



Vatican Mission Rite

Vatican City — (RNS) — An event rare in Vatican history took place on the Feast of the Epiphany when Pope Paul VI ordained 62 new priests from 23 missionary countries in St. Peter's Basilica.

"In a talk during the ceremony, the pontiff said the mass ordination, 'taking place so soon after the Second Vatican Council, is almost a revelation of its spirit, a confirmation of its hope, the beginning of its application and an indication of its first fruits.'

"We are," he said, "performing this ordination of the Feast of the Epiphany, a marvelous anniversary that allows us to celebrate the manifestation among men of God, invisible and ineffable.

"There are 62 young men receiving this ordination who come from 23 countries that we call missionary. This adjective is used because it indicates the special conditions of the Church there, as well as the principles, the efforts, the heroism, the risks, the innocence, the humility, and the evangelical charity which set apart the missionaries working there."

The Pope said the Sacrament of Ordination "confers new powers that are transcendental and divine. These make the priestly ministry the instrument of the supernatural actions of God and place the priest in a position of service in relation to the bishops, the Church and the people of God."

Pope Paul concluded with an exhortation to the new priests, saying: "Be conscious of what you are, be conscious of the dignity of the vocation to which you are called. Be conscious of its power, this power you carry with you. Be conscious of the purpose of your ordination as priests of Christ.

Daniel Culhane Named Manager

By-Travel Bureau

J. Daniel Culhane, former Rochesterian is now general manager of the Hodgson Catholic Travel Office in Washington, D.C. He is taking the post after almost 42 years in directing the program of Boys Club of America.

He is a graduate of old Cathedral High School and often came from Washington for the annual reunion of the alumni. He is a graduate of Notre Dame University and held many offices in and was honored by the Alumni Association.

Tribute to his work in the Boys Club of America in which he started in 1924 was paid at a party in his honor at Boiling Springs, Pa., Nov. 5, 1965.

Culhane's wife, Marguerite W. Culhane will conduct a tour of Ireland for the agency in July 1966. He will not travel too often but expects to take charge of longer tours.

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Interfaith Study On Laity's Task

Chicago — (NC) — The executive director of the National Council of Catholic Men urged here that Catholics and Protestants work together in seeking the proper role of laymen in the Church.

Catholics and Protestants have the same aims, the same problems and should seek the same solutions in this matter, Martin H. Work told the North American Conference on the Ministry of the Laity in the World.

The conference held Jan. 13 to 16 is being sponsored by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and the Canadian Council of Churches. It is part of the ecumenical program of the World Council of Churches.

Work stressed the identity of interests among Catholics and Protestants in regard to the role of the layman.

"We would part company on a few essential issues, like the place of the hierarchical authority in the apostolate, but beyond that we have, it seems to me, the same problems in America," he said.

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POAU Officer Calls Council a Failure

Washington — (RNS) — The Second Vatican Council was described here by an official of the POAU executive, the Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU), as presenting "an image of limited success, lamentable failure, and in some areas, retrogression."

C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of POAU and a news observer at the Council, gave his views in Church and State, official organ of POAU.

"At least one glaring failure by the Council was for the worse," he said. "The insistence that governments must provide tax support for Catholic schools is ecumenically depressing and politically discouraging."

"It now appears to be a doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church that all citizens of all faiths and none should be taxed to pay for Catholic education."

He commended the Vatican's planned establishment of a synod of bishops. "Yet the synod remains in all respects under the control of the Pope, who can veto any of its actions," he said.

Mr. Lowell said the Council's religious liberty declaration "did concede a civil right to 'error' but it did not even touch on the immense problem of

control. "The Council not only rejected change, but even reiterated the discredited teaching of both Pius XI and Pius XII."

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Venezuela Short of Priests

Wichita, Kan. — (RNS) — A missionary priest in Venezuela, visiting his home here, said that because of the critical shortage of priests in that country lay teachers and parents are being recruited to give children religious instructions.

Father Joseph Bergkamp, one of the first Wichita diocesan missionaries in the South American nation, said that qualified laity were being sought for catechetical training. The laymen then will teach children the fundamentals of Catholicism.

One of the greatest problems for the Church in Venezuela, he said, is the acute shortage of priests — as it is in most Latin American countries. In Venezuela, he noted, where 90 per cent of the people are Catholic, there is one priest for every 10,000 people.

Father Bergkamp explained that wealthy parents do not want their sons to be priests, since they consider a clergyman's life "beneath their dignity." On the other hand, he said, the poor — from whom many of the priestly vocations might otherwise come — are too often uneducated and must work hard to sustain life.

Deanery Officers Meet at Newark

There will be a quarterly meeting of the Wayne Deanery Council of Catholic Women at the home of the vice president, Mrs. Ronald Howlett, 102 North Ave. Newark, on Jan. 19. At this time the First Saturday Luncheon will be discussed. The Deanery is also sponsoring a bake sale to be held on Jan. 20 at Sibley's in Newark from 1 to 9 p.m.



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