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Pope John's First Encyclical

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To refugees
We feel no less anxiety for the lot of those who, from the need to seek a means of livelihood or because of the wretched conditions in the native countries or on account of religious persecution, have been forced to leave their own land. The difficulties and hardships these have to endure in consequence are numerous and considerable, for they have been brought from their father's home to distant lands, and often have to live in crowded cities and amid the noise of factories, a life very different from that based on their ancestral customs; and sometimes, what is worse, gravely harmful and opposed to Christian virtues.

The not infrequent result of such circumstances is that many are led into grave danger and have no scruples in their actual attempt to deprive the souls of the citizens of those things which are the soul's highest goods — We mean the Christian Faith, Christian hope and the Christian commandments.

In addition, what men of the present age — and civilization esteem above all else — true liberty, the true and proper dignity of the human person — those men either weaken or entirely suppress. And thus they endeavor to overthrow the very foundations of social and Christian culture. Those, therefore, who have a real desire to preserve the Christian name, must entirely shun, as a very grave obligation in conscience, these things which our predecessors — and especially Pius XI and Pius XII of happy memory — condemned, and which we again condemn.

Like-wise, we have observed with very great pleasure, and we value the praiseworthy efforts made by various nations with regard to this important matter, as also the plans and undertakings recently set in motion by the same nations so that this problem, which, indeed, is a serious one, may be brought as soon as possible to the desired solution.

It is our confident hope that all these measures will contribute not only to the opening up of a wider and easier entrance to emigrants, but also to the happy restoration of the association of parents and children within the home. When this has been settled in due and proper order, it will surely be possible to protect effectively the good of these immigrants and all that concerns religion, moral and economic stability, and at the same time benefit the countries which welcome them.

To the persecuted
While We exhort all our children in Christ to avoid the deadly errors which can overthrow not only religion, but also human society, there come before our mind the many venerable brethren in the episcopate and the beloved priests and faithful who have either been driven into exile or are held under restraint or in prisons, simply because they have refused to abandon the office of Bishop or priest committed to them, or to cut themselves off from the Catholic Faith.

We wish to give offense to none. Nay, We desire freely to pardon all and to beg this of God. But Our conception of Our holy office demands that We do all We can to protect the rights of Our brethren and children; that We persist in Our asking that the freedom of law, which is due to all, and also to the Church of God be granted, as it ought, to everyone.

Those who support truth, justice and the advantage of each individual and epoch state do not refuse liberty, do not put in bonds, do not suppress them. They have no need of that way of acting. For this reason, a just state of prosperity among the members of a state can never be achieved by violence, or by the crushing of their minds and hearts.

And We think the following principle, above all, must be maintained as certain. Namely, if the rights of God and religion have been ignored or trampled upon, the very foundation of human society, sooner or later, collapses into ruin.

This is in accordance with the wise comment of Our predecessor of immortal memory, Leo XIII, who said: "It follows that . . . if the supreme and eternal order of God, who commands or restrains, is repudiated, the force of the laws is shattered and all authority is weakened" (Epistle Encyclical, A. L. C. vol. VIII, 1888, p. 388). The following remark of Cicero agrees with that opinion: "Do you, the Priest, . . . show greater care in protecting the city with religion than with walls" (De Re. II, 40).

Conclusion
From Our beloved children We are asking not for prayers, but for a renewal of Christian life which, more than the prayer of entreaty, can gain God's mercy for ourselves and our brethren.

We may again repeat the uplifting and beautiful words of the Apostle to the Gentiles: "All that rings true, all that counts, all that matters, all that is right, all that is pure, all that is lovely, all that is graceful in the telling; virtue and merit, wherever VIRTUE and merit are found — let this be the argument of your thoughts" (Phil. 4, 8). "Arm yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 13, 14).

That means: "You are God's chosen people, holy and well-beloved; the livery you wear must be tender compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. . . . To know all this, clarity; that is the bond which makes us perfect. So may the peace of Christ, the very condition of your calling as members of a single body, reign in your hearts" (Col. 3, 12-13).

If anyone, therefore, to his misfortune has wandered far from the Divine Redeemer because of this committed, let him return — We entreat him — to the One who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14, 6).

If anyone, in matters of religion, is lukewarm, weak, remiss and negligent, let him rouse his faith, and by the grace of God, nourish, rekindle and strengthen his virtue. Finally, if anyone, by the gift of God, "is just; let him increase in justice; and he that is holy,

Veteran Statesmen Urge U.S. Diplomat At Vatican

Washington — (AP) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has received a recommendation that formal diplomatic relations be established in an "unostentatious manner" with the Holy See by sending an American charge d'affaires to the Vatican on a permanent basis.

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Under the heading "Relations with the Holy See" the committee reported that it had received a strong recommendation that the U.S. establish formal diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

"On the ground that the Vatican is an important source of world information and intelligence; that it would enhance our position with our Latin American neighbors; and that we should ally ourselves with an important anti-Communist force," the committee said, "it is argued that a U.S. charge d'affaires should be appointed to the Holy See on a permanent basis."

The committee then went on to quote arguments cited in favor of formal relations with the Vatican.

The retired diplomat who was author of this recommendation pointed out that there is an essential similarity between the objectives of the Holy See and the U.S.; both of which seek peace and solidarity in Europe.

"The United States has no better ally in its struggle against the Communist ideology and in the preservation of Christianity," the Senate committee was advised.

A vast amount of material is constantly being gathered on world conditions at the Vatican, the committee was told, and the United States through formal diplomatic relations could avail itself of much of this material which "otherwise is inaccessible."

Attention of the committee was drawn to the fact that other Protestant nations,

such as Great Britain, and many which are non-Christian find it advantageous to maintain diplomatic missions at the Vatican. Chiefs of missions sent to the Vatican by other nations were described as "an important group of outstanding citizens" who themselves are valuable sources of information on developments in their respective nations.

It also was suggested that in connection with furtherance of the "Good Neighbor" policy toward the Roman Catholic nations of Latin America "the presence of a permanent U.S. representative near the Pope would undoubtedly prove helpful to us from the psychological point of view."

It was said that the seven Latin American diplomats accredited to the Holy See who were interned at the Vatican during World War II because of the outbreak of war between their nations and Italy often expressed to their U.S. colleague (the late Myron Taylor) "their gratification and satisfaction that the President of the United States should have decided to send his personal representative to the Pope."

"There can be little doubt that the establishment today of a permanent U.S. mission to the Holy See would tend to renew and increase to our advantage this favorable impression that was created throughout Latin America," the Senate committee was advised.

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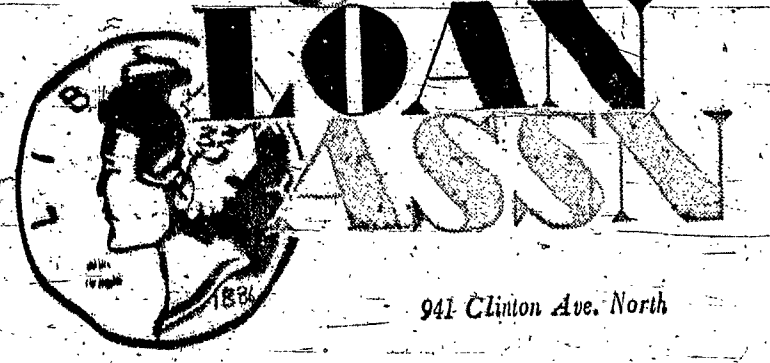
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