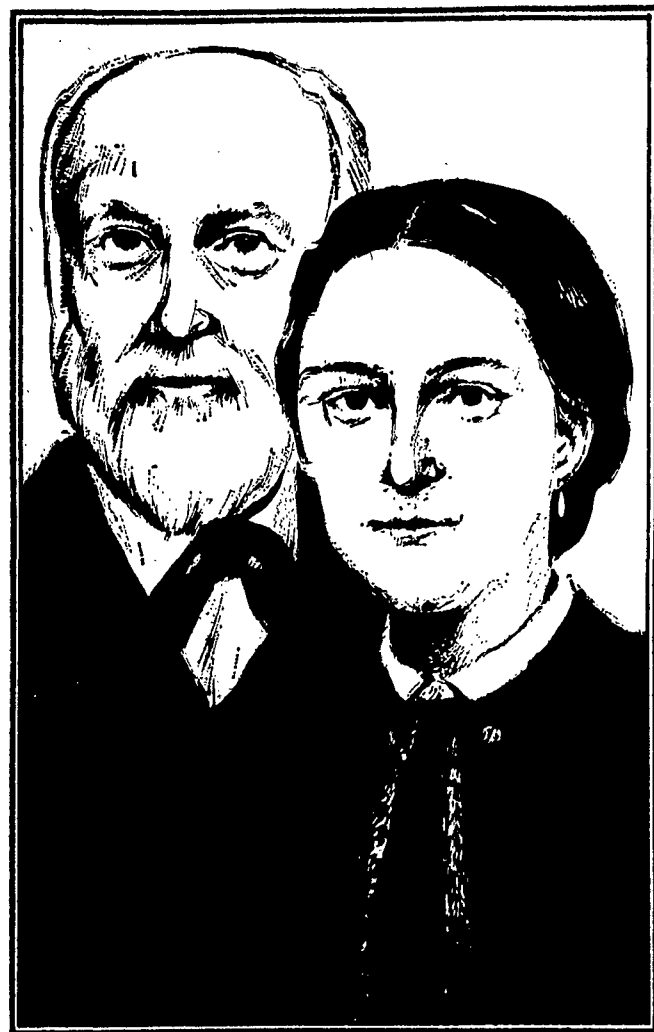


Religion in Schools, A Question of which 'God'



People of God

Louis and Zelig Martin, parents of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, have moved another step closer to beatification. The Congregation of Rites has examined their writings and found nothing in them contrary to faith and morals. Louis Joseph Martin, a watchmaker in Alencon, France, married Zelig Guerin in 1858. All five of their daughters entered the Carmelite convent. The youngest, St. Therese of Lisieux was canonized a saint in 1925.



Bishop Kearney's Appointments

DECEMBER

- 2 Friday — Old St. Mary Church — McQuaid High School Patronal Feast Mass—9 a.m.
- 3 Saturday—Good Shepherd Church, Henrietta—Confirmation—10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
- 4 Sunday — St. Leo Church, Hilton—Blessing of new church and catechetical center—12 noon
- 7 Wednesday—Academy of the Sacred Heart—Lily Procession—2 p.m.
- 8 Thursday—St. Bernard Seminary—Solemn Pontifical Mass on Patronal Feast—31 a.m.
- 11 Sunday — Oak Hill Country Club—St. John Fisher College Luncheon—12 noon
St. John Fisher College—Blessing of Haffey Hall—2 p.m.
- 15 Thursday—Installation of Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, Ph.D., D.D., as Bishop of Rochester—12 noon

Dial Again — Wrong Target!

In our November 18th editorial we hit the wrong target.

In that editorial, we voiced our opinion that the Telephone Corporation shared responsibility for a recorded message which accused by insinuation two Protestant church agencies and two Catholic priests as aiding in a Communist plot to undermine our nation.

Mr. George Benetti, president of the Rochester Telephone Corporation, explained to us the many restrictions a public utility is under.

"We can't decide willy-nilly who can use our services — whether they are famous people or not, whether we agree with them or not," he said.

"We can't discriminate one way or another. We can't play the part of the censor — and we don't want to play that part."

"If customers meet the Public Service Commission regulations, we have to provide them our service on an equal basis."

Mr. Benetti showed us the Public Service Commission's requirement that such messages simply be identified as to the organization or individual responsible for the message and the address where it originates.

Beyond this, the Telephone Corporation just cannot go.

Our own insinuations that the Telephone Corporation would give favored treatment to prominent Rochesterians and that the company was itself a character assassin were, therefore, unjustified and we wish by this statement to clear the company of any sordid image we have made for it. We are sure that its long years of service in the communications field makes it strong enough to recover from any wound we inflicted and hope this will speed the healing.

