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UN Religion Stand Said Inadequate

Geneva — (RNS) — A Catholic representative told the United Nations Human Rights Commission here that "we are very disturbed by the constant equation of freedom of opinion and thought and of freedom of religion."

He said that "thus to make religion merely a case of freedom of opinion is entirely to misunderstand its special character."

The speaker was Abbe Paul Bouvier, of the International Conference of Catholic Charities, who critized the "inadequacy" of a draft international treaty to safeguard man's right to be a believer or a non-believer in religion which was under discussion by the Commission.

The treaty draft contained a series of rules or basic principles drawn up by Arcot Krishnaswami of India after more than three years of study by the 14-member UN Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Abbe Bouvier said that religion is "far more than a simple opinion" and "the religious man is totally bound by the fundamental options at the base of his faith."

"If religious freedom and the elements to protect it are defined without having well established the special characteristics of religion, such a declaration might lead to more abuses and incomprehension than situations which it seeks to prevent," he said.

The priest stressed that the individual must have not only the right to think and believe, but to practice his religion.

"There must also be respect for religious convictions in that the faithful are not put in situations in fatal conflict with the moral teaching of their faith," he said, adding:

"When certain sterilization methods are imposed on mothers, when nurses even in state-owned clinics are forced to assist in operations condemned by Christian morals, there is a direct conflict with the affirmation of the sacred right of everyone to their religious freedom."

Abbe Bouvier scored especially the omission of mention of the rights of collective religious bodies.

"The draft principles," he said, "very correctly mention the right of the individual to visit places of pilgrimage outside his country. But for certain religions at least it is equally important to affirm the right of contact with the superior authority of the Church, the right to comply with his convictions, the right to meet in councils and conferences, the right not to have allegiance to this religious authority decried and misunderstood as if it were nothing but allegiance to a foreign power.

Abbe Bouvier declared that many religious believers were actually suffering "in body and soul" even while the Commission was discussing religious freedom. Nor, he stated, were these only those Christians who for years have been the object of a cold, systematic persecution "often denounced by non-governmental organizations."

"I am thinking also," he said, "of the fact that in nations of the free world today communities face the risk of privation of spiritual assistance which they need as the result of a narrowly nationalistic conception of religious freedom. There are in the world children who are forced, despite the express desire of parents, to renounce the faith of those since parents.

Pope, President Ask Aid To Poor

Pope John and President Eisenhower have urged generous response to the March 27th appeal of the American bishops to contribute to aid the world's needy people.

The Pontiff said his vantage point at the summit of the Church gives him a worldwide vision enabling him to see "the sufferings of the sick, the privations of the poor and destitute, the agony of the exiled and homeless."

THE PRESIDENT said the Church's relief program would build "understanding and friendship among the peoples of the world" for the United States.

The President's message was also given to Protestant and Jewish agencies who are also seeking funds for the poor at this time.

Catholic goal is a $5,000,000 minimum to be contributed at Masses next Sunday in over 16,500 parishes churches of the nation.

This year's Protestant goal is $11,418,[illegible] is a continuing drive given special emphasis each spring.

President Eisenhower said, "The needy cry out for neighborly assistance." He termed the aid given these people "evidence of America's spiritual foundations."

Pope John's letter asked Catholics to "hear the voice of your Father" as he pleads "on behalf of Our children to whom equal blessings of earthly prosperity have been denied."

"Relying with complete trust upon your continued loving attachment and deep concern" for the papal relief work, Pope John told U.S. Catholics the numbers of the needy "tragically increased both by the terrible effects of natural disasters and by the inhumanity of those who persecute, exile, imprison and oppress their fellow men."

Funds contributed to next Sunday's collection will bring urgent relief to over 40 million people in over 60 nations.

Heading the Rochester diocesan phase of th annual nationwide appeal is Monsignor John E. Maney, chancellor, who said "the ever greater and seemingly endless improverishment of so many of Christ's poor throughout the world" calls for an increase over previous years' contributions.

