

The American Jewish Committee and Detroit's Pius XII Religious Education Center are jointly sponsoring a series of eight lectures on Jews and Judaism by leading Jewish scholars. Shown at the press conference announcing the series, are, from left: Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, the American Jewish Committee's director of interreligious affairs, Sister Johnice Cohan, I.H.M., and Sister Elizabeth Fowkes, I.H.M., co-directors of the Pius XII Center. (Religious News Service)

ECUMENICAL EVENTS

Jews to Lecture at Catholic Center

Detroit — (NC) — A center for the training of Christian educators will sponsor a series of lectures by eight Jewish scholars covering all major phases of Jewish religious and cultural life.

The Pius XII Religious Education Center here, in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee, will sponsor the series, which will begin Nov. 5, to foster "an in-depth study and appreciation" of the religious origins and traditions of both faiths.

The Pius XII Center is the American branch of the International Lumen Vitae Catechetical movement of Brussels, Belgium, a center for religious instruction and research. Directed by Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary order, the center numbers more than 300 graduate students, including priests and nuns.

The lecture series, which will feature several of the foremost Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewish scholars, is intended to implement the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Non-Christian Religions. Promulgated by Pope Paul VI in October 1965, the declaration repudiated anti-Semitism and encouraged the development of "mutual understanding and respect" among Christians and Jews through "biblical and theological studies and brotherly dialogues."

Topics will include: Scripture, law and authority in Judaism; the Pharisees and early Christianity; the rabbinic tradition and the New Testament; Israel, religion, nation and people; Jewish liturgy and Christian worship; Jewish ethics and mysticism; new trends in Jewish theology; and a historical survey of Jewish-Christian relations.

The lecturers are Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel and Dr. Max Aitz of the Jewish Theological Seminary of

America (Conservative); Dr. Ellis Rivkin and Dr. Eugene Borowitz of the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion (Reform); Dr. Irving Greenberg of Yeshiva University (Orthodox); Dr. Jacob Agus of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical School; Dr. Arthur Hertzberg of Columbia University, New York; and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director of A.J.C.'s interreligious affairs department and a consultant to the Pius XII Center.

Vocation Problems Aired At Meeting of Superiors

North Easton, Mass.—(NC) — Candidates for the priesthood, brotherhood and sisterhood should experience the reality of religious life and work before making a commitment through their vows, the heads of religious orders throughout New England agreed at a meeting here this week.

The meeting, held at the Holy Cross Fathers' seminary on the Stonehill College campus here, brought together 120 New England superiors, including priests, Brothers and Sisters. This marked the first formal dialogue between members of the Conference

of Major Superiors of Men and the Conference of Major Superiors of Women.

The keynote address listed four great needs in the formation of candidates for service to the Church:

- The need for direction by dedicated, experienced and trained personnel.
- The need for candidates to adapt to their own personal requirements, the direction that is provided.
- The need for future priests, Brothers and Sisters to be men and women of prayer.

British Churches Step Up Aid For World's Poor

By JOHN A. GREAVES (NC News Service)

Swanwick, England — The major Christian churches in Britain are to be asked to give 5 percent of their investments before the end of 1972 to the poor countries of the world.

This latest move in the campaign by the national churches, including the Catholic Church, to relieve world poverty was decided on at a private conference here, attended by 300 Protestant and Catholic delegates.

The conference, possibly the most widely representative ever held by the British churches, proposed an independent fund to be set up for this purpose. It will invest the money for the creation of wealth in needy developing countries.

Britain, as the former head of the greatest empire the world has ever known and now leader of a great commonwealth of independent nations, is perhaps more acutely conscious than most countries of the distress now afflicting many of the developing countries.

Much of the world poverty — apart from Latin America — is sharpest in what were formerly parts of the old British Empire, and Christians here are conscious of Britain's special responsibility in this matter.

Catholics alone in this country are estimated to be at present giving some two million sterling (\$5 million) a year to the developing countries directly through Catholic channels. They also contribute much money — as the advertisements in the Catholic press suggest — to the big interdenominational appeals for the "Third World" of the poor nations.

The Catholic bishops of England and Wales earlier in October approved a plan for each parish throughout the country to set up a special committee which would concern itself with all aspects of missionary work and overseas aid.

The bishops, it was pointed out, are most anxious to bring home to Catholics here the teaching of the Second Vatican Council II that a practical concern for the needs of the Church and its work throughout the world should be a normal part of the thinking of every parish.

These committees are being given the name of "world poverty action committees" and their main aims are to promote knowledge of missionary work and to help the people understand the problems of world poverty.

One of the most successful ways of raising money for world poverty in recent years has been the family fast day, organized twice a year — in Lent and in Advent usually — by Cafed. This alone last year raised about \$600,000, the money people saved by fasting on those two days.

