



Father Ray Minder's Report for October

Largest Amount of Cash in October — Holy Rosary
 Largest Amount of Cash to date— Sacred Heart Cathedral
 Highest Percentage to date of Cash to Pledged Amount —St. Joseph's, Rochester
 Highest Percentage of Cash to Pledged Amount in Month of October— Our Lady of Good Counsel

Toward Unity

'Friendliness' Trend Gains

By JAMES KELLY

San Francisco — (NC) — The Church's hand is out ready to grasp that of any Non-Catholic Christian willing to drop ancient bitterness and make common cause for Christ, according to a visiting Jesuit priest.

Credit for extending the hand belongs to Pope John XXIII, said Father Bernard Leeming, S.J., who observed: "Pope John is not only aware of the new climate of friendliness growing among Christians, but wants to promote it."

"The Holy Father has made it clear that an important order of business at the coming ecumenical council will be a hard look at the customs and discipline of the Church," Father Leeming said. "And where there appears to be anything that creates enmity toward the Church I believe it's safe to say there will be changes made."

"Pope John is not only aware of the new climate of friendliness among Christians. He wants to promote it. An image of the Church that repels some Christians doesn't fit in with that climate," he continued.

"Out of the council should come a better image of the Church. It will be less canonical, more a picture of Christians who simply love Christ, and their neighbors in Christ. It will involve no changes in dogma or basic beliefs — just an adaptation of the Church to modern times," the Jesuit added.

Father Leeming is a theologian of note who — when he stays put — teaches at Heythrop College in Oxfordshire, England. Today he's a man on the go. And although he speaks only with the authority of a private theologian, his words carry weight.

Father Leeming is a correspondent for the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, one of the preparatory bodies for the ecumenical council. Augustin Cardinal Bea, S.J., heads it.

The English theologian's current assignment is a globe-girdling trip to sound out the extent of interest in Christian reunion, and to establish informal, informational contact with Non-Catholics willing to hear what the Catholic Church has to say to them, not as religious opponents but as Christian friends.

Reds Level Cemetery

Berlin — (RNS) — East German Communist police have begun leveling the Catholic St. Hedwig Cemetery bordering West Berlin. Buried at the cemetery are many prominent Catholic prelates.

Among the graves there is that of Konrad Cardinal Von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, who died December, 1950. He was one of the most fearless and outspoken opponents of Communist dictatorships.

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Terror Bomb In Doorway

Buenos Aires — (RNS) — Police searched here for terrorists who set off a bomb in the doorway of a Catholic convent school in downtown Buenos Aires.

The blast shattered windows and caused other damage at the College of the Servants of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, but there were no injuries.

Reds Tear Gas Parishioners

Berlin — (RNS) — Communist police hurled tear gas bombs into a crowd of Roman Catholics who—barred from entering their church just over the border in East Berlin—sought to participate in the church's 100th anniversary by waving to fellow parishioners in the Soviet Zone.

The incident occurred outside St. Michael's Church which, until the closing of the border by the East German regime, had a congregation made up of residents of both West and East Berlin.

West Berliners were barred from participating in the church's centennial celebration. They gathered near the 10-foot wall and barred wire that bars access to the church from the East. East Berliners, in parishes entering the building.

Some of the tear gas bombs thrown by the Red police were hurled back into the East.

Bus Rides Ruled Out

Oklahoma City — (RNS) — District Judge Robert Hertz ordered a permanent injunction against the Midwest City School Board here, ending a five-year practice of providing school bus transportation to pupils of the St. Philip Neri Catholic school.

He stayed execution of the injunction for 30 days to allow time to make other arrangements for the 150 to 200 pupils involved.

A motion for a new trial, filed by Eugene Mathews, representing ten parents of parochial school pupils who ride the public school buses, was denied by Judge Hertz. He allowed 45 days for an appeal to be filed.



German Studies U.S. Government

St. Louis — (RNS) — Dr. Albrecht Beckel, director of adult education for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Muenster in West Germany, center, is shown in St. Louis where he studied American Democratic processes. With him are First Lieutenant Hans Gerhard Schmidt of the West German Army, center, and Ivan R. Levin, assistant regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Dr. Beckel and Lieutenant Schmidt, Evangelical Church in Germany member who directs the army's youth programs, were among 10 religious and civic leaders who visited the U.S. as guests of the Anti-Defamation League.

Priest To Aid Retarded

Washington — (RNS) — Msgr. Elmer H. Behrmann, director of a Roman Catholic school for physically and mentally handicapped children in St. Louis, Mo., was named here as one of the 24 members of the special White House panel to study problems of mental retardation.

The priest, who is connected with the National Catholic Education Association with headquarters here, was the only clergyman appointed to the panel which is to be headed by Leonard Mayo, executive director of the Association for the Aid of Crippled Children.

Appointments of panel members were announced by President Kennedy who had called for the formation of the group in an effort to aid the some 6,000,000 mentally-retarded people in the country.

Polish Forgetful

Saginaw — (NC) — Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki of Saginaw urged Poles of the diocese to be more aware of their nationality by remembering that Poland is locked in a struggle with communism.

The Bishop said at the 75th anniversary of Holy Rosary parish that Poles in the Saginaw diocese are asleep in regard to their nationality. He stated that in his 11 years in the diocese he has never been invited to President against Christians who opposed Hitler's tyranny.

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