FATHER QUIRK

Fr. Quirk's Funeral Held At Cathedral

Father Bartholomew L. Quirk, builder of a parish and counselor to the aged, ended 45 years in the priesthood with a quiet death Sunday, March 13, 1960.

He had been in failing health for over a decade and spent these years as friend and adviser to the aged at St. Ann's Home, Lake Avenue, Rochester.

Bishop Kearney offered his funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral Wednesday morning. Father Quirk's nephew, Rev. William Gaynor of Ontario, gave the eulogy.

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Father Quirk, in nearly a quarter century as pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls, supervised an extensive building program there which saw the school enlarged and modernized, a "model convent" constructed and the present stately Gothic church erected.

During the depression years, he won widespread admiration for his aid to the poor, providing emergency help to destitute people and securing jobs for the unemployed.

Father Quirk was born in Auburn March 18, 1886, the son of Patrick and Ellen Long Quirk. He attended Auburn public schools and St. Mary's parochial school, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

He was ordained by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, second bishop of Rochester, in old St. Patrick's Cathedral, June 6, 1914. He was named assistant pastor at Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, and transferred to Seneca Falls in 1922 and two years later named pastor there. Father Quirk resigned his pastorate in 1945 and was named chaplain at St. Ann's.

Priests of the Diocese chanted Vespers of the Dead for Father Quirk Tuesday evening at the chapel in St. Ann's Home.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey attended the Wednesday morning Funeral Mass.

ASSISTING Bishop Kearney in the Mass were Monsignors George Schmitt and John M.

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Less Latin Pope Says

Rome. — Pope John, after half an hour of Latin prayers, told a Roman congregation he would try to get Church rites put into the language of the people.

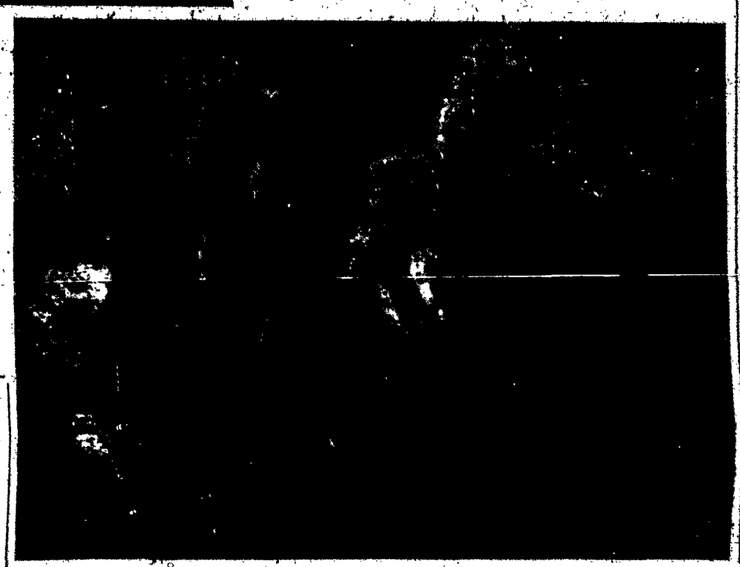
He spoke at a Mass in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Rome's poor Tiburtino district, his second trip this Lent to one of the city's poorer parishes.

He did not state when or how extensive are the changes to be made.

Monuments and Markers for Holy Sepulchre. The better way to choose a monument is to see some indoor display. You are invited to visit our showroom. TROUTT BROS., 1190 Mt. Hope GR [illegible]—Adv.

Nuns Aid Jewish Refugees

New York —(RNS)— "Conspiracy of Hearts" which will be released nationally in April has been hailed by the National Legion of Decency as an "excellent motion picture, detailing the plight of a group of nuns in smuggling Jewish orphans out of detention camps in Nazi-occupied Italy in 1943," and emphasizing "the common bonds of love and fraternal charity that should link all men of good will." Upper photo shows a "Yom Kippur" service in the cellar of the nun's convent. Lower photo shows Mother Catherine (played by Lilli Palmer) and the other sisters getting the Jewish children ready for their escape to freedom.



