

Rabbi Sees Catholic For President

Washington — (RNS) — A sermon by a noted rabbi asserting that the proven patriotism and loyalty of Americans of Catholic faith should remove all objections to election of a Catholic as President has been placed in the Congressional Record by Sen. Frank J. Lausche (D-O).

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of the Temple, Cleveland, O., pointed out that the founding fathers specifically provided in the Constitution that there shall be no religious test required for public office.

"It is clear that the framers of our Constitution did not wish the United States to be a Protestant country, a Catholic country, or a Christian country," he declared. "They did not wish to give preference to any one religious body or to prevent the free exercise of any religion."

"They were not unfriendly to religion — they believed in God and sought to build their new state upon the highest ethical and moral ideals of religion," he said, "but they also wanted to keep Church and State separate and distinct."

RABBI SILVER declared that Catholic citizens have been elected as governors, congressmen and senators, have been appointed to key judicial posts and have commanded the respect of everywhere they have served with unimpeachable loyalty and integrity," he said.

"Their religion in no way caused them to subordinate the interests of their government to the interests of their Church."

The rabbi said that it did not disturb him that the Roman Catholic Church claims to be the only true Church for "most religions claim the same thing."

"Just so long as the Church does not employ the power of government to enforce its claim," the lover of religious liberty need have no objection to a Catholic President, Rabbi Silver said.

Wright Edifice To Be Church

Chicago — (RNS) — A building believed to be one of Frank Lloyd Wright's first Chicago structures will be dedicated Sunday, June 28, by Archbishop Albert G. Meyer as the city's first Roman Catholic church of the Moderne Rite.

It is the new Our Lady of Lebanon church, formerly occupied by the West Central Seventh-day Adventist congregation. The organizing pastor, the Rev. John G. Naff, will celebrate the Mass in Arabic, the language spoken by our Saviour.

Twenty-Eight Don Garb Of St. Joseph Sisters

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Sister Mary Aitela (Alice L. Schun), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schun, St. Charles, Mo.

Sister Marie Baptiste (Maurice A. Halack), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Halack, St. Mary's, Auburn.

Sister Mary Camilla (Mary Louise Slomkowski), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Slomkowski, St. Stanislaus, Rochester.

The following Sisters pronounced their perpetual vows:

Sister Mariella Weber, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weber, Holy Redeemer parish.

Sister M. de Chantal Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Ford, St. Paul's, Oswego.

Sister M. Doretta Rhodes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rhodes, Sacred Heart Cathedral parish.

Sister M. Campion Bush, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Bush and Mrs. Regina Bush, Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira.

Sister M. Stena Cameron, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Moran, St. James, Irondequoit.

Sister M. Saint Agnes Rabita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Liborio Rabita, St. Philip Neri, Rochester.

Sister M. Madeline Cox, daughter of the late Mr. Austin Cox and Mrs. Austin Cox, St. Charles, Greece.

Sister M. Francine Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Green, St. Francis, Auburn.

Sister M. Josephine Twomey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Twomey, St. Mary's, Auburn.

Sister M. Carlita Hautekeete, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philomen Hautekeete, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester.

Sister M. Therese Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bailey, St. Paul's, Oswego.

Sister M. Jamesine Riley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Riley, St. Anne's, Rochester.

Sister M. Eucheria Olzowy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Olzowy, SS. Peter & Paul, Elmira.

Sister M. Veronica Masserella, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Masserella, St. Francis Xavier, Rochester.

Sister M. Felicitas Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weaver, St. James.

Sister M. Judith Whalen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whalen, St. Louis, Pittsford.

Sister M. Melba Burley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burley, St. Charles, Rome, Greece.

Sister M. Winifred Gause, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gause, St. Augustine, Rochester.

Sister M. Gonzaga Truby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Truby, St. Patrick's, Mount Morris.

Monsignor Burns was assisted by Rev. Albert Schnack, chaplain at the Motherhouse.

Clergy present included Right Reverend Monsignors Charles J. Shay, John M. Duffy, Maynard A. Connell, John E. Maney, Charles V. Boyle and Very Reverend Msgr. Leslie Whalen, and over 60 priests.

IN HIS SERMON at the close of the Mass which followed the ceremonies, Monsignor Burns told the parents how fortunate they are. "God has singled you out and honored you in a way that very few people in this world are honored. He has loved you so much and considered your work done so perfectly that He asks your daughter to be one of His in a very special way."

