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Baltimore Opens New Cathedral

Baltimore — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, President Eisenhower and Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, apostolic delegate to the U.S., sent congratulatory messages to the Baltimore Roman Catholic archdiocese — the nation's first See — in connection with its 150th anniversary and the Nov. 15th dedication of its new cathedral, Mary Our Queen.

Surveying some of the landmarks in the history of the archdiocese, the Pope recalled that 10 provincial councils and three plenary councils of the Church in the U.S. have been held in Baltimore.

President Eisenhower declared that the new cathedral is "a strong sign of the traditional faith and charity of Baltimore Catholics."

Archbishop Vagnozzi, who will dedicate the edifice, said "the vibrant by surrounding the opening of the beautiful and artistic cathedral is mingled with humble gratitude evoked by the nostalgic recalling of the many and inspiring achievements during the past 150 years in this the mother See of the United States."

Pope John described the coming dedication, to be attended by hundreds of Church and State dignitaries, including Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, as "an outstanding monument" to the faith of Baltimore and to the "generous piety" of the late Thomas O'Neill, Baltimore businessman who donated the \$8 million for its construction.

Christ's Life On Italy TV

Turin — (RNS) — A new Roman Catholic monthly program entitled "Who is Jesus?" was inaugurated here by the Italian television network.

The program was planned to show by means of photographs and movies "the most modern archeological and philological documentation concerning the life of Christ."



She Won The Argument

Syracuse University sophomore Giselle Nemeth, left, won top honors at Saturday's Fluxus Forum debate journey at the East Avenue college. University of Pittsburgh debate team won the first place group award. The four member team is also shown in photo following awarding of trophies by Rev. Robert Miller, C.S.B., moderator of the Forum. Seventeen teams from thirteen colleges took part in the all day program. Debaters argued the topic, "Congress should be given power to reverse Supreme Court decisions." Giselle won defending the affirmative but said she really believes the opposite.

West Coast Clergy

Fluent In 33 Languages

By JIM KELLY
San Francisco — (NC) — With Swahili you might have trouble, if it's your first time to hear some good old Pangasinan or Chinook Indian, arrangements likely can be made.

Intrigued? Well it has developed that the archdiocese doesn't lack for linguists among the clergy. The priests speak and read a total of 33 languages and dialects — plus English and Latin.

A surprising number could get by in the United Nations without a translator — they're familiar with five or six tongues.

As might be expected hereabouts, Spanish tops the list. There are 138 priests who speak it at least enough to handle confessionals. Italian, German, and French, in that order, are the next best known languages.

Helen Quinn of the chancery office staff combed these facts and more from files on the clergy of the area. Her findings produced a nine page document listing local priests by the languages in which they are proficient to any degree.

Included in it are every major modern language, and a surprising assortment of the lesser known tongues. The African and Polynesian dialects are virtually the only language groupings not represented.

In the archdiocese are priests who speak Flemish, Filipino

(Tagalog, the national language, plus the Pangasinan and Visayan dialects), Ukrainian, Chinook Indian, Arabic, Siamese, Basque, Maltese, Gaelic, and Lithuanian.

Twenty-eight priests know Croatian, Slovene, and Slavonic. Twenty-four understand Chinese, either Mandarin or Cantonese or both. One priest has mastered several of India's languages and dialects — plus five in Japanese.

Four are experts in the sign language of the deaf.

Several factors account for the linguistic abilities of the clergy here — the area's own cosmopolitan heritage; the large number of distinct nationalities; and the many missionary priests stationed here.

There is a current emphasis on more local priests' learning Spanish, and an appreciation by priests as well as lay, that in today's shrinking world "one language is not enough."

THERE'S ANOTHER reason, Auxiliary Bishop Merlin J. Gullio of San Francisco explains. It fits it well. He observed that languages can be learned for their own sake — as a hobby, a form of recreation. It's mental exercise that pays off in useful knowledge, he added.

"I started in the seminary and I'm still learning," the Bishop said. His score to date: 25. He's facile enough to read the daily Gospel in 14 of them: Russian, French, Spanish, Polish, Portuguese, Italian, German, Slovene, Croat, Greek, Dutch, Swedish, Norwegian and Danish.

