



## Around The World

### Polio Victim Confined to Wheelchair Ordained

**Hong Kong—(RNS)—**A 36-year-old polio victim, seated in a wheelchair, was ordained a priest by Bishop Lawrence Bianchi of Hong Kong in a ceremony at St. Anthony's Catholic Church here.

Father Lawrence Yao said that he was very satisfied that his long-time wish to become a priest had finally been fulfilled.

Father Yao trained for the priesthood at the Salesian House on Cheung Chau Island. His ordination was permitted by virtue of a special dispensation granted by the Vatican.

### Archbishop Asks \$50,000 to Relieve Hunger

**Edmonton, Alberta—(NC)—**Archbishop Anthony Jordan of Edmonton has asked the people of his archdiocese to raise \$50,000 for the relief of hunger in the world through self-denial during Lent.

In a pastoral, the archbishop said: "Let our Lenten gift be the result of our own hunger; can we not eat less every day of Lent, becoming thereby involved in the hunger of children, women and men of the world, and give our gift of money at the end of Lent as the evidence of our own hunger?"

The money will be collected in parishes for relay to the new Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. The organization has launched a "Share Lent '68" program to convince Canadians that they must share their goods to aid the world's hungry.

### Lay At Italian Bishops' Meeting

**Rome—(NC)—**Approximately 40 Italian lay men and women took part in various meetings at the annual assembly here of the Italian Bishops' Conference.

The unprecedented participation of the laity in the meetings was approved by the bishops because the assembly's central theme is "The Laity in the Church in Italy After the Council." Some of the sessions of the bishops assembly are restricted to bishop members only; however, lay men and women, as well as diocesan and religious priests, have been chosen to take part in the discussions of the assembly dealing with the laity.

### Biblical Passages on Belts Provokes Raid

**Moscow—(RNS)—**An "underground" factory in the suburbs of Moscow produced more than 12,000 belts imprinted with Biblical quotations before Communist authorities closed the plant, according to a Soviet Radio broadcast.

It said that managers of the factory will be tried for illegal business activities, instead of illegal distribution of religious texts, since they sold the belts at a profit.

Explaining how the operation worked, the station said that the belts were bought at various stores, taken to the factory and imprinted with passages from the Bible. Salesmen late went among Soviet people to sell the belts.

### Pope Cites Importance of Catholic Action

**Vatican City—(NC)—**Pope Paul VI, at a general audience stressed the importance of the organized lay apostolate and in particular of Catholic Action.

Although independent forms of the lay apostolate are multiplying and offer many "very fine and generous results," the Pope said, they do not take the place of those lay organizations which have a close relation with the hierarchy of the Church.

"We will add that precisely those aspects for which Catholic Action is criticized by those who are outside of it or who assess its problems and difficulties are its chief merits. It is a great assembly of the most faithful laymen. It is organized and permanent. It is ready to serve not only in this or that need of the Church but in all."

## Aid Offered Ex-Religious Adjusting To New Life

**London—(RNS)—**Priests and nuns who wish to leave the religious life will be assisted by an agency being established with the approval of John Cardinal Heenan of Westminster.

Auxiliary Bishop Patrick J. Casey of Westminster will be president of the agency.

When the organization begins operating, priests and nuns who feel it can help them will be able to call on its staff to discuss their problems. If they have definitely decided to renounce their vocation they will be advised on the kind of job they seem qualified for in civilian life.

Auxiliary Bishop Patrick J. Casey of Westminster will be president of the agency, and its secretary will be Douglas Gibson.

Announcing that the "go-ahead" sign had been given for the agency, Gibson said, "All we are doing is to say to these men and women wishing to leave: 'As Christians we are sympathetic and if you want us to help then we are happy to do so.'"

Several priests and laymen will be invited to serve on the committee.

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## Army Chaplain Dies With Marines

**Philadelphia—(RNS)—**An American GI limped on his bandaged leg to a medical evacuation point in the South Vietnamese city of Hue. Motioning to a stretcher containing a covered body, he asked, "Who is it?"

"The chaplain," he was told. "You mean the short, stocky Irish guy with the glasses—the friendly guy?" he responded. "He was just like a parish priest I knew back home. What was his name?"

No one there knew. The chaplain was killed while serving with a unit that was not his own in a battle he could have avoided. He was Maj. Aloisius P. McGonigal, S.J., 46.

Known for his fierce devotion to "the men in the field," Father McGonigal was widely remembered all over the First Corps area and elsewhere in South Vietnam. Assigned to the United States Advisory Company in Hue, he traveled the northern provinces and had extended his year's military tour in the battle area.

Father McGonigal will also be remembered here in the U.S.—at Gonzaga high school in Washington, D.C., and Loyola high school in Baltimore, where he taught; at Georgetown University where he was a member of the faculty and studied



MAJOR MCGONIGAL

physics; at the Jesuit seminary, Woodstock (Md.) College, where he trained for the priesthood, being ordained in June 1953.

A week before his death, Fa-

ther McGonigal had sent a letter to the Jesuits in Baltimore telling them that he felt "pretty safe" even though he was close to the combat area.

A spokesman for the Military Ordinate in New York City wondered why Chaplain McGonigal attached to the U.S. Army, was shot while working with a Marine unit. An explanation was provided by Dr. Stephen Bernie, an Army doctor from Dayton, Ohio.

"There was no Catholic priest with the First Battalion of the Fifth Marines who were assaulting the walls and the father wanted to go," the doctor said.

"We wanted to be in the field, that was all he wanted," said a sergeant who knew him well. Conducting Mass two or three times a week in the headquarters wasn't his idea of his job.

