

Christian Love Spans the Centuries

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This weekend four great stars light up the liturgical firmament. They span some ten centuries of history, but are linked in what might be called the one great constellation of Charity.

Friday commemorates St. Alexius, a fifth century beggar who renounced family riches to share the life of the poor. He has been chosen patron of a nursing congregation customarily called the Alexian Brothers.

St. Camillus de Lellis is Saturday's saint. This sixteenth century founder of the Clerks Regular, Ministers of the Sick, was so devoted to this apostolate that he required his followers to take a fourth vow: to serve the sick even in time of plague. He is now patron of hospitals and the sick.

Sunday celebrates St. Vincent de Paul, founder of the Vincentians and Sisters of Charity (like those at St. Mary's Hospital). His devotion to the poor manifested itself in the establishment of many associations for seeking out and aiding the unfortunate, particularly young girls.

St. Jerome Aemilian, whose feast is July 20, zealously gave himself to homeless waifs and orphans, laboring to provide homes, food and Christian education for the needy. He is now patron of orphans and abandoned children.

The apostolate to the needy — the young, the sick, the aged — has inspired countless saints since Christ first said: "As long as you do it in one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me."

The virtue of charity remains ever the same, the application varies with time and circumstances. These saints of old would be astounded — and pleased — to see how their apostolate of charity has been expanded today.

In the Rochester Diocese, Father Donald Muehly, Director of Catholic Charities, oversees nine agencies employing almost five hundred trained workers. Catholic Charities serves the youngest to the oldest of the Catholic community.

The Catholic Family Center, supervised by Father William Charbonneau, last year assisted over twenty-five hundred families in solving their problems. Through this same Family Center seventy-six adoptions were processed and some two hundred eighty-seven children were cared for in foster homes of the community.

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The Catholic Youth Organization and the St. Charles Ser-

Cairo Claims Papal Sympathy

Cairo — (RNS) — Radio Cairo, quoting what it claimed to be a "Vatican source," devoted considerable broadcast time to a report that seemed designed to show Vatican sympathy for the Arabs and opposition to Zionism.

(Observers in European centers, noting the tremendous pickup of the broadcast in other Arab capitals, saw the "report" as just another phase of the United Arab Republic's propaganda war against Israel.)

The Cairo broadcast held that the unidentified "source" reported that the Vatican regards Zionism as "a political organization nursing harmful ambitions" and that the Vatican "does not approve of the Zionists' behavior in various parts of the world."

Zionism has tried to embroil the Vatican in certain political matters for the purpose of undermining the relations between the Catholic Church and the Arabs, Cairo Radio reported.

Vatican Paper Credits JFK For Civil Rights Law

Vatican City — (NC) — The Vatican City weekly magazine has hailed passage of the civil rights bill in the United States, but warns that laws are not enough to form men.

L'Osservatore della Domenica said that with the signing of the bill, "the noble battle begun by Kennedy is concluded. The young President who died early by deadly bullets, and he who succeeded him with faith and courage, inscribe their names in the history of the United States next to that of Abraham Lincoln. In fact, they have carried out their work with an inflexible sense of justice."

However, the article asked: "Is the battle truly won?" Singing out reports of violence from various parts of the South, and particularly Mississippi, it noted that President Johnson has not wanted to take extreme action that would have grave repercussions in the South.

Can he maintain this attitude? The situation is worsening and many fear the worst. The article stated that now "is more than ever the hour for moral forces and above all the hour for Christians. It is for them to remember and to remind (all) of the message of love and brotherhood which is found in the Gospel. It is for them to live it and to make it lived in society so that it renews itself according to the spirit of Christianity. Laws, no matter how good they are, are not enough to form men."

New Spanish Parish Provides Varied Services

Barcelona — (NC) — A new kind of Spanish urban parish is in operation here, building a whole way of life around its facilities.

The church of San Medin looks more like a country store than a religious edifice, with only a crucifix and an image of its patron to identify it as a place of worship. Its other institutions are schools, a group of apartments, a meeting hall, gymnasium, a library and even a bar.

Its pastor, Father Moden Vidal, lives with another priest and five laymen in the parish house, where they make decisions about parish activities as a kind of executive committee.

Masses are celebrated with the priest facing the people. Much of the liturgy is in Catalan or Castilian Spanish. The entire parish is invited to Baptisms; these are treated as community events. The Baptisms are free to all, as are marriages and funeral services.

'Ave Maria' Hit In Kyoto

Kyoto, Japan — (RNS) — Japan's counterpart of a Rodgers and Hammerstein hit tune, writing team has composed a popular song, "The Ave Maria of the Little River," at the suggestion of the Maryknoll Good Shepherd Movement in this country.

