

Radio TV Shape Consciences, Says Pope

More Go Out Than Come In

Vienna — (NC) — For every two persons converted to Catholicism in Austria in 1963, five Catholics left the Church.

This was reported in a new book, "Catholic Statistics for 1963," published by the Austrian Pastoral Institute.

The book noted that 89% of Austrians are Catholics, that 94% of babies born in 1963 were baptized and that 79% of that year's marriages were witnessed by a Catholic priest. But it also reported that according to counts made in the spring and fall of 1963, only 31% of Austria's Catholics attended Sunday Mass and only 39% fulfill their Easter duty.

Vatican City — (RNS) — Radio and television can make a true contribution to the shaping of the conscience of mankind by presenting religious programs of high quality supervised by suitably trained and capable persons, Pope Paul VI declared here.

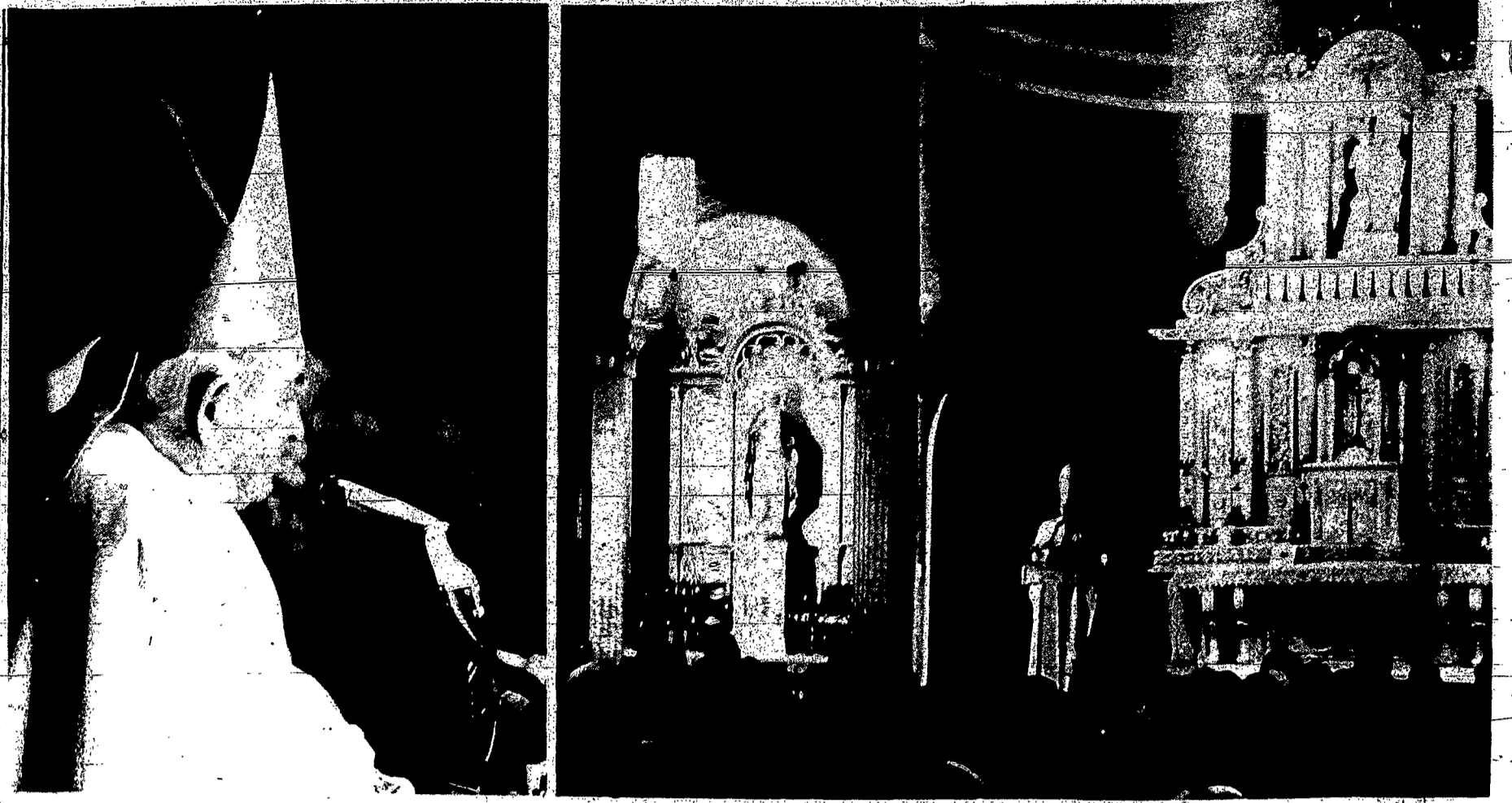
He spoke at an audience with participants in a study congress sponsored by the International Catholic Association for Radio and Television.

