

New Deacons Plan Detailed

Vatican City — (RNS)—Pope Paul VI has issued a motu proprio authorizing episcopal conferences to arrange for the establishment of deacons as a separate and permanent part of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

The document, entitled Sacramentum Ordinis (The Holy Order of the Diaconate), permits older married men to be made deacons but forbids marriage after the reception of the diaconate. A married deacon whose wife dies will not be allowed to remarry, the motu proprio specifies.

Two reasons for the restoration of the ancient function of the deacon are given: the shortage of priests in many areas and the need to reemphasize the spirit of service traditionally associated with the deacon's duties. (The Greek word from which "deacon" is derived means "servant.")

Until the Holy See revises the procedure, the document says, the permanent diaconate will be conferred with the ceremonies now used in ordaining deacons as a step toward the priesthood.

It emphasizes, however, that the diaconate is not to be regarded only as a stepping-stone toward the priesthood but as a separate degree within the hierarchy, distinguished by the fact that it confers its own indelible character and particular graces.

At least three years of specialized training will be required before ordination to the diaconate, the Pope specifies. The training will be devoted to preparing the deacons for their special duties, which are, in general, to supplement the work of the priest and to substitute for him on many occasions, including weddings, when no priest is available.

Deacons will not be able to say Mass or hear confessions, but they will be allowed to distribute communion and to officiate at the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony.

The minimum age for eligibility to the diaconate will be 25. "Mature" married men at least 35 years old, will be allowed to become deacons. The wives and children of married deacons will be required to "give good example and lead exemplary Christian lives," the document says.

Uniform establishment of the diaconate throughout the Church is not required by the document, which gives bishops conferences permission to establish the order if conditions in their areas make it advisable. Bishops' conferences are required to have their plans for the diaconate approved by the Holy See before instituting a program.

Besides their service to the Church, deacons will be required to "devote themselves assiduously to meditation, prayer and practices of piety, to recite at least part of the Divine Office and to have a retreat at least once every two years," the motu proprio says.

"Naturally, they should show every respect and obedience to the bishop. Their clothing should be in conformity with the local customs and with the de-

cisions of the appropriate episcopal committee.

Among the main duties of deacons the papal document says, "they will assist bishops and priests in the sacred liturgy insofar as their state permits; solemnly administer the Sacrament of Baptism; reserve the Blessed Eucharist and distribute it to the dying and impart Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament to the faithful; officiate at marriages and bless them when delegated by the bishop or the parish priest; whenever priests are not available according to the norms of Canon Law, administer sacramentals and conduct funeral rites in the Church and at the graveside; read the books of Sacred Scripture to the faithful; instruct and stir up the hearts of the faithful and preside over devotions whenever a priest cannot be present; carry out, in the name of the hierarchy, duties of charity and administration and also works of social service; guide scattered Christian communities legitimately in the name of the bishop and parish priest; and finally promote the apostolic activities of the laity."

The document has been in preparation for two years, Msgr. Mario Pio Gaspari of the Sacred Congregation for Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs told the press at a press conference.

He said it had gone through three preliminary drafts under the care of various experts and committees. The final form was worked out by a group of 20 bishops, representing bishops' conferences from all parts of the world, at a meeting in Rome in February under the direction of Pietro Cardinal Felici.

Too Catholic Xmas Stamp

Washington — (RNS)—Protestants and other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) has assailed as "simply incredible" the Post Office Department's decision to reissue the 1966 Christmas stamp in a larger size.

It said the reproduction of Menzies' "Madonna and Child with Angels" can "only be viewed as a symbolic representation of the Roman Catholic faith."

"Very evidently," POAU claimed, "Christmas has simply been used as an excuse for a portrayal of Mary in a startling pictorial example of the Mariolatry which Protestant evangelists find to be one of the major barriers to Christian unity, and which is abhorrent to some Roman Catholics."

POAU's comments were made in a study entitled, "Politics, Religion and the Post Office," said C. Stanley Lowell, associate director.

"It is nothing in the world but a Roman Catholic stamp, portraying Mary enthroned as Queen of Heaven, holding in her hand a Roman Catholic Missal, a book of liturgy used only in the Mass. This is not merely an act respecting an establishment of religion, it is an act respecting the establishment of the Roman Catholic religion."

New York — You might say that Father Louis Evelyn is in a class with Truman Capote, Harold Robbins, Jacqueline Susann and Gerold Frank.

For, like the authors of "In Cold Blood," "The Adventurers," "Valley of the Dolls" and "The Boston Strangler," Father Evelyn has a knack for writing books that get on the best-seller list and stay there. But while the others must rely on the time-tested come-ons of sex and violence for their staying power, Father Evelyn has done it the hard way: writing about how people can become holy.

