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To the Readers of "The North Carolina Catholic."

Elsewhere in this edition I have written at greater length regarding our new diocesan newspaper, but let me offer my sincere congratulations and best wishes to the N.C.C.L.A., which has produced it; to Mr. Francis and his staff, who have edited it; to the publishers, who have printed it; and to you of the clergy and laity, who will enjoy it.

May God's blessing be upon this work for the unification of the diocese, for the information and instruction of the faithful, for the honor of God and the salvation of souls.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh

North Carolina Catholic Survey Shows Catholic Congressmen Liberal

"Catholics are reactionaries," the Communist shouts, standing on his soap-box, screaming his hate.

"Catholics are radicals," says the rugged individualist from behind his huge cigar and huge bank account.

Which is right?

If, as the Communist thinks, a reactionary is any one who opposes Communism, then Catholics are reactionary.

If, as the rugged individualist thinks, a radical is anyone who believes in a living wage and fundamental human rights regardless of race or creed then Catholics are radical.

But where do Catholics stand on national issues? The NORTH CAROLINA CATHOLIC believes that some idea of the Catholic position can be shown by a survey just completed by the paper on the voting records of Catholics in Congress.

There are 10 Catholics in the Senate and 79 Catholics in the House of Representatives. In the Senate, 11 per cent of the total votes cast on 14 important issues were cast by Catholics. In the House, 19 per cent of the total votes cast on 15 important issues were cast by Catholics. This percentage, incidentally, represents less than the percentage of Catholics in the nation.

Now in making this survey we have used a series of designations made by the New Republic, a publication which tends toward the far left. On each of these issues we are allowing the New Republic designation of whether a vote is liberal or not, to stand.

The result is startling for the survey shows that Catholics are not only liberal but that they are perhaps the most liberal group in the nation.

Catholics in the Senate voted 81 per cent of the time on the liberal side. The Senate as a whole voted only 43 per cent of the time on the liberal side. Without the vote of Catholics in the Senate, the upper body would have voted only 32 per cent of the time on the liberal side.

The Catholic vote in the Senate represented 11 per cent of the total vote yet the Catholic liberal vote was 22 per cent of the total liberal vote and the Catholic conservative vote was only 3 per cent of the total conservative vote.

The statistics on the House vote show the same general picture. The House voted 49 per cent of

the time on the liberal side. Catholics in the House voted 76 per cent of the time on the liberal side of the same issues.

The Catholic vote was 19 per cent of the total vote in the House yet 30 per cent of the liberal vote in the House was Catholic. At the same time only 8 percent of the conservative vote was Catholic.

Some might complain these statistics are not valid since the Catholic senators and representatives come largely from a part of the country where the liberal vote is predominate. There are two answers to that.

One is that Catholic representatives and senators come for the most part from sections of the country where Catholics make up a large proportion of the population. They represent these Catholics and must, to some extent, represent their views.

But another way of answering (Continued on Page 8)

Nationally Known Catholics Address Raleigh Conference

Raleigh was the scene this week of the year's most important Catholic gathering as the annual conferences for Priests in White and Colored Work and the Institute for Teachers were held at Nazareth.

The conferences featured nationally known speakers, brought hundreds of priests and Sisters to the city.

A Pontifical Low Mass in the Cathedral Tuesday opened the week. The sermon was given by the Right Reverend Leo M. Byrnes, superintendent of schools in Mobile, Alabama.

The Teachers' Institute occupied the first day and was closed with benediction at Nazareth Chapel.

Conference of Priests in Colored Work featured the second day with Father David Gannon, S. A., as moderator. Rev. Daniel McDevitt, C.P., spoke on "Contracts for Conversions through Priestly Ministrations" at the Wednesday morning session. "Apostolic Activity in Colored Work" was the subject of an address by Rev. William Ryan, O.M.I., Wednesday afternoon. Father Thomas M. McEvoy, S.P.M., spoke on "Contacts Through Sociological Methods" at the evening session.

Monsignor J. L. Federal was the Moderator for the Conference Thursday on Priests in White Work. Monsignor J. L. Ligutti, Rural Life Conference, spoke on "The Apostles of Rural Areas" in the morning and Rev. James A. Navagh, Buffalo, gave an address on "The Apostolate of the Priesthood."

The afternoon session featured talks by Rev. Stephen Hartdegen, O.F.M., and Rev. Francis Wendell, O.P., editor of The Torch.



Among the speakers at the Conferences in Raleigh this week were Monsignor J. L. Ligutti, left, Rural Life Conference, and Father Francis Wendell, editor of The Torch, a Dominican publication edited in New York City.

Cathedral "11" Wins Opener

Cathedral Latin High of Raleigh turned in a 26-6 victory over Garner High at Garner on Sept. 27, in a contest played before a small crowd. Coach Dave Meyers' team held the upper hand throughout the game, and Garner's only score was registered after a long drive against a second string line.

Gus Saporilas sparked the winners with some good passing and running. The Cathedral halfback (Continued on Page 8)

Lay Association Bishop's Project

Creation of a better understanding between Catholics and non-Catholics, this was the expressed purpose for which the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association was formed last January.

Today with more than a thousand members, a campaign that has already placed many Catholic books and magazines into public libraries in the state, a program of cooperation with the Conference of Christians and Jews, the association has already proved itself.

More than 1,500 books have been secured by the association for distribution to the public libraries of the state. They were sent to North Carolina from Catholics all over the world in response to an appeal. Farthest distance boxes of books came from Dublin, Eire. The books are catalogued on arrival, divided into basic units and presented to public libraries. Basic Catholic groups of books have been placed in public libraries at Charlotte, Raleigh, Salisbury and Whiteville. Other cities will be given books soon.

The laymen's association has cooperated with the Conference of Christians and Jews. Catholics participated in the recent state conference at Wild Acres and the resolution adopted by the conference was drafted by Father Francis Morrissey. Several broadcasts, sponsored by the Conference of Christians and Jews, featured talks by the executive secretary of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association, Dale Francis.

All parishes in the diocese have not yet been contacted for formal organization of the association. Among those that have been contacted, Waynesville is the percentage leader on contributions and membership. Although there are only about 100 persons in the entire parish, Waynesville leads such cities as Raleigh, Greensboro, and comes behind only Charlotte and Asheville, both much larger parishes.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY



The promotion and spread of the Rosary Devotion has been mainly the work of the Dominican Order. It was near the place where Saint Dominic advocated devotion to the Rosary that the Blessed Virgin appeared 18 times to the 14-year-old peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous. During each of these times the Blessed Virgin had a Rosary and recited it with Bernadette. (Photo by Louis Hoover).