

New Cardinal Heads Orphan's Home In Rome

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Rome — (NC) — Villa Nazareth is an unusual school where an extraordinary man is forming extraordinary boys for the future of Italy and the Church.

The man is Cardinal Domenico Tardini, Vatican Secretary of State. The boys are a carefully selected group of talented youngsters who are being specially trained to serve God and country well.

THE SCHOOL is unusual because of the Montessori Method of teaching, which is its pedagogical backbone. Following this method, the teachers at Villa Nazareth attempt to allow the child the utmost freedom of mental development under watchful supervision. For the time being the method is used only in kindergarten and the first grade.

The Montessori Method worked out in careful detail, even to the use of scale-sized equipment and furniture according to the child's age.

It produces such remarkable results as training a child to multiply and divide in multiples of ten up to a thousand while he is still in kindergarten.

By the time a child is in the first grade, he is doing third grade work with ease. And by the time a boy is in high school he is already fluent in several languages and is far advanced in literature, mathematics and history.

At present there are about 70 boys at Villa Nazareth, divided in two age groups, from 5 years old to 11 and from 12 upward. The school is staffed by four American Sisters — members of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, Ohio — 11 lay people, two university students and a chaplain. The Sisters teach English and manage the Villa.

The lay teachers, four women and two men, teach all the other classes. The university students, both men and women, assist with the older boys. There are, besides, five lay people employed in the kitchen and manual work.

Apart from their formal schooling, careful thought is given to educating the boys for a balanced personality. Sister Mary Ormer, the superior, says that great care must be given to preventing the boys from thinking of themselves as special people. "Actually," she says, "they are very normal boys with special talent, and we try to keep them that way."

The boys are taught charity through their own St. Vincent de Paul Society. They each have poor families assigned to them, whom they visit regularly.

Mass and daily religious habits are an integral part of their lives at Villa Nazareth. And, through Cardinal Tardini, boys have a better than normal view of the Catholic Church at its highest level, especially in their annual visits to the Pope.

All of the boys at Villa Nazareth come from orphanages.

They are selected from every part of Italy. Once a year a letter is sent out to the Bishops of Italy announcing the number of places open. The boys recommended by their bishops assemble at Villa Nazareth. They are examined by a doctor and a psychiatrist for physical and men-

tal soundness and the most promising are selected. As a rule, about 10 boys are chosen from about 150 applicants.

Within the first two or three years at Villa Nazareth a still greater selectivity is exercised. As a child shows less aptitude for work and advancement, he is dropped and returned to the orphanage of his origin. Thereafter the number of boys in a class remains more or less stable.

OUT OF this it is Cardinal Tardini's idea to develop an intellectual, spiritual and cultural elite which may assume a role of leadership in Italy's future, being a credit to the Church, the nation and the profession they choose. He is keenly aware of the problem and the possibility of snobbery and he keeps a careful eye open to prevent it.

As a matter of fact, the boys' teachers say none exists. The boys have no one to compare themselves with but each other, and one is as talented as the next.

Villa Nazareth, founded in 1936 by the new Cardinal, is just now arriving at a stage where it may prove itself. Henceforth it will begin evaluating its "charter members" into university studies, four or five each year. It remains for the university students to enter public and professional life to see what they will produce in return for Cardinal Tardini's years of working, planning and dreaming. The intellectual, both material and spiritual, has been and continues to be good. The returns are yet to be realized.

Villa Nazareth is properly named. Like the home of the Holy Family at Nazareth, it is a school for the future.



Vatican City — (RNS) — "No longer Pro. XXIII elevated Msgr. Domenico Tardini Secretary of State, my dear Monsignor Tardini, but Secretary of State from this moment on." With these words Pope John Nazareth — an orphan's home in Rome.

After 12 years Villa Nazareth is just now arriving at a stage where it may prove itself. Henceforth it will begin evaluating its "charter members" into university studies, four or five each year. It remains for the university students to enter public and professional life to see what they will produce in return for Cardinal Tardini's years of working, planning and dreaming. The intellectual, both material and spiritual, has been and continues to be good. The returns are yet to be realized.



Monsignor Paul Ciaccio, long a personal friend of the newly-named Cardinal Tardini, served for over 30 years as pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Rochester. Following his retirement in 1935, he returned to his native Italy where he now aids in directing Villa Nazareth. His own personal contributions and funds of parishioners are used.



Hounds Receive Blessing

Orleans, France — (RNS) — Assembled outside the 15th century church of Sully-sur-Loire near here, this pack of hounds receives the blessing of the Church following the traditional St. Hubert Mass for hunters. The dogs jumped with surprise when the cold holy water was sprinkled on them.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES AT THE CENACLE

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RETREATS:
Dec. 6-7 — Girls, 13-18 Years of Age — Rev. Frederick J. Kelly, S.J.

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Special Advent Days of Recollection, offering opportunity to make a special preparation for Christmas, will be held:

Dec. 13 — General
Dec. 14 — St. Raphael's Guild
Dec. 15 — St. Monica's Guild
The retreat master for each of these days will be Rev. John Hayes, S.J.

GUILD MEETINGS:
1st Thursday, Dec. 4 — Eucharistic Guild — 8:15 a.m. — Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B.
2nd Wednesday, Dec. 10 — St. Regis Guild — after school — Rev. Richard E. Murphy
3rd Monday, Dec. 15 — Our Lady of the Cenacle Guild — 7:15 p.m. — Rev. John Hayes, S.J.
3rd Wednesday, Dec. 17 — St. Lucy Guild For the Blind — 7:15 p.m. — Rev. James S. Foley, S.J.

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December 31-January 1 — Rev. Joseph L. Hogan

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By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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Courses will consist of 60 lectures, including one on "Marxism and Leninism on Religion and Ways of Overcoming It."

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TWELVE FOR SIX

The American Medical Mission Sisters of Philadelphia are working nobly in their humble little hospital in Baranagaram, India.

Twelve Sisters are trying to sleep in a dormitory meant for six. Twelve others are sleeping on a porch. They have not whereon to lay their heads. Could you give them shelter, at a cost of \$4,000? Their powerful prayers will place heaven in your behalf and also purgatory for your loved ones. Help these good Sisters to heal the body of Christ suffering in the poor of India. \$3,000 will build a chapel for both the nursing Sisters and their patients. A fitting memorial for the living or the dead.

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Altar	75	Ciborium	40	Mass Book	25
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Family 5	Family 100

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WHY NOT DO GOOD NOW WHILE YOU ARE ALIVE!

MASTER WE PERISH

"Let us pray for our sovereign Pontiff, John XXIII. The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon earth; and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies." The Chair of Peter in Rome is besieged on every side. The ill of the world daily inundate the Holy Father. As a Spiritual Father, he is sought by many children. How long to alleviate their miseries? Won't you send him a STRINGLESS GIFT through us? It will help him send aid, where the need is greatest.

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