With four straight books, "That Man Is You," "We Dare to Say Our Father," "We Are All Brothers" and the just-released "Suffering," Father Evelyn has become one of the Church's leading spiritual writers and perhaps the first ever to have one of his works called "a blockbuster."

That phrase, usually reserved for big-budget movies, was used in a review of "We Are All Brothers" (which has since shot to No. 1 on "America" magazine's religious best-seller list) by Msgr. John S. Kennedy, book reviewer for Hartford's "Catholic Transcript" and "Our Sunday Visitor." Another reviewer, in "Ave Maria," suggests that Father Evelyn is doing much to "erase the bad image" that spiritual writing has among modern laymen.

"Many traditional treatments of spiritual subjects," he wrote, "even when not overly ingrown, quietistic and otherworldly, tended to discourage orientation and technical terminology. Father Evelyn is as modern as the morning news and he writes for public consumption."

A Belgian-born priest who now lives in a French abbey, Father Evelyn (pronounced "Vah-lee") has made spiritual writing readable and even entertaining — which fits in perfectly with one of his many startling, yet thought-provoking, statements: "The greatest sacrifice, the costliest renunciation which we should offer to God, is to be happy."

His books are sprinkled with such attention-grabbers, like "God is unbearable, impossible

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FATHER EVELYN

VFW Rewards Mary Jo Mayer

Miss Mary Jo Mayer, 69, Colonial Drive, local winner in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Americanism Program "Young Americanism" contest.

First place winner in the state contest was Miss Mary Beth Hornbeck of Fort Plain, N.Y.

Miss Mayer, who is a recent graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School, will enter Russell Sage College in the fall. Her award was a silver medal engraved "Americanism Award" presented for promoting American ideals through genuine interest in family, school and community.

The award was presented Monday evening July 10 at a meeting of the Monroe County Council Auxiliary, being held at the Hamilton VFW Post Home.

Charles Davis Takes Teaching Post

Edmonton, Alta. — (RNS)—Charles Davis, prominent British theologian who left the priesthood and the Catholic Church last December was appointed visiting professor of religious studies at the University of Alberta, a secular institution here.

Mr. Davis, whose one-year appointment becomes effective Aug. 1, will teach at the undergraduate level.

Priest-Brother Offers Stanley Stec Requiem

Solemn Funeral Mass for Stanley Stec was offered in St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester by his brother, Father Alexander Stec, pastor in St. Stanislaus Church, June 20.

Mr. Stec of 334 Weaver Street died June 10, 1967.

Assisting in the Solemn Requiem Mass were Father Edward J. Wadja, godchild of Mr. Stec, who arrived here from Scottsdale, Arizona in time to participate in the funeral and Father John Karp, assistant at St. Stanislaus.

In attendance were the Reverend Fathers Ambrose, Francis J. Feeney, Chester Klocak, Stanislaus Krolak, Joseph Reinhart, Matthew Sudara and Frederick Wajda.

Mr. Stec was born in Poland and came to the United States at the age of 18. He was employed at Fashion Park for more than 25 years. He was owner and operator of Stanley's Ice Cream Parlor for more than 10 years.

Mr. Stec was a member of the St. Stanislaus Society, Polish Society, Sacred Heart

Office Disbanded

Vatican City — (NC)—The pontifical organization for religious vocations is being disbanded in Rome and all future recruiting of vocations will be entrusted to the different national conferences of bishops and religious superiors.

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to live with, intolerable." "A service done to somebody one loves is more Christian than a service done for love of God to somebody one does not love," and "The worst sin against God is perhaps the wish to sin no longer so as to have no need to have recourse to him."

These and other similar lines all lead up to a valid point he is trying to make, but Father Evelyn's books also contain many quotable "one-liners" that could stand by themselves and make him the Church's answer to Mark Twain.

"An examination of conscience will not do. Our consciences have become so twisted, so subjected to violence, so glossed over, that we must first make an examination of our sub-consciousness."

"Poverty, like humility, is one of those virtues that, when you think you have it, you can be sure you do not."

But Father Evelyn's forte is in Msgr. Kennedy's words, "unhackneyed use of the Gospel." Frequently, he takes a familiar Biblical passage and gives it an entirely new twist by merely shifting the reader's attention from one word to another. Thus, in treating the Lord's Prayer, he takes the opening phrase, "Our Father," and notes that very few people give much thought to the word "our" — which commits them to brotherhood before sonship.

