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## In Diebus Suis Placuit Deo A Man for All Seasons His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman

Cardinal Spellman of New York will mark his 75th birthday on May 4 and his 25th anniversary as Archbishop of New York City and Metropolitan of the Province of New York State on May 22. Bishop Kearney has written this tribute in honor of the spiritual shepherd of the Catholics of this state.

### Spring, 'Ave Sanctum Oleum'

With the coming of Holy Thursday, for a quarter century, he has breathed over holy oils, and with the solemn blessing of Mother Church, distributed them to his priests. Thus, has he come in spirit to every anointing in Baptism, to every Confirmation with the 'Chrism of Salvation', to every consecration of human hands in Ordination, and finally to every falling body in the last fond 'Unction' of holy Mother Church.

### Summer, 'Benedicat vos Omnipotens Deus'

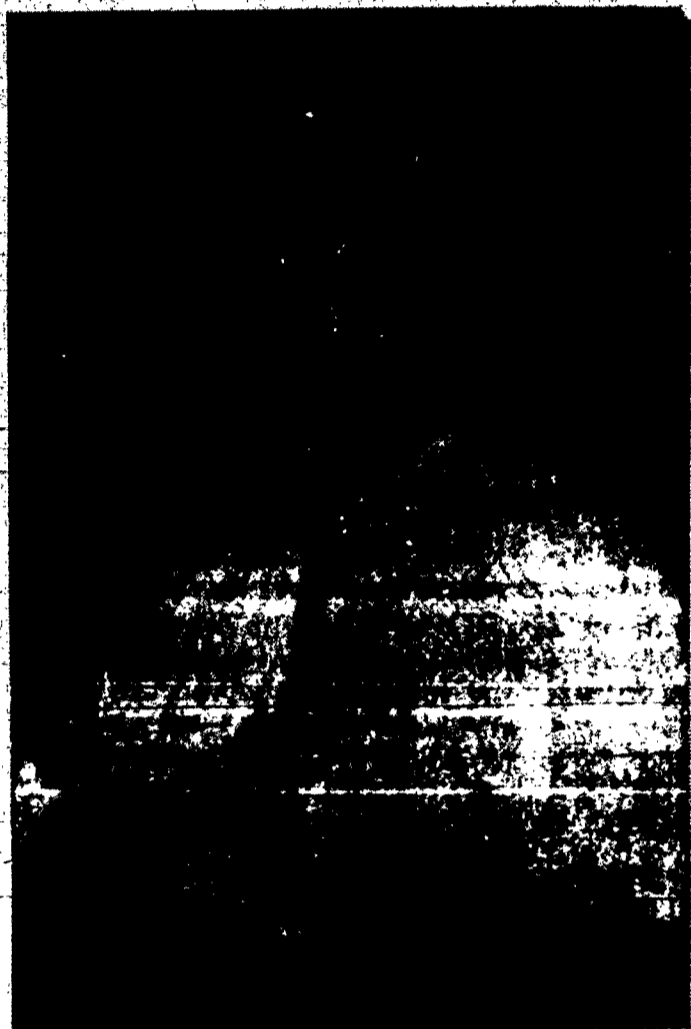
Day after day, from college to college with a father's concern, for their future, he travels to give a father's blessing and a father's word of counsel to the young graduates, nurtured to their Commencement Day under his care.

### Autumn, 'Sinite parvulos venire ad me'

The opening of school each Fall finds this cope-clad Shepherd, begging God's blessing upon "all who teach here and study here" in a new parish school; as he hangs the crucifix upon the wall, that all may know that Christ is the Head of the institution, He who said "Let these little children come unto Me".

### Winter, 'Et in finis orbis terrae verba eius'

The Winter blast has failed to deter this Shepherd from bringing blessing, courage and inspiration to his special flock, . . . the men in the Service of our Country, "From frozen north to tropic heat" He has made the Spirit of



Christmas Eve in the hearts of so many far from "Home Sweet Home".

Truly, a "Man for all Seasons"! The Diocese of Rochester congratulates His Eminence on a quarter century of outstanding leadership in the Church of Christ, and begs God's blessings upon him for the years to come.

James J. Kearney  
Bishop of Rochester

## Church of the Poor

### Latin America's New Hope

Buck Hill Falls, Pa. — (RNS) — A Roman Catholic welfare leader told the U.S. Conference for the World Council of Churches here that the "authentic social teachings" of Catholicism are now reaching the people in Latin America.

Msgr. Joseph Gremlion, director of socio-economic development, Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, said the Church has been awakened to the realities of Latin America's social revolution during the past five years.

He said that the Catholic Church, as a whole, "is no longer to be identified with the landed aristocracy, with the political oligarchy, and the oppressive status quo."

"Bishops, priests and lay leaders," he said, "provide the new ferment for institutional reform." The Monsignor addressed 200 representatives of 30 Protestant and Orthodox bodies in this country belonging to the WCC.