World Meet In 1962

Council's Call Expected Soon

Vatican City —(RNS)— The papal bull formally convoking the Ecumenical Council is expected to be issued by Pope John XXIII after Easter, according to Vatican circles. They said the Pontiff most likely will set the date of the Council for some time in 1962.

Papal bulls are the most solemn form of apostolic letter, and the name is derived from the disk-like leaden seals attached. The Vatican Council of 1869-70 was convoked by Pius IX with a bull issued on June 29, 1868, or about a year and a half before the Council opened in Rome in the presence of 700 bishops from all parts of the world.

POPE JOHN XXIII, meanwhile, according to the Vatican informants, will set up 16 commissions of prelates, theologians and canonists to deal with the questions of dogma, moral theology and pastoral activity expected to occupy the attention of the forthcoming Council which as many as 2,500 bishops may attend.

A series of propositions formulated by the Roman Congregations for suggested consideration by the Ecumenical Council are due to be submitted shortly. In addition, various propositions drawn up by Catholic universities around the world will be received later.

It is expected that in his bull convoking the Council, the Pope will deal with some of the matters which have been recommended for study by this body in thousands of letters received from cardinals, archbishops and bishops around the world.

Firefighters' Devotion Cited

Montreal — (NC) — Paul Emile Cardinal Leger praised the "daily devotion" of firemen when he offered a Requiem Mass for five Montreal firemen killed in the collapse of a burning building.

The Archbishop of Montreal offered the Mass and also preached the sermon before thousands gathered at the Basilica of Mary, Queen of the World, to pay tribute to the dead men.

In his sermon, Cardinal Leger declared that people "forget too easily the devotion of the men who 24 hours a day protect our persons and our possessions fighting fires."

Pastor Knows Best

No Details On 'Secret'

Peoria — (NC) — If you want results, go to the top. That's the philosophy of a group of university students in the Peoria diocese.

They made a long distance call, person-to-person, to Pope John XXIII, to ask for details about the so-called third secret of Fatima, due to be disclosed this year.

THE PEORIA Register, diocesan newspaper which reported the incident, said the students — fraternity members at an unnamed university — had been discussing the secret all night.

Finally, at 3 a.m., they took up a collection and placed a long distance call to the Vatican.

At the request of whoever answered the phone in the Holy See, the operator asked the nature of the call. The students replied that they wanted the facts about the Fatima secret.

"Tell them to ask their pastor," was the answer relayed by the operator.

Mary Legion Acies Sunday

The annual Acies rite for over 1,200 Legion of Mary members of the Rochester area will be held at St. Monica's Church Sunday, March 20 at 3:30 p.m.

Members will renew their act of dedication to serve in the apostolate of the worldwide organization.

Father Bartholmew O'Brien, head of the Legion program in the Elmira area, will give the sermon and Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert will give Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

BISHOP'S OFFICE
PRIESTS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION
to be conducted at
NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE
246 Alexander St.
Thursday, Mar. 24
10:30 A.M. to 3 P.M.
under the direction of
REV. WILLIAM JAMISON, C.SS.R.
Priests who will be present for dinner, please notify the Retreat House.

Your Diamonds Inspected and Cleaned. No Charge. WE-[illegible]. Hans S. Thorne Jeweler, 218 [illegible] Lake Ave. Free parking.—Adv.

More Blanshard Bigotry

Hospitals, Newest Target

Washington —(RNS)— Paul Blanshard, author of controversial books on Church-State relations in the United States, declared here that "the next great battle for separation of Church and State will center on hospitals."

He addressed a National Workshop for Religious Liberals, attended by more than 250 delegates from 18 states, and sponsored by Unitarian and Universalist groups and the Ethical Culture Society.

"The issue will be birth control," Mr. Blanshard said, "and the controversy will center on the use of public money to finance the sectarian practice of medicine."