The lyrics were composed by Hachiro Sato, Japan's leading poet, and the music by Yui Koseki. Non-Christians, they are regarded as the country's top song-writing team.

Premier of the song was held before some 5,000 persons, attending a "Light of the Heart" charity show sponsored by the Good Shepherd Movement, headed by Father James F. Hyatt, M.M., of Seattle, Wash.

It was performed by The Three Graces, a popular Japanese trio. Then Father Hyatt joined the trio and the newly-formed "quartet" led the congregation in singing the song. A record of the tune is expected to be issued soon by Columbia Records in the U.S.

The lyrics tell the story of Mary and the Boy Christ going for a walk to the bank of a small river where Jesus tries to catch minnow. Mary, ever watchful, catches the Child as He starts to slip and they return home safely.

Pope Recalls Unity Council

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has issued a Latin language letter commemorating the Ecumenical Council of Constance (1414-1418), in which he credited that council with restoring the Church's unity.

The letter, dated May 27, was addressed to Archbishop Hermann Schaefels of Freiburg, Germany. The occasion was the 550th anniversary of the council. World War I prevented the celebration of its 500th anniversary. It put an end to the so-called Schism of the West by the election of Pope Martin V following a period during which there were several claimants to the papal throne.

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Our works and deeds have merit because they are united with and done in Christ; or as He put it: "In My Name." Why was it that God told Moses that if he built Him an Altar, "He use any zeal in the making of it is to profane it" (Ex. 20:25)? The reason is because no creature is to "have any ground for boasting in the Presence of God" (1 Cor. 13:8). It was also to indicate that "He saved us; and it was not thanks to anything we had done for our own justification" (Tit. 3:5).

Sinfulness cannot approach the thrice-holy God with anything in hand which its own labors have produced. That is why the Lord did not respect the offering which Cain brought to Him; Cain presented the fruits of the ground, the product of his own labors, as if man, through his own efforts, could redeem himself. Abel, on the contrary, offered a bloody sacrifice for it is only through the blood of the All-Holy Lamb that our sins are forgiven.

When it comes to making your Will, you will do more good for your soul if you leave a little money to the Vicar of Christ, that is, to the Holy Father, than if you leave a million dollars for a new building with your name inscribed in stone. None of us can be sure that he acquired sufficient merits for salvation. Think well then on any material possessions which the Good Lord has given to you. Leave them in His Name for His purposes. Leave them particularly to His Vicar on earth, the Holy Father. This you will do by writing in your Will.

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'Pressure Action' Draws Caution

Lyons, France — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI, in a message to the 51st Semaine Sociale de France (Social Week) here, stressed that labor organizations should not become "pressure groups" but should collaborate with employers for the national and international common good.

The pontiff said that both labor and management have responsibilities to work for the "universal welfare which transcends group interests."

On one hand, he said, labor should cooperate with public authorities for a common prosperity, and on the other hand, employers should contribute to the effort by granting better wages and working conditions.

Pope Paul warned that labor groups, in defending workers' rights, should not develop "hated-by-enemies" but must "raise themselves to higher responsibilities" for the welfare of all.

Pilgrimage

Washington — (NC) — Father Anthony J. Coolen, W.F.P. provincial of the White Fathers of Africa, will lead a pilgrimage to Rome for the canonization of the Blessed Martyr of Uganda, scheduled for Mission Sunday, Oct. 18.

In his message the Pope referred to labor principles laid down in papal encyclicals. He noted that workers' conditions must be adjusted to constant changing human requirements.

He also reviewed the development of the Semaines Sociales since they were instituted in 1904. The annual study weeks, in which Catholic intellectuals from various countries participate, have been held regularly except for the World War I and II years.

Theme of this year's sessions was "Work and Workers in Contemporary Society." This was also the theme of the first week 50 years ago.

Prof. Alain Barrere of Paris University, president of Semaines Sociales, observed that the same theme for the first and 51st conferences would enable participants to take stock of the changes that have occurred in the last 50 years.

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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 matched the steel mills—then there were five.

Five little workers—But the farms are free no more,
Having been collectivized—then there were 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 few)
Government started selling food—now there are two.

Two little workers (see story's almost done)
With checks at work in federal stores—now we're only one.

One little worker—supporting for "The Sun"
Criticism of Government—now there are none.

You little workers—bet so longer free
Doing as they're ordered—at fixed rates, naturally.
This could have been prevented, if they had't lent an ear
To the idiots who clamored: "It just can't happen here."

Yes—this could happen to you. This little story could come true unless each of us works to keep Government out of business. What can you do? Write your Congressman and tell him how you feel about it.

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