"We believe," he said, "that radio and television should transmit religious programs of high quality and conforming to the spiritual needs of listeners and viewers. A precious service would be rendered the public if these two powerful means of communication were animated by persons sufficiently trained and capable of infusing programs with a richness of mind and a Christian spirit."

"In that way," he added, "radio and television would contribute truly to form the human conscience."

The Pope, who spoke in French, stressed the "great interest" of the Church in the mass media, reminding that this had been evidenced by the Second Vatican Council's promulgation of a constitution dealing with communications.

"This document, which each of you have been able to examine carefully," he said, "signifies a new attitude of the Church, which is more than ever determined to aid the world of television and radio with all the means at its disposal."



Bishop Kearney launched Daily Mass membership drive at Mass-in-Our-Lady-of-Victory Church.

Church Rites Change for Spirit, Truth

In a period marked by many changes in the ceremonies of the Mass, it is important to remember that the essence of the Mass never changes, Bishop Kearney said in a sermon to Daily Mass League members last week.

He opened a membership drive for the League at a Mass celebrated Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Our Lady of Victory Church.

Recent changes have drawn a sharper line of demarcation between the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharistic Liturgy, the Bishop said. The former, capable of change, offers us a prayerful and Scriptural preparation for the latter, which is basically unchanging.

"In all these changes," the Bishop explained, "we should keep before us the great reality of the Eucharistic sacrifice as it was given to us by Christ at the Last Supper."

Responses and hymns can help us enter more deeply into the Mass, but they must flow from a loving understanding of the Mass.

"Words without thoughts never go to heaven," he said, borrowing a line from Shakespeare's Hamlet, he added.

"God is spirit, and they who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

The recent changes are intended to help us to enter into the sacrifice of the Mass more fully, and really worship God "in spirit and truth," Bishop Kearney concluded.

The Daily Mass League got its start in 1951 when a group of Rochester Catholic laymen banded together to encourage others to share in the spiritual benefits and consolation that stem from daily Mass.

In 1953, with Bishop Kearney's approval and the cooperation of the Sacred Heart Fathers at Our Lady of Victory Church on Pleasant Street, a 12 o'clock noon daily Mass was scheduled there. Later the swelling attendance brought a need for a second Mass; now there are two each noon time, one at 11:40 a.m., the other at 12:10 noon.

In 1957, through the efforts of Bishop Kearney, the Vatican granted unusual spiritual benefits to the members. The Bishop then erected the Daily Mass League with its first center at the Pleasant St. church

and appointed the rector, Rev. Edward P. Callens, S.S.C.C., its spiritual advisor.

From a small initial membership, the League has grown into 35,000 members in 48 states and 15 foreign countries.

There are no dues, no officers, no meetings. The only requirement for membership is a sincere wish to attend Mass daily, even when actual circumstances make it impossible. Any Catholic desiring to enroll in the League and share in its spiritual benefits can do so by sending his name to the Daily Mass League, 10 Pleasant St., Rochester.

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LBJ's School Aid Has Clear Track

Washington — (RNS) — President Johnson's aid to education bill, which underwent a strong barrage of opposition during public hearings due to church-state questions it raised, appears to be heading for clearer sailing as the parent House Education and Labor Committee prepares to tackle it.

The revised measure approved by the Subcommittee on Education, headed by Rep. Francis Perkins (D-Ky.), sponsor of the bill, has gained, in the main, the approval of the executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Endorsement by Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson is significant because Baptists, as the largest Protestant body in the U.S., have been among the most staunch supporters of strict separation of church and state.

The measure also is expected to meet with greater approval from such groups as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), whose testimony at public hearings warned that unless the church-state questions were more clearly aligned with a policy of separation it would oppose the bill.

Most of the major changes suggested by that group and others were incorporated in the marked-up version. This, of course, does not mean that the 31-member parent committee will necessarily abide by them.

Of 11 major amendments reported out by Rep. Perkins' subcommittee, five of them pertain directly to the church-state issue. In answering questions about the revised measure, Subcommittee Counsel Jack Reid said:

"The Subcommittee has taken care to assure that all funds going from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 are publicly administered and under public direction and control at all times, even though the legislation also assures that non-profit private school attendees shall be afforded the opportunity by the public school authorities to receive the benefit of the public educational programs to be conducted under Title I and Title III."

