

Holy Mass in Modern English

'Inspiring, Promising' Ritual

Some 12,000 priests, nuns, brothers and laymen participated last week in the first Mass to be celebrated in English in the United States.

Serving as the keynote for the 25th Annual Liturgical Week held in St. Louis, this history-making Holy Mass was officiated by Father Frederick R. McManus, a professor at Catholic University, a peritus (expert) of the Second Vatican Council, and past president of the Liturgical Conference.

The Mass, following the formula decreed by the American bishops for use of English was offered with the authorization of Cardinal Joseph Ritter of St. Louis. It preceded by three months the day when English will be used in Masses throughout the country on the First Sunday of Advent.

The Liturgical Week attracted over 20,000 participants, including thirty priests, nuns and laymen from the Rochester area.

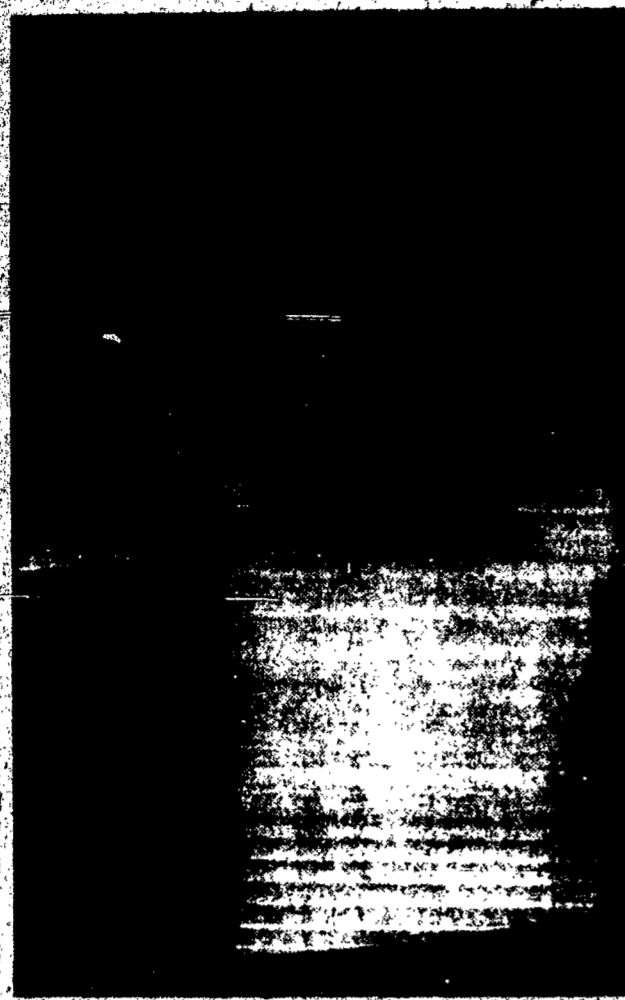
Father McManus offered the opening Mass facing the people at a low, simple altar. For the congregation there was total involvement — the prayers resounded through the hall whether they were English or Latin.

The songs and anthems were all in English. At the one Mass there were new compositions for such prayers as the Kyrie and Gloria, using new English texts recently made public. A mixed choir of over three hundred voices, assisted by the congregation.

The theme of the week was "The Challenge of the Council." The major addresses and workshops emphasized the future work to be done in carrying out the decrees of the Constitution on the Liturgy, which was approved last year at the Council.

During the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy, Father Robert Hoyda, editor of the Conference Bulletin, "Liturgy," said that it was no longer possible in any parish or diocese to religiously observe the Mass if nothing has happened. "We must act now," he said. "We have no choice. If we do not act, we must apologize."

Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta, Ga., called for action on the part of all in implementing liturgical reforms. "If we are to be truly one in holiness, then it must be done by the whole Church, not only by the bishops, priests and



An historic moment in the Catholic Church in the United States—Father Frederick McManus is shown as he celebrated the first Mass in which English was used. Upward of 12,000 delegates to the 25th annual Liturgical Week attended the low Mass at Kell Auditorium, St. Louis. Father McManus, professor of canon law at the Catholic University of America, Washington, is past president of the Liturgical Conference.

leaders among the faithful. It will either be accomplished by the gradual joining in of all God's people, the eager and the apathetic, the anxious and the confident, the favorable and the hostile, or it will not be done rightly at all.

In addition to the general morning and evening sessions, there were specialized workshops applying the decree to the role of parish priest, teaching sister, layman, musician, architect, chaplain.

Father Godfrey Diekmann, C.S.B., a veteran leader of the liturgical movement in this

Father Elmer Schmidt of Assumption Church, Fairport, said these observations were recurring from St. Louis: "There was a distinctive attitude characterizing the whole week — unity. The atmosphere of unity and consequent joy seemed to flow from the people at prayer about the altar each day. The Mass recited in English, with thousands responding, was beautiful, inspiring and promising, for it was a sincere and meaningful worship given to God, resulting in true Christian unity and love."

"From the first session through the last," Father Schmidt continued, "the Bible, the Word of God, was given special attention. Before each Mass the Missal, containing Scripture passages, was solemnly carried in procession. During each session the Bible was open upon the altar."

