

# Bible Stressed At Liturgy Meet

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Oklahoma City — (NC) — Four thousand people gathered here for this year's Liturgical Week, August 21 to 24. The specialists and the experts, the students and the teachers, the clergy and the laity were represented at the convention which is now a large-scale reminder of the liturgical movement in our midst.

It is not easy to select highlights from a four-day meeting crammed with general and special sessions, any more than it is easy to compare this 1961 North American Liturgical Week with the 21 that preceded it.

Public attention is caught by dramatic episodes—like the firm resolution of the Liturgical Conference repeating its condemnation of anti-Negro policies in some restaurants of Oklahoma City. Although it might appear incidental to the immediate purpose and plan of a liturgical study week, this resolution was deeply felt and sincerely meant.

Less newsworthy is the substance of addresses and discussions, this year on the theme, "Bible, Life, and Worship." But this is the heart of the Liturgical Week, as it is the heart of the whole liturgical revival: the spread of understanding of the Mass and the sacraments which chiefly comprise Catholic worship.

A new feature of Liturgical Week was the solemn Bible devotion held on one of the evenings. Encouraged last year by Pope John XXIII for the diocese of Rome, this kind of service is thoroughly based on the Scriptures, with a series of three brief readings from the Bible, each followed by an explanatory "opening up" of God's Word by the celebrating priest and by the reflective and meditative singing of the people, in the words of the psalms.

The Bible service of the Liturgical Week was closed with solemn prayer and with the renewal of marriage vows by all the married couples present. A large proportion of a congregation of more than 4,000.

The renewal of marriage

vows, led by Father Joseph Connolly, assistant pastor of St. Gregory's church, Baltimore, emphasized the deep concern of Catholic lay people with a better understanding of the Christian rites of worship. It fitted the theme of the convention, showing that Christian life, in this case married life, must reflect the Word of God in the Bible and the services of worship which enshrine the announcement of the Word of God to the people.

Just as impressive was the demonstration given on another evening by Father Joseph Nolan, pastor of St. Patrick's church, Galena, Kan. The meaning of Baptism and Confirmation were forcefully illustrated by the singing in English of the blessing prayers or prefaces for the baptismal water and for the holy chrism.