"Overpopulation has become as serious a problem in the 20th century as smallpox was in the 19th century," he said. "The American people are not inclined to permit any sectarian group to prevent use of a scientific remedy approved by the majority."

"This is not a question of religious freedom for any group that opposes birth control," he told the church leaders. "No one ventures to dispute freedom for such groups. But no minority group should control government policy on such a question. No group should receive public money for its hospitals unless it is willing to give nonsectarian medical service to patients and doctors without religious discrimination."

The religious liberals heard an appeal for more birth control research from Dr. Robert C. Cook, director of the Population Reference Bureau, a private statistical agency which issues reports on world population trends.

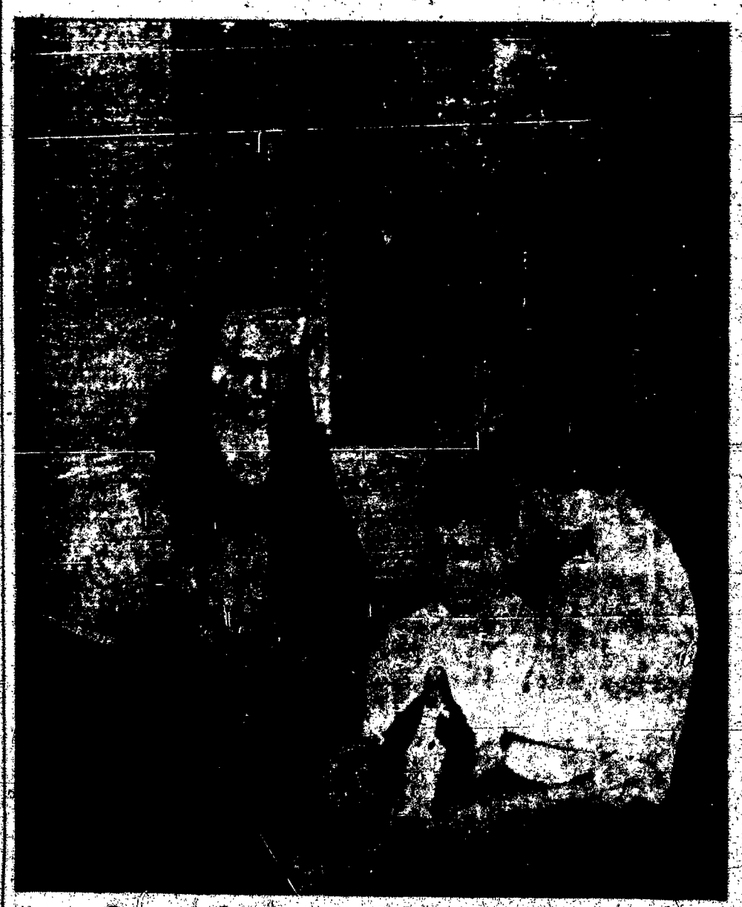
FLOWERS have a special meaning . . . beyond words, their beauty is a source of comfort and strength. Call BLANCHARD'S — Baker [illegible]—Adv.

Vatican Raps Filibuster, Klan Attack On Negro

Vatican City — (RNS) — Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, in a front-page editorial, commented on the sharp contrast between the recent nomination of the Catholic Church's first Negro cardinal and the opposition to civil rights legislation in the U.S. Senate.

Declaring that "a strong minority" in Washington is fighting against better guarantees for the electoral rights of Negroes, the paper said that "in the senate of the Catholic Church, Bishop Laurean Rugambwa (of Rutabo, Tanganyika), as is known, will be made a cardinal on March 28."

Osservatore also published a report on its front page of the incident in Houston, Tex., where a 27-year-old Negro was strung up by the heels by masked white men who flogged him with a chain and carved the insignia of the Ku Klux Klan on his chest.



Sacred Heart Poster Winners

POSTER CONTEST winners at the Assumption School of Religion in Fairport receive awards from the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, pastor, as Sister M. Judene, M.H.S.H., looks on. The students, all fourth graders are Eugene Edwards, Patrick Nolan and Cheryl McKinney.