

Africans Urged To Take Active Politics Role.

Roma, Basutoland — (NC) — Bishop Joseph D. Des Rosiers of Maseru, Basutoland, has urged Catholic Basutos to take an active part in the political development of their country.

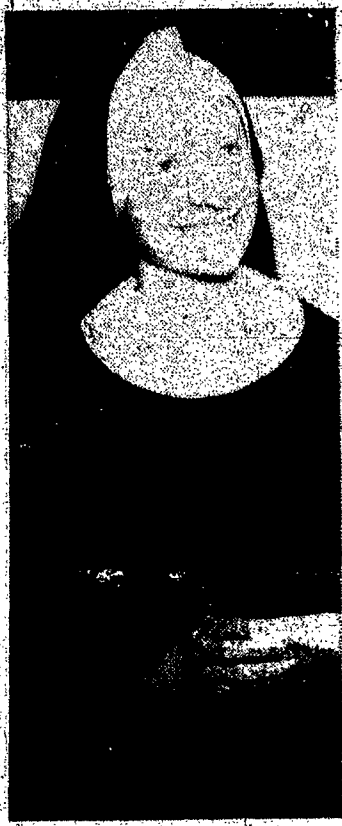
In an interview here the Bishop pointed out that the people of Basutoland are largely Christian and ought therefore to belong to parties which subscribe to Christian principles and have Christian leaders.

HIS COMMENTS followed the recent formation of the Basuto National Party, a Christian party representing both Catholics and Protestants of Basutoland.

Unfortunately, Bishop Des Rosiers said, the majority of political leaders up to now have had left-wing leanings and have been anti-religious.

The Bishop said it was not desirable that an exclusively Catholic party be organized in this British protectorate surrounded by the Union of South Africa. Rather, he stated, all Christians should join forces against the menace of communistic paganism.

The Bishop stressed that Christian party should respect the right of parents to send their children to the school of their choice. He said that state educational funds should be distributed among all schools — Catholic, Protestant and non-denominational — according to the number of children wishing to attend them.



SISTER ISAAC JOGUES



Solomons Sketchbook

These sketches of missionary life in the Solomon Islands were made by Mercy graduate, Sylvia Kirocher, now Sister Mary Isaac Jogues.

She is the first Rochesterian to join the Marist Sisters and was assigned two years ago to Bougainville in the Solomon Islands.

The drawings were made in pencil on ordinary writing paper, the nun told her superiors. She also added that she drew them by kerosene light after her other duties were completed. The sketches appear in this month's Marist magazine and illustrate mass dances, nuns at prayer, missionaries driving jeeps or motorcycles, and other aspects of her mission work.

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Are We Becoming Over-Organized In Parish and School Activities

By FATHER JOHN L. THOMAS, S.J.
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Aren't we getting over-organized? Our pastor is an excellent priest, but now he's insisting that all parents attend every meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association and take an active part in school affairs. I'm all for Catholic education. I've always supported the school and insisted my children attend—that's my duty. I don't go for all this parent-teacher activity. Let the teachers do their work and I'm satisfied.

I'm not sure whether we're getting "over-organized" or not as a nation, Tom, but I'm very certain this is the case in our Catholic school-system.

You, and thousands of others like yourself, have done a splendid job in supporting the system. Catholic education is one of the proudest boasts of the Church in America. This does not mean that there is no room for improvement.

THE REAL SOURCE of your difficulty stems from failure to understand the real function of the school in the educational process. As you know, Tom, parents have the primary obligation to guide, instruct, and educate their children.

In a sense, particularly in the early years, the school serves as an extension of the family. Although teachers are specially prepared for their task, they function as delegates or assistants of the parents.

The total education of the child in our society involves both parents and formal educators. Parents do not fulfill their obligations in this respect by simply supporting the school and handing their children over to the teachers. Likewise, teachers make a serious mistake if they assume they can manage the child's education by themselves.

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teachers fulfill distinctive roles, but the goal of their efforts, the total formation of the child, cannot be divided into neatly distinguished, unrelated compartments. The child is one—at home and in the school.

Unfortunately, Tom, some parents and teachers have overlooked this fact in the past. Because they had great esteem for teachers, because they thought they were too busy, some parents have handed over the entire training of their children to the schools, evidently believing that their parental obligations ended there.

Some teachers were apparently quite content with this approach, either because they overestimated their own ability

or felt that parental "interference" would be an unnecessary nuisance. Perhaps these attitudes were not so harmful in the past under more stable social conditions. They are clearly inadequate today.

