Christian Homes Vocation Source

Impressive pictures of the nearly 3,000 Catholic bishops at the Vatican Council, parish priests efficiently providing Masses and other Church rites for their congregations, long lines of seminarians in procession for Cathedral ceremonies — and yet there is talk of not enough vocations to the priesthood?

Actually only one diocese in the country - Boston - considers it has enough priests for its own area plus a few extras to "export" to Latin American missions.

Even the Rochester Diocese, considered in an ideal position because of its own two seminaries, "could easily use twenty-five more priests," according to diocesan officials.

Bishops at the Vatican Council have learned from mission prelates that this "priest shortage" is both a global and a worsening problem.

Latin America presents about the saddest picture of all. Its people are by tradition Catholic yet in all of South America there are only 28,000 priests for 126,000,000 people in a 7,000,000 square mile area. This averages out to one priest for every 4,550 Catholics and each priest, again on average, must cover a 240 square mile area.

In the United States the average is one priest for every 771 Catholics. But the average in 1955 was one for 694. Each year the gap widens.

Look magazine in its current issue shows that **Protestants and Jews are facing a similar** "clergy crisis."



HARRY J. O'HAIRE 'laymen are vehicles'

Aware that this "priest shortage" can cripple the Church's progress in this present era when it is so widely respected, Catholic laymen have organized a society to promote priestly vocations. Serra International, started in 1935, has already a record of accomplishment which won recognition from the Vatican. Serra representatives were the only laymen invited to the First International Congress on Vocations held this past summer in Rome.

How does Serra achieve official Vatican yearbook as its goal?

Harry J. O'Haire, executive secretary of Serra In- His name also appears as an official of the Anostolic

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## Friday, Noy. 9, 1962 Flexibility to Characterize World's Increased Role of Lay People Oldest

# **Bishop**

Rome — (RNS) — He has seen the reign of seven Popes, been a priest for 77 years and

Seleucia di Isauria is still a

Secretary of the Sacred Con-

gregation of Rites only three

years ago, the archbishop

still occupies an apartment in

the Palace of Congregations,

where a niece, Signorina An-

tonelli, takes care of his sim-

year was 1862, when Pope

Pius IX had already completed

hair of a 32-year ponulicate

that was to be the longest in

the Church's history. Accord-

ing to Archbishop Carinci's

nicce, the house in which he

was born is now a Commu-

Pope Leo XIII had been on

the papal throne for eight

years when Alfonso Carinci

was ordained on Dec. 19, 1885,

The succeeding years saw him

teach for two decades in the

Propaganda Fide College,

serve for 40 years as rector

of the 500-year-old Capranica

College (where the future

Pope Plus XII was one of his

most brilliant students), and

finally promoted to episcopal

rank and a new career as an

Today he is listed in the

a consultor to the Sacred Con-

gregation of the Council and

official of the Roman Curia.

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world.

member of the board of directors of the Permanent a bishop for 17 years. And Committee for the Internanow, at 100, he is both the tional Congresses of the Lay oldest Father of the Second Apostolate. He deals with problems that will confront Vatican Council and the oldthe bishops at the ecumenical est Catholic bishop in the council when they take up the question of the lay apostolate.) Marking his 100th birthday

on Nov. 9, Rome-born Titular By MARTIN H. WORK Archbishop Alfonso Carinci of

(N.C.W.C. News Service)

The assembly of churchtall, erect figure, although men now deliberating in St. slightly deaf. He had, as he Peter's basilica in Rome is reported, a "good seat" at the the first of the 21 ecumeniopening of the Council and cal councils to consider the lay apostolate as a separate matter. Retired from the post of

> How will the bishops of the council approach the subject? What are some of the problems they face, What are the expectations of the laity? What actions might the council take in this regard?

THESE ARE some of the Hanging in the hall of the basic questions being asked apartment is the certificate these days in Rome and of his baptism in the church around the world. of Santa Maria in Portico. The

> Two and a half years ago, when Pope John announced the formation of the 10 preparatory commissions for the Second Vatican Council, he made one of them the Commission on the Lay Apostolate. He appointed a veteran Vatican diplomat, Fernando Cardinal Cento, as chairman. To assist him, the Pope named distinguished consultors who were pioneers in various spheres of apostolic activity in countries around the world. All were bishops and priests.