—Father Henry A. Atwell



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Chatham, Ont. — (RNS) — One of the dangers of living in North America is the teaching of "the American Way of Life" as a religion, four theologians said here.

Two Roman Catholic priests, an Anglican priest and a United Church of Canada minister submitted an "ecumenical" brief to Ontario's Committee on Religious Education in the Public Schools. They warned:

"Two of the most vigorous and militant faiths in the world today — faiths which conflict periodically and exhibit all the viciousness and bigotry that marks the great wars of religion — are Communism and the American Way of Life."

(The committee, headed by the Queen's former representative in Ontario, J. Keiller Mackay, was appointed by the Minister of Education to examine the present highly controversial two half-hour a week of religious education in the elementary schools.

(Introduced in 1944, the program is permissive, not mandatory, but in recent years Jews, Unitarians, Seventh Day Adventists, some Orthodox and the Ethical Education Association have condemned it as divisive. Many Protestant Christians hold that the material is Protestant indoctrination.)

Mr. Mackay described the four theologians as the most distinguished group of educators to appear before the committee since it began hearings last April. They are Father D'Arcy Egan and Father E. R. Malley, Catholics; Father T. C. Akeley, Anglican; and the Rev. J. C. Huffman, principal of Iona college, University of Windsor, Ont.

(Under Canada's constitution, the British North America Act, Roman Catholics in Ontario are guaranteed their own elementary education system up to Grade 10 — in practice up to Grade Eight. They provide their own religious training in these grades.)

The brief from the four theologians asked:

"Are money, economic power, financial security the most important things in life? Are these the Gods we would offer our children? Is there a danger of indoctrinating our children in a faith which our higher instincts would repudiate?"

They said it was impossible to remove religion from the schools and that there never was and never will be a school system which does not teach religion.

"Whenever we respond to anything with profane seriousness, whenever we commit ourselves deeply to anything, we are dealing with religion," their brief said.

However, the theologians added that less emphasis should be put on religious indoctrination and more on humanistic elements "as an attempt to sensitize the student to one facet of what it is to be a human being, to one element of what man has said about himself."

Changes, Theme For Press Month

New York — (NC) — "Know Your Changing Church" is the theme for 1967's Catholic Press Month to be observed in February.

William Holub, Catholic Press Association president, in a statement issued here said, "Transition of the Catholic Church in the spirit of the renewing Church — to promote maturity of faith — constitutes the motivation of most editors of today's Catholic press — newspapers, magazines, books and pamphlets.

"Their success in interpreting the real 'life-to-be' of the people of God involved with the modern world," he said, "is best measured by the response generated in the readers."

"In these circumstances," Holub continued, "tolerance of mediocrity and inadequacy in the Catholic press must be avoided at all cost.

"Any publication which does not meet some special need of the present age will deserve to be ignored," he said.

Is The UN Worth What It Costs Us?

By GARY MacGOWAN

One of our less inspired news pundits, Henry J. Taylor, has applauded the proposal of Saudi Arabian Ambassador Jamil Baroudy that the United Nations move its headquarters from the United States. We should look, Baroudy had said, for a more propitious atmosphere than that of New York, with its polluted air, subway muggings and race discriminations.

Baroudy raises real issues. One's emotional resistance to discussing them on their merits might be less had they come from the representative of a state not dependent on an oil-distorted economy to maintain the ancient, if not venerable, institution of slavery.

And in addition to Baroudy's arguments one could suggest that it might be better if the UN headquarters were not located in any of the major states directly involved in the current world power and ideological struggles.

Taylor, however, does nothing of the kind. Instead, he gallops off wildly on a

nightmare harnessed to a popular bandwagon. The whole business is costing us money, he says. We'd be better off without it. "Being the 'host country,' we function in the worst possible atmosphere financially. The paupers are sitting right in the lap of a rich uncle, staring at our prosperity all the while."

Admittedly, staring is in poor taste, though I think it is a kind of glasshouse point for an American to make. When it comes to rubbernecking, I doubt that even the Saudi Arabians are in our league. But that may be a matter of opinion, so let us stay in the realm of fact, namely, the cost of the United Nations to the United States.

Ultimately, of course, cost is a function of value. Some people think the value of the United Nations is questionable. Others—Pope Paul, for example—think highly of it. But if we put aside its intrinsic worth and look only at the direct profit-and-loss figures, we are forced to a conclusion that may surprise many. The United States makes a profit

which certain groups answer differently."