Father McGonigal will be remembered in homes here, in Allentown, N.J., Newburgh, N.Y., and Metuchen, N.J., where his three brothers and four sisters live. Two of his sisters are nuns: Sister Rose Letitia of the Sisters of St. Joseph here, and Sister Margaret of the Daugh-

ters of the Heart of Mary in Allentown.

According to the Military Ordinate, this was Father McGonigal's second hitch as a chaplain. He entered for the first time in April, 1956, and served for nearly seven years at bases in the U.S. and with the Eighth Army in Korea. He re-enlisted in April, 1966, because of the fighting in Vietnam and was sent over there about seven months ago.

### Catholic Action Reforms in Mexico

**Mexico City—(RNS)—**Representatives of 350,000 members of Mexican Catholic Action gathered for their General Assembly to approve reforms in line with today's needs and with Vatican Council directives.

Mexican Catholic Action, founded 40 years ago, has three sub-organizations for men, women and youths. Membership has been on a slow, but steady, increase.

The five-day meeting was to be addressed by leading Catholic prelates and laity.

### Rota Decisions Back Reality Of Divine Law

**Vatican City—(NC)—**Pope Paul VI told the judges of the Roman Rota that their labors demonstrated the "existence of a divine law which neither passes away nor grows old."

The Pope received the judges and officials and lawyers admitted to practice before high Church court in an annual audience.

Shortly before the audience, the results of the Rota's activity for the year 1967 were released, showing that the court had handed down 236 decisions. Reports of the Rota's annual activity are not released until 10 years after the actual year to protect the parties who have come to court for decisions.

The Pope said that the work of the Rota made "an exceptional contribution to the good of the Church and human society." The Rota, which deals mainly but not exclusively with marriage cases, has been criticized by many for its slow deliberations, backlog of cases, centralization and for not being more up-to-date or modern.

Nevertheless, the Pope stressed: "Now that an abnormal sense of liberty would immediately abolish any norms, whatever of juridical orientation, nor that a certain spirit more superficial than scientific would not hesitate to substitute for the perennial norms engraved in the heart of man by God a certain juridical relativism, your decisions proclaim solemnly every day the existence of a divine law which neither passes away nor grows old—and they tend authoritatively to align the lives of all who have recourse to your tribunal with it (the divine law)."

### New Samoan Bishop Named

**Vatican City—(NC)—**Pope Paul VI has named Samoan-born Father Plus Taofinu'u bishop of Apia in Western Samoa.

Father Taofinu'u is a Religious of the Society of Mary, the Marist Fathers. He is the first bishop named from the original populations of Polynesia and Melanesia. The Marist Fathers established the mission of Samoa in 1845.



### 'Year of the Monkey'

**San Francisco—**The Chinese New Year celebration in San Francisco includes a big "Year of the Monkey" festival, with lion dancers. These fringed and spangled red-and-green "Sze Tse" (celestial lions) are good luck symbols. They prance through the streets to the sound of cymbals and gongs. The New Year is also marked by a Chinese Mass at St. Francis church, North Beach. (RNS Photo)

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## 'Blueprint' Rea Keep

Courier News Summary  
Washington, D.C.—"blueprint for the future of American Catholic education, representing views of more than 100 priests, was issued here last week.

The 3,500 word manifesto plunks down strongly the side of maintaining the Church's commitment to the established Catholic school system, but opens the door wider to development of other avenues of Christian formation.

"The Church will always maintain an institutional structure for educational service," the document declares.

The document reflects a consensus of a November symposium sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association in Washington. The original, lengthy position paper was turned over to a 13-member editorial committee for revision. The report just issued represents three months of discussion and re-editing on the part.

The social action role of Catholic schools, the public function they serve and the principle of free choice that embody are factors highlighted in the summary.

120 persons took part in a symposium, among them Monsignor William M. Roche, superintendent of schools in Rochester Diocese, and Father Daniel Brent, associate superintendent.

Some Dissenting Voices  
The statement was criticized by several of the original participants, however.

Auxiliary Bishop Mark Hurler of San Francisco said the published report failed to reflect the "truly free spirit" of the discussions, which he said had produced doctrinaire and far-sighted solutions to sophisticated problems.

## By College Gregory

San Antonio, Tex.—(NC) The president of St. Mary's university here has criticized "tactics and language" used by Negro comedian Dick Gregory when he spoke on civil rights to a group of students.

Father Louis J. Blume, S.J., said Gregory "abused his privilege as a guest of the university and I deeply regret the breach of good taste and judgment."

Father Blume called a press conference after Gregory's appearance triggered a wave of criticism directed at the university. One local daily speculated that as a result of the comedian's appearance contributors were withdrawing their support from St. Mary's.

Father Blume said he "n't have any information" on any loss of income, and he noted that civil rights was an issue in his denunciation of Gregory.

After hearing a tape of comedian's 2½-hour speech, Father Blume said he was "greatly shocked by both content and the language presentation."

"His vilification of our American system, our President, our flag I found particularly objectionable . . ."

The right of free speech never been construed—access to use foul language to make indiscriminate attacks on such highly regarded institutions and personages as flag of our country and chief executive."

During his talk, Gregory

## Lesson from Love Need

New York—(RNS)—sibly the most valuable of the "hippie" movement that it showed that love discipline won't work, according to a prominent psychiatrist.

"Some say that the alien youth of today are trying to transmit an important message to our generation," wrote Graham B. Blaine, Jr., in the January issue of the *Journal of Religion and Mental Health*.

"But it seems to me that has been a peculiarly half-bred one so far . . . their solution to the injustices of our society is to disregard the flower children—the intelligentsia give up and out."

"This is a message that we can well afford to take along with most of the paraphernalia of psychedel-

Dr. Blaine, chief of psychiatry for Harvard's University Health Services, pointed out that some observers have "striking similarities" between the flower children—early Christians, and that have labeled Christ as