

# College Numbers To Double In Next Decade

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(N.C.W.C. News Service)

There are now about 7,000 Catholic students in the universities of England and Wales. It is expected that 10 years hence the number will be at least doubled, yet a decade ago there were only 4,500.

These figures illustrate a rapid expansion in the number of university students generally. There has been an enormous increase since World War II, but the number of Catholic students, though still a small minority, is growing faster than the general total.

This situation has been examined in recent years by the statistics of the Newman Association's Demographic Survey, an organization which now has a fulltime qualified staff, and has put Britain well to the fore in the new science known in Europe as religious sociology.

THE SURVEY says that of the young people in England and Wales between the ages of 18 and 21 in 1951-52, more than three per cent were Catholics, but of young Catholics in that age bracket at that time, less than two per cent were students.

The age is narrowing and the statistics say that in 10 years Catholics will have achieved parity.

The Catholic proportion of university students is increasing also between the Catholic population as a whole is increasing. Britain in England and Wales registered as Catholic at present 13 per cent of the national total. Only a few years ago they were 10 per cent and the statistics say that by 1967 they will be 17 per cent.

It is likely that by the end of the century a fifth of all the university students in England and Wales will be Catholics. The present proportion varies in every university, but it is highest in the University of Liverpool, where it is 16 per cent, compared with the national average of 13 per cent.

The growth of the Catholic student population raises two major problems: the pastoral care of developing the university chaplaincies, and the financial one of helping to equip Catholics to face the intellectual challenges they meet at the university.

It is the second problem that is of concern to the Catholic university teachers who will convene from September 8 to 12 at St. Joseph's College, Uppland, Lancashire, where the Archbishop of Liverpool will receive them and deliver an address.

The only priest among the list of speakers is the headmaster of Basillite College, a boys' school in the Midlands of England, who will discuss university entrance requirements from the point of view of the schools.

A lay professor of the University of London will examine the same question

from the point of view of the universities. All the other speakers will be lay men and women from university staffs.

Meanwhile, several important announcements about Catholic chaplaincies to the universities have been made in recent months. From the University of London, Liverpool, Manchester and Bristol there has been news of new chaplaincies.

From the recently-founded University College of North Staffordshire, at Keele, in Staffordshire, England, comes what is in some ways the most striking news of all—a student chapel that is to be shared jointly by Catholics, Anglicans and Free Churchmen—with all contributing alike to its cost.

In the University of London, a parish church with its additional buildings, has been taken over for the Catholic chapel.

In Liverpool, where there will be at least 1,000 Catholic students in the university by 1970, a new chaplaincy is to be built, and in Manchester and Bristol private donations have made it possible to build chaplaincies in the universities there.

In the University College of North Staffordshire's permanent chapel, which will take the place of a temporary hut, the Catholics, who also shared the hut with other denominations, will have their own chapel. It will be screened off when members of other faiths are using the building. This arrangement, for a shared student chapel has no precedent in the United Kingdom, in a university or elsewhere.

## Hong Kong Hospital

Hong Kong — (RNS) — This British Colony's first hospital for the indigent will be built at a cost of \$325,000 by the Catholic Social Welfare Conference.

The 300-bed institution will be five stories high, with a separate tuberculosis wing. The main building will be erected with funds from the German Bishops' Lenten Collection. The tuberculosis wing is being built with the assistance of Catholic Relief Services National Catholic Welfare Conference in the United States.

The site for the project, an area of about 120,000 square feet, was donated by the Hong Kong government.

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## Daily Mass Calendar

Priests listed below died on the date listed. Please pray for their souls.

Sunday, August 14 — Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (green). Gloria, and prayer of St. Timothy, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Monday, August 15 — Immaculate Heart of Mary (white). Gloria, and prayer of St. Timothy, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Edward McKay.

Tuesday, August 16 — St. Philip, Apostle (white). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Edward McKay.

Wednesday, August 17 — St. Bartholomew, Apostle (red). Gloria, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Edward McKay.

Thursday, August 18 — St. Louis, King (white). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Edward McKay.

Friday, August 19 — St. Zephirinus, martyr (red). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Edward McKay.

Saturday, August 20 — St. Joseph, Carpenter (white). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Edward McKay.

