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Red Victim, Now Apostle Of Legion of Mary

Camden, N.J. — (NC) — An Irish priest who spread the Legion of Mary in China before and after the communist takeover there and then spent two-and-a-half years in a Red prison will soon be promoting the legion in this country.

Father Aedan McGrath, S.S.C., interviewed here following a legion convention in Philadelphia, said he is planning a national lecture itinerary. In the decade since he was released from China, he has been promoting the organization in England and Wales.

His own acquaintance with the legion dates back to the wartime years in China, where he had served as a missionary since his ordination in 1929.

He was imprisoned by the Japanese invaders for more than two years. When he returned to his parish in a town about 100 miles north of the city of Hanyang, he found that members of the legion had kept the faith alive in the area with-

out benefit of priest, Mass or sacraments.

After a trip home, he returned to China in 1947 and started to work to foster the legion. For a while he kept one jump ahead of the communists, who were then taking over the country. But in 1951 he was arrested in Shanghai and put in jail. He was accused of being a "tool of Harry S. Truman," an Irish imperialist and of "bad moral character."

During his imprisonment he kept his mental balance by composing verses mentally and committing them to memory. "I even read the writing on the back of a toothpaste tube several thousand times," he recalled.

Priests To Join Ministers Unit

Bridgeport — (NC) — Priests of the Bridgeport diocese are encouraged to join ministerial associations or cooperate in forming such groups under "interim directives" on ecumenism issued by the diocese.

The directives, prepared by the priests' committee of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission, are published in booklet form and have the approval of Bishop Walter W. Curtis.

Priests are encouraged to become acquainted with the clergy of other denominations, join with them in dialogue groups, and work with them for the common good.

Permission is given to priests to speak in churches of other communions, outside the setting of the eucharistic or other official liturgy, on all special occasions when prayers are offered for unity, or at other joint services such as those offered "for peace, in time of public need, mourning or thanksgiving."

"Similar invitations, under similar conditions, may be extended to clergymen of other communions to speak in Catholic churches," the document says.

Divorce Bill

Bogota — (NC) — A committee of the Colombian Senate has voted 8 to 4 to reject a bill that would legalize civil divorce in Colombia.

New Texts of Prayers To be Said in English

At the beginning of Mass

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I will go to the altar of God.

Server: To God who gives joy to my youth.

Priest: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Server: Who made heaven and earth.

Priest: I confess to almighty God... to pray to the Lord our God for me.

Server: May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.

Priest: Amen.

Server: I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, all the saints, and you, Father to pray to the Lord our God for me.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.

Server: Amen.

Priest: May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins.

Server: Amen.

Priest: O God, you will give us life again.

Server: And your people will rejoice in you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your kindness.

Server: And grant us your salvation.

Priest: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Server: And let my cry come to you.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Server: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

At the Orate fratres

Priest: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father almighty.

Server: May the Lord receive the sacrifice from your hands to the praise and glory of His Name, for our welfare, and that of all His holy Church.

At the Preface

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We have lifted them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

At the beginning of the Canon of the Mass, the priest will say: "Altogether as in the past, the Mass is to be said according to previously published texts."

Monks Return to Sweden

By RUNE P. THURINGER

Karlstad, Sweden — (NC) — Benedictine missionaries from Britain, among the first evangelists to this country in the 11th century, are at long last picking up the traces of their apostolate here.

Two British priests, Abbot Oswald Eaves, O.S.B., and Father Edmund Stewart, O.S.B., have established a bustling Catholic center in this port city about 150 miles west of Stockholm. Theirs is a tradition that goes back to the same time of St. Ansgar, when the Gospel first came to Scandinavia.

ST. ANSGAR, a German Benedictine, preached to the Scandinavians in the 9th century. Evangelization did not begin in earnest, however, until St. Sigfrid came here from England around the year 1000. He and his followers converted all of Sweden and created parishes and dioceses that still exist in the Lutheran church today.

It was in keeping with this tradition that Father Ansgar Nelson of Portsmouth (Rhode Island) Priory, a member of the English Benedictine community was chosen to be coadjutor bishop of Stockholm in 1947. For 13 years following he was the only Benedictine in Sweden. He was succeeded in Stockholm by another American, Bishop John E. Taylor, O.M.I., in 1962.

In 1960, Bishop Nelson invited Abbot Eaves, the retired abbot of Fort Augustus monastery in Scotland, to study the Church situation in Sweden. Abbot Eaves came, studied, and stayed. With Father Stewart of Buckfast, England, he established the center here with a bookshop, a library, and a craft shop where Father Stewart — an expert in ceramics — gives popular courses in pottery making.

The library has become a center for ecumenical talks and for courses in the Catholic faith. Many people who never saw a priest in their lifetime came to the talks, the pottery classes, or to browse through the bookshop.

Besides the center, Abbot Eaves took charge of the Catholic citizens in Karlstad and its surrounding towns. Karlstad had seen its first Catholic priest since the Reformation only nine years earlier, but Abbot Eaves has made up for lost time.

With the help of a few nuns, he and Father Stewart travel hundreds of miles each year preaching, teaching and administering the sacraments. It is not unusual for a priest to conduct a funeral service in a Protestant church before a Protestant congregation singing Protestant hymns. Mixed marriages are conducted in the same manner, although more often in the Protestant church hall.

About 20,000 Catholics have emigrated to Sweden since the end of World War II, but through the work of the Benedictines and other priests converts are also helping to swell the Church. One of their converts is now a Benedictine nun in England, and it is hoped she will return to begin a community in this country.

A Swedish Benedictine, Father Andres Rask, has returned from studying in France. Among his other duties, he has conducted morning services for 1,300 students at a Protestant school in Karlstad. Two Dominican nuns teach at the same school, wearing their habits in class.

The growth of the Church and the presence of the English missionaries has provoked great interest among the Swedes. School children often learn about Catholic Church history from priests. Lutheran ministers have joined the Benedictines for informal ecumenical dialogues.

Not Very Far From Tipperary

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI has named Father Michael Russell, vice-rector of St. Patrick's College in Thurles, County Tipperary, as Bishop of Waterford and Lismore in Ireland.

Bishop-elect Russell, 44, succeeds the late Bishop Daniel Cogan. Ordained in 1945, he has been a professor of moral theology at St. Patrick's since 1949.

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