

Background of Assumption Dogma Outlined

WORLD-WIDE NEWS BRIEFS

Converts Magazine

NEW YORK. — The Paulist Information Center here has resumed publication of Scope, monthly periodical for converts, as part of the Center's follow-up technique in convert work and instruction courses.

Scope has become increasingly popular among converts as a means of keeping in touch with their newly found faith and of furthering their grasp of Catholic teaching, says the Rev. Joseph P. Flynn, C. S. P., of the Paulist Center. Brief, pointed articles on doctrinal matters and timely subjects of religious significance serve to extend the reader's appreciation and knowledge of his faith.

35th Negro Priest

BAY S. LOUIS, Miss. — The Rev. Joseph A. Francis, S. V. D., of Lafayette, La., said to be the 35th Negro priest ordained in the United States was raised to the priesthood by Bishop Richard O. Gerow of Natchez at St. Augustine's Seminary, operated here by the Society of the Divine Word.

Freedom Is Essential

NEW YORK. — "Freedom is an absolute condition for the beneficial operation" of Catholic schools, Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell, retiring national director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, stressed in a statement which outlined the November mission intention of His Holiness Pope Pius XII — "The Freedom and Progress of Catholic Schools."

Bishop McDonnell, who is an Auxiliary of New York, said the future of the Church in America, Europe and the mission countries depends in a great part on the education of youth. He said that in the mission lands the Catholic school "have exerted a tremendous influence indirectly through the education of non-Catholics who have become leaders in world-wide affairs."

Rural Life Meeting

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — Rural life over the centuries has been more than generous in its contributions to the Church, Bishop Joseph H. Schlarman of Peoria declared in his sermon at a Pontifical Mass in the Cathedral of St. Peter, here, which was a highlight of the 28th annual convention of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

"Rural life is the rural family. The rural family lives together. The rural family works together. The rural family should recreate together. The rural family must pray together" the Bishop said.

Mass for Catholic Editor

HARTFORD, Conn. — Requiem Mass for Michael Williams, widely known Catholic editor and journalist, was offered in the Church of the Assumption in Westport.

Mr. Williams who was 73, died October 12, in a hospital here following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Williams founded and was (Continued on Page 8)

THE ASSUMPTION



And Mary said: My soul doth magnify the Lord.
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me; and holy is his name.
St. Luke, Chapter 1-46 to 49 vs.

General Leonard to Address NCCLA Of Cathedral at Dinner, October 25

RALEIGH.—Major General John W. Leonard, Commanding General, Headquarters V Corps and Fort Bragg, North Carolina, will be guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the North Carolina Catholic Layman's Association, 6:30 p.m., 25 October 1950 in the Cathedral High School Auditorium, here. General Leonard will speak on the subject of "Community Relationship with the Service Man".

The Raleigh unit of the NCCLA, under the chairmanship of Norman A. Vanasse, continues its schedule of monthly dinner meetings and is pleased to announce the General, a Catholic layman, will occupy a prominent part on the evening's program.

On September 1, 1950, General John W. Leonard assumed command of V Corps and Fort Bragg, N. C. The general was formerly Military Attache at London, England.

Service Record

During the World War II, Gen. Leonard commanded the 9th Army (Continued on Page 4)

Asheville Hospital Will Mark 50th Year on 26th

ASHEVILLE. — The 50th anniversary of the opening of St. Joseph's Hospital here, will be observed on October 26, when the Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, D. D., Bishop of Raleigh, will offer a Mass at 9:00 o'clock in the hospital chapel. Announcement of the jubilee was made by the Sisters of Mercy who have conducted the well-known institution here.

A public reception and open-house will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. Sister Mary James, R. S. M., is the present superintendent.

Palestine Solution Now Hinges on Jerusalem Settlement, Says Takla

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. — There can be no general settlement of the Palestine issue so long as the questions of Jerusalem and the Arab refugees remain unsolved, Philippe Takla, Foreign Minister of Lebanon, told a press conference here.

Mr. Takla placed the solution—on principles of justice — of the problems of Jerusalem first, and the Arab refugees second, respectively, in order of importance, as prerequisites for settling the issue of Palestine itself.

The present unsettled condition of the Middle East was advanced by Mr. Takla as an argument for his own candidacy for a seat on the Security Council.

