

'Our Lady of the Future'

No Longer Isolated

St. Paul — (NC) — The recent Vatican Council, which has been accused of sacrificing devotion to the Blessed Virgin for the sake of ecumenism, instead accorded her a "place without precedent" in history, according to a French theologian.

The chapter on Mary in the constitution of the Church says more about her than ever was said previously in ecumenical councils, Father Rene Laurentin stated.

Father Laurentin, professor of theology at the University of Angiers, France, is lecturing this summer at the University of Dayton in Ohio. He came to St. Paul to speak at the St. Paul seminary and at St. Catherine's College.

A Council peritus, or expert, Father Laurentin worked on the chapter on Mary of the constitution on the Church.

The Council "invites us to turn our at-

Holy Day On Monday

Monday, August 15, is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary into heaven. It is a holy day on which Catholics are to attend Mass.

Parish bulletins should be consulted for exact time of Masses. Most parishes will schedule late afternoon or evening Masses in addition to morning Masses.

The feast celebrates Catholic belief that our Lady was glorified by God following her death as a sign of divine approval of her life of sinless collaboration in the redeeming work of her Son, Jesus Christ.

tion less to the new than to tradition and dogma" about Mary, to see her "in relation to Christ" rather than isolated, as Mariology has tended to present her, the scholar said.

"The 'Mary of the future' will be more ecumenical, patristic, Christocentric and liturgical. . . . The Virgin will be less dissociated from the rest of theology," he explained.

"Ideas that Mary can be put aside for ecumenical reasons are contrary to ecumenism," which does not eliminate but rather researches difficult points, he said.

"Vatican II made no choice between the Virgin and aggloramento," Father Laurentin said. "It gave her real meaning, as entirely at the service of the Redemption," and pointed out that the best piety toward Mary "is before all else liturgical."



Out of the Depths . . .

Key Largo, Fla. — (RNS) — A life-size statue of Christ has been placed 20 feet below the surface of John Pennekamp Underwater Park at Key Largo, Fla. The statue was dedicated in July by members of the Underwater Society of America, the Florida Skin-divers Association and state park officials.

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Convent Garden

Mills, Mass.—(RNS)—A Sister of Bethany uses an early American scythe to clear overgrown grass from an orchard at her religious order's new American novitiate in Mills, Mass. Formerly located in West Newton, Mass., The Sisters of Bethany came to the U.S. seven years ago upon the invitation of Cardinal Cushing of Boston. The nuns carry out a special apostolate among women prisoners in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and Illinois. Founded in France in 1866, the order maintains a semi-contemplative way of life. The U.S. group has 16 members, including 10 native Americans.

Bible Scholar At Seminary

Jesuit Father Francis J. McCool, internationally known biblical scholar, will give two talks to priests of the Rochester Diocese at St. Bernard's Seminary, Tuesday, August 16.

Father McCool, a member of the faculty of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, was one of the members of the U.S. bishops' press panel during the Vatican Council. He is back in the United States to speak at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., St. John's University, Jamaica, N.Y., and to teach at Fordham University.

His talks to the priests at St. Bernard's will be on the theological aspects of the Gospel narratives of Palm Sunday.

Shalom Links Prelate, Shazar

New York — (RNS) — Dr. Zalman Shazar is the first president of Israel traveling abroad who has received a call from a Roman Catholic cardinal in each country visited.

The cycle was completed here on the eve of his return to his homeland when he received a courtesy call from Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

Cardinal Spellman greeted the president by using the Hebrew word "shalom" (peace). The Israeli leader replied that he was "very honored."

The president gave Cardinal Spellman a box of Jerusalem olive wood containing a medallion commemorating Pope Paul's Israeli visit. The box was inscribed on one side with the Latin "Terra Sancta" (Holy Land) and on the other with "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself" in Hebrew, Latin, and English.

