

## Dialoque With, Baptists

Dewitt, Mich. -- (RNS) -- American Baptist and Roman Catholic clergy and laymen took part in two days of ecumenical talks in Dewitt, Mich., and found a much wider degree of agreement in certain theological areas than anticipated. Participants included from left: Dr. James R. Oliver of Lafayette, La. (Catholic); Father Robert F. Trisco, Washington, D.C.; Msgr. John S. Cummins, Oakland, Calif.; Dr. Robert G. Middleton, Chicago (Baptist); Father Bruce W. Vawter, C.M., St. Louis; Dr. Robert T. Handy, New York (Baptist); Bishop-designate M. Joseph Green of Reno, Nev.; Father, John A. Hardon, S.J., North Aurora, Ill; Emmet Blaes, Wichita, Kan., (Catholic); Dr. Lloyd M. Short, St. Paul, Minn. (Baptist), Father John F. Hotchkin, Washington; Dr. L. Doward McBain, Phoenix, Ariz. (Baptist); and Dr. Robert G. Torbet, Valley Forge, Pa. (Baptist).

# **Chauffeur to a Cardinal**

# Negro Baptist Cleric

St. Louis — (RNS) — There feur for the past six years was Rev. Nathaniel Robinson recall-was a Baptist minister at the a clergyman, devoting part-time ed his association with the joyed asking the cardinal for wheel whenever the late Cardi-service to the West Side Bap- spiritual leader of the archdio-his interpretations of various tist church, a Negro congrega- cese's 450,000 Roman Catholics. passages of Scripture and the nal Joseph Ritter traveled in his tion. cardinal sometimes asked for black sedan.

He said that if Cardinal Rit- his opinions. In an interview with the St. ter had lived and retired he Unknown to many was the Louis Review, following Cardi- would have wanted to pattern He remembered the 'cardi-

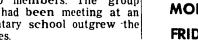
fact that the cardinal's chauf- nal Ritter's death June 10, the his retirement after that of nal's favorite hobbies as garden- facilities. Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman, pas ing and cooking. "He could tor-emeritus of Temple Israel cook out of a cookbook with no here and a long-time friend.

trouble at all," Mr. Robinson said. The garden was his source

teenagers of both churches. The Episcopal parish, formed two years ago by six families, has grown to about 60 families or 250 members. The group which had been meeting at an elementary school outgrew the

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The Rev. Nathaniel Robinson

# Chapel Honors Congo Martyrs

Gentinnes, Belgium — (RNS) Pichal, president of the Synod — An ecumenical precedent of the Evangelical Protestant was set here during the solemn Church of Belgium, and Judge inauguration of a memorial P. Mahillon, chairman of the chapel erected in memory of board of the Protestant Thethe Roman Catholic and Protes- ological Seminary here.

tant missionaries martyred in After Cardinal Suenens had the Congo in recent years. delivered a brief talk in which

Protestant missionaries from he stressed the ecumenical sig-Sweden, Great Britain and the nificance of the memorial, a United States were special Congolese priest called the roll guests at an open-air Mass cele- of ten of his compatriots who brated by Leo Joseph Cardinal were among the slain martyrs. Suenens, Archbishop of Malines-He was followed by Pastor J.

Brussels, to mark the dedication of the Kongolo Missionary Harts, a Belgian minister representing the Joint Missions Memorial Chapel. Bureau for Central Affairs, who

Initially it had been planned called the names of the Protes-to erect a memorial chapel to tant martyrs, who had come the 20 Belgian priests of the from Australia, Canada, Britain, Holy Ghost Fathers killed at New Zealand and the U.S. It Kongolo on Jan. 1, 1962, as well was in the absence of relatives as 159 other Catholics, Negro of these dead that the King and Queen had expressed their wish and white, who were slain. However, when 30 other mis to meet the Protestant missionsionary martyrs fell in 1964-aries gathered here.

among them the well-known In front of the chapel was an Paul Carlson — it was decided to include Protestant names as impressively sober aluminum sculpture showing a missionary well.

priest on his knees, the arms Hundreds of relatives of the hanging to the ground and the Catholic martyrs were present hands open in total surrender at the ceremony, together with Protestant, missionary guests who were later greeted by King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola. Wood for the pews and red granite for the altar came from the Congo. Major credit for pro-mating the fund drive for the

Because the cardinal liked of relaxation, the chauffeu traveling, especially by car, said, and the cardinal was parwhere he could see everything," ticularly proud of his rose gar-Mr. Robinson said, "he told me den and his ability to grow that he and I would travel and nearly all the vegetables needsee the world after his retire ed at his home.

ment. The cardinal often said, "I remember him as polite I'm going to be like Rabbi Isand good humored," Mr. Robinserman and travel and bring son said. "If he didn't feel good back information for the young Friday (the last day he saw the cardinal alive) he didn't show

#### Mr. Robinson said the cardinal liked to drive.

priests.'

"He seemed as jolly as ever. "After he was made a cardi- And when I let him out of the nal he wasn't supposed to drive, car, he said he wouldn't be but he did. He'd usually drive himself on Saturdays when he'd come down to the chancery to and then he said what he alopen his mail. He liked driving ways said: 'Thank you, Nathan.' and he didn't like slow driv- He never failed to say that."

The clergyman-chauffeur said the cardinal always tried "to give me Saturday and Sunday off so that I could be with my family, even though I told him that was my job, to drive him no matter what day it was.'

While driving, the cardinal liked to talk, Mr. Robinson recalled. During the last six years, Cardinal Ritter probably spent more time alone with his driver than almost anyone else and one of the subjects they discussed was religion.

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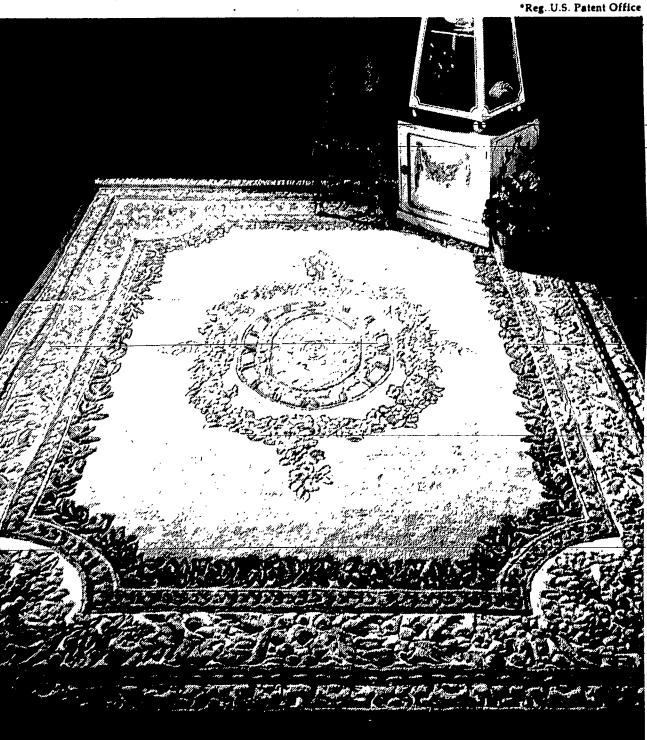
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