AS EXAMPLES of how the Catholic Church is teaching

Latin Americans, Msgr. Gremlion cited pastorals and public statements of bishops, newly written catechisms "heavy with social content," and "many intermediate grass roots training and teaching centers, usually directed and managed by lay leaders."

He also said Catholic clergy and laymen have been instrumental in the building of homes, and the formation of housing cooperatives, savings and loan associations and farm workers' unions.

Msgr. Gremlion said thousands of Christian leaders are active in all levels of Latin America's new temporal society. "Will there be time enough for this social apostolate to take effect?" he asked. "So much must be done; the pressure of totalitarian short-cuts is so great."

"Perhaps our Christian com-

rades will fail," he continued, "in this or that country, maybe in the whole continent. Even if they do not succeed in renewing their temporal society, they are succeeding in renewing the Church."

"The latter is infinitely more important, although failure in the temporal way may mean going underground or waiting in the upper room for another generation, the ferment for another birth is at work because Christ lives on in them."

"I know they are nourished, too, by the ecumenical spirit which sustains us all, by this visible expression of care and concern and friendship which we Christians now manifest for one another. I know that our Latin conferences are nourished even more by the invisible sustenance of Christ in their own souls in response to your own understanding, love and prayers."

### Dr. Seuss Pays Tribute To U.S. Catholic Schools

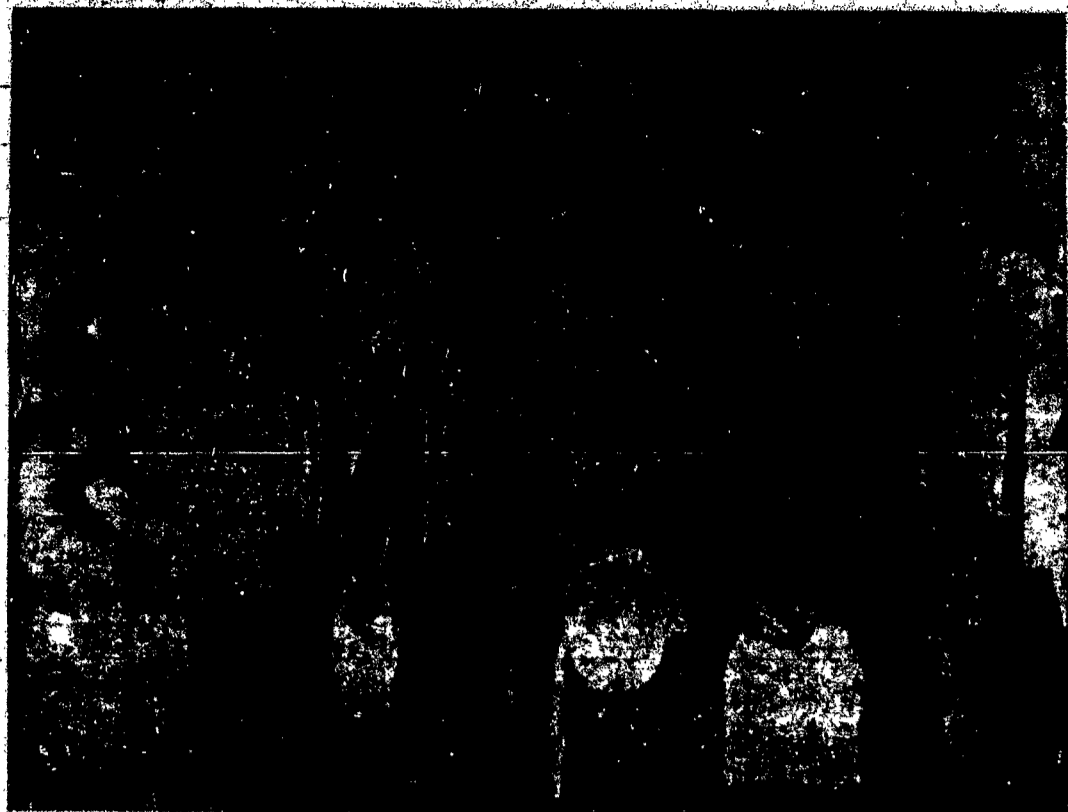
Auckland, New Zealand — (NC) — T. S. Geisel, American publisher known to millions of small readers as Dr. Seuss, said here that American Catholic schools teach their children to read much better than public schools do.

Observing that he is not a Catholic, Dr. Geisel said "in the huge volume of correspondence handled by our publishing house, the superior spelling and composition of the products of Catholic schools make a startling contrast."

He said the credit for this was due to the fact that Catholic schools have not abandoned the teaching of the alphabet for phonetics.

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### They're Looking for You

These youngsters at St. Bridget's Church, Rochester, are looking for former parishioners. Father Francis Vogt, pastor, said the parish needs \$25,000 to expand its school facilities. There are now 185 pupils enrolled there but 300 additional children would like to go to St. Bridget's. Kathleen Vernocki and Mary Slivick of Nazareth Academy and John Fee of McQuaid Jesuit High School are part of a team of thirty volunteers who attend Sunday Mass with children and then instruct them in catechism. Former parishioners who would like to help Father Vogt raise the needed funds can call him at LO 2-4059.