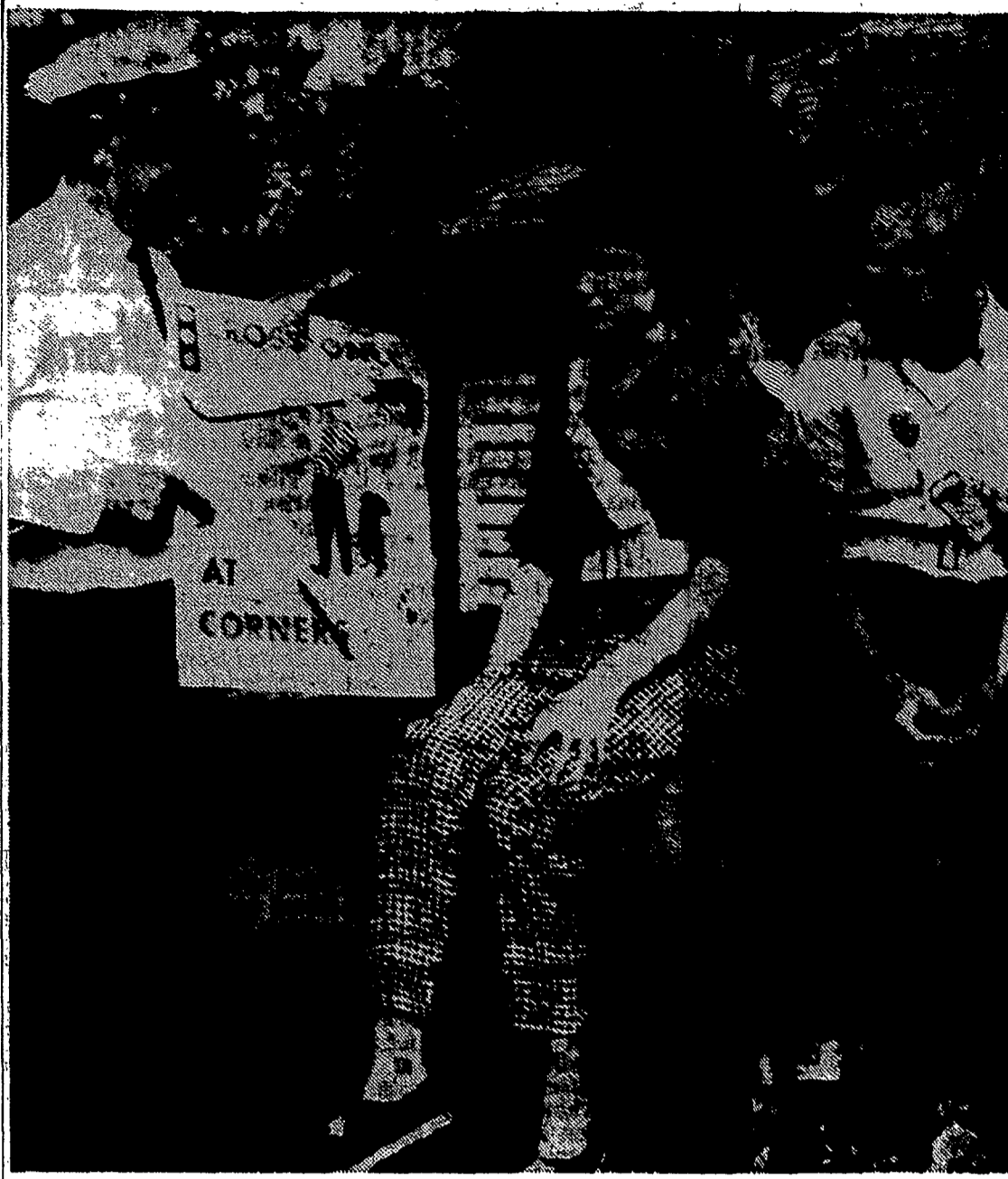
Apart from numbers, which are only one sign of the success of such a convention, the chief assurance of the Liturgical Week's success was the effect upon the people of the Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, whose enthusiastic response was summed up by the Bishop Victor Reed, the host to the Liturgical Week.

At the final Mass of the convention, the Bishop expressed his complete satisfaction with speakers and presentations and his feeling that appreciation of the liturgy had been deepened and knowledge extended, with many blessings upon the Church in Oklahoma.

Since Liturgical Weeks are periods of prayer as well as study—often times compared to retreats—the highpoint of each day was the community Mass. On two days low Masses were celebrated with full participation by priests and people and with the singing of psalms and hymns in English.

Perhaps the most pleasing addition to this celebration of Mass was the singing of an English version of the Byzantine litany of peace, to complete the scriptural lessons read at Mass. On the other days the Masses were sung, again with full participation of all and with the preaching of a brief sermon or homily.

Fifth-Century Cathedral Pfaffenhofen, Austria—(NC)—Workers restoring Pfaffenhofen's 13th-century parish church of the Assumption have uncovered what is believed to be the oldest cathedral in the mountainous Tyrol.



## Safety Training Course

SAFETY PATROL leaders of public and parochial schools attended a two-day Safety Education Conference and Training Course at the Rotary Sunshine Camp at Durand Eastman Park last week. Here Sgt. Jerry Moynihan of the Rochester Police Bureau illustrates safety measures to Terry Derogowski of St. Theresa School and Tom Miller of St. Rita School, West Webster. The course is sponsored by the Rotary Club and the Rochester Safety Council.

## Eucharistic Congress Told

### End Poverty, Illiteracy

Santa Cruz — (RNS) — Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, declared here a unifying force for Catholics that if free men and nations accept social concepts offered by "materialists and atheists" the cause of communism will be advanced and all mankind will be "one day live in bondage."

The Boston prelate, acting as Papal Legate of Pope John XXIII, spoke at a closing session of a "Day of Triumph of the Most Blessed Sacrament" highlighting Bolivia's Fourth National Eucharistic Congress here.

He called for a "new social order" of international proportions that will "remove poverty, illiteracy, dishonesty and every other evil that has developed in modern life."

Cardinal Cushing stressed that the new social order must be based on the principle that God has willed all men to live in mutual love and happiness.