Bishop Gullio uses any and all means to ease his way through the intricacies of a new tongue: His own polyglot dictionary, begun when he was a seminarian; tape recordings and records; listening to foreign-language broadcasts; conversations with foreign-born parishioners.

Only one language has "thrown" him — and he's in the process of licking it now. "Hungarian is rough," he said.

"It's a Tartar language, unrelated to any other in Europe except Finnish. But just give me time."

New Freedom Group Gains Members

Alton, Ill. — (RNS) — Citizens for Educational Freedom, recently formed to oppose "discrimination against religious schools," is gaining membership rapidly throughout the Midwest, according to retired Probate Judge Anthony W. Daly, the non-denominational group's counsel.

Its chief purpose is to promote state tuition as is now the case. Parents then would use the grants in the schools of their choice, getting what the group terms "their fair share of taxes levied for education."

Judge Daly said that one of the basic civil rights issues today is the existing tax discrimination against pupils not attending public schools. He maintains that civil rights are being violated by existing school tax law, despite constitutional guarantees.

These rights, the judge declared, are being virtually nullified by tax laws which "overpay" the parent of a public school child and cause an undue burden on those whose children attend private schools.

BOOK SHELF

Housewife Author

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA
Nazareth College

The Province of the Heart, by Phyllis McGinley. Viking \$5. 111 pp. \$2.00.

The only trouble with Phyllis McGinley's book on life at 12 Walnut Avenue, Spence Manor, is that it's too short. Two hundred pages more, or even fifty that's what you long for at the end. More of Dad's conscious or unconscious wit, more of Mrs. Tuttle, but above all, more of the author's "personal reading of the truth," with its "cheerfulness always breaking in."

Not that the author will oblige us; she is not a careerist but a housewife (albeit a glamorous one — supplying the glances herself by headwork, and the putting of shrews in the technical details. She lives more than she writes, and puts living first.

The Province of the Heart defends the industry and heroism of the new teenager, and the faults of the head of the house.

Adopt his faults, says Phyllis. "Is the lord of the manor unpunctual...? Does he drink too much coffee, clutter his tray with ashtrays at night in bed, turn on all the lights and leave them burning? Is he a pantry-raider, an ice-cream emper...? Let it not exacerbate the soul. Be unpunctual together. Let the lights burn and the leaves gather on the rug and the hot clothes melt in the sink. Family shared are comfortable as bedroom slippers and as easy to slip into."

All this in a chapter that offers five hints for a happy marriage — wherein gratitude is first and "a stout conviction that marriages were meant to last" forms the rear guard.

And it defends women, delightfully.

This way: "Now I have nothing against intuition. It is one of men's labors and most endearing qualities. But their trust in it baffles the ordinary straight-thinking woman." Phyllis McGinley proves her point, as you'll find out, and then explains, "Oh, why aren't men more like us!" But she restricts that wish, because, as she says, they "bring tenderness and sentiment into our hard, practical lives."

And The Province even defends the high school or college duffer who hasn't read all those books that everybody has to read at school. Phyllis confesses that at college she "seriously managed to learn nothing," which left her a wide field in which she now ranges without prejudice, under no compulsion from critic or professor.

And, says she, "no matter how enchanting to the young are the realms of gold, maturity makes one a better traveler there." So if you didn't read all the books you meant to, either — here is the list, sparked with amused and loving comment.

These chapters of warm wisdom written "out of a fairly passionate concern for tradition or morality" brim over with anecdote. Spruce Manor was made for children and bikes and P.T.s and kittens and gardens, and disasters minor and major blessed by the neighborly kindness and wealthy content of a commuter's and commuter's wives.

Don't miss a syllable. It doesn't try to be funny—it just is, rather often. It doesn't try to preach — but somehow, the sunny common sense hits right home.

Truth Group Marks Jubilee

London — (RNS) — Sunday sermons were preached in ten diocesan cathedrals and pro-cathedrals throughout the country urging increased support of Britain's Catholic Truth Society which is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding.

Responsible for the mass publication of Catholic pamphlets, the 35,000-member society distributes more than three million of these every year.

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