Sunday, August 21 — Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (green). Gloria, and prayer of St. Timothy, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Monday, August 22 — Immaculate Heart of Mary (white). Gloria, and prayer of St. Timothy, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Tuesday, August 23 — St. Philip, Apostle (white). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Wednesday, August 24 — St. Bartholomew, Apostle (red). Gloria, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Thursday, August 25 — St. Louis, King (white). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Friday, August 26 — St. Zephirinus, martyr (red). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Saturday, August 27 — St. Joseph, Carpenter (white). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Sunday, August 28 — Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (green). Gloria, and prayer of St. Timothy, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Monday, August 29 — Immaculate Heart of Mary (white). Gloria, and prayer of St. Timothy, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Tuesday, August 30 — St. Philip, Apostle (white). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Wednesday, August 31 — St. Bartholomew, Apostle (red). Gloria, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Thursday, September 1 — St. Louis, King (white). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Friday, September 2 — St. Zephirinus, martyr (red). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Saturday, September 3 — St. Joseph, Carpenter (white). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Sunday, September 4 — Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (green). Gloria, and prayer of St. Timothy, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Monday, September 5 — Immaculate Heart of Mary (white). Gloria, and prayer of St. Timothy, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Tuesday, September 6 — St. Philip, Apostle (white). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Wednesday, September 7 — St. Bartholomew, Apostle (red). Gloria, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Thursday, September 8 — St. Louis, King (white). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Friday, September 9 — St. Zephirinus, martyr (red). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Saturday, September 10 — St. Joseph, Carpenter (white). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Sunday, September 11 — Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (green). Gloria, and prayer of St. Timothy, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Monday, September 12 — Immaculate Heart of Mary (white). Gloria, and prayer of St. Timothy, Creed, Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Tuesday, September 13 — St. Philip, Apostle (white). Gloria. Prayers of our Lady, 1948 — Rev. Paul Gaffney.

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## Thrice Blessed

When Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Regan of Providence, R.I., observed their 40th wedding anniversary, their three sons celebrated a Solemn High Mass in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat House, Providence, R.I. The three sons, all members of the missionary Fraternity Order, had come together for the first time in years. They are (from left): Fathers Cream, Cyprina and Columella.

## 100 Billion Opportunities

## Men In Outer Space?

New York — (RNS) — A Roman Catholic theologian, writing in the August 13 issue of America, national Catholic weekly, declared it is definitely within the realm of possibility that rational life may exist in outer space.

Father Daniel C. Raible, C.P.S., who has taught for the past seven years at Brunner's Seminary, the minor seminary of the Society of the Precious Blood, Canton, O., said there may be anywhere from 100 million to 100 billion planets in the known universe suited to human habitation.

Thus, the clergyman reasoned, it is possible that somewhere in the universe God could have created a race still in the "state of innocence"—the state in which Adam and Eve lived before their fall. He described this as one without disease, concupiscence, ignorance, old age, death. After a period of probation, those in this state would pass painlessly into everlasting happiness.

"If God so wished," Father Raible said, "He could limit His gifts to those of the supernatural order. Members of such a race would still be subject to the laws of nature: ignorance, sickness, accident, old age, struggle between the spirit and the flesh and finally, death."

"But if God were to grant to some race a combination of the benefits of the state of integral nature (preternatural gifts) and of the gifts of the state of super-nature (supernatural gifts), then we would have the state of innocence."

By "integral nature," he explained, is meant a condition in which creatures would ex-

ist absolutely all the natural needs and power of any existing or possible creature.

In other words, Father Raible explained, it would be a condition in which the Creator would freely bestow upon the race privileges which partake of the nature of the divine.

"Those so favored by God," he said, "would be given a supernatural destiny—seeing, knowing and loving God as He sees, knows and loves Himself—which would exceed immeasurably in value and grandeur the natural end of any rational being."

"Such beings would have all the intrinsic weaknesses of human nature and none of the aids proper to us who have been elevated to a supernatural order and given supernatural assistance in abundance," he said. "Specifically, their happiness in eternity, if they remained faithful to God, would consist in a natural possession of God—that knowledge and love of God which we describe as unbounded joy as enjoying after death."

"They would never have been favored with divine revelation," he said. "Their guide and signpost in attaining their destiny would be only the natural law of God as proclaimed in creation. They would have no such supernatural helps as the Mass, the Sacraments, or the Church."

Still another condition in which God might create a race of rational beings, Father Raible said, is the "supernatural state"—in which the creatures "would be elevated, either at the moment of creation or shortly thereafter, to a condition surpas-

## New French Law Aids All Schools

By MARTIAL MASSIANI

Paris — (NC) — The French government has pushed the starting button of the country's new machinery for aid to private education.

In a series of decrees the government has fixed the amounts of aid to be granted to various sectors of private education under the school-aid law, which was passed shortly before New Year.

IN FRANCE, nine out of 10 private schools are Catholic schools. Most of these are run by parishes. One out of five French children attend a Catholic school.

The new decrees, signed by Premier Michel Debre and other cabinet ministers, assure teachers in private schools of an income equal to teachers in public schools. They also stipulate that private schools must lower their tuition charges in proportion to the amount of aid they receive from the state.

