

'Early Church' Spirit Said Needed Now

St. Louis — (RNS) — The best method of getting Catholic laity to participate in the liturgy of the Mass is to return to the spirit that characterized the early Catholic Church, the executive secretary of the National Catholic Liturgical Conference said here.

John B. Mannion told some 1,400 priests, nuns, religious and laity attending the first St. Louis Regional Liturgical Days that the early Christians could not only see what was going on, but they could understand the language.

Another visitor to the regional conference, Father Frederick R. McManus, outgoing president of the National Conference, said "it never occurred to these early Christians that the priest would say these things silently. Our Lord at the Last Supper said these things out loud, and the apostles responded. In the early days of the Church the idea of responding and singing together was always there."

"It will take time, but it is coming," he said. "What makes it so difficult is that it involves so many changes for both priests and people. It isn't easy for people to change their ways, and it takes more than a mandate from on high to make them do it. They have got to get used to the idea, and it takes time."

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By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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Eighty per cent of the 19,117 people confirmed by this Bishop in two of his dioceses were converts. Not counting short speeches on special occasions, he preached 62 times:

In one small mission post, there were 50 people taking instructions in 1957; this year there were 7,000 converts.

Six years ago in one parish there were 500 Catholics; today there are 3,500.

In a coal-mining town there were 100 Catholics four years ago; today there are 4,000.

If this God Love You column gave tips on the stock market, and we gave assurance that a given stock would increase 100 per cent in three years — the same percentage as the converts in many places — who would refuse to make the investment? And yet, when you hear what a few of your dollars would do in the way of spiritual investment for the conversion of souls, why are you not willing to make the investment?

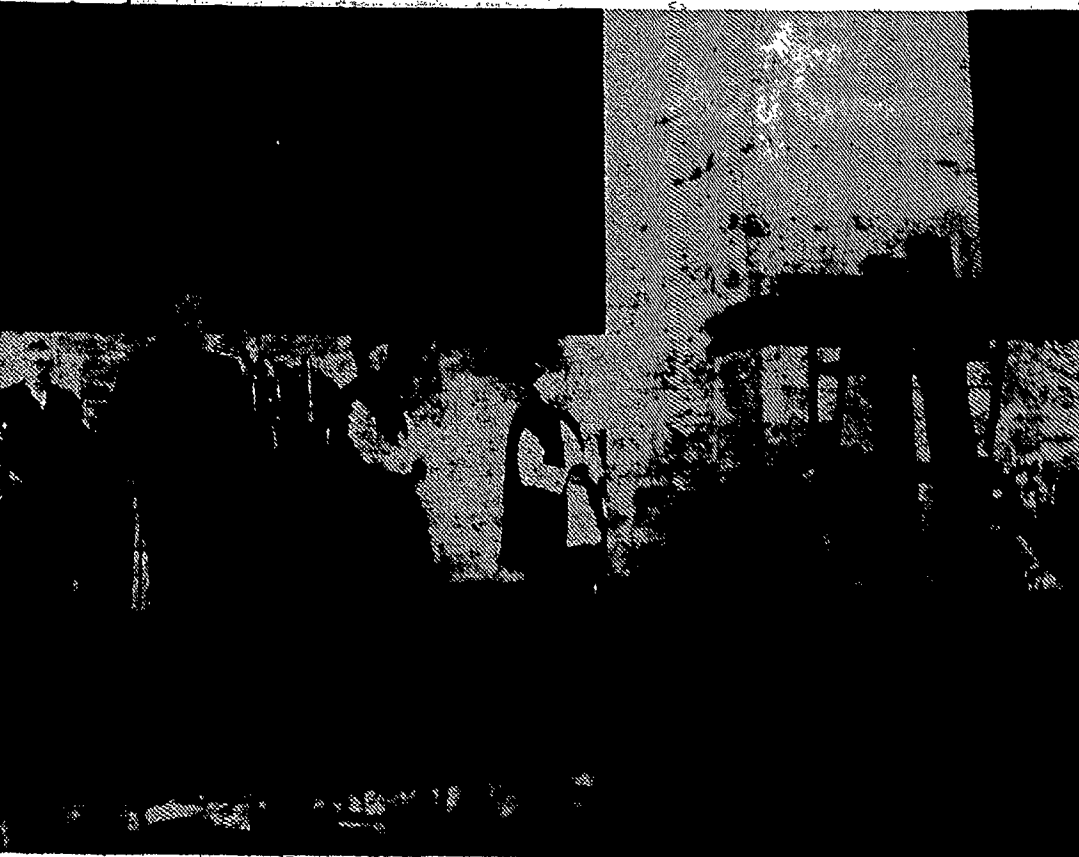
The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the only Society in the world that pays thousands of percent dividends on the spiritual investment, and that is because the Lord is the Bestower of Blessings. When you think of the Missions, always think first of the Holy Father... then of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which is his means for soliciting alms for all of the missionaries of the World. And don't only think; act! We will be waiting for your investments. Thank you.