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Respect for Authority 'Loved or Lost' in Home

Cleveland — (NC) — A cardinal cautioned here that Church and State alike today are threatened in this country with a major crisis — the crisis of authority.

New York's Cardinal Spellman, addressing the Fraternal Order of Eagles convention dinner here, prescribed an antidote to overcome the conflict — a strong, healthy family life.

"The basic unit of both Church and nation is the family, and it here — within the family — that the principle of authority is either nurtured or damaged," Cardinal Spellman declared.

"There can be no strong authority within the Church or the nation unless it is found first in the home. For there authority is respected or rejected; it is loved or it is lost. . . . A Church is as good as the family life of its members. A nation is as strong as the community of its homes," the cardinal said.

The cardinal described the "crisis of authority" as the tensions and conflicts that have arisen "between those who rule and those who are ruled, between those who teach and those who are taught, between

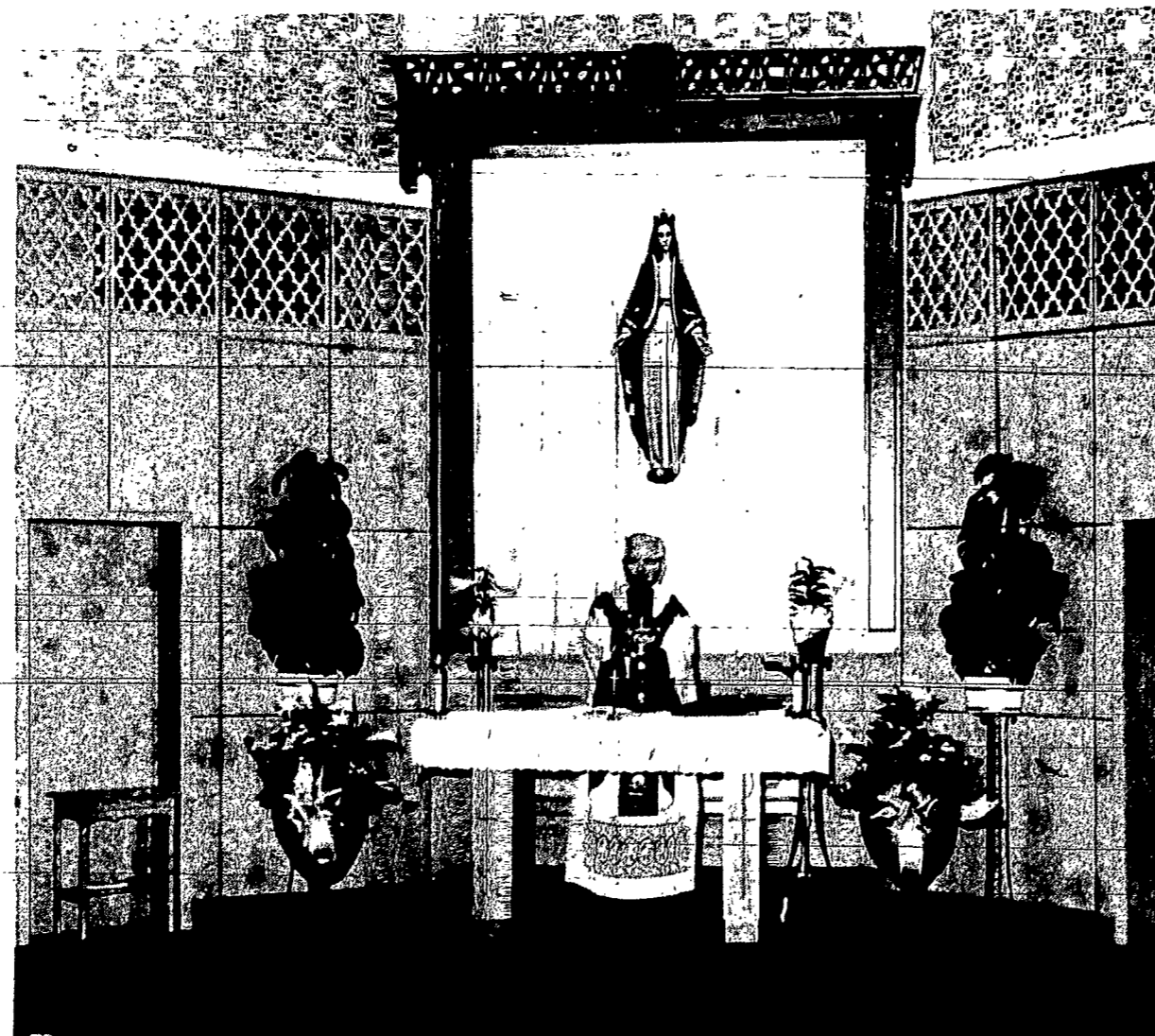
those who lead and those who are led." He said the Church has its own "crisis of authority."

