

## RICHLAND

### New Stamps

The late Father Flanagan, founder of Boys' Town, Neb., is honored by the Republic of Costa Rica on a recent stamp issued for the benefit of Le Cluny de Los Niños (The City of the Children), a Costa Rican institution modeled on his home in Nebraska.

A new Belgian Congo stamp depicts a Negro Madonna. It is believed to be the first such representation of the Madonna on the postage stamp of an African nation. (RNS Photo)

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### Lourdes Feast

## Papal Talk On France TV

Paris.—(NC)—Pope John XXIII in a special television broadcast urged Frenchmen to pray to the Blessed Virgin in times of difficulty, and assured them he is praying for France.

In the French telescript from the Vatican, Pope John said He is praying that France might obtain "the grace of peace and brotherly unity."

The occasion for the broadcast was the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb. 11), the 102nd anniversary of our Lady's first apparition to St. Bernadette.

THE PONTIFF recalled his visit to the Pyrenean mountain town of Lourdes in the past—the last such visit being that of March 25, 1958, when he consecrated the underground basilica of St. Pius X.

He said that the apparitions at Lourdes a century ago indicated that "the Virgin wanted to show—clearly her special concern for your country and no doubt to reward the faith and piety of so many generations in France who have called upon her aid throughout the centuries."

### Lay Lectors To Study For Mass Roll

Kansas City.—(NC)—A training program for lay commentators at parish Masses will begin here in March.

Bishop John P. Cody of Kansas City-St. Joseph said the program will be conducted under the direction of the Diocesan Commission on the Liturgical Apostolate and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Men.

The duties of a lay commentator, as outlined by the Holy See's instruction of September, 1958, are to lead the congregation in the prayer and responses of the Mass and comment on the meaning of the Mass ritual.

"We realize that many pastors will welcome the assistance of well-trained laymen to encourage participation at the Holy Sacrifice," said Bishop Cody.

The Bishop invited pastors to send to the training sessions as many qualified laymen as needed to assist in your program of parish participation.

### \$5 Million Dallas Drive

Dallas.—(RNS)—Plans for a \$5,000,000 educational development fund were announced here by the Diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth.

A campaign to raise the money will be conducted throughout the 33 North Texas counties which comprise the diocese.

Funds collected will go toward construction of three Catholic high schools, two in Dallas and one in Fort Worth; and establishment of a preparatory seminary for the education of future diocesan priests. Another objective of the drive is to provide funds to meet the needs of individual parishes and missions in the See.

## Marquette Tops In Enrollment

New York.—(NC)—Marquette University for the third straight year has the largest full-time enrollment among U.S. Catholic colleges and universities, according to America magazine.

The national weekly review listed Marquette's full-time enrollment at 6,321. According to America, the Milwaukee institution's total enrollment — 10,093, including part-time students — is second to the 10,143 of the University of Detroit. The magazine said to have the highest enrollment — 10,609. This is the total enrollment — 11,196 of full and part-time students.

According to America, 10 schools enroll more than 4,000 in its listing on statistics for the 1959-60 academic year compiled by School and Society magazine, Cincinnati.

NOTRE DAME (Ind.) University had listed as the Catholic 5,611; St. John's University, New York, 5,148; Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 5,201; George Washington, Chicago, 4,142; and Villanova (Pa.) University, 4,000.

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