

**AROUND THE COUNTRY**



**At Canon Law Conference**

Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston, left, and Bishop Joseph L. Bernardini, were principal speakers at the 30th annual meeting of the Canon Law Society of America in Boston. Bishop Bernardini is general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference and the National Council of Catholic Bishops. (RNS Photo)

**Newsman Holds H Doctorates**

Philadelphia — (NC) — Catholic journalism's revered Patrick F. (Pat) Scanlan holds a distinction unmatched by any other alumnus of 117-year-old St. Joseph's College here — he received 11 honorary doctorates during his 51-year career as managing editor of the Tablet, Brooklyn diocesan newspaper.

The record was disclosed in an interview with Scanlan that appeared in the Alumni Hawk, a quarterly published by the college. His last honorary degree was conferred by Suffolk University in Boston last June, when he retired.

Reflecting on the discipline at the Jesuit institution around 1910, Scanlan said: "You had to work like the devil and though you may have protested at the time, in later life everything came easily."

**Chaplains Cited For Viet Work**

Washington, D.C.—(RNS)—Two United Methodist chaplains have been awarded the Bronze Star for "outstandingly meritorious service" with the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

Both chaplains, Maj. Hoyt A. Dudley, Jr. and Capt. John E. Krivo, are from the Kansas Conference of the denomination. They have been transferred back to the U.S.

**State Aid Hope Rising Again**

Boston — (RNS) — Because of the "dire plight of parochial schools" a special commission to study the question of state support for private institutions will be proposed when the 1969 session of the Massachusetts Legislature convenes in January.

Rep. James Nolan of Ware, the legislator most responsible for sweeping education reforms in Massachusetts in 1965, said he would open a new campaign for educational changes.

He suggested that the state might consider the possibility of subsidies for students at private schools and colleges, adding: "I am underscoring the word 'student'."

**Grant Aids Black Students**

St. Louis—(NC)—St. Louis University has received a \$30,000 grant from the Ford Foundation for use in its program to provide new opportunities for black students.

The grant will be used in the university's new Collegiate Program for Culturally and Economically Disadvantaged Students, which will enroll 40 students this fall. The program is designed for black students who have the motivation and ability to do college work but who are unable to meet the regular freshman entrance requirements.

**Detroit Parishes' Job: 'Total' Religious Education**

Detroit — (RNS) — Catholic parishes of the Archdiocese of Detroit must assume the total religious education of all their members to help overcome a growing loss of interest, particularly among children, the chancery has announced.

The archdiocesan Religious Education Office said the interest of children and youth has been blunted because religious education has not reached their parents.

Also, it said, children attending parochial schools and those in public schools and attending evening classes often are exposed to entirely different approaches to their faith. Further confusion is provided by parental ignorance at home and the failure of even well-informed parents to follow through on their children's spiritual training.

Father Robert Humitz, director of the Religious Education Office, said a new Par-

ish Community Religious Education Program has been organized with a complete office staff and is ready to implement the program immediately.

"It has become apparent from studies on the national, state and local level and from guidelines of Vatican Council II that religious education must return to a total parish plan and stop operating under a school-oriented concept," he said. "The total parish must feel and accept its responsibility of religious education for its members from birth through death."

He said the program would encompass all age groups, from pre-school children to adults of all ages, the latter group concentrating on teacher formation, catechesis and parent education, plus special education for the deaf, blind and retarded.

Msgr. Arthur Valade, who directs all archdiocesan edu-

cation from the newly-created Department of Christian Formation, said there has been a "dichotomy" between religious training for Catholic school students and those in public school who attend Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes in after-school hours.

"Some families had children attending both groups," he said, "so that if there were no unified approach to religious education in a parish, it led to a great deal of confusion."

Father Humitz said that the 348 parishes and missions will be grouped into regions of approximately 25 parishes, following deanery lines where possible.

"In each region we eventually will have consultants for each level of development, who can work directly with corresponding personnel in each parish," he said. Such consultants already are trained and available, he added.

**Bishop of Brooklyn Installed, Consecrated**

Brooklyn — (NC) — In colorful and updated ceremonies, Bishop Francis J. Mugavero was installed and consecrated as the fifth spiritual leader of the Brooklyn diocese.