He added: "It must recognize the dignity of the individual person and prepare the way for every man to have the opportunity to work so that he can maintain his family in reasonable comfort and with security and freedom for the future."

"It must be based on the assumption that men have natural rights rooted in their God-given dignity and destiny."

"It must banish forever the theory that men are as wolves to one another and that law and order represent only the survival of the strong over the weak."

Turning to the problems of international relations, Cardinal Cushing said that as nations become conscious of the dignity of their subjects "as children of God," the barriers which have separated them in the past will be broken down.

"International communications, so great in our day," he said, "will find in Christ the divine springs of charity that will turn hatred into love, and lead men through the avenues of international cooperation to a social order which will outlaw war and rumors of wars."

Cardinal Cushing's message was his third major address as Papal Legate in the five-day con-

gress. In earlier addresses he stressed that the Eucharist is a unifying force for Catholics in all parts of the world. He also called upon Bolivia's Catholics to pray for an increase of vocations in their country and to restore "sanity and sanctity" to a bewildered world.

In a sermon given during a Solemn Pontifical Mass in "Family Day" rites of the congress, Cardinal Cushing declared that communism and materialism must yield to the "irresistible forces" of divine love before modern man can restore "sanity and sanctity" to a bewildered world.

The Family Day program included the consecration of Bolivian families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Boston prelate noted that the congress was held "at a time when we are looking for some sign which will raise our hopes for our survival" as free nations.

Cardinal Cushing told the assembly of families from throughout Bolivia that the "great mission of the Church" is to be "militant" against all the forces of evil.

But he added, "to be militant it is our duty to be heralds of love in the name of Jesus Christ; to be militant is to be strong and fearless in the profession of our faith, the victory that overcometh the world."

The Papal Legate called upon Catholics to demonstrate "everywhere and at all times" the highest Christian ideals.

# Church-State Link Studied

Sackville — (RNS) — One government control in certain fields. Leaders declared here that most French-speaking Catholics in Quebec province want the Church there to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's" by not assuming responsibilities that belong to the government.

At the same time, he said, the Catholic majority believes the Church should submit to

infringe upon the legitimate claims of government." The university is a United Church of Canada institution.

RYAN SAID that "the soul-searching that marks French Canada's entry into the golden age of maturity seems to have left no one unpaired, not even the bishops."

Today, he declared, most Quebec Catholics believe that in the areas of mixed Church-State control — such as hospitals, insurance, labor, social welfare and education — the Church should either relinquish control to laymen, or submit to government control and inspection.

The Catholic Action leader said that while, in the past, the bishops and priests of French Canada were unquestioned leaders in social and cultural fields, changes have been rapid over the past 15 years and "the bishop himself can no longer reign over his flock in the rather exalted style of another age."

"He must now," the speaker declared, "listen with greater attention than in the past to the voice of public opinion."

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## 'Hospitality' Lost in South

New York — (NC) — A southern Jesuit sociologist called the Freedom Rider movement for uncovering some of the truth about attitudes on race in the South.

Father Albert S. Foley, S.J., said the Freedom Riders had put an end to several southern traditions and false traditions.

Father Foley, professor of sociology at Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala., addressed some 100 people at a meeting of the newly formed Bronx chapter of the Catholic Interracial Council.

He said the Freedom Riders had laid bare for all to see "the bitter and die-hard resistance" of Alabama officials to the orderly processes of law enforcement and to court decisions.

At the same time, he said, the Freedom Riders disclosed how willing these officials were "to encourage and promote the lawless and subversive activities of terrorist mobs, in order to nullify the efforts of American Negro citizens to secure equality before the law and in the enjoyment of the privileges of American citizenship."

Father Foley said the riders also revealed "the glaring discrepancy between the legend of Southern hospitality for visitors and the stark fact that some southerners, notably the members of the violent mobs, are savagely inhospitable to other American citizens, regardless of their high rank or clergy status."

Father Foley, who is chairman of the Alabama Advisory Committee for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and president of Alabama's Council on Human Relations, said he had "nothing but the highest admiration" for the non-violent cour-

## New Books

New York — (RNS) — The Society of St. Paul announced here the establishment of Alba House, a new publishing house designed to increase the effectiveness of Catholic participation in the U.S. book publishing industry.

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