I know, Tom, you are going to ask what is to be gained by such frequent meetings of parents and teachers. All parties will benefit.

First, parents will get to know their school, their children's teachers, what the school is trying to do for the children, what are the teachers' problems, and what cooperation they expect from parents.

Second, teachers will come to know the parents, something of the home environment of their pupils, some of the prob-

lems modern parents face in the home and in the neighborhood, and something about parental attitudes toward the school and its work.

This exchange of views and facts is needed for cooperation. In many cases, parents and teachers face mutual problems in dealing with children. They need each other in working out practical solutions which will realistically meet the needs of children under contemporary conditions.

Third, children will benefit from this exchange because they will recognize that all their teachers, at home and in the school, understand their problems, are mutually interested in them, and are sincerely working for a common solution. Hence, they will encounter no contradiction between what they are taught in the school and what they learn from word and example in the home.

Some parents are opposed to such meetings because they interfere with their social life or take them away from home. If they would see the school as an extension of the home and the teachers as their partners in the training of their children, they could not sincerely maintain this attitude.

Finally, Tom, you are fortunate in having such a zealous and farseeing pastor. He sees the educational process for what it is, a cooperative task shared by home and school. It would probably be less troublesome for him to run the school as a one-man show, but he knows that this approach does not develop responsible Christians.

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Seamless Robe Relic To Be Venerated

Trier — (RNS) — "Christ is the Lord" was proclaimed by Roman Catholic Bishop Matthias Wehr of Trier as the overall theme of pilgrimages to Trier Cathedral next summer when one of Christendom's most celebrated relics will be on extended view for the first time in 26 years.

Catholics from all parts of the world are expected to converge upon this traditional Catholic center for the observances which will last from July 19-Sept. 20.

THE RELIC is the purported seamless robe worn by Christ at the time of his Passion. Object of veneration by pilgrims since the Middle Ages, it is said to have been brought to Trier by St. Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, when she undertook a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 324.

Stressing the great missionary importance of the pilgrimage, Bishop Wehr said the seamless robe of Christ was a symbol for the one Holy Church. At the same time, he added, it reminded the remembrance of the life, sufferings and death of the Saviour.

The 1959 showing of the robe will be the first protracted one since 1933, when more than two million pilgrims from all parts visited Trier during a six-week period. The relic is customarily placed on view for brief periods at various intervals.

Prelate Says

Decree 'Rolls Back Stone' Gives Laity Active Role

Winnipeg — (NC) — The Holy See's instruction on participation of the laity in the Mass "rolls back the stone for the resurgence of the laity in the liturgical life of the Church," the Archbishop here said.

ARCHBISHOP Philip F. Pocock of Winnipeg made the comment in a message calling for more active participation of lay people in the Church's official public worship and for closer observance of the Holy See's rules applying to sacred music.

He urged the clergy to train the faithful first to recite the simple responses and then the Ordinary parts of the Mass. "There will be some deeply imbedded habits that will make it difficult to steer a course that is in conformity with the mind of the Church, but the instruction is destined to revive the faith and devotion of the people and enable them to live an active liturgical life," he wrote.

The instruction was issued in early October, 1958, by the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

Pastors Study

New Mass Decree

Davenport, Iowa — (NC) — A series of conferences has been held throughout the Davenport

diocese to explain the Holy See's recent instruction on lay participation in the liturgy.

The conferences have been conducted to explain the decree to choir directors and members and pastors and to discuss ways of carrying out its recommendations in each parish.

Laity's Responses For High Mass

Boston — (NC) — A music publisher here has issued a four-page card with the sung Mass prescribed by the Sacred Congregation of Rites in its instruction on lay participation.

The card, published by the McLaughlin and Reilly Company here, is titled "A Chant Mass for the People," and is designed for the use of the congregation at Mass.

An introductory note on the card quotes the Holy See's instruction as saying that "every care must be taken that all the faithful throughout the world should be able to chant the liturgical responses."

Anglicans To Preserve Shrine Of Holy Grail

Glastonbury — (NC) — An Anglican Church trust will be formed to preserve one of the most hallowed shrines of Christianity — the well here where legend says Joseph of Arimathea buried the Holy Grail.

The ruins of an ancient abbey built over the well are still visited by Catholic and Anglican pilgrims. The Holy Grail itself has never been found.

The Glastonbury Well property includes a famous hawthorn bush which blossoms at Christmas from which a cutting is still sent every year to the reigning monarch.

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