

# N.Y. Prelate Urges More Active Role

Notre Dame—(NC)—The 20th annual North American Liturgical Week here was "a magnificent conference," according to Auxiliary Bishop James H. Griffiths of New York, secretary of the new Episcopal Committee on the Liturgical Apostolate.

IN AN ADDRESS at the closing session of the week, Bishop Griffiths also referred to the "epoch making" instruction of the Sacred Congregation of Rites issued last September on participation in the liturgy. The instruction formed the theme of the Liturgical Week.

"If we apply the instruction," he said, "we shall make a tremendous advance in active participation — far beyond our expectations of a few years ago."

"Let the understanding charity and patience of our Holy Father, Pope John, be our guide in these matters," he said.

The Liturgical Week drew more than 3,500 persons from all parts of the U.S. and Canada, including 12 bishops, more than 1,100 priests, close to 1,000 lay men and women, nearly 900 Sisters and more than 200 seminarians.

They gave long ovations in the closing day's session not only to Bishop Griffiths, but also to Fathers Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., of Collegeville, Minn., editor of Worship magazine, and Gregory Murray, O.S.B., of Downside Abbey, Bath, England.

## Obedience Called For

Notre Dame—(NC)—An authority on canon law called for obedience to the Holy See's recent instruction on participation in the liturgy, in an address at the 1959 North American Liturgical Week.

Father Frederick R. McManus, editor of the Jurist, quarterly publication of the Catholic University of America's School of Canon Law, emphasized that "when the Church governs, it is Christ who governs."

Therefore, he said, "when reform and restoration come, when defects in the liturgical law are corrected by authority, the Christian people should be ready to obey and to see in the law the will of Christ."

"Neglect of any law brings not only law into disrepute," warned Father McManus, who is a Director of the Liturgical Conference which sponsors the Liturgical Week. "We may not pick and choose among the enactments of ecclesiastical authority."

# Schools' Repute Credited To Nuns

Boston—(RNS)—Excellence of the Roman Catholic educational system in the U.S. is due chiefly to the work of teaching nuns, the Rev. Edward B. Rooney, S.J., of New York, president of the Jesuit Secondary Educational Association, said here.

He told the annual Teachers' Institute of the Boston Archdiocese that "most responsible for our Catholic life and Catholic education are our Sisters... in hospitals and homes... in social and retreat work, and above all, the sisters in our parochial schools, in Catholic high schools and colleges."

FATHER JOONEY said that Catholic education in the U.S. was "a monument to the generosity and devotion of our Catholic people, teachers and hierarchy. With little source of money, we have tried to keep pace with the best on the material side of education. As far as educational ideals are concerned, ours compare favorably with those of America's finest educators."

Mrs. William J. McDonald, director of Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., urged American teachers to provide heroic leadership to combat growing delinquency and immorality among young people.

"If our women do not measure up, there can be no hope for the future generations," he said. "Our age demands teachers who are heroes."

of heroic proportions — you might even say saintly."

Sister Mary Richardine, associate secretary in the elementary school department of the National Catholic Educational Association, urged all Catholic teachers to be conscious of their role in world affairs.

She recommended in a teaching of foreign languages in elementary schools as a method of promoting world peace.

**Time Marches Around And Around**  
Sayasay, East Africa — Since most people here don't own clocks or watches, the accepted method of telling time is by indicating the location of the sun at various periods of the day.

"You stand in the pulpit and tell the people to come to Mass when the sun is here, or here, or there," says Father George F. Pfister, Maryknoll Missioner of Albany, gesturing like a man balancing himself on a tightrope.

"By the time you're finished with all the Sunday announcements you feel like a stand-in for a windmill."



Notre Dame—(RNS)—Giacomo Cardinal Lercaro, Archbishop of Bologna, Italy, holds the honorary doctor of laws degree, which was conferred by the University of Notre Dame at the 20th annual North American Liturgical Week Conference. Flanking the cardinal (left to right) are: Father Shawn G. Sheehan of Boston, retiring president of the conference and Bishop Leo Aloisius Paisley of Fort Wayne, episcopal host and patron of the event.

## Papal Breviary For Anglican Vicar

London—(RNS)—Pope John XXIII has made a present of his personal breviary to a Canon of the Church of England. The gift, although made last June, has just been announced here by the recipient, Canon Donald Rex, Anglican vicar of Eye, Suffolk.

Canon Rex is chairman of the Anglican Confederation of Unity, founded in All Saints' Day, 1928, "to restore communion with the Holy See." He disclosed the gift in the Confederation's Journal "Reunion," published every six months.

On a visit to Rome, the Canon was received in private audience by the Pope, who noticed that the vicar (unlike most Anglican clergy who do not recite or even possess the breviary) was carrying a copy of the Divine Office.

"That book of his looks a bit old," the Pontiff said to his interpreter. "Mine is not so new, but it's newer than his. I will give it to him."

Next day the Canon received the four volumes of Pope's John's breviary, with the markers where the Pope had finished his office on the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Madison—(NC)—Wisconsin's newest county — Menominee — is more than 90 per cent Catholic, and 100 per cent "early American."

