

# Rites To Honor Czech Red Victim

London — (RNS) — William Cardinal Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster, will join Catholic exiles here from Communist Czechoslovakia in commemorating the tenth anniversary of the arrest and banishment of Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague from his See on March 10, 1951.

The anniversary will also be marked in the United States and other countries where there are large Czechoslovakian communities. Great Britain is now the home of many leading Czechoslovak Catholic intellectuals who left their homeland after it came under Communist domination and a bitter anti-Catholic persecution began.

It was announced that Cardinal Godfrey will preside and preach at an afternoon High Mass on March 12 in the famed Farm Street Jesuit church. In the United States, special Masses will be offered for Archbishop Beran in parishes, especially in Eastern, Mid-Western and the Western States, where there are large Czechoslovakian congregations. Sermons will be preached recalling the career of the Czechoslovak prelate and his outspoken opposition to the Red campaign against the Church.

Archbishop Beran, now 72, was ordered banished from the Prague archdiocese in 1951 because of his "negative attitude" toward newly-enacted church control laws. An official government announcement said he also had been fined by "the appropriate administrative organs" because of his "uncooperative attitude" toward the state authorities. The announcement did not disclose the amount of the fine, nor did it give any information as to where the archbishop had been taken.

The prelate's whereabouts have continued to be an official

secret, although it is now commonly known that he is confined at a confiscated estate some considerable distance from the capital. He is not permitted visitors and is barred from carrying out any of his ecclesiastical functions. It is not known whether or not he is permitted to say Mass.

## Cardinal Mimmi Dies In Rome

Rome — (RNS) — Marcello Cardinal Mimmi, secretary of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, died in a Rome hospital at the age of 78.

Visited by Pope John XXIII only 90 minutes before he died, the cardinal had been operated upon three days earlier for a perforated stomach ulcer. Death resulted after kidney complications set in.

Long noted for his strong interest in Catholic Action and his wide activities in the field of Catholic education, Cardinal Mimmi was more recently associated with efforts in helping to provide needed spiritual and material help to strengthen the Church in Latin America against the inroads of Communism and pagan materialism.

Last November, he presided at the fifth meeting of the Latin American Bishops' Council (CELAM) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at which plans were approved to strengthen apostolic work throughout Latin America.

Prior to the CELAM meeting, regarded as the most important in the organization's five-year history, Cardinal Mimmi served as Papal Legate to the first Inter-American Marian Congress, which also took place in Buenos Aires. In a talk at the final study session of the congress, he said that the only way to combat Communism is with the spiritual weapons of Christianity.

## Monsignor Curtin

Following is the text of the sermon given by Rev. Paul Cuddy at the Funeral Mass of Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joseph V. Curtin, V.F., in St. John's Church, Clyde, Wednesday morning. Monsignor Curtin died Sunday, March 5, 1961.

"Charity is patient, is kind" 1 Cor. 13.

While we leaf the pages of the Old Testament we are struck with the awful majesty and might of the Lord God. Through God's power the rod of Moses opens and closes the waters of the Red Sea. From Mt. Horeb God warns Moses: "Take off thy sandals for the ground on which thou walkest is holy." Holy, because of the presence of Jahweh. And from Mt. Sinai His word thunders: "I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have any other god. I am a jealous God."

Hence it is easy to understand that God's Chosen People stood in awe before the Lord, and walked fearfully and circumspectly in His sight.

In the fullness of time, God sent His Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. The scene was often recalled on our rosary beads: "Hail, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. The Holy Spirit will overshadow thee, and the Holy One who shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of the Most High." "Be it done unto me according to thy word." St. John tells us: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us."

What a puzzle was the Son of God to His Chosen People. Christ the God-man, the Creator of souls, realizing the psychological difficulty to progress from the faith in a God of infinite majesty, of infinite power and dreadful awfulness, to a faith in the same infinitely majestic, powerful and awful God; but with other attributes so tender as to invite incredulity: mercy, compassion, patience, unbounded forgiveness, and a charity that encompassed the wicked as well as the good, and a love for the salvation not of an elect few, but of all men.

