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## Pope Interrupts Retreat To Affirm Europe's Dire Need For Federation of Nations

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Interrupting his annual Advent retreat, His Holiness Pope Pius XII received delegates of the third National Congress of the Italian Association for the Council of European Communities.

In a brief address the Pontiff praised the council's work and stressed the need for a political unification of Europe.

The council, he noted, is one of the most important movements for the unity of Europe. It can play a great part in the task of prompting governments toward achieving political and "supranational" federation of European states.

The task of the European communities in the federal unification of the old continent, he said, is that of helping to guarantee individual freedoms.

The Holy Father warned that tendencies toward centralization in modern nations greatly limit the freedom of local communities and individuals, and that there is a great need to call to the attention of governments the supremacy of personal values over economic and social values.

"Common welfare, for which civil power is established, finds

its climax in the autonomous life of individuals. Only a community of spiritual interests can unite men in a lasting manner," said the Pope.

"There is, therefore, a need to create in Europe a great and strong majority of federalists who believe in the principles of a healthy individualism; we mean to say, who share the conception of a civil society in which men achieve their full development and freely serve the community."

He went on to praise the council's creation of a "European community of communal credit" which aims at preparing the establishment of a European Institute of Communal Credit.

The Pontiff expressed the hope that the credit community would be able to obtain international juridical status and thus become a useful organ of consultation in the new structures created by the European common market.

## New Elementary Supervisor Probes 'WHY' of Grammar School Collection

By Mother O. Masse, R.E.C.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Vincent Waters, D. D., has dedicated December as the month for further development of Christian Education. The Bishop stated, "Education is the Salvation in the true sense of the word." This dedication is for all one of devotedness, zeal, and sacrifice. It requires of each and every one the offering of a part of self in order to share in the foregoing statement.

To make the Christ Child known, loved and served demands a true knowledge of one's responsibility in the noble work of Education. In reality, education develops the whole man: spiritually, mentally, morally, and physically. Unless one shows a sincere interest in the value of Christian Education, and the possible means to acquire this heritage, a large per cent of our American youth will continue to be frustrated, and little by little will try to evade this interior confusion by following the line of least resistance. To combat this ever growing trend there is to be found, however, at the Crib on Christmas

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Morn a lesson which spells: Christian Education."

The progress of the Diocese of Raleigh in the past decade may well be considered from various angles: its spiritual ascendancy, its aesthetic values, its musical achievement, and its scholastic growth, each of which has its bearing on the other. Education is not a short-cut to knowledge, but a true development of God-given faculties. With the development of these human powers with which each rational being is endowed every human ill can be overcome. In the issue of the "North Carolina Catholic" of November twenty-ninth, His Excellency brought forth with strength and vigor, the fact that: "Education is the development of the Intellect, Emotions, and Will, with the grace of God and our own cooperation."

In order to keep alive this educational movement which was launched in the Diocese of Raleigh some years ago Bishop Waters has

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must doctor prolong life...?



Visiting with members of the INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ANESTHETISTS IS HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XII at Vatican City. In a special address in French, the Pope answered three questions submitted him by Dr. Bruno Haid, chief of the anesthesia section of the surgical clinic of the University of Innsbruck. The questions were all related to the problem of "reanimation," and the moral aspects of artificial respiration. Delegates, meeting at Rome's Mendel Institute, came from 12 nations, and included Prof. H. Beecher of the U. S., and Dr. Paul Niehans of Switzerland, who treated the Pontiff during his illness two years ago. Turn to page 2 for complete story. (NC Photos)

## Laymen Travel 250 Miles To Attend Wilmington NCCLA Deanery Meeting

WILMINGTON — The Fall Deanery Meetings of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association have been marked by large attendance of both priests and laity in all deaneries throughout the state, but the Wilmington Deanery Meeting established a record of travel. Parishioners of St. James Parish, Hamlet, made the round trip with their pastor, Father James H. Tevlin, which totaled over two hundred and fifty miles. St. Mary's Parish, Laurinburg, headed by Father James J. Noonan, Pastor, made the two hundred mile round trip from their home town. The meeting was held in St. Mary's Auditorium at the invitation of Right Reverend Monsignor Peter Mc Nerney, Dean of Wilmington. Over 800 miles of travel was involved in all the parishes attending this deanery meeting.

### Monsignor Mc Nerney Speaks

Monsignor Mc Nerney toward the end of the meeting told the assembled group that "the purpose of the laity is not to be dormant regarding matters of our faith, but to be active members of Christ, to be intelligent operators in the Mystical Body of Christ bringing truth to mankind." He further cited that "if you give a man a cause, he will be willing to die for it and that Christ gave us a cause and that in the confraternity of all

### EMBER WEEK

Wednesday, and Saturday of the Third Week of Advent, beginning Sunday, December 15, are days of fast and partial abstinence; Friday fast and complete abstinence. On Wednesday and Saturday meat may be taken at the principal meal.

brothers, the laity should be willing to understand their place in the Church."

### State Vice-President Attends

Arnold F. Beerkens of Murphy, and the Association's Vice President substituted for Dr. Walter M. Kulash and his message was highlighted by the important work that has to be done by the Catholic laymen in missionary North Carolina and of their "role to inspire people"

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## Italy's Supreme Court Finds State Religion No Block to Civil Rights

ROME (Radio, NC)—The Italian Constitutional Court has ruled that Catholicism's position as the state religion here does not interfere with the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion.