The theologians' brief added that the militant atheism of Communism, or the American Way of Life "religion" could be "just as narrow a religious indoctrination as any fundamentalist sect. It could even be so strongly against some of the latter groups and their beliefs is because we have been so successfully indoctrinated in the faith of scientism."

The committee also heard submissions for Jewish representatives who asked that religious education in the public

schools be abolished.

Murray Berman of the Sons of Jacob congregation here said the present course was "misleading, harmful to children of all faiths." He also quoted a Protestant minister as telling school children: "Anyone not believing in Christianity is a heathen."

Observers feel the committee will probably recommend some form of comparative religion be taught in the public schools, rather than what is now called Protestant "indoctrination." This has been the essence of most briefs and opinions so far.

The Ontario Inter-Church Committee on Public Education, the group largely responsible for introducing the present course, admitted some months ago in its brief that much of the instruction "has been understood and executed in a narrow and sometimes partisan spirit."

It added that it sympathized with those calling for elimination of religious instruction.

However, the Inter-Church Committee said religious classes should not be "indoctrination" sessions, but opportunities for students to come to grips with basic issues of life.

Priests Choose Apartment over Rectory

Montreal — (NC) — Father Jean Paul Lauzon and Father Gaston Michaud, curates of St. Louis de France, Dominican parish here, have been living for the past year in a modest, three-room apartment in the heart of the city among the people they serve.

The reasons why the two priests do not live at the rectory with the other parish priests were disclosed in a recent article entitled "The New Curates of Montreal," which appeared in La Presse, Canadian newspaper. They wanted to be as close to the people as possible.

Fathers Lauzon and Michaud maintain that, since Christ had come for all men, "we must live with all men." The priests stressed the fact that they were not engaged in an "adventure," but rather, were carrying out a normal experience by and for normal men.

Since the Second Vatican Council, according to the two curates, Christians have been aware that the evangelical message is for all men. Some among the less privileged, however, had been under the impression that it was a "treasure reserved for (a special few)," the priests said. "Priests are there to serve the people, and it is by sharing their form of life that we can serve them," they asserted.

The area in which the two priests live may be termed a depressed area. Half the male population is unemployed; most of the others are unskilled laborers. The average annual salary earned by heads of families here is approximately \$2,000, as compared with \$4,200 for the rest of Canada.

The young people have come work of the two priests, and frequently visit their apartment

for discussions with them. Contacts with adults, too, have become frequent and fruitful, the priests said.

Preparations for Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, as well as for marriage, are quite often made in the family home, they said. According to the priests, some of the people apparently feel that a visit to the rectory gives a "cold" and "official" character to such arrangements.

"We simply try to live the

Gospel every day," Father Lauzon said. "Together, we will discover that Christ is among us," he added.

The work of the priests has already resulted in a noticeable strengthening of community spirit among the people, the article said. The people are more appreciative of what is being done because they are all sharing in it, the priests said.

Father Jacques Guillet, pastor of St. Louis de France, is one who is most appreciative of the

work of the two curates, the report says. A parish as large as this—serving a population of 13,317 — has various sectors, each having its own problems. Two other curates, residing at the parish rectory, have their special areas of concern; their problems are of a different nature than those facing the curates Lauzon and Michaud. The pastor is a frequent visitor to the apartment of his two curates, and they, in turn, frequently visit the rectory.

The work of these two priests is not to be confused with that of "worker priests," the article emphasized. The latter spend much of their time actually working in factories where they mingle with the other workers, while Fathers Lauzon and Michaud are primarily engaged in the social and family activity of their parishioners.

Vatican Signs UN Pledge Against Race Bias

United Nations — (RNS) — The Holy See has endorsed the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Msgr. Alberto Giovannetti, the Vatican's permanent observer to the United Nations, signed the first international civil rights treaty in the office of Secretary General U Thant.

Adopted by the U.N. General Assembly on Dec. 21, 1965, this convention binds U.N. signatory states to "condemn racial discrimination and undertake to pursue, by all appropriate means and without delay, a policy of eliminating racial discrimination in all its forms and promoting understanding among all races."

Furthermore, the treaty requires "special and concrete measures to insure the adequate development and protection of certain racial groups or individuals belonging to them."

Civil rights legislation for the protection of members of racial minorities in every field including education and employment is to be enacted and enforced, according to the treaty.



New St. Mark's Dedicated

Monsignor James C. McAniff, Vicar General of the Diocese, dedicated new St. Mark's Church in the Town of Greece Thanksgiving morning. The \$300,000 church serves close to 300 families in the closed-to-the-lake parish area. Father Joseph Donovan is pastor.

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By REV. ALBERT JEANDEU

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