

Laymen's Duty In Unity Work

Milan — (NC) — Catholic laymen have a "grave duty toward Christ and toward the Church" to work for the unity of all Christians, Cardinal Augustin Bea told students and faculty members of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart.

The German Cardinal, who heads the secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity addressed a conference, (April 14) on the subject of "What the Unity of Christians Expect from Laymen." He first stressed the real possibilities that exist to foster unity work as demonstrated by developments in the ecumenical field in recent years.

"Things have been seen in these past few years that have not been seen for centuries," he said.

"These are facts which speak for themselves but also speak above all as a testimony of the irresistible work of the Holy Ghost in the Church and in all those who have been baptized. This divine help will be able to move, though only little by little, the mountains of obstacles which still exist in the path toward unity."

The Cardinal stressed that against this background of the re-awakening of the world to desire for unity the layman has a real role to play.

The Cardinal warned, however, that the work for unity can fall if the support were to lack a collective effort of sanctification on the part of the whole Church. He continued, "Experience shows this greatest contribution to the cause of unity comes from the ex-

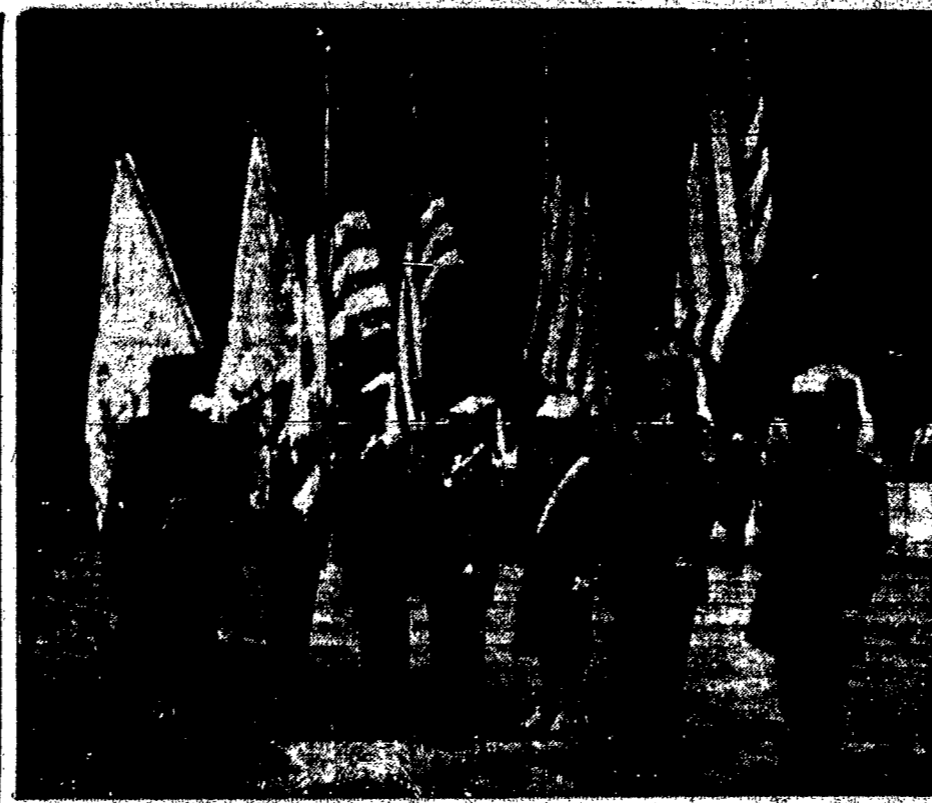
ample of those virtues which shine forth eminently in Christ, that is humility and charity; while pride, indifference and selfishness have been and always are the main causes of division."

In reviewing what laymen can do in the field of unity work, Cardinal Bea first noted that it is clear though that as a consequence of firmness and absolute loyalty to the sacred deposit of faith, there is nothing more to be done in the matter of doctrine in the ecumenical field. This is not exact.

The Cardinal pointed out that he does not mean a compromise.

"Often ideological differences which divide us are not dogmatic but misinterpretations, which come from differences in mentality and terminology, he stated. In these cases, it is possible to eliminate them with a fuller explanation of doctrine, an explanation which takes into account the mentality and language used today by Non-Catholic brethren."

The Cardinal concluded: "While Christianity of the Middle Ages was called on to give mankind the sublime creation of the cathedral, our era seems to be called on or, at least, to prepare thoroughly an incomparably greater, more sublime, more fruitful gift—the reconstructed temple of the unity of all those who believe in Christ."