Gov. Gaylord Nelson (on July 30) signed the bill making timber-rich Menominee Indian Reservation the state's 72nd county. He thereby gave the state its first geographic change in 58 years — and he also gave Wisconsin the county with the highest percentage of Catholics.

TOTAL POPULATION is near 5,500 of whom over 5,000 are Catholics. Menominee County, located in the Green Bay diocese, covers an area of 234,000 acres, of which only 14,000 are non-forest land. Two parishes serve the county's Indian citizens—St. Anthony's at Neopit, and St. Michael's at Keshena. Franciscan Fathers of the St. Louis province are in charge of the parishes.

A subcommittee of tribal Indians, under the State Attorney General's direction, worked out the bill which eventually changed their land from a Reservation to a Wisconsin County.

One section of the bill permits the Federal Government to spend \$700,000 at once to bring highways in the new county up to standard. Another section provides for an annual audit of the tribe's county and town books by the state auditor. It also eliminates a \$25 a day payment to the juvenile court in Shawano for hearing cases for Menominee County.

Warsaw—(RNS)—At least 500,000 children this fall will attend schools run by the Polish Secular Schools Society in which religion is forbidden, the Communist government-sponsored group announced here.

# Obstacles To Participation

Notre Dame—(NC)—A Chicago priest-author cited three obstacles to "the idea of active community worship" in an address at the 1959 Liturgical Week here.

Speaking on "Participation Problems in the Modern Parish," Father Andrew M. Greeley, an authority on modern suburban life and a curate in Christ the King parish in suburban Chicago, placed the blame on:

- 1) "The religious individualism which is so prevalent in our culture."
- 2) "The competition of a vividly secular popular culture."
- 3) "The hectic pace of our life."

FATHER GREELEY declared that "the average American Catholic has felt from his earliest years that prayer is simply a two-way communication between himself and God."

As a result, he said, "he finds it extremely difficult to transfer the notions of prayer to social worship. Try as he might, talking aloud or singing with others just doesn't seem to be prayer in the same sense."

The speaker described religious individualism as "a profound and powerful force." Moreover, he said, "an isolated and lonely individual, drifting in an atomized and impersonal society while he tries to adjust to all the different groups which control his future" simply does not have an attitude conducive to liturgical participation.

He cited the "competition between the liturgy and the popular culture purveyed by the mass media."

In the early days of the liturgy the Mass was in all respects "the high point of a person's week," but today the liturgy "must compete for the attention of eyes and ears that are jaded by a fantastic agglomeration of sense images," Father Greeley asserted.

The boy who "spends Saturday afternoon reading comic books and the evening enjoying cinematic masterpieces like 'Rock and Roll Jungle,' or 'I Married a Teen-Age Monster from Outer Space' may find it hard to concentrate on the dialogue Mass the next morning," Father Greeley said.

"Nor can his teenage sister and her friends who have spent several hours each afternoon staring poggle-eyed at 'American Bandstand' get very excited over the Easter Vigil."

And these children's parents, he continued, "whose world-view is shaped by the sports page, the death notice, and the latest issue of Life or the Saturday Evening Post will be likely to find that the Sung Mass interferes with their 'gravy.'"

Father Greeley said there is "basic opposition between what we might call the majestically leisurely pace of the liturgy and the hectic speed of modern life."

"Even though the Roman liturgy may have a genius for brevity, one never gets the feeling that it is in a hurry," he said. But people who are always in a rush wonder why the liturgy "takes so long."

trains run less frequently. Spring is less a rebirth than a time for the substitution of screens for storm windows."

Father Greeley made it clear that he was "playing the part of the devil's advocate" in citing major obstacles to community participation in the liturgy.

"To say that we have serious and difficult obstacles in our path," he said, "is not at all to say that we are not making progress against them and that far greater progress cannot be made in the future."

There are "certain social forces" which, according to Father Greeley, "create a ready-made climate for active participation. These are the suburban migration, the rising educational level, the religious revival (or at least a revival of interest in religion), and the splendid work being done by many religious communities very clearly a symbolic death, with grammar school children, but it does make the commuter's life said."

Because of today's hectic pace, moreover, "the close connection between nature and the liturgy is lost on us," he said. "Rain is no longer the bearer of new life to the fields; it is only a nuisance in the countryside. The cold of winter does not represent very clearly a symbolic death, with grammar school children, but it does make the commuter's life said."

## Berlin Cardinal Climbs Blanc

Rome—(RNS)—Demonstrating his vitality as the youngest member of the Sacred College, 49-year-old Julius Cardinal Döpfner, Bishop of Berlin, climbed Europe's highest mountain, 15,781-foot Mont Blanc in the French Alps.

Cardinal Döpfner's feat was reported by Rome Radio which said the climb was the first by a Prince of the Church. Halfway up they spent the night at a camp where all slept on straw.

"Had I known he was a cardinal," one of the guides said afterward, "I would have been a bit less sharp in giving him orders. Anyway, he appeared to be a good mountaineer."

Archbishop Dies  
San Jose, Costa Rica—(RNS)—Catholic Archbishop Ruben Odio Herrera of San Jose died here of a heart attack at the age of 57.

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