He continued, "It is inevitable that you feel a certain amount of sadness on a day like this. It will be a little while yet before you realize the truth of the words that you cannot do

more for God than He will do for you — the graces that come back to you because of the gift you have given Him will be the kind that will make your heart sing with happiness."

Referring to the Epistle of the Mass in which Saint Peter said to the cripple at the gate of the temple "Look at us," Monsignor told the new novices that they in effect would say to the children entrusted to them, "Look at us."

"If you have the love of Our Lord in your hearts," he continued, "then all those who come in contact with you will look at you and see Jesus Christ in you, especially if you are happy in it. Then they will fall in love with Him."

Monsignor Burns reminded those who made perpetual vows that they need not ask like Saint Paul, "Lord, what will You have me to do?" "You know," he said, "Christ would have you live those vows with your whole heart and soul. If you have love enough, then the world belongs not to you but to Our Lord."

Couples Told

Bring Christ To World

Louisville — (NC) — The Catholic family has an important role to play in bringing Christ to the modern world, a priest-expert in family life work said here.

Father Paul M. Valente, chaplain of the Christian Family Movement in Buffalo, N.Y., warned against regarding marriage exclusively as husband-wife and parent-child relationships.

BY THIS LINE of thought, he said, "we forget that parents are also lay people and that the great field of the lay is to work in the temporal order — to restore the whole temporal order to Christ."

Father Valente was keynote speaker at a regional Christian Family Movement rally here, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Louisville, and the Dioceses of Covington, Ky., Evansville, Ind., and Owensboro, Ky.

The greatest task of the Christian family — today, the speaker said, is to help give the world a "Christian form and structure."

"The day has past — if ever it was in existence — when a family or a group of families can withdraw from the world, either literally or figuratively, to develop Christian family living."

"We have had enough of fragmented specialization in modern life. What we need now is integration, in more ways than the usual connotation applied to this word."

In a session on respect for

authority, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Klingenberg of Covington, Ky., reminded the meeting that the Fourth Commandment "not only commands the child to honor his parents, but the parents to be worthy of the love and respect paid them."

"Parents must respect children as individuals," Dr. Klingenberg said. "They are little people even when they are still in the crib."

