

Central Union Raps Civil Disobedience

New York — (RNS) — One of the oldest Catholic lay organizations in the United States has condemned all forms of civil disobedience.

The Catholic Central Union of America and its affiliates, the National Catholic Women's Union and the Catholic Central Youth Union, held that "there must be universal acceptance of and obedience to the laws of the land, of the community and of lawful institutions, since their authority comes from God."

Among the 11 guiding principles for Catholic action adopted by the organization, four dealt with obedience to the authority of Church and State.

"Disobedience to lawful authority and insubordination, along with outright crime and lawlessness, is plaguing our society. The very survival of our civilization may well depend upon what is done by men of goodwill to reverse this trend for the achievement of true peace and security among men."

The Catholic Central Union was formed in 1855 by Americans of German descent.

Delegates directed that an editorial which appeared in *The Tidings*, official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, on July 15 be written in the record as expressing their views.

While non-violent demonstrations may be well intentioned, the paper had said, many of them degenerate into disorder and civil anarchy.

4 Faith Church Wins Praise

St. Louis — (RNS) — The St. Louis Review, archdiocesan newspaper, has hailed as "bold and courageous ecumenical venture" a Kansas City project in which four Churches have decided to plan a combined inner-city parish.

It hailed Bishop Charles H. Helmsing of Kansas City-St. Joseph for participating in the pioneering project. In joining with the Episcopal and United Presbyterian Churches and the United Church of Christ, the Catholic newspaper said, Bishop Helmsing has moved "past the conversion stage of ecumenism to that of deed."

"Americans of all faiths will watch this novel ecumenical experiment closely," the St. Louis Review stated. "We hope that the St. Mark's venture works well as a joint missionary effort in the inner city, and that it becomes a model for other cities sorely in need of bringing religion to life in the inner city."

It stressed that the joining of four Churches in one parish, based as an "ecumenical movement" not an economic one. Sharing of church facilities in the past, it reminded, had been largely determined by lack of funds.

Retreats in West Africa
Epworth, Iowa — (NC) — Father Edward Dudink, S.V.D., rector of the Society of the Divine Word Seminary, here, is in Ghana, West Africa, giving a series of retreats to priests, Brothers and Sisters.

Convents without Walls but Don't Harp on the Ego

St. Louis — (RNS) — Convents without walls where Sisters live but leave to serve in a variety of institutions and situations were predicted here by Sister Aloysius Schaldenbrand, who regards herself as one of the "new breed" of nuns.

Sister Aloysius spoke to the annual institute for superiors of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at Fontbonne College. Some 130 nuns from midwestern states attended.

"Sweeping changes in the rules and practices of religious orders are on the way," Sister Aloysius said. "Old restrictive rules are tumbling as the store of energy within the convents bursts its bounds, and nothing will stop that process now."

Archaic practices which forbade nuns from speaking or breaking bread with the laity were both inhuman and un-Christian, Sister Aloysius said. She decried the "present agonizing" over the garb of nuns. "The weight of my history ought not to be the 'big deal' that it is," she said.

We stand things on their heads when we wait for the canon lawyers to tell us how to exercise our vocations."

In future, religious orders must take great care to select only those people who have real freedom to decide for the religious life, Sister Aloysius added. Nuns of the future must have had sufficient personal experience to choose properly their mode of life, she said.

Sister Aloysius is an instructor of philosophy at Nazareth (Mich.) College. She is contributing editor for the magazine, *The Changing Nun*.

The nuns also heard Father Bernard Haering state that authority is required in religious communities, in churches, and in homes, but that authority is never greater than the love of the person who administers it.

Father Haering, famed Redemptorist priest who is professor of moral theology and pastoral sociology, spoke three times during the annual institute for superiors.

Rome Turns Down Fr. DuBay Appeal

Santa Monica, Calif. — (RNS) — A Vatican tribunal has upheld the suspension of Father William H. DuBay by James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles.

The 31-year-old priest, in announcing the decision of the tribunal here, revealed that he had appealed to Pope Paul VI "for reconsideration of the verdict." A statement said, "As for carrying his appeal into civil court, the priest said he was still consulting canon and civil lawyers and would wait a reasonable time for a reply to his latest appeal to the Pope."

Father DuBay made public an exchange of correspondence between Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and himself.

In advising the priest of the tribunal's decision, Archbishop Vagnozzi notified him that he must refrain from issuing "writings and public declarations" and withdraw from circulation his controversial book, *The Human Church*.

The priest said that "an attempt by the Roman Curia to suppress a book in the 20th Century United States is scandalous, to say the least, even if it were possible for me to legally carry out such an order."

Father DuBay has been involved in two major controversies; the first came when he called on Pope Paul VI to remove his superior, James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, as Archbishop of Los Angeles; the second came with publication of *The Human Church*, which, among other things, advocated organization of a union of priests to represent their interests in dealing with superiors and bishops.

In his reply to Archbishop Vagnozzi, Father DuBay asked him to transmit to the Pope his appeal for "reconsideration of the verdict in accordance with my original telegram of Feb. 25, 1966, wherein I appealed for an ecclesiastical court before which I may make a defense and receive the protection of due process."

"Not only have I been tried in absentia by anonymous judges and prevented from appearing in person with counsel and witnesses, but also I have been denied the right of confronting my accusers."

In his notification, the Apostolic Delegate told the Los Angeles archdiocesan priest that members of the tribunal found Cardinal McIntyre's decision to

you may soon again be performing your priestly office in the name of Christ."