So the God-man is born in Bethlehem and is adored by shepherds and by wise men. He lives subject to St. Joseph and His lovely Mother in Nazareth. At thirty, He takes to the highways, and teaches in word and work and being, gradually preparing His people to recognize Him as the Divine Son of God. Children clamored about His knees; old men and women felt free to press upon Him; the poor and afflicted possessed Him; the good among the rich and poor revered Him.

He paid the taxes exacted by Rome; He paid His tithes to the temple; He carefully fulfilled the Mosaic Law. At the same time He raised Lazarus from the dead, and the son of the widow of Naim; He calmed the turbulent Sea of Galilee by a word: "Peace. Be still!"

He opened the eyes of the blind, and gave health to the sick; He expelled devils from the possessed; He announced His preeminence among men with the words: "The Son of Man is the Lord of the Sabbath;" and that His claim to divinity might be clearly understood, He threw into the teeth of His persecutors: "Before Abraham was born, I AM!" He wrang from the chief of the Apostles the profession of faith: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Today we come to perform the funeral obsequies of Msgr. Curtin. We should be remiss to his memory if we did not use this occasion to glorify the Triune God, and to praise that Holy Mother whom Msgr. loved so tenderly and whose rosary in action was his constant companion.

The God of dread justice men understand mistily. If fearfully, but God incarnate in Jesus-Christ Our Lord shows forth with clarity that God is also the God of compassion. St. John wrote: "God is charity." Jesus is Charity Incarnate whose love we see in the Bible's account of His life on earth. St. Paul wrote: "Charity is patient, is kind; charity envieth not, dealeth not perversely, is not puffed up; seeketh not its own, is not provoked to anger, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth." (1 Cor. XIII).

Father Curtin was baptized in St. Patrick's Church, Moravia, almost seventy-seven years ago, the youngest of fourteen children. A constant family piety, and the great occasions of First Holy Communion and Confirmation perused his seminary days. He reached the zenith with his ordination to the priesthood on June 8, 1912.

For one year after ordination he served as an assistant at St. Augustine's Church in Rochester. And when he was used to mention—but this with a pleased smile—was: "I baptized Father John Merklinger."

For sixteen years he was a teacher at St. Andrew's Seminary. Almost every priest in this diocese who is forty-five years old or over remembers him as an earnest teacher who taught best by the depth of his own faith, his insistence on spiritual reading, and his simple love of God. For twenty-eight years he served actively as Pastor of Clyde and Savannah.

And as it was so well expressed by one parishioner the day after his death: "A man would have to be spiritually blind who failed to see Christ in Father Curtin."

St. John wrote: "God is Charity." St. Paul describes charity thus: "Charity is patient, is kind." As a teacher and as a pastor, he lived these virtues eminently. Whether forbearing with the recalcitrancy of some difficult student or parishioner, or whether peddling potatoes and peanut butter, beans and apple sauce, meats and Sacred Heart badges and rosary beads, and pictures of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady, or quietly shaking the hand of a person in sorrow, Christ's patience and kindness became the milieu of the occasion.

Envy, persersity, pride, selfishness he recognized and he understood. For those who suffered from these meannesses of character he had no condemnation, but only compassion. To self-seeking he was a stranger. Zealous for the needs of Church and neighbor, he was not shy to ask for donations—for the Church, for the Missions or for any worthy cause. But donations for himself he accepted with thanks, and quickly and happily gave away what he received.

This vicinity is full of anecdotes of depression years when poverty and need were stark realities; and woven through those years is the memory of a smiling, tactful, kindly priest who bought produce from those who could not sell, and who gave the produce to those whose only claim was need. Missionaries came to Clyde and went away with much more than a full stomach. In seven years of failing health, tremulously in his final days, no one ever heard him utter a word of complaint or self pity.