> That no laymen were anpointed was initially a source of disappointment for many who were following closely the preparations for the council. But the experience and dedication these men brought to the commission were such as quickly to allay this initial reaction.

Cardinal Cento began the work of his commission by the Consistorial Congregation. noting that there was no historical precedent to guide the body. This uniquenes

sented an initial difficulty.

But the commission met regu-

lished in this regard and also

come such matters as those

(The author of the follow- limited freedom and scope of ing article has served as activity? Or will it accent the executive director of the Naimportance of the apostolate tional Council of Catholic of individuals in the complex-Men since 1950 and is a ity of modern life?

> What of the structure and terminology of the lay apostolate? Is it in need of reform? Pope Pius XII apparently thought so. In his address at the time of the 1957 Second World Congress of the Lay Apostolate, he indicated that there was considerable confusion in the minds of many.

Should Catholic Action be reserved exclusively for organizations, bearing that name, as had been the case in Italy, Spain and other Latin countries? Or is the term Catholic Action applicable to all organizations mandated by the bishop in a diocese or by the hierarchy of a country in the case of national organizations?

the council findings.

organizations?

Cardinal Cento in a recent interview assured his radio audience that the council would not lay down a fixed organizational structure for the laity of the world. "Variety amidst unity" would be the direction of the counclf discussions, he said.

This raises the question of what kind of unity is best suited for the full develop-



ment of the lay apostolate in reflect the 20th-century dethe Church. In recent years, mand for "equal rights --equal opportunities"? Will beginning with the last World Congress of the Lay Apostothe council take cognizance late, churchmen all over the of the growing influence of world have begun to speak of educated, dedicated women a "federative lay apostolate" and their potential in the misas the answer to the essential sion of the Church? unity and coordination that The question of the maris required in the lay apos-

ried diaconate has been much tolate. In the United States, discussed in recent years. the Bishops seem to have an-The council may consider this ticipated this development when they established the Naquestion for it would seem to hold some promise particutional Council of Catholic larly for the mission coun-Men and the National Countries. On the other hand, only cil of Catholic Women as fedsix years ago Pius XII felt erations of the lay apostolate such a move would be premaorganizations in this country. ture. In the United States there would not appear to be Will the Second Vatican Council encourage this same as much interest in this kind of question as in matters redevelopment throughout the world? Whatever the form, lated to religious freedom, the liturgy, and the relationunity and coordination of all apostolic movements they are ship of Church and State; the role of "freedom of speech" certain to be encouraged by within the Church and many others of equally fundamen-

Those engaged in the work tal importance. of international Catholic or-In recent months there ganizations will be looking for have been a number of guidance from the council. recommendations made about There are now some 35 interthe establishment of a lay national Catholic organizaboard of consultors in tions grouped together in a dioceses, to whom the bishsingle Conference of Internaops could turn for an exprestional Catholic Organizations. sion of lay opinion. In many What is their role and funcdioceses, the N.C.C.M. and the tion in a society that is rapid-N.C.C.W. are serving this ly become internationalized? function; in others, special What directives are needed to lay committees have been bring this tremendous Chrisestablished. tian witness to bear on the institutions that are shaping

For example, in the Archthe world policies of governdiocese of Atlanta, Archbishmental and intergovernmental op Paul J. Hallinan has made 36 lay appointments to various diocesan committees in Women engaged in the lay the first three months of his apostolate are deeply concerninstallation. There is a defied about the role of women nite trend in this direction not only in the apostolate but in the United States. But it is in the Church itself. Do doubtful that the universal Church policies satisfactorily Church will legislate this specifically at the council.

> An intriguing question at the international level is the one posed by the suggestion that a congregation for the lay apostolate be established at the Vatican to give the movement equal status with other essential activities of the Church.