"The general sessions," reported Father Schmidt, "were attended by an average of 10,000 people. The speeches helped give meaning to the decrees of the Council. Obedience to authority, the necessity of furthering the dignity of the individual person in the worship of God were themes especially stressed."

Other clergy of the Rochester Diocese attending the Liturgical Week included Fathers Bernard Gross, Raymond Kenny, Eugene Heyck, C.S.B., William Hogan, Edward Linz, William Shannon, Peter Sheehan, C.S.B., Joseph Trovato, C.S.B.

Local nuns at the week included Sister Mary Benedict, R.S.M., Sister Rose Alice, S.S.J., and Sister Marie Angela, S.S.J. There were many seminarians and college students also in attendance from the Rochester Diocese.

—Father Robert Miller

Critical Election In Chile

Santiago—(NC)—Despite a year of intense campaigning, predictions on the outcome of tomorrow's critical Presidential election remain uncertain.

The Christian Democratic Party says its candidate Senor Eduardo Frei will win 200,000 votes. The Marxist Revolutionary Popular Action Front (FRAP) says its candidate, Dr. Salvador Allende, has victory assured.

Political observers willing to hazard a guess feel that Frei has an edge but a very slight one at best.

Among factors making it difficult to predict the outcome is the great increase in the number of voters.

In the 1958 presidential election, 1,300,000 people voted. This time 2,500,000 are registered and about 2,400,000 are expected to cast ballots.

The majority of the new voters are women. In the Capital City of Santiago, more women than men are registered. Generally it is thought that Chilean women will not vote for a Marxist candidate. In all, 1,550,000 men and 1,350,000 women are registered.

Another factor is the third candidate, Julio Duran, a senator from the Radical party. Though he has no chance of winning, Duran will probably receive about 300,000 of the Radical party's 400,000 votes. Where the other 100,000 votes will go is extremely important. In the 1958 election President Jorge Alessandri defeated Dr. Allende by only 53,000 votes.

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Unity, First Step On Mission Road

Noire Dame — (NC) — Archbishop Karl J. Alter called for "more emphasis on the ecumenical movement as a first step in strengthening the missionary role of the Church."

The Cincinnati archbishop told more than 4,200 high school, college, and seminary students and faculty members at the 21st Catholic Student Mission Council national convention here at the University of Notre Dame "there is no choice left to us but to espouse the cause of Christian unity."

"No Christian can be neutral, no one can be indifferent. All followers of Christ must with conviction and with persistent effort promote every action which will bring Christians together into the one Church of Christ," said the prelate who is the CSMC national president.

"No sincere Christian," he added, "can be in favor of separation, disunity, or conflict concerning the truth of Christ."

He urged the CSMC to "place more emphasis" on the ecumenical movement.

"In order to be more effective in our program in foreign lands, we must cultivate an understanding of the ecumenical

movement," he said. "Only thus can we give reality to Christ's prayer for unity and build a sure foundation for the total missionary program of the Church."

To insure progress in "reconciling our differences with our separated brethren," the Archbishop said, "we first must have an adequate understanding of the nature of these differences."

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The stamps will carry a picture of the God Samaritan by Italian sculptor Emilio Greco

In Training For Missions

Fonce, P.R.—(NC)—Seventy-four Jesuit scholastics, their seven prospective missionaries for Latin America, largest number in its history, are now in training at the Institute for Intercultural Communications here.

The students range in age from 21 to 63, with 27 the average age. The group includes four married couples with three children among said the trainees include six men, 17 states and Nova Scotia.

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Prosperity Through Cooperation

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Calling poverty "a clear and present danger to the country as a whole" the statement declares it to be "no less of a threat than the threat of military action or internal subversion by an enemy nation."

The statement asks the government to lose no time "in tooling up its own set of anti-poverty programs." It urges management to "support whatever degree of government action is required." It admonishes unions to "resist the temptation to become a pressure group." At the same time it takes cognizance of the work of voluntary agencies and notes that they also "have a great contribution to make in the war against poverty."

The second area that calls for a common enterprise" on the part of labor and management is the current problem of racial injustices. "No greater mistake could be made," the statement declares, "than to think that this problem, the sheer magnitude and tragedy of which we have yet fully to grasp as a nation, was taken care of once and for all by the enactment of the Civil Rights Act."

Both labor and management can do more than any other segment to eradicate racial injustice. "Our reason for saying this," the statement observes, "is that quite obviously the long-range solution to the problem of race relations in the United States will depend mainly on whether or not Negro workers and the members of other disadvantaged minority groups are able to secure gainful employment on a non-discriminatory basis."

With a note of hope for the future, the statement exclaims: "What a proud boast it will be for labor and management if, in the coming year, they succeed, at long last, in eliminating every vestige of discrimination from their hiring and promotional practices and, in the case of the unions, from the administration of their apprenticeship programs!"

The statement concludes with a reminder that "a reform of morals must be promoted" and urged that work be accomplished which will establish "a world that is a friend of man... a world where everyone can fulfill his task as a child of God in the midst of his brothers."

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