

Church Unity Goal

Faith, Not Conquest

New York — (RNS) — Father Robert I. Gannon, S.J., former president of Fordham University who is now Superior of the Youth Council of the Province here, urged Catholics to view reunion with their "separated brethren" in a spirit of faith and love rather than "conquest."



Laymen Pioneer Mission Program

Notre Dame — (NC) — Well over 100 Americans are serving in mission areas throughout the world as members of nine lay missionary organizations represented in the U.S.

This is disclosed in a special report on the lay missionary movement, published by Ave Maria magazine, a national Catholic weekly.

"The pioneer lay missionaries have shown the way," the magazine declares. "We could be on the verge of a brilliant epoch for the Church in America and in the world."

The lay missionary groups offer specialized training for nine months up to three years for candidates. Candidates in all these groups can gain up to temporary term of service of varying length, but several of the organizations also permit members to make a lifetime commitment to the lay missionary apostolate.

Also, the Young Christian Workers (YCW) Extension Workers Program, Chicago, for YCW members; the Women Volunteers for Africa, Washington, D.C., for single women; the Regis-Lay Apostolate, Weston, Mass., for women college graduates and retired teachers; the Volunteer Teachers Mission Service, Waco, Tex., for married and single college graduates; and the Lay Workers of the Sacred Heart, Amherst, Tex., for married and single persons.

In addition, a lay missionary clearing house is being formed in Lafayette, La., under the name Scoebank. Its organizers intend it to bring together

clear vision of the standard of living in the United States. There's a lot of talk about the approach to prayer.

But in this book speaks some of the things that shepherds or directors, at once men and more humble than either, and though not without humor, yet with a humor that is not a laughing matter.

Quite beautiful little books could be made of this big one. It is a Prologue and last chapter and many others of the seventy-three. But there is no concern here for form, for clarity, for appearance, for cleverness; it is all in the simplicity. One word where one word will do, abrupt honesty, no repetition — because a monk listening for God will hear Him — this is the Abbot's formula.

For instance, commenting on Benedict's rule that the abbot eat with the guests, and now eat with the guests, and now then ask some of the brethren to join him (this looks like favoritism as the boss's part, of course), Father Van Zeller says, "Leaving the theory of it, and avoiding the story of its various reforms, we can say that it is the universal custom among Benedictines today for the abbot to eat in the refectory with the community."

"In most monasteries there are separate quarters where important guests are entertained; in an occasional case, the abbot may take place here, the abbot is of course free to invite members of the household. Those who are not so invited would show themselves lacking in religious spirit if they resented being left out."

Period, end of comment, end of chapter. Meaning: If you are living for God and you ask left out of something — why not? What if?

Yet with this plainness go two qualities never plain, quiet humor and sparkling wit. Writing love for God. "Hurry and fuss kill recollection, come dead. . . . It is better to come late than to speed like a tornado." "Monks are pilgrims within an enclosure; they travel better than you and you are better than you are (that is tolerance of other people and their views; he must meet more than half way by respecting them and their views if necessary. . . . He must show himself as his own view. Greater love than this no man can show, whether in community or anywhere else."

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Parents Code To Guide Teenagers

Providence — (RNS) — A code for parents approved by school students to forbid steady dating by their children and asks them not to permit teenagers to attend activities of any type that are not properly supervised.

Don Wyatt, CYO executive secretary, said that 200,000 copies are being printed in preparation for the event. The code was prepared by a committee of CYO regional and lay directors and approved by Bishop Richard J. McInnes of Providence.

Cop, Youngster Win CYO Award

New York — (RNS) — Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, presents the 1959 Catholic Youth Organization's Club of Champions Medal to New York City Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy for his "faithful devotion to duty and his outstanding example to youth as a man of principle and achievement."

Javits Seeks Visa For Polish Widow, Aided Jew

New York — (RNS) — Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.) has asked the State Department to look into the visa problems of a Polish Catholic woman trying to visit this country who during the Nazi occupation provided shelter in her home for 18 Jews.

GOD LOVE YOU!

When Our Lord came into this world, St. Paul describes it as follows: "That he endured death for us." This was said in relation to the sacrifices of goats, lambs and bullocks of the Old Testament in which God no longer took pleasure. Now the real sacrifice for sin would be the Son of God with a Body, in human nature. But who gave this Body? No human being on earth except His Mother. The place of the earthly father was taken by the Holy Spirit.

What then was Mary's contribution to the world's redemption? She made Him possible or capable of suffering. Without a human nature there would have been no Christ at Jacob's Well or on the Cross or hunger on the desert mount, no blow on the cheek in the Courtroom of Calphas.

While Mary was therefore carrying Our Lord as a kind of altar, she said to the God within her: "The wheat that I eat will be your Body that will give life to the world; the wine I drink will be the Blood that germinates virgins. Drink deep then of my views that Thou mayest be able to consume olive roots in Gethsemane and pour forth from five fountains on Calvary. Before Thou sayest it: I say to thee: Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you shall not have eternal life with me."

"Canst Thou imagine therefore my agony in knowing that though the Cross will be Thy second altar, I am the first altar of sacrifice. The wood of the Cross will feel not Thy grief as I, the natural cross, feel it in giving Thee a Body."

In a lesser sense, each of us can say: "Thou hast endowed me with a Body." Some can offer it to the Lord as a missionary; others can offer his sufferings to apply redemption to the Jews, the Negroes, the Vietnamese and others; others can offer it as self-denials to the Holy Father for the Propagation of the Faith. May the Holy Spirit inspire you to prolong on a spiritual mode the role of Mary. If it be sacrifices to which the Spirit moves you — send them to the Holy Father through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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Soviets Pledge Vatican Immunity

Rome — (RNS) — Soviet Russia is among several other countries which have pledged themselves to respect the territory of Vatican City in the event of armed conflict, the Rome Radio reported.

In addition, the Rome station said, Italy has pledged not to use the Via Aurelia, which runs along the boundaries of Vatican City for military purposes should war break out.

The STATION said the pledges were given following the registration of Vatican City in the international register of cultural institutions being organized by the Paris office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Vatican sources meanwhile recalled that during World War II, the Holy See, although neutral, sovereign state, could not keep the war entirely outside its walls.

On three occasions during the Allied advance on Rome in November, 1943 and the following January and March — bombs fell on the city — but without causing serious damage.

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Talk It Over
Poise
By ANNE CUIKIN

Dear Miss Calkins: One hears so much about the sophisticated Senior! I'm a senior, but I don't feel that I have any more poise than I did when I was a freshman. In fact, I think the average freshman has more poise than I do!

Dear Senior: I'm a little confused, Unpoised Senior, as to just what you want to be — sophisticated or poised? First you said that you wanted to look sophisticated, then you mentioned poise.

A girl who has poise gives an impression of assurance. The sophisticated gives the appearance of being worldly, "not simple." And why would you not want to be considered a simple type of person. Simplicity is one quality that distinguishes truly great people more than any other virtue.

So we will assume that it is poise you want to acquire. You must first feel a component on the inside if you want it to show through on the outside. In other words you can't be a "crazy mixed-up kid" on the inside and appear poised on the outside.

Dear Miss Calkins: Whether I visit a funeral parlor, I never know what the proper thing to say to the members of the family of the deceased. What do you say?

Dear John: It is difficult to tell you exactly what you should say to a person in mourning. So much depends on how well you know the person; in whom you are speaking. If, by chance, you know only the deceased, the first thing you do is introduce yourself to the member of his family, the one to whom you are speaking. You do this by simply saying, "I am John Davis."

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