Bishop Mugavero was installed (Sept. 10) in a public rite at St. James pro-cathedral before clergy, religious and layly representing each parish and organization in the diocese.

The consecration ceremony (Sept. 12) took place in the larger Our Lady of Perpetual Help church, where 3,500 persons, including more than 50 bishops attended.

Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate in the United States, was the principal consecrator. Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of New York

and Auxiliary Bishop John J. Boardman of Brooklyn were co-consecrators.

By special permission of the Holy See, a new experimental rite for the consecration of a bishop was used. The revised ceremonial is aimed to express clearly and simply the message of the ritual and to facilitate full, active participation by the Christian people as a community.

Bishop Mugavero succeeded to the See left vacant when Archbishop Bryan J. McEntegart retired July 17 because of age and ill health.

The first native of Brooklyn to serve the diocese, the largest in population and smallest in area of any U.S. diocese, Bishop Mugavero was secretary for charities to Archbishop McEntegart.

**Lutheran Membership Increases by 600,000**

Geneva — (RNS)—World-wide Lutheran membership increased by nearly 600,000 during 1967 to a total of 76,008,748, the Lutheran World Federation Information Bureau reported here.

The world total represents 57,962,472 members reported by Lutheran Churches plus 17,044,276 Lutherans who belong to united Evangelical Churches in Germany, which also have Reformed membership.

The greatest increase, on a continental basis, was among European Lutherans, who gained 241,254 members for a total of 69.4 million baptized. The German churches reported a gain of more than 100,000 to a present total of 37.7 million.

Although Lutheran membership in the Soviet Union dropped 50,000 to 677,000, the

Asian continental area had the second largest gain: 123,296 for a total of 2,083,052.

The numbers of baptized Lutherans in other continental areas were: U.S.A. and Canada, 9.2 million (up 56,325); Africa and Madagascar, 1.6 million (up 61,052); Latin America, 1 million (up 93,271); Australasia, 507,887 (up 12,207).

The overall global increase offset a slight loss reported by the confessional body from 1966 to 1967.

Largest individual Lutheran Church reported was the Church of Sweden, which had 7 million members.

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**Franciscans Plan New Ministries**

Paterson, N.J.— (RNS) — American Franciscans have opened the way for the development of experimental ministries which include a form of priest-workers living in small communities.

The action was taken by the 900-member Holy Name Province of the Order of Friars Minor at an extraordinary provincial chapter of renewal.

The experimental ministries envisioned by the provincial chapter will allow priests, brothers and clerics — seminarians who have already made their vows — to live in apartments, take jobs to be self-supporting, and to engage in various service apostolates, such as the peace movement, urban task forces and related fields.

Loosely structured, small communities of this type would be established in the future with the members supporting themselves through appropriate forms of employment and establishing a Christian presence of service on the local community level.

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**AROUND THE WORLD**  
**Reunion Group Seeks**  
Stockholm, Sweden — A group of American Lutherans and non-Lutheran Protestants is seeking representatives of the League for Christian Unity, secretary is Lutheran pastor has seven Lutherans and The league's goal is Christian unity in the world. It also works with "moderate" groups in the State and the Lutheran Church.

**Israel Settles Dispute**  
Jerusalem — (RNS) — Israel has reached an agreement on compensation for war with the Arab-Israeli conflicts. The seven agreements reached by the Israeli government and church-owned total \$1,500,000. The Israeli government will pay compensation to Arab or Jewish forces.

**Priest, Former I**  
Alsager, England — O'Kelly of St. Gabriel's heavyweight boxers before hood, died Sept. 8 at 60. Although he never fought many of the best, he fought for three years and won 14 of his 23 fights. Representing Great Britain in the Olympics.

**Christian-Hindu**  
Kottayam, India — A Hindu, O.S.B., who founded a mission in Kerala state in 1910 in Madras state. Both attempt to weave the traditions of Hinduism and the Rule of St. Benedict. The Hindu observance, wear local "holy men," eat of barefoot. A graduate of Oxford and a convert to Catholicism, internationally known as a theologian and philosopher.

**United Church Sp**  
Kingston, Ont. — (RNS) — A group of United Church members who returned to their homes after a lightning war of 1967 and 1968. It supported a state committee last March that the Arabs should be allowed to live in peace, security and freedom.

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