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CHAIRMAN AND INSTITUTE SPEAKERS



Pictured in the above photograph are, l to r, Mrs. Robert Doherty, chairman of Catholic PTA, Kansas City, Missouri; the Reverend Edward T. Gilbert, diocesan superintendent of schools, Goldsboro, N. C.; and the Reverend Sister Bernard Frances, S.S.J., of Philadelphia. Father Gilbert presided at the two-day sessions held at Nazareth. Sister Bernard Frances and Mrs. Doherty spoke on timely subjects during the Friday morning conference. (Waller and Smith photo)

Sterilization Laws Always Wrong Pope Pius XII Tells Doctors

By Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R.

On September 7, 1953, Pope Pius XII addressed the delegates to the first international Symposium on Medical Genetics, held in Rome. The Holy Father manifested a profound knowledge of genetics—the science concerned with the transmission of characteristics, whether desirable or undesirable, by heredity, from generation to generation. He commented on the theory of the evolution of the human body from some lower form of life and,

International Crimes Should Be Punished Pope Pius XII Says

CASTELGANDOLFO, Italy. — Adoption of a code of international law for the proper punishment of "war crimes" and other crimes of international consequences was urged by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a lengthy address to jurists from more than a score of nations.

"The certitude, confirmed by treaties, that one must render an account — even if the criminal act succeeds, even if the offense is committed abroad, even if, after having committed it, one flees to a foreign country — is a guarantee not to be underestimated," the Holy Father told the jurists.

All Crimes Included

The Pontiff was referring to all manner of crimes, but chiefly to unjust war which "provokes ruin, suffering and unimaginable horror." He said that "the community of nations must reckon with unprincipled criminals who, in order to realize their ambitious plans, are not afraid to unleash total war."

At the outset, the Pope drew a distinction by stating that the absolute necessity for self-defense permits nations the right to arm themselves for such purpose, "a right which cannot be denied any state."

"That, however," he declared, "does not in any way alter the fact that unjust war is to be accounted as one of the very gravest crimes which international law must proscribe, and must punish with the heaviest penalties, the authors of which are in every case guilty and liable to the punishment which has been agreed upon."

NCCLA Sets 7,500 as Goal For Their Membership Drive

RALEIGH. — A goal of 7,500 members was set this week as plans were announced for a state-wide membership drive for the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association. Mrs. Anne Andresky, Kannapolis, vice president of the NCCLA, has been named to head the membership drive. The drive will open October 25 in all parishes, be completed a week later.

Psychiatry Good When Kept in Proper Bounds, Pope Pius Tells Experts

VATICAN CITY. — The Church is keenly interested in psychiatry and is glad to see it make progress, so long as it uses proven methods and keeps within the bounds of Christian precepts. This was the assurance given by His Holiness Pope Pius XII at an audience to Italian nurses and medical technicians gathered in Rome for a national congress.

Church Is Anxious

"The Church is anxious in Her pedagogical and pastoral mission," the Holy Father said, "to promote the best methods which, through proven experience, contribute to a harmonious development of the spiritual faculties. Notwithstanding that which the sectarianism of another day presumed falsely to affirm, it is admitted today that a conduct of life in conformity with Christian principles . . . is the best guarantee for safeguarding harmony of spirit in normal subjects, while its reacquirement constitutes a corroborating element for exhausted or shaken psychic energies."

Work Praised

The Pope told the nurses that the Church knows that "winning a soul away from insanity is the same as gaining it, at least originally, for Christ, because this puts it in a position to return from atrophy and inertia to being a knowing, active member of His Mystical Body."

Resumes Program

GREENSBORO. — The Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen will resume his program on October 13, 8:00 p. m. to 8:30 p. m., WFMY, Greensboro. This will be a live program direct from New York.

Largest membership in the history of the association was predicted by Mrs. Andresky. She cited growth of the diocese as one of the chief reasons for the expected growth of the association.

"Every adult Catholic should be a member," she said. "The NCCLA is promoting the work of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, which according to Church law should be functioning in every parish. If for no other reason than this, it would be the privilege of every layman to be a member."

The NCCLA was organized eight years ago. Since that time it has promoted many projects. Among them was the founding of the North Carolina Catholic, a library plan that placed books into public libraries all over the state, the showing of Catholic films, the sponsoring of the trailer chapel. The local organization is unique in the nation and has won wide recognition as a pioneering organization.

Membership in the association will be open to any Catholic layman or laywoman 16 years old or over. Memberships range from simple annual memberships to life time memberships.

Mrs. Andresky said that local association groups will be asked to carry on their drives by personal canvass of all membership of the parish.

NCCLA Deanery Meet Scheduled by Officers

FAYETTEVILLE. — The Deanery of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association for the Raleigh area will be held Sunday, October 11, with Mrs. J. L. Marks, Raleigh Deanery Chairman, presiding. The meeting will be held at St. Patrick's School Auditorium here at the invitation of Father William Darley, O. M. I. The other deanery officers will assist in the business program of the meeting.

L. R. Biven, State President of (Continued on Page 8)

Marian Year Lends Nation-Wide Drive Stronger Emphasis

WASHINGTON. — Designation of 1954 as a Marian Year will encourage Americans in their plans to build a national church dedicated to the Mother of God.

This was predicted here by Archbishop John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne.

The United States is dedicated to the Mother of God under the title of her Immaculate Conception. As 1954 will be the centenary of the promulgation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, American Catholics already had decided to begin next year the great Upper Church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here. Now Pope Pius XII has proclaimed 1954 a Marian Year, giving added impetus to good works honoring the Blessed Mother.

To raise funds for this splendid shrine, the Bishops of the United States are conducting a nationwide appeal. In most parts of the United States this appeal will be held on December 6, the Sunday nearest to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8. Archbishop Noll is chairman of (Continued on Page 8)

Religion - Patriotism Freedom's Twin Hopes Says Bedell Smith

DETROIT — The surest guarantee of America's survival in the struggle with communism is her continued allegiance to "the principles of religion and patriotism." Without these, there is no hope for an individual or for a nation.

This is the message Under Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith gave the First Friday Club of Detroit as he accepted the Club's highest award, the Cor Jesu Medal.

No nation can endure unless its roots are imbedded in moral principle, Mr. Smith said.

"Our Christian faith," he added, "is basic to the spirit which motivates our society. It pointed the road to our way of life long before our forefathers gave it political meaning."

Today, he said, Christian concepts are "the strongest bond linking us to other peoples. We live by them. They would mean little if each of us were to leave them behind as he stepped out of his place of worship . . ."

The Christian heritage and way of life, Mr. Smith continued, is precisely what sets Americans apart from the communists.

"The communists boast of their godlessness. They are aggressively anti-religious and have relentlessly persecuted the religious leaders of the peoples under their control . . . They well know that an individual cannot serve God and communism."

PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS AT CATHERDAL GATHERING



Featured speakers during the two-day annual diocesan teachers' institute held at Nazareth recently are pictured above with Their Excellencies, the Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, D. D., Bishop of Raleigh, and the Most Reverend James J. Navagh, Auxiliary Bishop. Reading from left to right are the Navagh, Dale Francis and the Reverend Edward T. Reverend Bernard Kunkel, Bishop Waters, Bishop Gilbert. The addresses of Father Kunkel and Dale Francis comprised the program for Friday afternoon. The institute was the largest ever held in the diocese. A great number of interested parents attended all the sessions. (Waller and Smith photo)