

Rid Schools of Hulks

Pittsburgh—(NC)—The public's "supposition" that democracy entitles even the worst students to an education came under fire from a Jesuit educator here.

Father Robert I. Gannon, S. J., said this idea has created an impossible task for America's teachers.

"The teacher has not fallen down on the job. The job has fallen down on the teacher," he declared.

Father Gannon, former president of Fordham University, spoke to the convention of the Catholic Educational Association of Pennsylvania. More than 3,500 educators attended the three-day meeting.

Belief that in a democracy everyone is entitled to as much education "as he may for any reason desire" is filling schools with students who have neither the interest nor the capacity for advancement, Father Gannon said.

"Private schools have admitted hopeless material because of tuition or the influence of parents. Public schools have been compelled by law to keep a lot of sullen hulks around, whose only definite desire was to be elsewhere," he said.

"If we were to find an adequate teaching staff for our enormous student body, we should have to comb the entire earth. Real teachers are not born every day."

Camden Laity To Respond

Camden—(NC)—All Camden diocesan parishes will begin a program to help the laity take a more active part in the Mass on December 3.

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission has prepared a dialogue Mass card for use by the laity. All responses are to be given in Latin, except for the Gloria and the Credo (Apostles Creed) which will be recited in English.

A commentator—either a priest or layman—will direct the congregation in making the responses.

Daily Mass Calendar

- Sunday, Nov. 26—Final Sunday after Pentecost (green). Gloria, Creed, Trinity Preface.
 - Monday, Nov. 27—Mass as yesterday except no Gloria, no Creed, common preface. 1936—Rev. Peter Erras.
 - Tuesday, Nov. 28—Mass as yesterday.
 - Wednesday, Nov. 29—St. Saturninus, martyr (red). Gloria. 1934—Rev. Ferdinand Scheid. 1935—Rev. Augustine Temmerman.
 - Thursday, Nov. 30—St. Andrew, apostle (red). Gloria, Creed.
 - First Friday, Dec. 1—Mass as Monday. 1928—Rev. Howard Barry. 1939—Rev. Daniel Sullivan.
 - First Saturday, Dec. 2—St. Vivien, martyr (red). Gloria.
- Priests listed above died on the date indicated. Please pray for them.



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No Peace for Refugees

Salgon—(NC)—They voted with their feet against communism over many a weary mile. Now they can only vote with their arms—firearms.

They are the Chinese refugees, mostly Catholics, who live in Binh Hung village at the far southwest end of Vietnam. Against the Viet Cong (Vietnamese communist) guerrillas they are making the last stand of desperate men defending their families and their Faith.

They first knew communism in Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces, China. They didn't like it and they didn't want it for their children. Just before Christmas, 1950, about 2,000 of them slipped away in boats to north Vietnam.

They found that they had sailed right into the Indo-China war, in which Ho Chi Minh's communists had taken over the independence movement.

Some of the refugees obtained work in north Vietnam towns. Others, anxious to get as far away as possible from communism, headed overland for Cambodia.

Throughout their wanderings they grouped themselves around Father Chrysostom Yuen, a Chinese priest who had escaped from a communist prison in Kwangtung. Many of them had been his parishioners in China.

Not Time to Talk Union With Rome

New York—(NC)—A Protestant spokesman has expressed optimism about development in Christian unity, but Jews and the National Council cautioned that Non-Catholics of Churches of Christ, made his are not yet ready to discuss union with Rome.

Dr. Claud D. Nelson noted that even those Protestants and Orthodox Christians who are active in unity movements "are not yet aware of what they must do to unify themselves."

Thus, he said, they "are certainly not ready to discuss union with Rome."

The article is a "dialogue" between Dr. Nelson and Father Thomas F. Stransky, C.S.P., an American Paulist priest on the Rome staff of the Secretariat for promoting Christian Unity.

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GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Most of us who have the Faith are resigned to God's Will in the suffering and trials which come to us against our own will. A bad cold, temporary unemployment—these we "offer up" because we can do nothing about them. But do we ever go out of our way in search of a Cross? In addition to patiently accepting what we cannot control, like rain the day of a wedding, do we ever actively look for someone else's burdens to carry? For this is precisely what the Word of God enjoins: "Bear ye one another's business." We consent reluctantly to being victimized, but do we ever will to be a victim—especially for others?

What does being a victim mean? It means taking on suffering which we never deserved in order that someone else who may have deserved it may go free. Our Lord was the Perfect Victim. He did not deserve steel in His Pure Flesh, nor thorns and thistles, the curse of the earth, fashioned into a crown of thorns. He bore our griefs and Himself carried our sorrows. We deserve steel in our hands because of our greed, rivets in our flesh because of our prodigal wanderings, thorns on our brows because of our evil thoughts and a lance in our side because of our trivial loves. But He took them all on Himself as if He deserved them. He willed them; He courted them; He asked for the bitter dregs of a cup we were to drink. He was our Victim!

The pain of a leper crawling to Mass on knee stumps should hurt our own legs; the plight of two families living in one room by shifts should make our hearts feel cramped, our eyes feel sleepless; the hunger of a child in Vietnam should make us get up from the table a little hungry that we may "bear his griefs." Those of us who are priests should feel millions of pagans pulling at our chasubles for prayers to know the Light of Christ as we approach the altar each morning.

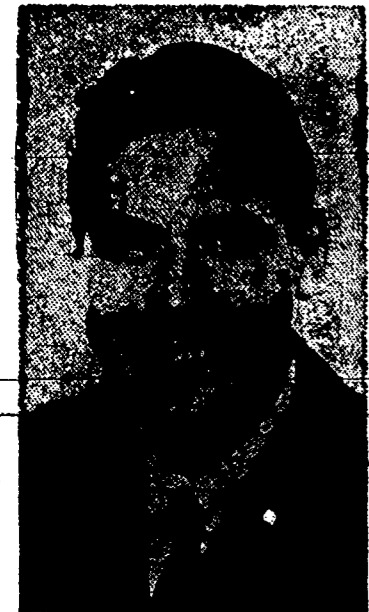
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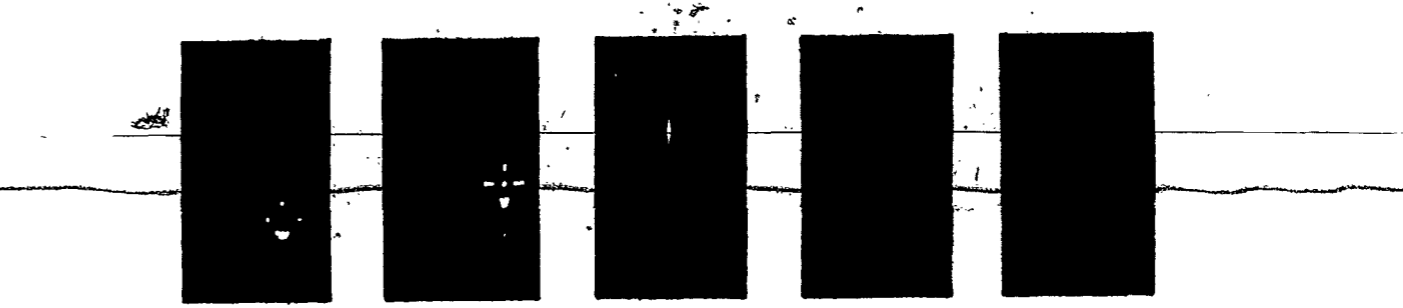
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