"The next two years," he declared, "will be decisive concerning the peace and security of the Middle East and a state which is in close contact with the issues should be called upon to play a part in seeking an adequate solution."

At present the General Assembly is deadlocked on the choice between Lebanon and Turkey to replace Egypt as the Middle East (Continued on Page 8)

Action Involves No New Truth But It Restates an Old One

WASHINGTON. — On the first day of November His Holiness Pope Pius XII will perform an action for which there is only one completely parallel precedent within the nearly 2,000 years of the Church's history. He will issue a solemn definition, designating as a dogma of the Catholic Church a doctrine setting forth some of the glories of Mary.

The Holy Father will be doing something which over 3,000 members of the Hierarchy and over 8,000,000 of the faithful have petitioned the Holy See to do over a period of 80 years. He will issue this definition not as the head of an ecumenical council, in which all the Catholic Bishops gather together to teach the faithful authoritatively and infallibly under his leadership. He will act in such a way that the document in which the dogma of the Assumption is solemnly defined is his alone.

Not in Council

When the dogmatic Bull is read to the thousands who will throng into St. Peter's square on this historic day, the Holy Father will be surrounded by hundreds of Catholic Bishops, who, under his direction teach and govern their flocks as successors of the Apostles. These prelates will be present to show their solidarity with the Holy Father. They will not, however, be present in the same capacity as were the prelates who heard the definition of papal infallibility read in the Basilica of St. Peter on the last day of a Vatican Council.

Admonition

Catholics should be distinctly aware of the fact that the Holy Father and the Church's magisterium are infallible, not only in defining a dogma itself, but also in making definitive decisions about other matters which, while they do not form a part of the deposit of divine faith, are actually and vitally connected with it. The Holy Father recently repeated a warning given several times by his predecessors that Catholics are to respect the competence and the infallibility of the Church in this field as well as in that of dogma itself.

The definition of the Assump-

SPECIAL DEVOTION

In view of the definition of the Dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 1, and as she is the principle Patroness of the diocese, the Most Reverend Bishop has directed that a Novena, beginning October 23, or a Triduum beginning on November 29, in preparation for the announcement of the Dogma, be held in each parish church with special devotions.

tion will be the solemn proclamation of a dogma. A Catholic dogma is a truth which is actually contained within the deposit of divine public revelation. It is, in other words an actual part of the divine message which God has given to the world through His Son, together with the prophets of the Old Testament who were His heralds, and with the Apostles, who were His followers and the instruments of His teaching and of His rule. This deposit of divine public revelation was closed with the death of the last Apostle. No more truths were added to the content of that message since that time, and no more will ever be added. This is the message which the Apostles handed over to the Church, the message which the Church guards and protects and which it presents unerringly as the body of truth which men must accept if they are to please God and to achieve the eternal glory of the beautiful vision.

Authority Explained

Some of the truths contained in that message were to be found there explicitly; that is, known (Continued on Page 8)

Anti-Christian Moves Scored by Flynn At Wilmington Laymen's Meeting

SWANSBORO. — On addressing about 90 members of the laity and clergy of the Wilmington area, on October 8, here, Mr. James Flynn, State Chairman of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association, described conditions confronting Christians, particularly the youth, in countries where the seeds of Communism have been spread. Mr. Flynn pointed out the need for an organized laity to combat the infiltration of anti-Christian ideologies in this country. He expressed his desire that every adult Catholic in the Raleigh diocese become a member of the N. C. C. L. A. during the current membership drive.

Crusade for All

Russ Biven, Chairman of the Wilmington Deanery, opened the meeting with a few remarks re-

garding the theme of the meeting: "The Parochial Apostolate." Mr. Biven decried the lack of the crusading spirit that fired the Apostles, and reminded the listening Catholics that their parishes included all people within the area, not just known Catholics. Our responsibility, he said, is not only for the missions in the Orient, but for the millions living by our side.

Largest Gathering

Mr. Albert Jadcwck of the Swansboro unit, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, saying he had "never seen so many Catholics in that parish before," and that it was a great joy to have the Deanery meeting in Swansboro. The visiting laity and clergy were impressed with the beautiful grounds and new meeting hall at (Continued on Page 8)