This seems unlikely due to several factors, the most important of which is that the lay apostolate is a "horizontal" activity that cuts across and becomes involved in areas under the jurisdiction includes graduates of Cathoof other offices at the Vatilic high schools and colleges can. However, perhaps some as well. other way might be found to give status to the lay aposto-"The problem seems to run late within the Vatican. One through all the churches, and suggestion sometimes heard it involves some of the 'best is that of a pontifical compeople' in the churches," he mission such as that for the said. "Senators, governors and clergymen believe the one for motion pictures, radio and television. Bible forbids the mixing of

Saint New York - (NC) - The homage paid by the Church to St. Martin de Porres, a mulatto, is a refutation and rebuke for segregationists, a Catho-

lic editor said here.

**First Feast** 

**Of New** 

Father Walter M. Abbott, S.J., feature editor of America magazine, said the feast ... of St. Martin is "a sad and bitter day for segregationists."

"The canonization of St. Martin de Porres, mulatto, on May 6, 1962, was the Church's infallible answer to racists who call themselves Christians," Father Abbott said.

"How appalled religious segregationists must be, now that we are actually going through with the first celebration of his feast day," he continued.

"It is one thing that they have to put up with Negroes securing higher and higher offices in this country's government. It must be a thing almost beyond endurance for segregationists to have to see , fellow citizens today vener- ating the offspring of a white father and a Negro mother," he said.

Father Abbott spoke (Nov. 3) at the third annual Mass for the advancement of civil liberties, offered on the Feast of St. Martin de Porres, a Dominican Brother of Lima, Peru, who died in 1639, the Mass was sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society, an organization of professional persons, and was offered in St. Francis Xavier church.

(This parish was organized by Bishop Kearney in 1928.)

Father Abbott, who has specialized in Biblical studies, said some Catholics and others are "making weird use of the Bible" in attempting to justify racial segregation and other unchristian practices on the basis of Scriptural passages.

As for the race question, he cited the opposition among some Catholics to racial integration of the Catholic schools of the New Orleans archdiocese. He said this opposition was not confined to 'little ignorant people" but

He said Catholics who use

"They are that curious kind

of fundamentalist who reads

the Old Testament in some

English translation and un-

derstands it without refer-

ence to the research of his-

torians and specialists in the

ancient, original languages,'

Reviewing various incidents

in the Old Testament held by

segregationists to support

their position-the story of

Cain and his descendants, the

division of the races descend-

ed from the three sons of

Noah, the Tower of Babel.

and so on - Father Abbott

concluded that they are not

meant to teach segregation

but rather to convey certain

ideas about the moral con-

And, he added, while "the

segregationist makes great

use of the Old Testament, the

nothing to work with." He

referred to the parable of the

Good Samaritan and St. Paul's

declaration that "there is

New (Testament) gives him

duct of men and nations.

the Bible to fight integration

are "fundamentalists."

races.'

he stated.

#### At Pius XII's request, lay organizations studied these and similar questions. They submitted their conclusions during the intervening years to the central Rome office of the world lay apostolate congresses. But there has been no real answer to the questions of terminology, structure or definition.

ternation said, "Well informed, apostolic laymen are the vehicles of our vocation program."

"We laymen realize the Church's need for priests, first anniversary dinner last week and explained the group's program in an interview.

"W laymen realize the Church's need for priests, they can create a climate in their homes and in their communities where vocations can grow. We are convinced that many vocations are never given a chance to develop because over-protective parents have vague, inadequate notions about a priest's life and work.

"Vocational exhibits, vocational programs in parishes, informative literature — these are an important part of the Serra program," O'Haire said, "but our basic work is done by the month to month contact we have with our members. Their attitudes and activities can do far more than any formal program."

#### Does Serra produce results?

"We can't count our products," said Mr. O'Haire, "but it is a fact that vocations gain where Serra is strong."

This group has confirmed a long conviction of the Hè is not a belligerent mañ, Catholic Church that faith and zeal are rooted in the home. Whatever course the bishops chart for the Church in their deliberations at the Vatican Council they will remain aware that their strength lies in the Christian family life back in the cities, villages and rural areas.