The marked-up version passed the subcommittee by a vote of 6-0, with the three Republican members boycotting the sessions.

In the parent committee, headed by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.), there are 21 Democrats and 10 Republicans. Rep. Powell has said he is tempted to add clauses to the bill which would make it expressly clear that racial discrimination plays no part in distributing the funds at the state and local level.

Observers here feel certain, however, he will not attach the riders, because the Harlem legislator wants to rally as much support for the bill as he can.

Probably the thorniest problem in the original draft was the provision of federal funds for textbooks and library books for children attending parochial and private non-profit schools. Here is where many thought church-state separation was being violated.

A memorandum released by the subcommittee said the revised bill does not permit grants to private schools for the purchase of books, but they may be "loaned" to the parochial students, with actual title being vested in the local public school agency.

Under Title II of the bill, which authorizes appropriation of \$100 million for fiscal 1966, it is required that the funds be used in providing textbooks approved by public school authorities for use in public schools.

"The books would be available to private non-profit school students as well as to students attending public schools. Books made available to students under this title are on a loan basis, and the public school authority maintains title and control over the use of the textbook materials."

Actually, this provision came as an entirely new section to Title II, added as the result of the hearings. The new title, in essence, requires that all library resources and textbook material vest only in a public agency and that a public authority have sole control and administration of the use of the material. This has the effect of requiring that the material be made available to all students, public or private, on a loan basis, thus equalizing both.

It is the actual administration of this title that probably will pose the most problems, particularly in 32 of the states. Those states have court decisions and constitutional provisions which prevent aiding parochial school systems in any fashion.

Catholic Aid Tops All Others

Washington — (NC) — Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference accounted for well over one-third of all disbursements by U.S. voluntary foreign relief agencies in the first six months of 1964, according to newly released government figures.

CRS-NWC, the U.S. Catholic overseas relief agency, had relief disbursements worth \$91,922,700 from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1964. Total disbursements during the same period by agencies registered with the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the Agency for International Development were \$244,739,046.

CARE, the agency with the second largest total disbursement, spent \$67,274,255. These figures are contained in a report by AID covering the work of 54 groups registered with the advisory committee.

Coach Quits To Be Brother

Manhasset, N.Y. — (RNS) — It's a rare thing when a winning basketball team loses its coach in mid-season, but at St. Mary's High School here the squad understands.

Coach Jim Volkland is calling it a career at age 24 — to enter the religious life.

Effective Sunday, Feb. 14, basketball and baseball coach Volkland, who also teaches history at St. Mary's, began his postulancy as a member of the Marist Brothers. His first stop: the Marist motherhouse at Esopus, N.Y.

"I have been thinking about this for a long time," said Mr. Volkland. "I can't really explain how I first knew that this is what I want to do. I have been working with the Brothers for a long while. I had them as teachers in high school so I know how they live."

Father Morphy Mourned

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He initiated parochial school education in the now 65 year old parish by opening classes in 1952 in the CYA hall prior to construction of the new school building in 1955.

He also modernized the rectory adjacent to the church. He had hopes of eventually building a completely new church edifice for the parish.

Father Morphy was a fourth degree Knight of Columbus and belonged to the Kiwanis Club.

A native of Clifton Springs, born Dec. 10, 1908, he is the son of William and Margaret Morphy and attended elementary school there and Auburn high school. He made his priestly studies at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries and was ordained by Cardinal Mooney, fourth Bishop of Rochester, in old St. Patrick's Cathedral, June 9, 1934.

He served as assistant pastor first at Holy Family Church, Rochester, and then from 1942 at Corpus Christi Church. During his eight years as curate at Corpus Christi he also served as diocesan director of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He succeeded the late Rev. Bernard J. Gefell as East Rochester pastor March 1, 1950.

ASSISTING Bishop Kearney in the funeral Mass will be Rev. William O'Brien, deacon, and Rev. Paul Murley, subdeacon. Rev. James Moynihan and Rev. Elmer McNamara will be masters of ceremonies.

Assistant deacons will be Monsignors John McCafferty and John Maney.

Acolytes will be Rev. John Malley and Rev. Bernard Newcomb. Rev. Earl Tobin will be thurifer. Rev. Fathers Thomas McVeigh, Gerald Kelly, Raymond Nolan and Joseph Haffey will be miter, book, candle and gremiale bearers.

Priests of the Diocese will chant Vespers of the Dead at the parish church Friday evening at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Scipio Center Card Party

Scipio Center — The Annual George Washington Card Party sponsored by St. Bernard's Rosary Society of Scipio Center, will be held this year on Monday evening, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m. at Sherwood Central School.

Middlebury Dean

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