at a discount. Her position on the moral necessity of Christian education is denounced as divisive, or, more properly, as running counter to the interests of a monopolistic statism."

It is the Church's position that freedom is fundamental to conscience, the Bishops said. "But freedom," they added, "does not mean intellectual or moral anarchy. It is a spiritual power of man's very soul, inherent in his personality, by which he can rise to the fulfillment of God's will in his regard."

FREEDOM, they stated has "its deepest realization" in "the voluntary acceptance of truth in obedience to God's Law." And when the Church "legislates for conscience," they said, she is simply applying "the imperatives of the divine law to the moral governance of mankind."

The Bishops added that in her teaching mission the Church is "not a debating society, but a divinely founded organization committed to a definite body of teachings and proclaiming a positive way of salvation."

They concluded by pointing out that the teaching Church has reason to be "careful" for modern "astounding developments in the field of communication." These developments, the Bish-

ops said, "render it possible for her voice to be heard and her truth to be pondered by far greater numbers than ever before in her long history. She is confident that her truth, fully known, will bring forth its fruits in the hearts of men."

## Loans Granted Catholic Colleges

Washington—(RNS)—The Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency announced today loans for construction to Catholic colleges by its "Community Facilities branch."

Loyola University, Baltimore, was loaned \$350,000, to help construct a student union and dining hall, and Sacred Heart Dominican College, Houston, Tex., was given a loan of \$743,000 to aid in building a dormitory and student union building with a cafeteria.

## Anglican Rejects Father Title

Canterbury—(RNS)—Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, said he hopes to introduce "a new fashion" of calling all clergymen "Brother."

Addressing a diocesan conference at Canterbury, he said, "I have been perplexed for a long time about what to call them."

However, he added, "this morning, in the cathedral I decided to call them Brother, because I will not call these brothers of mine 'Father.' Also, you can call a layman Brother."

## Deadline Advanced

Because Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, comes next week, the Courier-Journal will go to press one day earlier.

Deadline for news in Rochester area will be Monday, Nov. 24, at 5 p.m.; out of the See City, Tuesday, Nov. 25 at noon.

## San Diego Bans Rites In Parks

San Diego—(RNS)—A ruling by the San Diego City attorney that religious services may not be held on city-owned property has stunned church leaders here, said Dr. Wayne Neal, executive secretary of the San Diego County Council of Churches.

Meanwhile, public pressure for a reversal of the ruling is being felt by both the city attorney's office and the council.

Unless the ruling is reversed, none of the public religious services traditionally held in city parks will be permitted. By custom Protestants have held three park services on Easter, one on Thanksgiving and one on Christmas. Catholics, each year, have held a school function in one of the parks. In addition, church conventions have been held in

## Chaplain Tells Boys

# Enter Service Like A Man

St. Louis—(NC)—"Go into military service as a Catholic man, not because you have to," an Air Force chaplain advised an audience of teenagers here.

"The attitude a student has toward future military service is most important," Father George M. Klaric, a chaplain at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., declared.

He told the boys: "You have

to make up your mind that as a Catholic man you want to contribute your bit to the nation's security and freedom."

A teenager's frame of mind is important both when he first enters the service and afterwards, too, the chaplain—a priest of the St. Louis archdiocese—pointed out.

"DON'T GO in because you have to," he advised. "Avoid that philosophy which tries to get everything possible out of the

service for purely selfish reasons. And don't simply 'exist' for your time in the service—doing nothing, participating in nothing, barely exerting enough energy to stay out of trouble."

"From the beginning make up your mind to spend your time well. A 'wild time' in the service—drinking parties, late hours, 'freedom' from parents, church and work—these things can wreck you, not only in the service but for years, maybe even for life."

## U. S. Trappists To South America

Spencer, Mass.—(RNS)—Nine Cistercians of the Strict Observance have left from St. Joseph's Abbey here to found the first monastery of their order in South America.


The Cistercians are better known as Trappists. They live an austere, contemplative life, characterized by silence and solitary meditation.

They will establish their monastery at Azul, Argentina, midway between Buenos Aires and Bahia Blanca.

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