While the bishops ponder their decisions in Rome, it might be well for families here at home to check up on themselves to see if they are the firm foundation Christ and His Church expect them to be.

Chancery and an Assistant to the Papal Throne.

larly and hammered out its His niece confided to one proposals for the Fathers of visitor that his charity is one the council. No one other of the archbishop's strongest than the bishops and the concharacteristics. "He gives all sultors, and some to whom his salary away, and he never the matters have been referrefuses anyone in need." red under the oath of secrecy, Many of his foreign students. know the presentation's exact she said, remember him with contents. affection. One of them, she added, was Archbishop Mi-But interested observers chael Gonzi of Malta, who can draw some conclusions paid him a visit on arrival in both from what has been pub-Rome for the Vatican Council.

from the record of the lay Archbishop Carinei recalls apostolate itself. with special pride that he worked for three years with For example, the Prepar-St. Plus X and carried out atory Commission of the Lay many commissions for him. Apostolate divided itself into Asked what he thought of the three subcommittees: one de-Second Vatican Council, he voted to the general notions said: "The Council has been of the lay apostolate, one to very well prepared and long social action concepts and the awalted by the bishops. I hope third to the field of organizit will produce good results. ed charity. Under "general no-Today there are new needs. tions" comes consideration of And to meet new needs there the nature of the lay apostomust be new methods. Pope late, its structure and term-John has chosen his men well. inology. Under "social action"

he does not provoke trouble." which the encyclical Mater et Magistra concerned itself. His heavy burden of years The field of charity relates to did not deter Archbishop Carthe works of mercy which are inci from making a pilgrimto engage the attention of age last August to the shrine the laity. of Our Lady of Lourdes in France. More than 1,000 How "free" is the lay apos-Italian and French pilgrims tolate to be?

saw him celebrate a Mass at Will the council reinforce the famous Grotto and disthe concept of a tightly ortribute Holy Communion to large numbers of the faithful. ganized Catholic Action with

### In The Vineyard

The Society of St. Columban (Columban Fathers) was founded in 1918 by Father Edward J. Galvin, who went to China from a Brooklyn Parish in 1912. Having in mind the great need for priests in China, Father Galvin, with the blessing of Pope Benedict XV, founded the new Society first in Ireland, then in America. The Columbans now have seminaries in Australia and New Zealand as well. Bound together by an oath of obedience, and directly subject to the Propagation of the Faith in Rome, Columban priests labor for the salvation of souls in the Far East. Its candidates are from every walk of life, from every nationality. Although founded primarily for work among the Chinese, the Society has since grown to include missions in Korea, North Burma, the Philipvines, Japan, and the Fiji Islands, Peru, Chile and Argentina.

Presumably laymen might serve on such a commission. If so, this will be about as close to the "lay senate" idea as the council will come.

The lay apostolate cannot be separated from the apostolate of the priest. They are intimately related but distinct. The council may well feel the need to clarify, the role of the priest in relation to the lay apostolate. Does he best serve as chaplain, moderator or director? What is his function as a pastor to "lay apostles" in his parish? How can he best serve the organized movements of the apostolate in providing spiritual formation and inspiration?

It would seem reasonable to conclude that the council insofar as the laity is concerned will do little detailed legislating and will devote itself to the creative synthesizing of papal teaching of the last 50 years. The lay apostolate as we think of it today has not been sufficiently formed in the universal mind of the Church to permit a sharp crystallization at this

time

neither Greek nor Jew . . . If the council declares the bond nor free, but Christ is mind of the Church officially all in all" as instances of the on the matter of the laymen's rejection of racism in the role in society and in the New Testament, Church, points the direction in which progress should take Further, he said it is Cathus, and urges us, as members olic doctrine "that Christ sent of Christ's Mystical Body, to the Spirit to speak authoribe living members, and retatively through Peter and rows the joner life of the the bishops, who have declar-Church so that the channels ed in the opening statement of grace now with even greater freedom and directness. of the Second Vatican Counthese things alone will be cil: We proclaim that all enough to carry us forward in men are brothers, irrespective the mission of the Church unof the race or nation to which til the next ecumenical they belong.'" council.