This dear priest sought not his own. The goods of this world, whether cash or things, were useless, unless they were producing good for God's kingdom, and doing good for the children of our Heavenly Father.

"Charity rejoiceth in the truth." Msgr. Curtin was a man of utmost simplicity. His passion for God's truth was superb. His faith was the profound faith derived under God's grace from forebears who knew suffering, salvation and bring you to the for the Faith, and whose zeal, Vision of God who is Infinite for the Church was quiet, in Charity. Amen.



## Citation of Courage for Charlayne

New York — (RNS) — Charlayne Hunter, one of the first two Negro students to be admitted to the University of Georgia and a convert to the Catholic Church is seen here receiving a citation from the Catholic Interracial Council of New York at its annual membership dinner. Father John LaFarge, noted Jesuit author and associate editor of America, national Catholic weekly, is at right. At center is Gerard L. Carroll, board chairman of the CIC. The award was presented to Miss Hunter "in recognition of her highly exemplary demonstration of quiet dignity and Christian strength."

tense and indomitable. When he stood in the pulpit and announced the Scripture: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church," the faith of Peter himself was equaled.

When he bent over at Mass and whispered: "This is My Body. This is My Blood," the reality of God's presence in the Holy Eucharist hallowed the Church. And when he cried out: "Jesus said: 'Going therefore, teach ye all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe whatsoever I have commanded you,'" those who heard saw a priest who has been rarely surpassed in missionary endeavor.

The Director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith said last year: "Msgr. Curtin is responsible for more native priests than any man in the Diocese. For years, every once in a while he would send up a check with the note: 'For the education of a priest in the Missions.'"

"Rejoiceth in the truth." Whether the truth of Christ's Church was proclaimed by his own tongue, or by the printed word, or by radio or by TV; or by another, be it his assistants, or a visiting priest, or a missionary 5000 miles away, his joy was placid, firm and selfless, because God's gospel was being preached; God's truth was being propagated, and He who is "the way, the truth and the Life" was being glorified. Like his patron, St. Joseph, of whom the Bible says: "He was a just man," Msgr. Curtin served God, Church and neighbor with that same quiet, unobtrusive modesty and humility which springs from God's charity.

Most Reverend Bishops, in the death of Msgr. Curtin, you have lost a zealous priest. We who are his fellow priests, have lost a beloved confrere. Sisters and missionaries, you have lost a great benefactor. You who are relatives have lost a distinguished and devoted kinsman. You who are townsmen have lost a wise citizen.

And Father Adamski and I, and every member of the parishes of Clyde and Savannah, have lost a beloved father.

We are all united in the common bond of affection for this good priest; but we would do him an injustice if our affection stopped short of prayer children of our Heavenly Father and Mass for his immortal soul.

With the holy Ambrose we say to our beloved Father: "We have loved you in life. We will not forget you in death." May the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ shed on Calvary and offered daily in the Mass be your forbearers who knew suffering, salvation and bring you to the for the Faith, and whose zeal, Vision of God who is Infinite for the Church was quiet, in Charity. Amen.

## Tribute Paid Tolerance In India

Bombay — (RNS) — While expressing anxiety about the position of Catholics in Ceylon, Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, paid tribute to India's "spirit of tolerance" and expressed satisfaction with the Pakistan Government's attitude toward Catholic schools.

In turning his attention to the sphere of education, the cardinal stated that a large number of letters he has received prompted him to review the situation in Ceylon where the government has tried to take over operation of all schools, including religious ones.

Ceylonese Catholics protested strongly against the government take-over and staged resistance acts until Cardinal Gracias advised them to withdraw their opposition.

HAILING INDIA'S constitutional provision for government aid to religious schools, Cardinal Gracias also praised school operations in Pakistan where the government gives grants to educational institutions, regardless of religious affiliation.

