

# Prelate Champions Amish

Washington — (RNS) — In an address before the White House Conference on Children and Youth here, Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh expressed sympathy with the plight of the 11 Amish fathers in Pennsylvania who face prosecution for refusing to send their children to a "too worldly" school.

"However, unalloyed sympathy for the Amish people in the school argument may seem," he said, "people sensitive to the original and authentic American concept of the prerogative of the family in what pertains to education can only sympathize with the expression of their demands by the Amish people."

The 11 fathers had all been fined twice and some had spent several days in jail for refusal to send their 13 children to a new junior-senior high school in Berks County. Further citations hung over their heads until the state Attorney General, Anne X. Alpern, suspended further prosecution pending agreement on an improved curriculum within three to five years for a two-room country school operated by the sect.

Said Bishop Wright: "People willing to go to jail for their opinions always trouble the consciences of Americans, however mistaken we may think some of these people to be."

"But people willing to go to jail for standing by their parental rights and for retaining education of their children by educational programs, however mistaken such rebellious parents may be, are acting and talking in a manner that Americans well understood when first the love of liberty burned most brightly in our minds and hearts."

"The Amish people may be quite wrong, but this sounds like a case of being wrong for the right reasons."

## Collar For Gloves

# Boxer Ordained Priest

Pittsburgh — (RNS) — A former rising in the semi-final professional boxer has traded his gloves for the white collar of a Catholic priest.

The Rev. Matthew C. Dougherty — who 12 years ago under the name "Matt Dougherty" longed for a career in Illinois, Massachusetts and Florida — was one of 11 new priests ordained recently in the Pittsburgh diocese by Bishop John J. Wright.

Father Dougherty, 40, is the son of Mrs. Lillian and the late Matthew P. Dougherty of nearby Ferrysville.

His decision to exchange a promising light career for that of a priest was not made on the spur of the moment, nor was it a lifelong dream come true.

Father Dougherty began a ten-year boxing career while attending Marquette University. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he began making the rounds of the boxing circuits in the Midwest starting with the preliminaries and main bouts. Many Midwest

## Catechism 75 Years Old

Washington — (RNS) — A commemorative Mass here April 28 will mark the 75th anniversary of the Baltimore catechism of 1885, the question-and-answer text used as the basis for most U.S. Catholic religious instruction until 1941.

"I GUESS some people would be surprised that I became a priest," he smilingly remarked. "Boxing? That's something I gave up long ago, about ten years ago. I was getting a little old for that. It was something I had done as a youngster and just kept on doing."

During the weeks and months lying in the hospital bed, the future priest thought about the suggestion of his friend and college instructor. When he was released from the hospital, his mind was made up.

Today, in top physical condition and just a few pounds heavier than his 135-pound fighting weight, "fighting weight," he said, "it was a decision that takes time to make... being a priest is the greatest thing in the world."

He studied at Duquesne University and St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pa.



Greeting Was Not Mutual

Rhels — (RNS) — Standing in front of the famed Rhels Cathedral, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev waves to on-lookers. Catholic authorities had the Blessed Sacrament removed from the church as the Russian leader arrived for his visit. The altar lights, which usually burn day and night, were out, and no members of the clergy were on hand. This was a manifestation of the refusal of Church authorities to welcome the athletic leader during his stay in France.

## Holy Medals For Nikita

Paris — (RNS) — A gift of medals from the famed Roman Catholic shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes provided a big surprise for Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev as he boarded the plane for Moscow after his tour of France.

The medals, a present from the people of Lourdes, were in a package handed to Khrushchev by a special messenger.

## POAU Lies, Baltimore Editor Says

Protestants are called to make a "serious investigation" of the organization called Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) by Gerald Sherry, editor of the Baltimore archdiocesan paper.

He charges an article in the group's current "Church and State" publication is "completely false."

THE ARTICLE says Catholic political pressure in Maryland won \$750,000 state aid for Loyola College of Baltimore but blocked a \$1,250,000 grant to John Hopkins University.

Sherry says the famed University did get the funds but St. Mary's College, a Catholic institution, was given nothing.

"The POAU is constantly working to create national as well as religious dissunity," Sherry stated. The organization "compromises the ecumenical spirit of sincere Protestants," he said.

Full text of Sherry's statement will be in next week's "Resplendence at Random" column, an editorial page feature of the Courier Journal.

## Rosary Ruled Out At Mass Even In October

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Liverpool — (RNS) — Public recitation of the Rosary should no longer be permitted while Mass is being celebrated; the Sacred Congregation of Rites ruled in reply to a question submitted by Archbishop John C. Heenan of Liverpool.

The practice of reciting the Rosary during Mass has been longstanding in England, especially during October, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

IN REPLYING to Archbishop Heenan, the Congregation recalled its instruction on Sacred Music and Sacred Liturgy of September 1888 in which it was stated that "it is unlawful to mix liturgical services and pious exercises, but if circumstances require, pious exercises may precede or follow liturgical functions."

Stressing that the Rosary is forbidden to be recited at the Mass celebration even in October, the Congregation declared that "it is to be said at a time other than during Mass."

Another question raised by Archbishop Heenan and given an affirmative reply by the Sacred Congregation was whether it is lawful for the priest at Low Mass to recite simultaneously with the priest in Latin the Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei without having previously responded to the Prater and the Confiteor at the beginning of the Mass.

The replies were sent to Archbishop Heenan by Msgr. Enrico Dante, Pro-Secretary of the Congregation of Rites.

## Princess' Bridesmaid To Be Catholic Lass

London — (RNS) — One of the bridesmaids at the wedding of Princess Margaret and Anthony Armstrong-Jones on May 6 will be a Roman Catholic Irish girl whose parents obtained special dispensation from their bishop for their daughter to take part in the Westminster Abbey ceremony.

The Catholic bridesmaid is six-year-old Catherine Vesey, a niece of Mr. Armstrong-Jones, an Anglican.

"The de Vesey," said the Sunday Express, a London daily, "are regular worshippers at their local (Catholic) parish church at Abbey Leix, in County Wick."

HER MOTHER, the sister of Mr. Armstrong-Jones, became a Catholic at the time of her marriage to the Viscount de Vesey, head of an Irish landed family.



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