In some cases this reduction in tuition will do away with tuition altogether.

Private schools are not to receive state aid automatically. They must ask for it if they want it, and it can be obtained only at the price of some state control. The more aid, the more state control.

A SCHOOL may elect to remain as it is, without state control.

## Theology For Laity

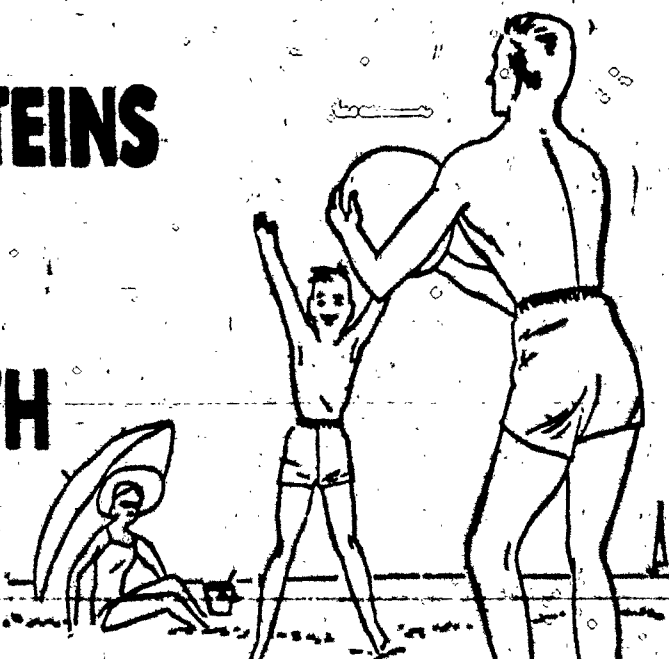
New York — (NC) — New York's successful School of Theology for Laymen will begin its third year in operation September 28. Enrollment last year was 400.

The school is conducted by the Third Order of St. Dominic and is staffed by Dominican Fathers. Ten-week courses cover Sacred Scripture and dogmatic and moral theology.

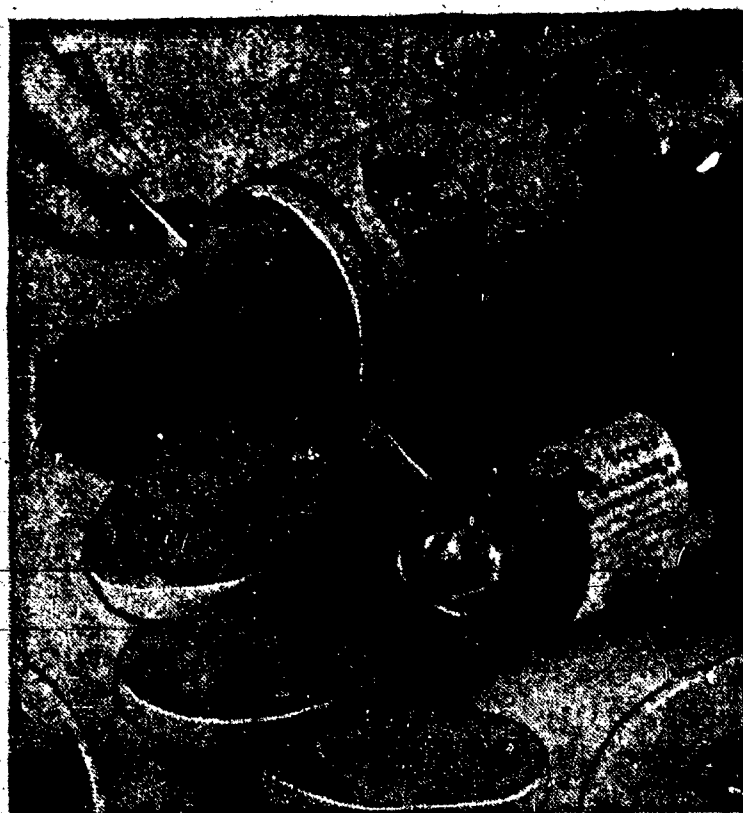
Since the government assumes all of the cost of the state education system, the state pays half of every teacher's salary and underwrites half of all material expenses. School authorities name the teachers with the more approval of the government. The government exercises only limited control over curriculum and financial administration.

During the first year of its operation the new machinery for state aid to private schools will pay "associated" schools according to the number of students enrolled. The amount paid per student will vary according to the material expenses of the school: technical schools, which require a maximum of physical equipment, will receive from \$55 to \$100 per student, while purely academic schools will receive from \$40 to \$70 per student.

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