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Prayers for Nazi Victims

Hannover — (RNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Heinrich Pachowiak of Hildesheim, Germany, conducts a memorial service at the site of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp near Hannover. More than 100 Catholic priests and religious from Holland, Belgium, Italy, Austria, Luxembourg, France and West Germany participated in the evening services for victims who suffered the horrors of Bergen-Belsen, one of several notorious Nazi camps inside Germany.

Montezuma Seminary Alliance for Spiritual Progress

Montezuma, N.M. — (NC) — Mexico in the 1930s was a land of persecution and martyrdom for the Church, "a country of blood-drenched altars," as one bishop called it.

Yet out of this time of hardship for the Church arose an institution whose existence testifies to the enduring faith of Mexican Catholics and their brothers in the United States.

This unique institution is the Montezuma Seminary, where in the past 25 years 1,200 priests have been prepared and ordained for service in their homeland.

The Montezuma Seminary will celebrate its silver jubilee September 8 with impressive ceremonies here and in nearby Las Vegas, N.M. More than 300 priest-alumni of the seminary, including seven Mexican bishops who studied there, are expected to attend the rites.

EFFORTS TO establish a Mexican national seminary in

the U.S. had begun as early as U. S. Grant, Queen Victoria's 1915, when anticlerical government were already persecuting the Church in Mexico. The project became urgent when in September, 1935, the government enacted a nationalization law under which the wholesale confiscation of Church property in Mexico was carried out and it was no longer possible to

The buildings that make up the Montezuma Seminary were originally constructed by the Santa Fe Railroad as a luxury hotel for wealthy persons visiting nearby mineral baths.

Six miles northwest of Las Vegas, the huge rosestone castle-like buildings stand on the banks of the Gallinas River. In its best days the hotel was visited by lords, generals and presidents, including President Rutherford B. Hayes and

Later, however, the hotel fell on hard times and was closed. By the 1930's the buildings were being used as a Baptist college. It was from the Baptist maintain a seminary in Mexico, that the buildings were purchased by the U.S. Catholic bishops on May 27, 1937, for \$19,500.

The funds for the purchase and \$200,000 for renovation work came from a "Mexican Seminary Sunday" collection conducted in parishes throughout the U.S. on September 20, 1936. The collection brought in a half-million dollars, an impressive sum in prewar currency.

Washington — (NC) — The best gift that can be sent to the Church in troubled Latin America is professional people who will be sorely missed in their homeland. This is the opinion of Msgr. Ivan Illich, a dynamic New York priest who directs two Centers of Inter-cultural Formation for volunteers preparing to serve the Church in South America.

THE CENTERS — one in Mexico, the other in Brazil — put selected students from the United States, Canada and Europe through a four-month course of language preparation, cultural adaptation and spiritual formation.

The course is generally conceded to be the most demanding offered any volunteers in the major program now under way by Church agencies to help Catholicism in Latin America meet the challenges facing it there.

Of the 180 students who have started since the course began last year, only 80 have finished.

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Breakdown of Prejudice

Heythrop, England — (RNS) — The "deepest chasm" dividing Roman Catholics and Non-Catholics arises from Catholic suspicion between Catholics and teaching concerning the nature of the Church, its hierarchical constitution and its authority in matters of doctrine and discipline, Augustin Cardinal Bea, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, declared here.

He told a press conference at the Jesuit College that in weighing the difficulties in the way of unity, "one might even speak of mountains."

ONE SHOULD never forget these, "nor should one delude oneself about them," he told the newsmen.

The German-born cardinal came to the college for an ecumenical conference sponsored by the British hierarchy's Committee on Christian Unity.

Asked what advance he thought was likely to be made by the forthcoming Second Vatican Council in the search for unity, he said the Council could improve the general atmosphere between Catholics and communities of Non-Catholic Christians.

The cardinal noted that there had been some breaking-down of prejudices and a clearing of Catholic suspicion between Catholics and others, but he stressed that these "still exist on both sides to a high degree."



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Baptists Veto Rome Delegates

Oslo — (RNS) — The executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance decided here against sending delegate observers to the Second Vatican Council.

THE STORY OF TEN LITTLE FREE WORKERS



These are the workers

Ten little workers in this country live and fair.
But if you cherish freedom, little workers, have a care!
Ten little workers—Reddy Kilowatt doing his
Til Government tried to boss him—then there were nine.

Nine little workers laughed at Reddy's fate
Federal medicine came along—then there were eight.

Eight little workers thought this country heaven,
Til Government ran railroads—then there were seven.

Seven little workers—til the mines got in a fix,
Uncle Sam took over coal—then there were six.

Six little workers—glad to be alive
But Uncle snatched the steel mills—then there were five.

Five little workers—but the farms are free no more,
Having been collectivized—that leaves only four.

Four little workers—til Government, by decree,
Made them take free legal aid—then there were three.

Three little workers (the number's getting low)
Government started selling food—now there are two.

Two little workers (our story's almost done)
With clerks at work in federal stores—now we've only one.

One little worker—reporting for "The Sun"
Criticized the Government—now there are none.



Ten little workers—but no longer free
Doing as they're ordered—at fixed rates, naturally.
This could have been prevented, if they hadn't lent an ear
To the idiots who chorused: "It just can't happen here."

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