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American editor:

Catholic Birch Members Weaken Traditional Role

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Catholics who are members of the John Birch Society tend to weaken the thesis that Catholics as a whole are firm supporters of the best elements of American tradition, a Priest-editor asserted here.

Father Thurston Davis, S.J., editor of America, national Catholic weekly review, told some 1,000 persons at a Communion breakfast (Feb. 25) of the Washington Retreat League that Catholic membership in the John Birch Society is beyond his understanding.

He urged them "to labor to dispel any lurking doubt that may exist as to whether we Catholics are firmly wedded to the best elements in the American tradition."

"WE ARE SO wedded, of course," he stressed. "We are so bound. But some of our non-Catholic brethren have reason to doubt us when a man like Robert Welch, the non-Catholic founder of that strange phenomenon — the John Birch Society — can make the repeated claims that 40 or even 50 per cent of his membership is made up of Catholics."

"Just what we Catholics are doing in the John Birch Society — and what Catholic priests are doing on the roster of its endorsers or its inner council — surpasses my understanding."

Named Vicar General

ROME — (NC) — Cardinal-Designate Michael Browne, O.P., Master General of the Dominican order, has appointed Father Esteban Gomez, O.P., as Vicar General of the order.

Enrollment Of Negroes Sets Record

WASHINGTON — (NC) — A total of 97,887 Negro pupils attended Catholic mission and parish schools in 1961, a five per cent increase over the enrollment in 1960, it was disclosed in the 75th annual report of the Commission for Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians.

This total "is a new high mark," said the report, released here by Father John B. Feunelly, S.S., secretary of the commission.

The section of the report dealing with Indians states that last year 9,048 Catholic Indian children from 175 missions attended 54 schools scattered over some 80 Indian reservations in 38 dioceses and the Vicariate Apostolic of Alaska.

The report says that there are 349 Catholic schools in the U. S. for Negro children, and these are staffed by more than 2,000 Religious and 600 lay teachers.

The report also gives the following statistics:

—There are now 664,230 Negro Catholics in 63 U. S. Sees.

—Nine per cent of the converts to the Church in this country in 1961 were Negroes (12,008).

—More Negro than white non-Catholic parents find openings for their children in Catholic schools.

—Three out of every four Negro missions and parishes have their own schools.

—770 priests, attached to 507 missions, are engaged exclusively in the apostolate to the Negroes.

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Pope Reconfirms Latin As Official Language

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— His Holiness Pope John XXIII has issued a document reconfirming Latin as the official language of the Church and forbidding any efforts to supplant it.

Pope John said that Latin is "a source of doctrinal clarity and certainty" and can contribute to unity and understanding among nations.

The Pope spoke in an apostolic constitution, "Veterum Sapientia," (The Wisdom of the Ancients) signed Feb. 22 in St. Peter's basilica with great solemnity in the presence of 41 cardinals, officials of the Vatican's administrative staff, members of preparatory commissions for the coming ecumenical council and the pastors of Rome.

The signing took place at the Pope's annual audience for lenten preachers of Rome, which this year was made a special occasion to mark the approach of the Second

Vatican Ecumenical Council, which will open October 11.

After signing the document, Pope John handed a copy of it to Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardo, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities. Printed copies were distributed among the cardinals and top Vatican officials.

The Pontiff then delivered his address to the lenten preachers, in which he discussed the new ruling.

The constitution provides:

—Bishops and superiors of religious orders should see to it that in seminaries, where candidates for the priesthood are prepared, "all show themselves submissive to the will of the Apostolic See on this point and . . . scrupulously follow these Our directives."

—The same authorities should see to it that within their jurisdiction "none of their subjects, moved by an inordinant desire for novelty, write against the use of Latin either in the teaching of the sacred disciplines or in the sacred rites of the liturgy, or, urged by prejudice, lessen the directive force of the will of the Apostolic See in this matter or alter its meaning."

—No one should be admitted to philosophical or theological studies who does not know Latin perfectly.

—The teaching of Latin according to acceptable methods should be revived in those seminaries where it has become minimized by the employment of methods used in secular schools.

—The major sacred sciences should be taught in Latin from Latin textbooks.

—There should be instituted, under the authority of the Congregation of Seminaries and Universities, an academy of Latin usage composed of experts in Latin and Greek from various nations.

—The study of Greek should not be neglected, since it is important for the perfection of Latin usage.

—A method for the teaching of Latin should be developed under the authority of the same congregation which, while it should never be altered in substance, may be adapted to local usages, but only with the congregation's permission.

