

Straight And Narrow

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Marathon — Life in San Pablo parish here is lived on the straight and narrow.

Located in the Florida Keys — tiny islands which string out to sea from the state's southern tip — the parish is 95 miles long and a half-mile wide. Its sandy communities are linked together like beads on a rosary by the longest overwater road in the world, the Overseas Highway.

And if names are needed to increase distinction, San Pablo is bounded by Jewish Creek on the north, and on the south by Ramrod Key. Somewhere between them are Keys Fat Deer and Teatable.

Unlike other coastal parishes which fringe the nation and carry the common identification of being "beaches," San Pablo is a parish, in essence, transformed during hurricane season to one that is under the sea in many parts.

THE PASTOR is 33-year-old Father James Connaughton who was assigned in 1956. He brought with him the experience of more than 20 years of island-living, gained as a school boy and seminarian on a sea-washed patch of green in the far Atlantic — the Emerald Isle.

"I average approximately 400 miles a week keeping up with parish activities," said Father Connaughton, describing his work among the 300 Catholic families of San Pablo.

Sitting behind his desk in a private-home type of ranch-recreatory just off the Overseas Highway, he explained that the parish includes two mission churches — St. Mary of the Plains at Big Pine Key, and San Pedro church, on Plantation Key.

Attendance at Sunday Masses is swelled at the churches by visiting fishermen and tourists who stream into the keys for

Ideal Parish Contest Set

Notre Dame — (NC) — A church architecture competition will be held in connection with the 1959 North American Liturgical Week from August 23 to 28 at the University of Notre Dame.

Sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Spaeth of New York and known as the Spaeth Liturgical Award, the competition requires architects to submit plans for an "ideal parish church."

The plans are to conform with the instruction on Sacred Music and Sacred Liturgy issued last September by the Sacred Congregation of Rites. Officials of the National Liturgical Conference have announced that this instruction will form the theme of the Liturgical Week.

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weekend diversion, the pastor As their bus rambles along the main of the Overseas Highway to the beach at San Pablo located at the wim Marathn shores.

Father Connaughton has to run something of a marathon in other. The two bodies of water meeting the schedule of Masses, merge under some of the confusions and personal calls bridges crossed on the daily required by families up and down the vacationland archipelago.

"Every day our school bus travels some 180 miles to bring youngsters to classes at Marathn Shores," Father Connaughton said.

Mother d'Youville Quebec 'Gray Nun' To Be Beatified

Vatican City—(RNS)—Vatican authorities said it is "almost certain" that Mother Marie Marguerite d'Youville, foundress of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, known familiarly as the Grey Nuns, will be beatified in St. Peter's Basilica on Sunday, May 3.

The Sacred Congregation of Rites recently advanced the beatification cause by approving miracles attributed to the nun who was known 200 years ago as "the strong woman of Canada."

In May, 1955, Pope Pius XII confirmed the heroic virtues of the Servant of God and called her the "Mother of Universal Charity."

Don Marie Marguerite Durost de Lajammettais on Oct. 15, 1701, in the village of Valenque, Quebec province, Mother d'Youville died on Dec. 23, 1771. The oldest of six children, she was only seven when her father died and she was called upon to help her mother in keeping the family together.

At the age of 17, the girl began an apostolate in the mansions of her father in their homes and in hospitals. She even went into the prisons, urging the inmates to repent their evil ways. Many times she accepted the responsibility for burying condemned criminals after their execution.

After she had been joined by other pious young women in a constantly expanding service to the needy, Mother d'Youville was asked to assume responsibility for rehabilitating and maintaining the General Hospital of Montreal which was then falling into ruins and was burdened with debts.

The community of charitable women developed into what is now a religious community whose activities have since been expanded to educational work, the care of the blind, incurable epileptics and the mentally ill. In addition, the sisterhood ministers to the Eskimos and the Indians and is active also in the foreign mission field.

Today the Grey Nuns have six autonomous branches, embracing close to 8,000 Sisters. Their work extends over Canada, the United States, South America, free China, Africa, Japan and Haiti.

Prelate Recovers
Kansas City — (NC) — Bishop Joseph H. Marling, C.P.S., of Jefferson City, Mo., was reported in good condition at St. Mary Hospital here after surgery for removal of a cyst from his left kidney.