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The Right to Avoid Incriminating Ourselves

#### By GERARD E. SHERRY

**Reapings At Random** 

#### Editor, Central California Register

It is accurate to state that no single legal question has been so widely publicized and discussed, in recent years, as the provision in the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution that a person cannot be compelled to be a witness against himself.

Not only lawyers, but the general public have entered into the debate which has enguifed the questions pertaining to self incrimination, and also the obligations devolving on citizens generally, and lawyers particularly, to sustain all provisions of the Constitution and, at the same time, to safeguard the national interest.

One strange phenomena concerning the public's reaction to the invocation of the Fifth Amendment by persons before Congressional Committees has been the attitude evidenced by segments of the press and of the public towards such a course of action. In certain instances, the individuals who availed of this means to avoid Congressional inquiries into their possible membership in the Communist Party, or knowledge of subversive activities, have been acclaimed as heroes and have been complimented on their "courage" and "independence."

In one case, the Fund for the Republic

for having avoided disclosure of facts by this penalty not only of direct punshment, but ad- were amended to provide that office holders means.

There is no disposition on my part to limit or to deny to witnesses the right to invoke this provision of our Constitution. General recognition of the right to take this course is given.

But why there should be plaudits for the suspected persons, who do so, is difficult to understand. So extreme have been the expressed views of psuedo liberals that the suspicion has been voiced that they have seized upon the situation as an excuse for their condemnation of Congressional Committees, or of others who advocate a limitation on its exercise on security grounds.

Leaving aside for the moment the question of compulsion to disclose an incriminat. ing matter, it must be understood that many situations may confront persons where they are expected to reveal facts in their possession. Unless such a person sincerely believes that the answer, if given, might tend to incriminate him, he is required to respond. He then has to chose whether he prefers to invoke the Fifth Amendment and refuse to answer, or whether he will reply to the interrogation.

Doctors must report deaths, as well as the causes; druggists must disclose their prescription lists; motor vehicle operators must report the details of collisions on the highways. doctors, druggists or motor vehicle operators.

In a different class of cases, persons who are granted certain privileges can invoke the vocation or suspension of the privilege if they applied. persist in their refusal to answer. In other words, the holder of the benefits is permitted to avail of the privilege against self-ficer of the court) refused to answer the incrimination, but may thereby be denied the question as to whether he was a member of further enjoyment of the benefit. In a case the Communist Party, which, as an internadecided by a California court some years ago, several policemen invoked the privilege and throw of the United States by force and viowere dismissed from the force. On appeal to lence. the court the decision was:

"Duty required them to answer. Privilege permitted them to refuse to answer. They chose to exercise the privilege, but the exercise of such privilege was wholly inconsistent with their duties as police officers."

In Illinois, a policeman who invoked the privilege against self-incrimination was discnarged on the basis of "conduct unbecoming an officer."

Following the Scabury Investigation of municipal corruption in New York, 30 years not be required to live up to the same high ago. and after numerous office holders re- standard. I contend that such a professional fused to respond on the ground of self-in- man, who enjoys the privileges of the court, crimination, both the Charter of the City of should be held to as high a degree of sow York and the Constitution of the State countability as a Chicage

ditionally suffer the deprivation of their who invoked the privilege could do so, but licenses by which they are entitled to act as would thereby automatically lose their positions. These enactments were upheld by the New York courts.

However, when it comes to lawyers, there Fifth Amendment but still may, face the re- seems to be a different standard of conduct

> In Florida, an attorney (thereby an oftional conspiracy, is committed to the over-

It was argued before the Florida Supreme Court at Tallahassee that, while he had a perfect right to seek protection under the Fifth Amendment, and maintained this position when brought before the Court, he hereby proved himself unfit to continue as a member of the Bar and as an officer of the court.

I contend that if doctors, druggists, motor vehicle operators, and many others could be denied their privilege for pleading the Amendment, there is no reason why lawyers should