Knights of St. John Review

COLORS OF Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John pictured at Annual Inspection, Dress Parade and Review, Sunday, in Rochester Community War Memorial. The uniformed Knights and Ladies Auxiliary units were commanded by Colonel John G. Blüner.

Refugees from Red China Take Vows as Nuns

Manila — (NC) — Two Chinese-born nuns professed their final religious vows here before the same American bishop who baptized them in China before the communist takeover and received their first vows as Sisters there.

Taking their final vows as Maryknoll nuns were Sister Marian Agnes (Chow) and Sister Rose Miriam (Chin), O.H.M., dating at the ceremony was Bishop Joseph Regan, M.M., from Fall River, Mass., Prelate Nullius of Tagum, P.I.

The story of Theresa Chin and Paula Chow began years ago in the then-flourishing mission of Kweilin in south China, where the two young women were baptized by Bishop Regan at that time a young missionary priest.

After baptism both entered the Sister Catechists of Our Lady, a Chinese community being trained by Maryknoll Sisters. Father Regan received their preliminary vows as nuns.

After several years of mission work, the Sister Catechists had to disband under pressure of growing communist controls. The two Chinese nuns made their way first to Macao and then to Hong Kong, where they worked in refugee settlements.

Lepers Suffer With Christ

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI said that those who suffer from Hansen's disease (leprosy) suffer with Christ for all men.

The Pope spoke in a letter to Magr. Luigi Novarese, official delegate of the Italian Bishops to the nation's hospitals, following a mission he preached at the Messina hospital for Hansen's disease victims, Pope Paul wrote.

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Jewish Vets Meet Pope

Vatican City — (RNS) — A five-member delegation of the Jewish War Veterans organization in the United States was given a 15-minute private audience by Pope Paul VI.

The audience, it was reported, had been arranged by the U.S. Catholic War Veterans organization. Leading the Jewish delegation was National Commander Daniel Heller, and Abraham Kraitor, chairman of the JWV foreign affairs committee.

During the audience, Mr. Heller congratulated the Pope on his Easter message in which he condemned all forms of racial and religious discrimination.

Referring to the status of Jews in the Soviet Union, he told the pontiff that Jews in the United States and elsewhere had been inspired by his initiatives on behalf of religious freedom.

Pope Paul was reported, in turn, as saying that he was happy to meet members of the Jewish veterans' group for the first time. He concluded the audience by saying, "God bless you and all your people," giving each of his visitors a bronze commemorative medal.

He was quoted as expressing "great sympathy" over the plight of the Soviet Jews, adding that "We will give every final vote as Maryknoll nuns. Hard for these poor people."

Thus he was able to officiate when at last Sister Agnes and Sister Miriam pronounced their final vows as Maryknoll nuns.

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As You Like

By MISS LORETTA YOUNG

Bad With Good
Dear Miss Young: I am on a basketball team with three other boys. Our coach only sees his favorite nine. Before the game he only lets his pets shoot while we sit there as though we weren't part of the team. I don't know why he even gave us a uniform. We try hard during practice but that doesn't even work. Shouldn't we quit "Four Flunkies"

Dear "Flunkies":
Don't start quitting at your age; it might develop into a life long habit. One of the prime functions of any sport is to teach sportsmanship.

Take advantage of your situation. You are in a perfect position to learn to "take the bad with the good." This is the first tough lesson we have to learn in life if we want to be happy and successful.

As You Like
Dear Miss Loretta Young: For once and for all please tell me how old a girl must be to be allowed to date? I don't mean chaperoned dates; I mean double dating with others.

I am fourteen and my parents and I violently disagree on this point. We have decided to let you be the judge; the verdict is yours.

"Prisoner at Home"
Dear "Little Prisoner": You can disagree as violently as you like but you'll never turn a wrong into a right. Fourteen is too young for dating of any kind without a proper chaperone.

Give yourself a few more years. You'll be happier and wiser, and definitely more attractive.

Father of Alcohol
Dear Miss Young: Your answer to the father of the alcoholic was fine, but do suggest in the future, that the involved relative get in touch with Al-Anon, which is a fellowship of those who have learned and are learning how to live with one afflicted with alcoholism.

Attractions of change for the family are to be found by attending these groups. It is the only place to find understanding and help. Guilt and despair are banished and a whole new life opens.

If you can be instrumental in leading one family to Al-Anon, you will be richly blessed.

A Reader
Dear Miss Young: I just read a letter in your column signed "Hurt Father" and how I wish I could call him up and give him just a little of the peace and serenity I have acquired as an Al-Anon member.

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