The English bishops in May this year recommended that every earning adult in Britain, and the British government in particular, should give 1 per cent of their income to fight world poverty. This had the backing of the other churches and some political organizations and was in line with United Nations policy.

Circus Chaplain Named in Spain

Bilbao, Spain — (RNS) — A member of the famous Spanish circus family, the Mendizabals, has been appointed priest-chaplain of all Spanish circuses. He is Father Miguel Maria Mendizabal, 36, for eight years a conventional parish priest.

Bishop Named For San Angelo

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Stephen A. Leven of San Antonio, Tex., a pioneer in street preaching, a leader in urban affairs and a former vice-rector at the American College in Louvain, has been appointed Bishop of San Angelo, Tex., by Pope Paul.

The appointment, announced by Archbishop Luigi Riboldi, Apostolic Delegate in the U.S., fills a see left vacant last Aug. 27 when Bishop Thomas Tschoepe was transferred to the Dallas diocese.

In May of this year Bishop Leven was transferred, at his own request, from a parish he had served for 13 years to be pastor of Sacred Heart church, the oldest parish on the west side of San Antonio.

Thanking Archbishop Robert E. Lucey, then ordinary of San Antonio, for granting his request, Bishop Leven observed, "with at least two-thirds of the archdiocese's half million Catholics Spanish-speaking, it seems right that I should give more concrete expression of my sense of solidarity with them."

OEO to Step Up Birth Control Aid

Washington, D.C. — The office of Economic Opportunity aims to double the number of women receiving birth control services under its programs from the present 350,000 to 700,000 in the year ahead.

The effort is a step toward achieving a five-year goal of providing birth control services to 5.3 million low-income women under OEO and Department of Health, Education and Welfare programs.

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Washington — (NC) Catholic schools will public favor they need v seeking public funds if will show results of dea with those considered an privileged or undisturbabl U.S. Office of Education ficial told diocesan s superintendent's meeting l this week.

Dr. Leon Lessinger, as late superintendent of cation, the Office of Ed tion, suggested that "C schools" say to public sch which have difficulty we'll take the dropouts we will produce.

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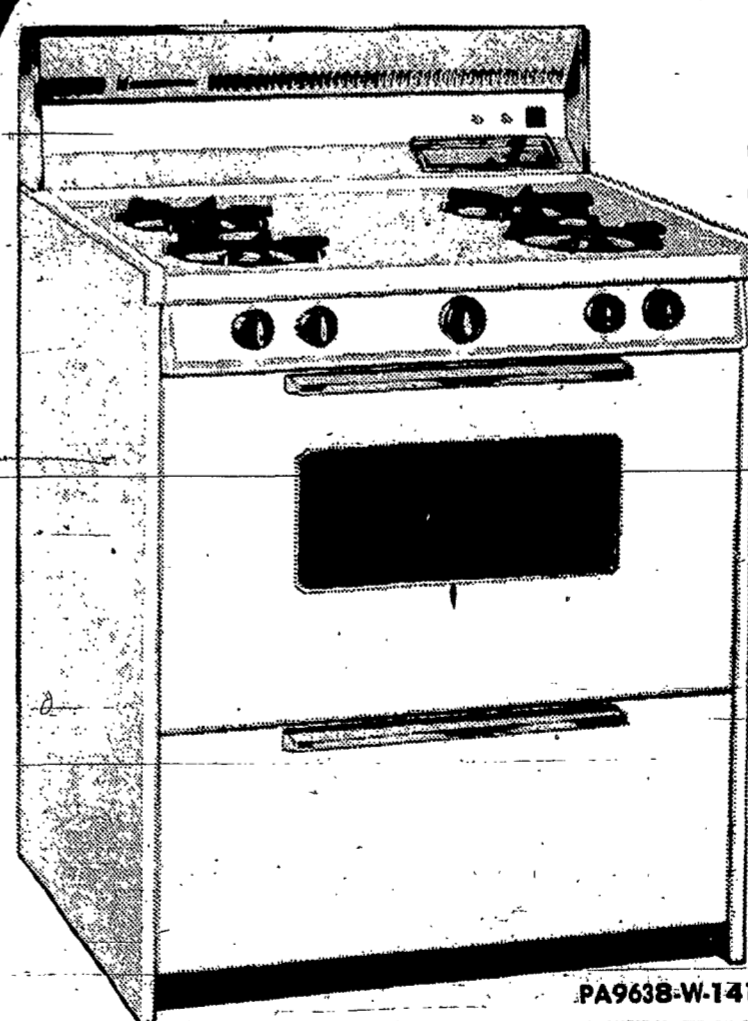


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