### Holy Spirit Now In Divine Praises

An invocation "Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete" will be added to the Divine Praises, a brief litany said at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The phrase will follow "Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar."

### Catholics to Respond Amen at Communion

Catholics will henceforth respond "Amen" individually as they receive Holy Communion, according to a recent instruction from the Vatican.

Priest will give the sacred Host to each communicant with the words "Corpus Christi — the Body of Christ" to which each will make the reply of faith — Amen.

## No Honor in Parliament

### St. Thomas More Still Traitor?

London — (NC) — The British government refused in the House of Commons to honor one of England's greatest figures, St. Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England, who was executed 21 years ago as the "Martyr of the Papacy."

Government Minister Selwyn Lloyd, himself a successor to St. Thomas as Chancellor of the Exchequer, rejected a request to erect a plaque in Westminster Hall in honor of St. Thomas as worked there as Lord Chancellor and was tried there and sentenced to death.

Hugh Delargy, a Catholic member of the opposition Labor party, asked Lloyd to appoint a committee to consider the matter. Lloyd, who has the title of Lord Privy Seal and is responsible for royal palaces including Westminster Hall, refused.

"WILL YOU GIVE your reason for this disappointing answer?" Delargy asked. "Do you not agree that the name of More is more intimately associated with the Hall of Westminster than that of any other person, since More presided there as Lord Chancellor and stood there as prisoner to hear his own death sentence and before that served as Mr. Speaker's (a reference to Lloyd as Lord Privy Seal) illustrious predecessor?"

Lloyd appeared unsmiling. "I am not aware of any widespread desire for this," he said. "There have been great many trials in Westminster Hall. I do not think that a multiplicity of plaques is a good thing."

Another Labor member, Charles Pannell, jumped to his feet.

"All of us who are not Catholics but have any sense of history would like to see St. Thomas More commemorated," he said, adding that the subject had been raised when the late

Richard Stokes, a Catholic, was Minister of Works some 14 years ago.

In his ministerial post, Stokes could have arranged for the plaque but refused to do so because he apparently felt that as a Catholic he might be thought partisan, Pannell said.

## Shun Isolation Catholics Told

Vatican City — (NC) — Catholics should take part in international activities and make a specific contribution to them, according to a Vatican letter sent to the annual meeting of the International Conference of Catholic Organizations in Barcelona, Spain.

The letter was signed by Angelo Cardinal Cicognani, Papal Secretary of State, and addressed to the conference's president, Ramon Sugranyes de Franch. It conveyed the best wishes and encouragement of Pope Paul VI to the conference.

It noted that "our times witness the multiplication of relations and the development of international institutions, and a more acute awareness of the solidarity among nations."

"It is important, therefore, that Catholics should take part

in this international activity and that they should be present in it with their specific contributions."

By doing so, the letter said, Catholics help the Church's position in the world and aid it in its relations to the world's problems, "which cannot help but add to the awareness the Church has of its task of evangelization."

Because of the worldwide activities of the conference and of the Permanent Committee for International Congresses of the Lay Apostolate, these organizations have been called on to assist in the work of the Vatican Council, especially in regard to the schema on the lay apostolate and the one on the presence of the Church in the world.

The letter said that it is possible that the conference will be called on in the future to help teach Catholics what the Council expects of them.

### Vatican Group Visits Istanbul

Istanbul — (NC) — Three leading experts of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity flew here from Rome April 20 to see Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople.

The delegation was composed of Archbishop Joseph Marie Martin of Rouen, the senior French member of the secretariat and also head of the French Hierarchy's commission for Christian unity; Msgr. Jan G. M. Willebrands, secretary of the secretariat; and Father Pierre Duprey, W.F., undersecretary for Orthodox relations.

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### New Rituals In Five Years

Bols-Le-Duc — (RNS) — Far-reaching reforms incorporated in the Constitution on the Liturgy approved by the Second Vatican Council may be ready for adoption before 1970, according to Holland Bishop Willem M. Bekkers of Bols-Le-Duc.

Returning from sessions in Rome of the special commission set up by Pope Paul VI to put the constitution into effect, he spoke enthusiastically of the progress being made in preparing new liturgical texts.

"If the rate of work is kept up by the commission's sub-commissions and advisers," he said, "all liturgical changes will be completed within five years."



### RBI Award for The Bishop

Bishop Kearney received a testimonial plaque from the Rochester Business Institute "for his selfless, personal contributions to the people of Rochester for more than twenty-five years . . . for his solemn belief in complete and thorough education and . . . for his indomitable physical being and majestic voice." Making the presentation are Frank Holdraker, president of the board of governors at RBI; Robert E. Veigel, RBI vice president, and James Van Allan, Newman Club president.