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American Heritage Is Man Created in Image Of God, Says Truman

WASHINGTON. — On the occasion of the presentation of a carillon to Arlington Cemetery, that hallowed ground of our war dead, President Truman said that "our American heritage of human freedom is born of the belief that man is created in the image of God and therefore is capable of governing himself."

The address was made at a colorful ceremony in the beautiful amphitheater at Arlington Cemetery. Many officials of various nations were present. Notably absent was Soviet Ambassador Panyushkin. However, from behind the Iron Curtain came Yugoslav Ambassador Kosanovitch.

The carillon was presented to the nation by the American Veterans of World War II.

The President said that "mankind is exhausted from the ordeal of conflict; all men are sick of blood-letting and hunger, and weary of the troubles suffered for so many years. If we could mobilize world opinion among all men who walk the earth there would never be any war."

20 Million Articles Collected in Thanksgiving Used Clothing Drive

NEW YORK. — More than five and a half million pounds of clothing, shoes, and soap — more than 20 million separate articles — have been received, to date, as part of the proceeds of the Thanksgiving Clothing and Soap Collection, Francis Cardinal Spellman, revealed, following his inspection of the War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference warehouse in Maspeth, Long Island. Approximately 2,400,000 pounds of the relief materials are awaiting shipment there to needy refugees in Europe, the Near and Far East. The clothing and soap campaign was conducted in 193 Catholic dioceses throughout the United States during Thanksgiving Week.

Christmas Message of Pius XII Broadcast in Russian for First Time in History over Radio Vatican

For what is believed to be the first time in history the complete text of the Pope's Christmas message was broadcast in Russian over Radio Vatican.

Others listening to the Holy Father's moving message included more than 50 Bishops, a large delegation of prelates, and members of the Sacred Congregations. The Pope spoke for approximately 40 minutes.

Pleads Unity

For the atheist and agnostic, the Pope said, "there is only one remedy — return; a return to the deep and calm consideration of the reason of things, and by rising step by step along the scale of beings from effect to cause until the inquiring mind rests in tranquil repose; a return finally to the humility and docility befitting a creature."

"May the Holy Year mark the return to the Redeemer Jesus Christ for souls allured by sinful

PIUS XII ASKS RETURN TO GOD DURING HOLY YEAR IN ADDRESS

VATICAN CITY. — His Holiness Pope Pius XII told the world this Christmas that 1950 must be the year of a great return to God.

It must be the return of the agnostic, "satisfied with a foolish notion of the universe," the Pope said, of the atheist, who declares a "ridiculous war" against Christ; of the believer and the Catholic, "whose flesh makes them

traitors to their rightful duties and forgetful of the real treasures." Of the last named the Holy Father said "they are wrong if they think they possess the Christian life and are pleasing to God unless Sanctifying Grace dwells habitually in their souls."

Urges Return to Church

The Pontiff strongly urged all dissidents to return to the Church,

describing his appeal as that of a "Father who loves, toils, suffers, prays and hopes for the good and happiness of all his children."

The Pope also declared that the Holy Year of 1950 must be doubly decisive — "decisive especially for the longed-for religious renewal of the modern world," and "decisive as well for the future of the Church."

'Great Pardon and Return' Holy Year Theme

VATICAN CITY—A priest held a microphone close to the spot where His Holiness Pope Pius XII thrice gently tapped the Greek cross in the center of the Holy Door of St. Peter's.

The sound of the hammer strokes was carried by radio around the globe. Scores of photographers and movie men recorded the historic scene, ushering in the Holy Year of great pardon and great return to the Church.

Yet to one who was privileged to witness this religious pageant on the Eve of Christmas on the Portico of St. Peter's Basilica, it seemed that neither pictures nor sound waves were needed to tell mankind everywhere what had taken place.

Never before has this correspondent experienced such an

awareness of the universality of the Church, which is not bounded by time or space.

Rome had become the world, and the world Rome, when following the command of the Holy Father, "Open to Me the doors of justice; open the door, for God is with us," the Holy Door was taken down and slowly drawn away on a small cart.

Ascends to Throne

The Holy Father then ascended to a throne prepared for him on the portico. His eyes were closed, his lips moved in prayer, as the Sistine Chapel Choir chanted. When all was in readiness, the Sovereign Pontiff rose and went to the Holy Door where he received from the hands of Nicola Cardinal Canali, a beautiful hammer of ivory, silver and gold, which rested on a gold tray.

In a matter of a few moments the Holy Father recited three short versicles alternating with the three ceremonial blows of the hammer against the Holy Door on a spot marked by a small gold-colored Greek cross. The blows

were slight but audible. Following the third blow His Holiness returned to the Throne. When he was seated the master of ceremonies, pressed a button near the throne, signalling to the Sampietrini (Vatican City workmen) inside the Basilica. The door, the masonry around which had been previously loosened, was lowered backwards into the interior of the Basilica by ropes and pulleys, and drawn immediately.