The priest is now associated with Synanon House in Santa Monica. First assigned as a counselor to drug addicts, he now conducts seminars on ethical and religious problems, assists in public relations and has been able to do much writing. He joined the institution shortly after his suspension on Feb. 25. While suspended he may not carry out the functions of a priest.

In June 1964, Father DuBay, then an assistant at a suburban parish, announced at a press conference that he had written Pope Paul VI to ask that he be removed from the archdiocese of Los Angeles. He charged the Pope with "gross malfeasance in office . . . and abuses of authority."

The priest claimed that the cardinal "has failed to exercise moral leadership among the white Catholics of this diocese on racial discrimination; and he has conducted a vicious program of intimidation and repression against priests, seminarians and lay who have tried to reach the conscience of white Catholics in his archdiocese."

Father DuBay was then administrator of the parish during the vacation of the pastor. He was immediately relieved of his duties. About a week later, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles announced that the incident had been "resolved," that Father DuBay, after meeting with Cardinal McIntyre at a diocesan seminary, had reaffirmed his loyalty and obedience to his superior.

The priest was shifted to another parish, later was assigned as a hospital chaplain.

In February of this year, speeches by Father DuBay and publication of his book, *The Human Church*, stirred more controversy. He suggested a "union-like" organization for priests, and referred in his book to "malicious and anachronistic laws" in describing Canon 1717 of the Code of Canon Law, which prohibits legal action against clerics and bishops.

Ghana Duty for Priest, Birth Control Advocate

Liverpool — (RNS) — Father Arnold McMahon, the young Roman Catholic priest who aroused controversy last year by publicly advocating the right of Roman Catholics to practice birth control, is en route to West Africa for a five-year assignment which he feels is partly "corrective training."

He will serve in the Accra diocese, which embraces the Ghana capital. Before his liner sailed he was quoted as saying: "I suppose it is really partly corrective training. We expect to go where we are sent, but I can't say it as a surprise. I could think of better places."

Father McMahon, who is 26, was transferred to Ghana by the Divine Word Society, a missionary order. He was serving at St. Richard's College, Hadzaz, in the English Midlands, when he expressed his views on birth control in February, 1965.

He then wrote a long article in the Birmingham Post in which he questioned the Church's attitude on birth control and declared, "Every person has the right and duty to live as a human being. In marriage, if the number of

Rural Life Study Next Year in Rome

Rome — (NC) — A congress sponsored by the International Catholic Rural Association has been scheduled for Rome next year — immediately preceding the World Congress on the Lay Apostolate.

The general theme for the "International Rural Congress" will be the activities of Catholics in the contemporary rural world. It is scheduled for Oct. 2-7, 1967, the week preceding the lay congress, which in turn will run concurrently with the first meeting of newly established international synod of bishops.

Prayer Protest On Silencing Of Priest

Sacramento — (RNS) — More than 300 Catholics met in Sacramento's Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament to begin a prayer vigil and register a protest to Bishop Alden J. Bell concerning the alleged "silencing" of Father Eugene Lucas.

Father Lucas, an assistant pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe, has been active in the Delano grape strike. In recent months he has participated in consumer informational boycott picketing of S & W Fine Foods and Tree Sweet Fruit Juices at local markets.

The Sacramento priest had "no comment" on Bishop Bell's action and the bishop, who is on vacation, was unavailable for comment.

An earlier protest had been sent to Bishop Bell registering displeasure over his action. In acknowledging the priest's parishioners' concern, he reminded the group that a priest owed obedience to his bishop.

Family Life

Priest to be A Pastor

Washington — (RNS) — A leading spokesman for the Catholic Church in America on matters of birth control and family planning is relinquishing his post as the director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference's Family Life Bureau for a pastorate in Connecticut.

Msgr. John C. Knott, who during the last five years has been at the helm of the Family Life Bureau, has figured as a headline personality because of his generally traditional stand on birth control. He has been assigned, effective July 21, to St. Francis church in Torrington, Conn., not far from his native Hartford.

At a time when a public dialogue has been accelerated over the population explosion and ways to contain it, Msgr. Knott has spoken out forcefully, as chief spokesman for the American bishops, against precipitate action on the part of the government which might lead to what he believes to be unhealthy and immoral birth control measures for the American public in general and against public sanction of abortion.

At the same time, however, under Msgr. Knott's direction, the Family Life Bureau has publicly endorsed and encouraged both public and private programs of scientific research in the area of human fertility and sterility.

In addition, he assisted in establishment of and in cooperation with family life departments and institutes at major Catholic and non-Catholic colleges and universities.

He promoted similar "professionalizing" projects in the field of pastoral counseling on matters — pertaining to marriage and family planning, and also promoted increased lay leadership in the Church's own family life program.

Lisbon

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Lisbon — Most Catholics in Portugal try to visit the famous Marian shrine at Fatima, the most frequented after the one in Lourdes.

But Fatima is far from the center of Portugal itself contains no interest to the Catholics abroad, including a Catholic shrine dedicated to Fatima on the way to the airport.

The great St. Anthony's Padua, the finder of the lost, was born in the church of St. Antonio just below the cathedral as it is called in Portugal. He was born there, through the little chapel under the high altar.

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suspend him both "well founded and just." For the suspension to be lifted, "you must forsake your open and public opposition to your Ordinary (bishop — Cardinal McIntyre)."

The consultants' judgment, said Archbishop Vagnozzi, was approved by the Sacred Congregation of the Council. In citing the need to "withdraw from circulation" Father DuBay's book, the Apostolic Delegate noted that it had no imprimatur from any bishop nor had it been endorsed by the priest's own diocesan superior.

Archbishop Vagnozzi urged Father DuBay to "accept the judgment as a loving and obedient son of the Church so that

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