The decision, which stated that Catholicism's special position in no way interferes with "free exercise of worship and freedom of other religious confessions," was sought by a local magistrate in Mineo, Sicily.

He contended that there is a contradiction between the article of Italy's Constitution which establishes freedom for all religions and equality among them, and the article which recognizes Catholicism as the state religion.

He appealed to the court in the case involving Sebastino Scaccianoce, who was charged with publicly insulting the Church and brought to trial. (Italian law punishes persons found guilty of in-

sulting the Church in public with jail sentences of from one to three years.)

The magistrate argued that the provision of the penal code, under which the Church is treated differently from other religions, is unconstitutional.

In its ruling the court pointed out that the penal laws giving special protection to the Church are called for by the Lateran Treaty between Italy and the Holy See and do not interfere with the freedom of other religions.

It also noted that in the matter of the Church's special position the ancient tradition of the Italian people has to be taken into account. The court declared:

"The fact cannot be denied that the Catholic Church holds a position different from that of other religious organizations because of the ancient and uninterrupted tradition of the Italian people, almost all of whom belong to it."

### right to educate...

## Indian Bishops State Laws Of Nature and God vs State

KERALA (NC)—Meeting in November against the threat of the Indian State of Kerala to close Catholic schools, the assembled Bishops of India drew up a solemn protest against the unwarranted invasion of civil rights by the Communist regime of the Indian State of Kerala.

The following clearcut statement of parental and human rights is taken from the official statement of the assembled Indian Bishops, and is signed by the twelve archbishops of that country. It will stand on its own merits as a classical protest of the rights of God vs the rights of Caesar. (Ed. Note)

"The emergence of communism into an organized party and the success [of communism] in one state is a significant phenomenon as well as a warning portent. While we are not concerned with partisan politics, we cannot but take into consideration the religious and moral issues of the policy and program of the party.

"The educational bill of the communist government in Kerala, with its drastic and arbitrary laws and regulations, has given rise to a disquieting situation.

"The various provisions of the bill are an unwarranted intrusion into the fundamental rights of parents and of religious minorities in the field of education. The protests raised by responsible persons of all schools of political and religious thought are an indication of the alarm aroused among the people of Kerala, following the daring attempt at the rigid control and eventual nationalization of schools.

"We do not question the right of the state to frame regulations for the steady and orderly advancement of education. But we strongly object to interference with the sacred and inalienable rights of parents to educate their children according to their wishes and religious convictions, and of the Church to conduct schools in accordance with the historic policy of liberty, autonomy and tolerance, and the guarantees under Article 30 of the Constitution of the Republic of India.

"Though the communist leaders in Kerala have given positive as-

urance before and after the elections that they will respect all religious faiths, they have unmistakably manifested their totalitarian tendencies, antagonism to Christians and their religious convictions to educate their children in accordance with their faith.

"Catholics should not be penalized for the legitimate demands to safeguard their natural rights by means of schools established primarily for their children. Any monopoly, educational or scholastic, which throttles private agencies and compels families to make use

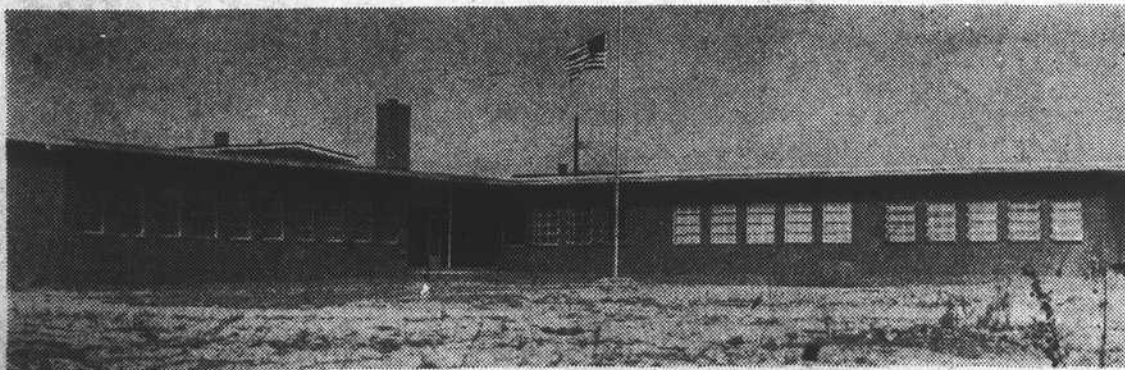
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## Colorful Liturgy Honors Our Lady of Guadalupe

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (NC)—A public demonstration honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe was held here, featuring three candlelight processions of the faithful converging from different points of the city to attend Mass outside San Fernando Cathedral.

Auxiliary Bishop Stephen A. Leven of San Antonio was celebrant of the Mass, attended by an estimated 30,000 persons.

The celebration of the patroness of Mexico on December 12 was sponsored by the Catholic Council for the Spanish-speaking. Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in 1531 to a 55-year-old Indian in Mexico as he was on his way to attend Mass.



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