

Seminaries Expand Catechetical Program

Washington — (NC) — The Holy See has given a detailed report on the extent of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the United States and the challenges facing it.

Father Joseph B. Collins, S.S., director of the National Center of the CCD here, presented the report to Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardo, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities, in Rome.

Father Collins, the National CCD center said, presented the report at the conclusion of a five-day course about the CCD which he gave to students at the North American College, the institution in Rome for U.S. priest seminarians studying there.

Cardinal Pizzardo was described as "especially pleased" at news that the CCD is expanding its program in U.S. seminaries to acquaint more fully future priests with the confraternity's operation. The CCD is charged with the religious education of Catholics outside Church schools.

The Cardinal gave his approval to a special form to be given to seminaries establishing CCD units. These new units are thereby capable of receiving the indulgences and spiritual privileges granted by the Holy See to CCD throughout the world.

Funds Aid Rebuilding

Macon, Ga. — (RNS) — A total of \$25,000 has been donated so far to help rebuild three Negro churches in this area which were burned in an apparent attempt to intimidate workers in a Negro voter registration drive.

A \$10,000 gift by New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller brought the amount raised by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to \$22,500. Negro athlete Jackie Robinson is serving as honorary chairman of the SCLC fund drive.

Another drive sponsored by the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution has netted approximately \$2,500. Dr. Roy McClain, pastor of the First Baptist church in Atlanta serves as treasurer of this drive.

In addition, Trappist monks at the Monastery of the Holy Ghost near Conyers, Ga., volunteered to make stained glass windows for the Mount Olive and Mount Mary Baptist churches.



Holy Cross Men's Club

NEW OFFICERS of the Men's Club at Holy Cross Parish, Rochester, are shown with their pastor, the Rev. Robert Fennessy: Fred De Marse, president; Chet Kschanowicz, vice president; Doug Symonds, secretary; John Owens, co-chairman of membership committee; Arnold Shoniker, corresponding secretary; Jerry Curtin, membership chairman; (absent) Don Grabbe, treasurer. (Charles Mantelli Photo)

Views Differ on Clergy

New Orleans — (NC) — Laymen and priests have sharply differing views on the work of the clergy, according to a nationwide study conducted by a priest-sociologist here.

In general, Father Joseph H. Fichter, S.J., of Loyola University said, the priest has a more modest estimate of himself and his functions than that held by his parishioners.

THE JESUIT polled 2,216 parishioners representing every diocese in the U.S., and sent similar questionnaires to one out of every seven parish priests, excluding monsignors.

Father Fichter said his data showed that "the people who know the priest best are the people who have the highest regard for the clergy. Yet they would still like to improve this relationship."

"When asked what single change they would suggest to improve their own parish, most mentioned a 'closer working partnership' with the parish priest," he said.

He said his survey showed

that the priest "does not think he works quite as hard as the lay people believe he does. He is not so appreciative of his sermons or of the way he relates the liturgy to the laity, or the encouragement he gives to seminary vocations."

On the other hand, laymen see the priest mainly as the administrator of an organized enterprise, who must worry about money problems, moderate lay groups and concern himself about the elementary education of children, Father Fichter said.

"The reason for this is that parish priests are spending a great deal of time on tasks that are essentially non-sacramental," he said.

"The priests themselves agree that the activities that use up most of their time are the ones in which they get the least personal satisfaction and for which they feel the least competent."

"They prefer and feel most competent of their spiritual duties hearing confessions, counseling, liturgical functions, making sick calls and giving convert instructions."

The sociologist said that, except for counseling, the priest is largely serving his people in tasks that are subsidiary to his priesthood.

"These are parochial functions which can probably be performed by other than an ordained minister of God," Father Fichter said. "Laymen can certainly handle financial management; they do in many places operate schools; and they are probably competent to direct their own parochial groups."

He said he believes there is widespread ignorance on the part of the laity concerning the financial status of both their pastor and their parish. He suggested clarification and improvement of parish financing as one of the most needed changes in parishes.