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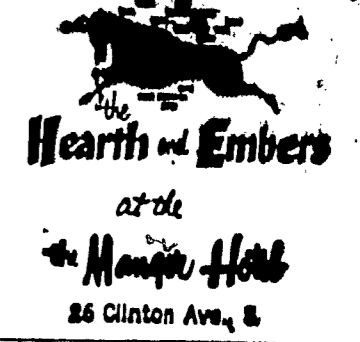
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## State Court Bans SCAD Bias Probe

New York — (RNS) — The State Supreme Court here has barred the State Commission Against Discrimination from investigating charges of racial and religious discrimination against faculty at New York's municipal colleges.

Justice Arthur Markewich ruled that the SCAD was not a legislative commission and that while it "might conduct surveys and studies and make reports, no sanction is given for it to do so by means of investigative proceedings."

The SCAD, following an informal investigation, charged Queens College with discriminating against the employment and promotion of Roman Catholic teachers. New York City's Board of Higher Education, which controls Queens and the other municipal colleges, denied the commission's accusations and challenged its jurisdiction in court.

Defending its position, the SCAD said it had conducted more than 80 investigations of alleged employment bias in public educational institutions without anyone challenging its right to do so. Its jurisdiction, the commission said, covered governing boards of public educational institutions, but not private ones.

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Few of us ever really trust the Lord as a child trusts his father when he throws him into the air. When we have money in the bank, we believe in His Prudence; when our business prospers, we believe in His Goodness; when we find someone to share our love in marriage, we believe in His Loving Kindness.

But for the most part, we are inclined to doubt Him when His Will runs counter to our own. Take the case of Peter at the beginning of Christ's Public Life. Peter, after fishing all night, returned to the shore with empty nets. Our Lord told him to cast his nets into the water. (Note the word "nets.") Peter was a fisherman; he knew the waters. He had "toiled all the night and taken nothing." Why bother fishing in the daytime, when fish do not bite at night? But still there was enough faith in Peter and he said: "Master at Thy word, I will let down the net." Notice that Our Lord said to let down the "nets." But Peter was so convinced that there were no fish to be caught that he just let down one net.

Observe, too, that Peter called Our Blessed Lord, "Master," that is, the Teacher. One who stands over him. When Peter and the other Apostles threw the net into the water, the Gospels say "they took a great quantity of fish, so that the net was near breaking." In fact, there were so many fish that they filled two boats. Seeing this, "Simon Peter fell down and caught Jesus by the knees; Leave me to myself, Lord, he said; I am a sinner." Our Lord was no longer Master; He was Lord, Savior, Redeemer, the God of the Universe.

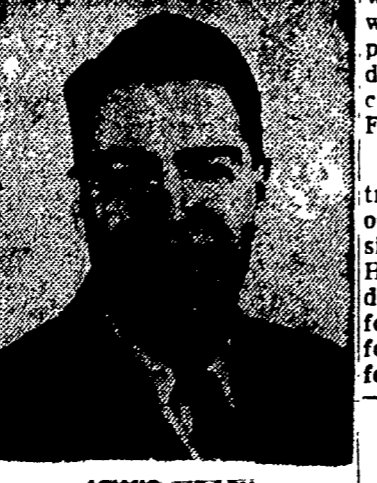
Peter was sure he was right about the futility of fishing when he called Our Lord "Master," but he was sure of his sinfulness, when he called Him Lord. The consciousness of standing before Supreme Holiness gives us a sense of our failure. How often the Lord asks us to throw our nets into the Missions to fish for souls, but we call Him just a Master and behave like unwilling servants. When we do give, even a little, we are amazed at what we get back in blessings. Bread thrown into the waters comes back as sponge cake.

Some of you readers have never even thrown a hook into the Missions to catch a soul, some have thrown a net, others nets. What you sacrifice depends to a good extent upon what you think of yourself. If you think well of yourself then He is just a Master; if you know yourself to be a sinner, then He is the Lord. Trust Him. He will not be outdone in generosity. Your sacrifices will be sent to the Holy Father, and from him to countless souls throughout the world. Send these sacrifices through his Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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