Even the school building traveled to its present location, not by bus but by barge. It was floated 98 miles from Miami last summer, brought ashore in two sections, and secured near the church and convent.

Vocation Vacation

London — (RNS)—A method of encouraging religious vocations through vacations is being developed in this country by the Claretian Fathers known more formally as the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

At their scholastic in Highcliffe Castle, an imposing mansion at Hampshire on the south coast, the Fathers give free summer vacations to boys who are contemplating studying for the priesthood or becoming religious Brothers.

The boys spend their mornings in spiritual retreat and the afternoons are given up to swimming, boating, riding, or otherwise enjoying what the countryside has to offer.

Of 63 boys who stayed at Highcliffe last summer, 60 are now in seminaries or have been accepted as students. Thirty-six of the boys are candidates for the diocesan priesthood, and 24 have entered or will shortly enter one or another of 15 different religious orders.

It was announced that 80 boys will be the guests of the Claretian Fathers during the coming summer.

Christian Duty Loyalty To Government

St. Paul—(NC)—Men owe allegiance to the community "just as vital" as their allegiance to "the City of God," Archbishop William O. Brady of St. Paul said here.

He asserted that St. Joseph's journey to Bethlehem with Mary, "in response to a civil decree and in obedience to civil powers," is an "invitation for us all" that the state has rights over its citizens.

Religious Exhibit Urged At Moscow World Fair

Washington — (NC) — An exhibit "indicative of the fundamental place of religion in American society" should be a part of the U.S. display at the Moscow Fair next year, U.S. Sen. Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut, has advocated to the State Department.

In a letter to George V. Allen, director of the U.S. Information Agency, the Senator said that there was no religious exhibit in the U.S. display last year at Brussels and "our mistakes at the Brussels Fair should not be repeated."

"It is incomprehensible to me that an American exhibit designed to portray the various aspects of American life should neglect one of the principal elements, the role of religion," Sen. Dodd wrote. He added that "we missed a wonderful opportunity at Brussels to demonstrate the importance of religion in the development of our country and its great influence on contemporary American affairs."



To Perform At St. John's

DFDMSDF Hibernian Dancers will perform at a family night scheduled for St. John the Evangelist Church on Humboldt St. on Sunday and Monday, April 26-27 at 7:30 p.m. Showers above, from left, front row, are Mary McMullen, Margaret Mahoney, Margaret O'Dwyer, Mary Lou Boss; back, Thomas Carr, Gregory Hamlin, Daniel Carr and Michael Fitzpatrick.

Pope Prescribes Humility, Doctors' Remedy

Vatican City—(NC)—Medical scientists were told by Pope John XXIII that humility is necessary for their success. The Pope reminded the doctors that he is the Vicar of Christ on Earth and that in this capacity he takes great satisfaction in greeting anyone who devotes himself to the betterment and elevation of the human person who was created in the image and likeness of God and redeemed by the blood of Christ.

Uruguay End Of Anti-Church Era

Montevideo — (NC) — The strongly secularistic attitude of Uruguay's government is expected to change with the coming to power of the conservative Blanco party after 83 years in opposition.

IN HIS SPEECH he declared that the government has a duty to preserve and improve morals of Catholics, the President's

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Industry Needs Spiritual Ideals, Employers Told

Brussels — (RNS)—Business leaders were told here they have a responsibility to help infuse spiritual principles into society and should be as good Christians in their professional and public activities as in their personal and family lives.

Clergy Rap Sterilization Proposal

Raleigh, N. C. — (RNS)—Clergymen of various faiths descended on a committee of the North Carolina legislature to oppose a bill which would permit sterilization as a means of curbing illegitimate births.

The bill would give the State Eugenics Board authority to classify as "grossly sexually delinquent" a woman who has given birth out of wedlock.

Any priest in Mass may celebrate Mass from one hour before dawn until 9 a.m. in the churches of the city.

All Day Masses At Cure's Shrine

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope John XXIII, who has made three pilgrimages to the shrine of the Cure D'Arns in France, has granted priests traveling there during this centenary year special privileges in saying their Masses.

It is totalitarian and similar in philosophy to that which we are now opposing in Russia," he said. "It puts things before rights. It is against nature and nature's God. It uses mutilation as a form of punishment and does not prevent future immorality, but only relieves it of its financial burden."

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