A moment later, the Rector of the College of the Confessors of St. Peter's, led in the symbolic washing of the Holy Door frame and threshold with sponges dipped in Holy Water. His Holiness intoned the Te Deum, holding a lighted candle in his left hand and a goldplated processional Cross in his right hand. After the first stanza of the Te Deum, His

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GROUP MEET

The annual meeting of the parish chairmen of the Bishop's Committee of Family and Home Life of the Raleigh Deanery will be held in the Cathedral auditorium, Raleigh, Sunday, January 8, at 3:00 p. m. Monsignor J. Lennox Federal will be guest speaker.

Mrs. Wm. Berry, State Chairman, will be present for the meeting. All parish chairmen are urged to be present.

Patroness



Marking the seventh anniversary of the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart by Pope Pius XII, a new National Shrine of the Immaculate Heart has been dedicated in Panama City, Panama. The above statue of the Immaculate Heart reposes in the new shrine, which was erected by the Claretian Fathers in honor of their Patroness. The Claretians are observing the centennial of their founding. Members of the United States Province labor in Panama and among the Kuna Indians in the islands off the Panama coast. (NC Photos)

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Cathedral Services Will Mark Holy Year Opening; Begin 11 p.m.

RALEIGH—In a letter sent this week to the priests of the Raleigh Diocese, Bishop Vincent S. Waters notifies them that the Holy See has granted permission for the celebration of Mass beginning at Midnight New Year's Eve, as the Circumcision, Jan. 1, 1950, begins. This unusual privilege has been granted to invoke God's special blessing on the 1950 Holy Year of Jubilee, which was inaugurated by His Holiness Pope Pius XII on Christmas Eve.

It is directed that if Holy Communion is distributed, this Midnight Mass and prayers accompanying it must last for a period of two hours.

Cathedral Services

This Holy Year observance will be commemorated at the Sacred Heart Cathedral here, beginning with an Hour of Adoration at 11:00 o'clock and followed by a Low Pontifical Mass offered by His Excellency, Bishop Waters, and a sermon delivered by the Very Rev. J. Lennox Federal, Cathedral Rector.

Monsignor Federal will officiate from 11:00 to 12:00 a.m., leading devotions during the hour of Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Fasting Is Obligation

Members of the laity are urged to participate in the devotions exploring God's Blessings upon the occasion of marking the change of the half century, and are reminded that the same proper observances of fasting a decorum of Midnight Christmas Mass apply to this special occasion.

St. Patrick's Charlotte

Devotions marking the Holy Year will be observed at St. Patrick's at Charlotte, beginning at 7:30 p.m., December 31. During the services Monsignor John P. Manley will deliver a series of four short sermons and conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Speaks at Hendersonville N. C. Catholic Columnist

HENDERSONVILLE — Mrs. Dorothy F. Grant, featured columnist of the N. C. Catholic, was the speaker at an NCCLA supper held recently by the Laymen of the Immaculate Conception Parish Unit here. In the absence of H. F. Ely, Chairman of the Hendersonville unit, Mrs. Augustus Williams, Vice-chairman, presided. The affair was the first social gathering at a dinner in the Madonna Hall of the parish.

Two Hot Issues: Federal School Aid, Extension of DP Act, Due For Early Congressional Action

WASHINGTON. — Two of last year's hotly-debated legislative issues, Federal aid to education and liberalization of the DP Act, are due for early handling after Congress comes back here January 3.

A new attempt to resolve the parochial-public school tangle in the education aid bill is foreseen. It is built around a proposal to guarantee bus ride aid to non-public as well as public school pupils. In regard to a DP bill, the Senate Judiciary Committee has a January 25 deadline to bring out a satisfactory measure.

A \$300,000,000 per year Federal aid to education bill was passed by the Senate during the first session of the 81st Congress, over the objections of Catholic leaders, but failed to get beyond a House committee. A proposal to widen the American asylum given to DP's under the Act of 1948 passed the House but was blocked in a Senate committee.

The importance of this proposal, as seen in Catholic quarters, is

that it guarantees that parochial school children will have some place in the Federal aid picture. The Thomas Bill left the question of inclusion of aid to parochial school children to the individual States, which effectively barred such aid. The Barden Bill, now considered dead here, explicitly prohibited aid to parochial school pupils.

The situation with regard to action on a new DP measure is briefly this: The House, at the last session, passed a liberalized bill which would increase the DP quota from 205,000 to 339,000; extend the law from June 30, 1950 to July 1, 1951 and advance the "cut-off" date before which eligible DP's must have been in camps from December 22, 1945 to January 1, 1948. The Senate took up the bill in the last days of the session and after a bitter floor wrangle, voted to recommit it to the Senate Judiciary Committee with specific instruction that the committee was to submit a bill by January 25, 1950.