

## Eucharistic Congress

### Faith, Devotion Upsurge Asked

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all countries and all parts of Germany at the great Eucharistic ceremonies, "since the conflict dangerously dividing Germany and the world has not stopped at the congress threshold, and several thrones around the altar" had to remain empty for that reason.

This was a reference to the fact that Catholics from East Germany and other Iron Curtain areas had been denied travel permits to attend the celebrations. One small delegation managed to get to Munich from the Soviet Zone, but they declined to say how they had managed to do so.

Replying in German, Cardinal Testa described the congress' chief purpose as being to stress the central place of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in the life of the Catholic faithful. Subsequently, the congregation around the altar proceeded in solemn procession to the cathedral for a liturgical service during which Cardinal Testa imparted apostolic blessings to the various altars and congress centers.

The opening Pontifical Mass of the congress was celebrated earlier by Cardinal Wendel in the open square in front of the 500-year-old Theatinerkirche in the heart of the city, with 50,000 worshippers present.

As did Pope John in his papal bull, Cardinal Wendel stressed the dangers of materialism and said the aim of the congress was to mark after the pattern of Holy Week, with Friday, the day of suffering to be marked by a pilgrimage of German Catholics to the site of the former Dachau concentration camp.

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dividual is subject, executed at once upon the whole of mankind. He would not even need to let his drop from heaven. It would suffice if He leaves men to themselves," — a clear reference to the threat of nuclear war.

Said to be the largest religious rally ever held in Germany, the congress was the first international event of its kind since the Romantic Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1955. An estimated 3,000 pilgrims came from the United States, a similar number from South America, and 1,000 from Canada. Largest European group was made up of over 11,000 Italians, with Spain and Austria providing numbers close to that quota.

An Air France plane from Bogota, Colombia, arrived with 3,500 hosts for distribution at Holy Communion during the congress. They were donated by Senora Eugenia Angel de Vazquez, a wealthy Catholic. She also informed the congress management that another plane would bring an assortment of South American flowers to decorate the various altars and congress centers.

The Munich population, meanwhile, responded to appeals by city authorities by decorating their homes, windows, shops and streets with flags, flowers, and candles.

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## What Reasons Convince Youngsters They Don't Have To Do As Others Do?

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Young people in particular must be fully aware of these requirements because they live in a society that is rapidly moving to pay even lip service to premarital chastity than this virtue is not likely to be widely observed in practice unless they are provided.

No concern in this area has made Americans the most sex-crazed nation in the modern world.

Individual premarital requirements for the greatest observance of pre-marital chastity.

What are these requirements? First, young people must develop proper attitudes and motives in regard to chastity. This demands that they receive competent and adequate instruction concerning the nature and purpose of sex so that they understand its essential relationships to procreation, personality development, and to God.

It also implies that they know something about the mechanics of sexual arousal in themselves and in others so that they understand the function of chastity, the principle law need to insure sub-control in word, thought, and action. But chastity is only one of the virtues and will not be observed unless young people are taught the need and prayer, self-denial, and a total personal commitment to the love and service of God.

Cardinal Asserts No Wall Between Church, State

Los Angeles—(NC)—Cardinal McIntyre said that while Church and State are independent, a wall of division or antagonism cannot be built between them in the strict theological sense.

The Archbishop of Los Angeles said that in the evolution of society, civil units govern through man-made laws, in the spiritual order, the Church interprets the law of God.

God, and the law of God is the law of all.

The Cardinal said that the tradition of "separation of Church and State" as it exists today is not consistent with the original meaning of the phrase.

"Church and State are independent," he said. "But in America, especially in larger cities, the border of God's dominion holds therefore His jurisdiction embraces both."

The Cardinal addressed the St. Vincent de Paul Society here at its commemoration of the centenary of the death of its patron.

"THE RELATIONSHIP between the two societies," he said, "demands that each should retain its own sphere of authority and action in pursuit of its proper end, operating in field of collaboration and harmony and with a common adherence to the divine law which drives all human actions toward ultimate goal, which in generation happiness."

"What is the strict theological basis, you cannot build a wall of division or antagonism between Church and State and within the law of God, State and Church trace their origin and derive their authority from the same one God and have as their subjects the same human beings," he said.

"Ours is a society existing under God," he stated. "All creation exists in His mercy. We are bound by the law of God, and we are allowed to worship as they please. We have only to look at the religious life of our own California to appreciate this."

### Labor Award

Pittsburgh—(NC)—Thomas Kennedy, 72, who succeeded John L. Lewis as president of the United Mine Workers of America, has been designated to receive the first Labor Award of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Are they sincere? Or does this really mean that they don't feel strongly enough about the issue to take the necessary action? Again I say, they refuse to face the obvious facts of life.

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Cleveland — (RNS) — Head football coach Johnny Ray of John Carroll University in Cleveland has devised a unique testing program for athletic equipment which his manufacturers taking notice. A baseball bat heating test is just part of the procedure, which includes tests for reaction to heat, cold, sudden temperature changes, and frequent washings. The program is believed one of the first of its kind sponsored by a school athletic department.

### Relate's Example Aids Refugees

Toronto — (RNS) — As an example for the people in his See, James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, signed final adoption papers to bring a young Yugoslav refugee into Canada.

The cardinal's protégé, a leprosy disease which otherwise Stefan Sijec, 23, now in a West German refugee camp at Zirndorf, will be brought to Canada. Each parish will be required to pay transportation, food, and shelter to arrange for family's reception, employment, accommodation and integration. The youth studied Yugoslav Franciscan monasteries and served in his country's armed forces before fleeing from the Tito regime.

CARDINAL MCGUIGAN'S action focused attention on the archdiocesan plan to have 130 parishes each adopt a refugee family and sponsor its members into the country. A letter signed by Father C. J. Mulvihill, archdiocesan director of immigration, has gone out to the pastors of the parishes, asking them to take part in the "Parish Adopt-a-Family" plan.

The project calls particularly for the adoption of families having one or more persons who are handicapped, disabled, or suffering from a non-communi-

### Text Books

A new series of four religion textbooks for Catholic high students, prepared by the Right Rev. Msgr. R. G. Bandas, Ph.D., STD, of St. Paul, will be released by the Catholic Guild, 200 Summit Avenue, St. Paul 2, on September 1, 1960.

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