In the story of the loaves and fishes, Father Evelyn observes, most readers miss the significance of Christ's having the multitude "sit down" before working his miracle. "He asked them for an act of trust, renunciation, surrender into his hands. So long as they remained standing, there was a chance that they might manage to feed themselves."

Father Evelyn's books, like most bestsellers, are filled with very picturesque writing, as in his advice to those impatient with their spiritual progress: "Often the light of God comes like neon lighting; there is an interval between the time when we turn on the switch and the

time when the light blazes upon us. If we become impatient, if we cannot bear to remain faithful in the dark for as long as it is necessary, if we turn furious, nothing doing, God cannot enlighten us. We must not turn off the switch or get excited. We must keep calm and recollected. Then, within a few hours or a few days, a shudder will sometimes pass through the tubes, we will see a few sparks. And then, suddenly, the light will be there."

Even when he shuns the clever allegory or the bright phrase, Father Evelyn gives the immediate impression of saying something quite prosaic, then — boom — he hits you right between the eyes, testified "Ave Maria." As when he wonders why it is that the Church has had to rely on intellectual persuasion to win converts instead of what attracted the first converts to Christianity.

While the early non-Christians could say of Christians "see how they love one another," today's non-Christian must either be led "to the public library" or be left with the alternative of "looking at us, and very often this spectacle does

not encourage them to make the conversion that a conversion cannot bear to remain faithful in the dark for as long as it is necessary, if we turn furious, nothing doing, God cannot enlighten us. We must not turn off the switch or get excited. We must keep calm and recollected. Then, within a few hours or a few days, a shudder will sometimes pass through the tubes, we will see a few sparks. And then, suddenly, the light will be there."

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The immortal beauty of Nefertiti, queen of the ancient Nile, is captured in bronze by an Egyptian sculptor 1,000 years before Christ and given fresh emphasis in a modern setting — a Rochester marketplace. Here, as befits her royal status, Nefertiti stands surrounded by the regal strawberry in this photographic study. The 10-inch high bust, hand-cast and hand finished in Durastone to reproduce the intricate detail, color and patina of the original sculpture, is one of 16 masterpieces now on display through August 4 at all 34 offices of Lincoln Rochester Trust Company. The art replicas are available at special half-price cost of \$4.95 to \$14.95 for Lincoln Rochester customers who open a checking or savings account for \$50 or more.

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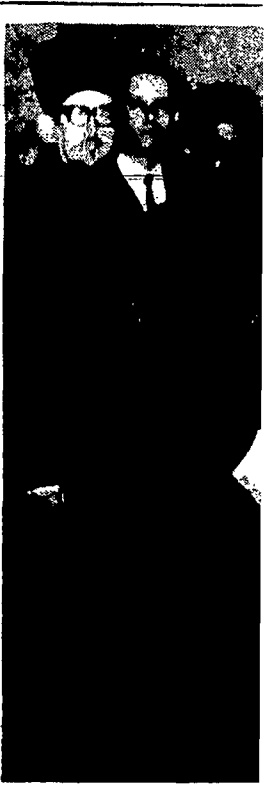
What is religion doing on radio and television? What is religion doing on television? The two inter-questions cover a field ranges widely, from the broadcast of hundreds of monks to large-scale, national coverage of such solar events as Pope Paul to Fatima.

The interaction of the with religion takes place many levels. Religion is a subject of broadcasts producer of programs by a consumer and often a critic. Radio and TV can Gospel message, not m "from the house" vibrations that bounce (ionsphere far above the tops. They carry and controversy, but they have often proved an apt vehi ecumenical dialogue.

Criticisms against the ous content of various ra broadcasts range a cro whole spectrum from tionalism to dullness.

More important-but liced are the long-range of the electronic media churches. These are only ming to emerge and on tially perceptible so faw two effects are l ularly noteworthy.

The electronic media



Pope Meek Churchman

Farm Safety W Set For July 23

Farmers and their em were urged by the An Red Cross today to "plan of caution and reap cr safety."

The advice came on t of National Farm Safety proclaimed by President son to begin Sunday (Ju

"Next to mining and ing, and the building farming is the most har of occupations in num accidents and deaths a juries resulting from the clared Al Justus, local of Red Cross Safety. "In one year, 8,200 far dents were killed and others suffered disabili juries in accidents."

"Every farm worker know first aid," Justu: "They work far from facilities, and first aid edge could save their l case of an accident. Ac to the National Safety C nine out of every ten i injured fatally in tracto dents died before medic could reach them. Some o deaths could have been vented by immediate fi care."

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