Farmers Urge

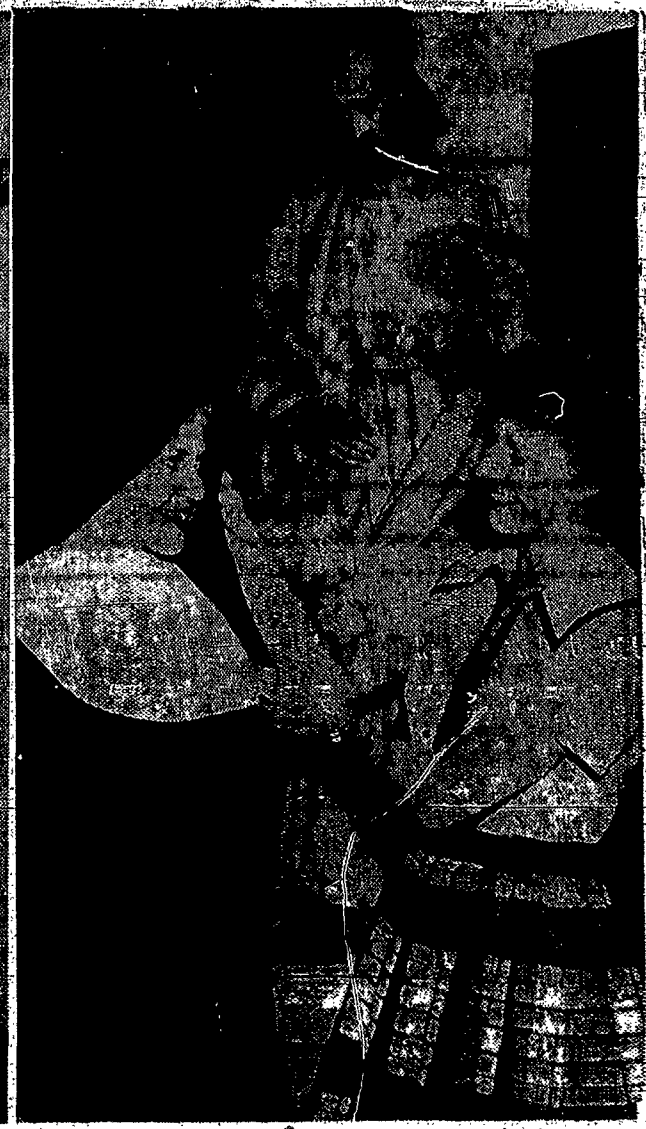
Sunday Rest

Eberhardt — (RNS) — A plea for cooperation between Protestant and Roman Catholic farmers to protect Sunday as a day of rest was sounded here at a conference of the Catholic Farmers' Movement of southern Germany.

They also urged formation of an "elite" group of farmers in every village who would not labor on Sunday under any circumstances and thus set an example for others. Modern technology, the conference stressed, made it "absolutely possible to bring in the harvest without having to resort to work on Sundays."



Miss Judy Reger, now Sister Mary-Celestine, holds her nun's habit in dedication before crucifix at start of ceremony Tuesday at Nazareth Motherhouse chapel.



Her twin sister Nancy, a senior at Nazareth College, greets her following the rite.

At Theology Convention

Overpopulation Said Ridiculous

(N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)

Buffalo — The modern world has "little more reason to worry" about overpopulation "than Adam and Eve had," a Catholic theologian said here.

"It is wholly unnecessary to stop the 'overpopulation explosion' by birth control, because it is already destined to end from natural causes," declared Father Anthony F. Zimmerman, S.V.D.

Father Zimmerman, professor of moral theology at St. Mary's Seminary, Techny, Ill., made the statement in an address to the 14th annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

Other speakers at the meeting declared that theology has entered "a new golden age," emphasized the active role of the layman in the Church, and pointed out that the grace of the sacraments does not come from a direct relationship with God, but rather through the mediation of the Church.

Father Zimmerman stated that the current expansion of the world's population is due principally to the fact that people now live longer than they used to. But the increasing life-span will reach a limit eventually, he said, and then the population level will be stabilized.

Beyond that point, he predicted, "population growth will be moderate." He called it "utterly ridiculous" for people "to become excited now about a future world overpopulation which will most likely never happen."

The fear that living space on earth will ever become scarce "is a creation of the imagination, rather than of reasoned thinking," he said.

Father Edwin G. Kaiser, C.P.P.S., professor of religion at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind., told the convention that "theology has entered upon a new golden age," and has "kept pace with" the advances of modern science.

"As never before, men's hearts are moved by religious ideals, particularly in answering the challenge of communism," he declared. "Deeper and richer is the penetration into the inexhaustible riches of the divine revelation."

Father Kaiser asserted that no field of study is "more significant" today than the theology of the Resurrection of Christ. "If the New Testament was written and the early Church lived in the supreme thought of the Second Coming of Christ, our age too has its apocalyptic vision," he said. "Gratifying in this age of the use and abuse of power is it for us to

Catholic Candidate Faces Loss Of Votes

New York — (RNS) — Any Roman Catholic candidate for President next year is bound to lose some votes because of his religion, Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.) said in a recorded radio interview here.

"I think the issue of Catholicism will have some effect," he said, "just like Gov. Adlai Stevenson's belonging to the Unitarian Church cost him votes because he adheres to a faith that does not admit to the divinity of Christ."

SEN. SPARKMAN said there is a "rather strong feeling" on the part of a great number of people against the idea of a Catholic as President. "That undoubtedly will have some effect," he said, but added, "I doubt very seriously that it is anything like as strong as it was in 1928 when Al Smith was the candidate."

Sen. Sparkman is regarded as a leader in the liberal group of Southern senators. He was Mr. Stevenson's running mate for Vice President on the Democratic ticket in 1952.

Communists Bar Berlin Bishop

Berlin — (RNS) — Julius Cardinal Döpfner, Bishop of Berlin, was denied a travel permit by Communist authorities in East Germany to visit Garmitz where he had planned to officiate at the consecration of a new bishop.

In the absence of Cardinal Döpfner, the consecration of Bishop Ferdinand Florin as Auxiliary of the Breslau See was performed by Bishop Otto Spuelbeck of Meissen.

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