Fisher Grads Rank High In Fund Drive

A record 82 per cent of St. Fisher graduates contributed to the 1961-62 alumni fund drive, according to the Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, president of the college. This betters the results of the 1960-61 campaign which placed St. John Fisher fourth among the nation's private men's colleges in percentage of alumni contributions.

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS for the 1961-62 campaign have not been tallied, according to Father Lavery. He said, however, that he understood the cash total was "substantially up."

A recent report from the American Alumni Council on 1960-61 results showed that 239 of the 383 alumni, or 69.8 per cent contributed cash gifts totaling \$2,500.

St. Meinrad Seminary of Indiana had the highest percentage — 75 per cent — in 1960-61, followed by Xavier University of Ohio and Amherst College. Seventy-two men's colleges were listed.

Church Agencies To Share US Aid

Washington — (NC) — Although the Agency for International Development has withdrawn a policy statement on cooperation with religious groups that came under fire from Protestant sources, AID will continue cooperation with U.S. church-related agencies as in the past.

Such cooperation includes a program under which surplus agricultural products are provided to U.S. church-related agencies, which distribute them overseas. AID pays the ocean freight costs of shipping such surplus abroad.

AID spokesmen also said the foreign aid agency will continue to consider other forms of cooperation with church-related agencies on a project-by-project basis without regard to religion.

Under this program, carried on under Public Law 480, U.S. voluntary agencies registered with AID's Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid distribute U.S. surplus agricultural products overseas. AID pays the ocean freight costs of shipping such products abroad.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)-National Catholic Welfare Conference, the U.S. Catholic overseas relief agency, has consistently carried on the largest foreign relief effort among the U.S. voluntary agencies.

Figures released recently by the advisory committee showed that during 1961 CRS-NCWC relief expenditures were about 40 per cent of the total spent by the 57 registered voluntary

agencies. The total spent on relief by all the agencies last year was \$315,271,508; Catholic Relief Services expenditures accounted for \$128,110,644 of this.

The AID official also emphasized that the AID advisory committee does not deal with religious activities as such. Thus, he said, while some of the voluntary agencies registered with the committee are church-related, the specific purpose of their operations is relief and rehabilitation, not religious work.

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Ottawa — (NC) — Archbishop Maurice Baudoux of St. Boniface, Manitoba, has been elected chairman of the board of the Canadian Catholic Conference here, secretary of the Canadian Catholic Bishops.

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Dutch TV On Council

Hilversum — (NC) — The Dutch Catholic Radio Company (KRO) announced here that it will present five programs a week on the coming ecumenical council when it opens on October 11.

KRO has sent team to Rome to report on the council.

The company will also offer a series of talks by experts on the position of the Church around the world. The KRO television department will present a series of documentaries on the council.

The Dutch will get direct coverage of the council via Eurovision, international TV network covering western Europe.

Two To Attend Education Day

Miss Helen Fleming, Nutrition Instructor, and Miss Ruth Mandell, Coordinator of Clinical Nursing, St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, will attend and participate in Seventh Annual Cardiac Education Day for Nurses on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

Meet will be held at the Knights of Columbus Building, Hornell. The topic will be "Team Approach in Treatment, Specified and Symptomatic Treatment, Drug Therapy, Nursing Care, and Nutritional Adequacy for the Patient with Heart Failure."

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Insanity Plea By Smut Peddler

Washington — (NC) — A Washington man convicted of distributing obscene matter through the mails has asked U.S. District Court here to set aside his conviction because he was acquitted of similar charge in another case on grounds of insanity.

He is Herman L. Womack, 39, the central figure in a much publicized case decided last June by the U.S. Supreme Court. The court ruled that the Post Office Department erred in barring from the mails three magazines published by Womack. The department had held that the magazines were intended for homosexuals.

Womack's new action involves his conviction in another case, in which he was sentenced to from one to three years in jail on obscenity charges by a District Court jury in March, 1960. The U.S. Court of Appeals upheld that conviction.

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