Raleigh diocese included Pope John Establishes Province of Atlanta

WASHINGTON — (NC) — The following actions of His Holiness Pope John XXIII were announced here by Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate in the United States:

... Establishment of the new ecclesiastical Province of Atlanta.

... Elevation of the Diocese of Atlanta to the rank of archdiocese.

... Creation of the new Dioceses of Oakland, Stockton and Santa Rosa in the State of California.

... Appointment of Bishop Joseph T. McGucken of Sacramento, to be Archbishop of San Francisco.

... Appointment of Bishop Paul A. Hallinan of Charleston, S.C., to be the first Archbishop of Atlanta.

... Appointment of Auxiliary Bishop Floyd L. Begin of Cleveland to be the first Bishop of Oakland.

... Appointment of Auxiliary Bishop Hugh A. Donohoe of San Francisco to be the first Bishop of Stockton.

... Appointment of Msgr. Leo T. Maher of San Francisco to be the first Bishop of Santa Rosa.

A dozen archdioceses in California and in southeastern United States are affected directly or indirectly through the creation of these new dioceses and the rearrangement of provincial areas.

The newly established ecclesiastical Province of Atlanta has Atlanta as the Metropolitan See and the Dioceses of Charleston, Miami, Raleigh, St. Augustine and Savannah as suffragans.

This division leaves the Province of Baltimore with suffragans at Richmond, Wheeling and Wilmington.

Atlanta is the capital of the State of Georgia and the gateway to the South. In its rapidly grow-

ing metropolitan area there are now 1,014,349 inhabitants.

The Most Rev. Paul Hallinan, first Archbishop of Atlanta, has been Bishop of Charleston since 1958.

Archbishop-elect Hallinan was director of the Intercollegiate Newman Club of Cleveland at the time he was named Bishop of Charleston.

He was born in Painesville, Ohio, April 8, 1911; took his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Notre Dame in 1932; made

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Prelate Notes Catholic Growth

CHARLESTON, S. C. —(NC)— Archbishop-designate Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta, Ga., said here the establishment of the new ecclesiastical Province of Atlanta "is recognition by the Holy See of the new vitality of the Catholic Church in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida," where the Catholic population more than trebled in the last decade.

The Archbishop-designate who has been Bishop of Charleston since 1958 said that in the four states the Church in the last decade "has increased in spiritual vigor, numbers and prestige."

"Our lay people who numbered only 200,000 ten years ago now comprise a Catholic population of 638,000," said the prelate who will head the new province. "They have worked closely with our priests and Sisters, as the Kingdom of Christ has extended its boundaries into towns and counties where the Church was unknown before."



BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
600 Bilyeu Street
Raleigh, North Carolina
February 24, 1962

My dear Brethren:

I have been notified under date of Wednesday, February 21, that our Holy Father has detached the Diocese of Raleigh from the ecclesiastical Province of Baltimore. We are now attached to the new Province of Atlanta, as the Metropolitan See, and the Most Reverend Paul J. Hallinan has been appointed the new Archbishop of Atlanta.

As your Bishop, I am most happy to pledge our loyalty and devotion to the Holy See through our new Archbishop and to sincerely congratulate him on the new honors and responsibilities given to him by our Holy Father. I know that each priest, sister, brother, and member of the laity will rejoice with me in this new jurisdiction in the Church of God in the Southeast for the orderly progress of the Church. You, with me, will rejoice with the Archbishop on his appointment and look forward to the day when he will pay us in the Diocese of Raleigh an official visitation.

Atlanta is one of our nearest neighbors. It is the largest city in the Southeast, and one of the most progressive cities in the South. We, of the Diocese of Raleigh, are happy to belong to this new jurisdiction in the South and hope and pray that God's grace will make it grow and prosper in faith and love and converts to His Holy Church. We hope and pray that the new Archbishop will have a long and prosperous reign and that through his instrumentality, God will work many miracles of grace in our midst.

We ask that the priests, religious, and laity of the diocese keep this new Province in their prayers and Masses and that great good will come from this progressive and forward step made by our Holy Father in the interest of our Southeastern Region.

Wishing each of you God's choicest blessings and happiness in our new Archdiocesan province, and with greetings to all of our co-dioceses and members of the Mystical Body in this region, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Vincent S. Waters

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Bishop of Raleigh



RENEWING ACQUAINTANCES — Former President Harry S. Truman welcomes Msgr. Maurice Sheehy, former director of Religious Education at the Catholic University of America, to a reunion at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington. The reunion was held by former associates of Mr. Truman when he served as President. Msgr. Sheehy, a former Navy chaplain who now holds the rank of Rear Admiral in the Naval Reserve, is pastor of St. Pius X parish, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Msgr. Sheehy served at Catholic University during the Truman administration.