"The harmonious mating of these counterparts is being seriously threatened, and sooner or later there must come an understanding or there will be divorce. Sooner or later we shall find either that the old institutions have been renewed and reformed, or that they have been demolished, leaving future generations nothing on which to build. This latter alternative would spell disaster," the cardinal said.

The crisis "permeates life on every level," rocks the foundations of "every tradition we know, and it leaves most of us uneasy and deeply concerned," Cardinal Spellman said.

Theology Award

Providence — (RNS) — Father Paul K. Meagher, O.P., of Washington, D.C., a theological scholar, writer and editor was named to receive the Cardinal Spellman Award for outstanding contributions in Catholic theology presented annually by the Catholic Theological Society of America.



Centenary of Faith in Fairport

Fairport's Assumption parish will mark its 100th anniversary Monday, August 15, feast of our Lady's Assumption. Father Leonard Kelly, pastor, is shown celebrating Mass in recently redecorated sanctuary. Centenary story is on page five.

Critics of Rite Changes Nearly Equal Advocates

Twelve lads at Camp Columbus added their replies to the Courier poll on changes recently inaugurated in Catholic rituals.

The boys were in the 11 to 13 year age bracket. Although they had difficulty spelling the word strengthened, they all agreed they liked the new English format and Mass celebrated facing the people. Five of them added their wish for the whole Mass to be in English.

Other replies to the poll published in the July 15, 22 and 29th issues of the Courier give only a slight edge in favor of the changes. Of the 870 total returns, 469 like the changes, 401 are either opposed or unimpressed with them.

School Prayer, a Remedy

Washington — (NC) — Unless a constitutional amendment is passed to allow voluntary prayer in schools, the Supreme Court's "prayer" decision "destroy every surviving instance of public reverence in the land," a priest told the Senate subcommittee on constitutional amendments here.

Father Robert G. Howes, associate professor of engineering at the Catholic University of America, made that comment in testifying on behalf of Citizens for Public Prayer, Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan of Worcester, the Worcester (Mass.) Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and Worcester Mayor George Welk.

But the amendment "is not for school prayer alone," he said, "but rather to arrest once and for all at the prayer point a process of secularism which, unless radically checked, must erode away all public reverence."

Citing national polls, resolutions by school boards and boards of selectmen in Massachusetts cities, congressmen's polls of their districts, Father Howes said "upward of 80% of our fellow citizens" favor the prayer amendment. As one indication he offered "more than 100,000" signatures on petitions gathered by Citizens for Public Prayer.



FATHER ROACH

Clifton Springs

Father John E. Roach, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Corning, was named this week by Bishop Kearney to be pastor of St. Felix Church, Clifton Springs.

The appointment will be effective Wednesday, August 17, at 6 p.m., the Chancery announced.

Father Roach succeeds the late Father Earl Tobin, who died July 22.

Prior to his assignment to Corning in 1963, Father Roach had been curate at Holy Apostles Church, Rochester, for 19 years. He was ordained by Bishop Kearney in 1943.