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Father Stock

Pope Honors Memory Of Prisoners' Priest

CASTELGANDOLFO, Italy — (NC)—His Holiness Pope John XXIII has paid warm tribute to the memory of the late German Father Franz Stock who succeeded in talking the French authorities into permitting German war prisoners to attend a prisoners' seminary near Chartres.

The Pope recalled personal contacts with the priest in postwar France. The Pope spoke of Father Stock during an audience granted to the students and faculty of the interdiocesan seminary of Wolfratshausen, for late vocations, which is located near Munich.

Father Stock was graduated from the seminary and served as the chaplain to Germans in Paris until the outbreak of World War II. From 1939 to 1945, he served as chaplain to the prisons of Fres-

nes, La Sante and Cherche-Midi.

THE POPE said that at the time he was papal nuncio in Paris, Father Stock approached him with the idea of interesting the Holy See in helping establish a seminary, for German students who were still being held as prisoners in France. The seminary, with the intercession of the then Archbishop Roncalli, was opened at Chartres.

Pope John referred to a diary he kept at that period and read the following excerpt from it: "May 16, 1946: The rustic chapel of the prisoners seemed an incandescent cenacle of faith, of youthful mortification, vibrant with the most lively piety. We preached and distributed Holy Communion to 480 students."

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My dear Fathers and my dear Brethren:

On the eve of the opening of the Ecumenical Council at Rome, our Holy Father has asked us to prepare ourselves and our people by prayer and penance. For some months, you have been making use of the Pope's own prayer each time Mass is celebrated in the Diocese of Raleigh. Now, as the opening of the Council approaches, our Holy Father would like to see a Solemn Novena publicly entered into, accompanied by penance and sacrifice, for the success of the Council.

We know that the times are evil. Statistics show an increase of public crime in the world, and in our own country. Our census shows numbers of lapsed and lax members of our Faith, as well as apostates to it. God sees the conscience of each and every individual soul, whether baptized or called to the Faith, and He alone knows the burden of guilt in the confines of our own diocese, in our own country. As members of the Mystical Body, and as one hand helps the other in the physical body, we should petition Heaven for the grace of the Holy Ghost for our brethren. We can do penance that they may be given the grace of repentance. We can make up for our own past faults, our failings, and our serious sins. These prayers and sacrifices will ascend up to Heaven as sweet incense in the sight of God.

As the Shepherd of your souls, I call upon all Catholics in the diocese to enter into this spirit of prayer and sacrifice and to join in a Public Novena to Our Blessed Mother in every church, preceding the Feast of the Assumption. I urge attendance at daily Mass, even at some sacrifice to the individual lay person, from now until the opening of the Council. For those who cannot attend Mass on account of working hours, or for other reasons, sacrifices for the work of the Council can be offered by fasting or penitential practices.

Let us answer the call of our Holy Father's Encyclical and begin at once to prepare ourselves, and those over whom we have charge under God, to be a more perfect people by the opening date of the Council.

Wishing each of you God's choicest blessings, and knowing that this will be the means of real participation in the Council, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
✠ VINCENT S. WATERS
Bishop of Raleigh

NEA Stand Condemned By Cardinal

LOS ANGELES — (NC) The National Education Association's stand against any government aid to church-related schools is "a declaration in favor of discrimination in its boldest form," James Francis Cardinal McIntyre charged here.

The Cardinal-Archbishop of Los Angeles made his charge in addressing a quarterly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He discussed a resolution adopted by NEA on July 6 at the association's meeting in Denver in which it reaffirmed that "congress should give priority to appropriating substantial Federal funds to be used by the states only for the support of tax-supported public elementary and secondary schools."

Cardinal McIntyre commented: "The issue, therefore is discrimination and not education."

"The objective of such proponents of Federal aid now will be discrimination against over six million children," he said.

"This discrimination is primarily because of religion, since most private schools attended by these children are sponsored by religious groups," he added.

Cardinal McIntyre warned that although it appears that no major Federal aid legislation will be passed at this session of Congress, forces favoring Federal aid are very aggressive.

Heretofore, the Cardinal noted, the NEA had tolerated participation by private education in Federal benefits to colleges and universities.



SISTER CAN DISH IT OUT — Sister Alice Mary, a native of St. Louis who has been working for the past six years in the town of Riberalta, Bolivia, helps distribute food to children at San Jose Obrero parish school where a large relief program is carried out by the pastor, Father James V. McCloskey, M.M. The Dominican nun has recently been named superior of the Maryknoll school and convent on Montero. The food and clothing distributed are supplied by Catholic Relief Services-NCWC.

Little Hope Expressed Over Laos Agreement

By FR. PATRICK O'CONNOR
SAIGON, Vietnam —(NC)— "You might as well try to carry water in a sieve."

That's the way most people in southeast Asia regard the Geneva agreement for the neutrality of Laos. The sieve may be well rounded by diplomatic hands, but it is still full of holes.

It is most unlikely that the International Control Commission can check the withdrawal of North Vietnamese communist soldiers by head count at designated exit points in Laos.

The communist Pathet Lao have never admitted the presence of even one Vietnamese soldier in Laos. The integration of the three Laotian armed forces was excluded from the Geneva agreement, thus the international commission cannot even make a mild inquiry in regard to the crucial matter.

The communist force, now the strongest, thanks to North Vietnamese elements, is sure to grab the dominant part. The communists violated the 1954 Geneva agreements on Vietnam within a month and are still violating them.

Just what's what and who's who in Laos?

This is the Kingdom of One Million Elephants and the White Parasol. It is a land-locked country in upper Indo-China, with Burma, China, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand as next-door neighbors. It has the armed communists of China and North Vietnam leaning over its back fences—but there aren't any fences. So the communist neighbors, especially those from North Vietnam, have been coming into the back yard.

And now they're in the kitchen, with an eye on the parlor.

Twice the size of Pennsylvania, Laos has a population estimated at two million. Its government is a constitutional monarchy, with King Savang Vatthana on the throne and executive power in the hands of a prime minister and his cabinet.

Religion: The state religion is Buddhism. But the mountain people—Meos, Phu Thengs and other ethnic groups — who form more

than one-third of the population, are not Buddhists. They are animists, worshippers of spirits.

Catholics in Laos number about 30,000. They are in two vicariates, the mission equivalents of dioceses, one of Vientiane, the other of Thakhek, now called Khammouane. Oblates of Mary Immaculate, French and Italian with Laoborn members, staff the first; the Paris missionaries, also with local priests, staff the second. The Vicariate Apostolic of Vientiane has recently received an auxiliary bishop whose residence will be in Luang Prabang.

The Church is young in Laos, where the first missionaries entered in 1881.

Spanish Bishops Call for Reliance On Social Justice

MADRID — (NC) — The Bishops of Spain have appealed to labor, management and the government to draw on Christian social principles in working for a better life for all people.

"We must all strive to elevate the social consciences of our people until the level of life here reaches that which Christian tradition demands to help in the construction of a better world," the Bishops said in a pastoral letter.

The letter was issued on the first anniversary of the publication of the social encyclical Mater et Magistra of His Holiness Pope John XXIII. Its theme was: "The elevation of our social conscience according to the spirit of Mater et Magistra."

Former White Schools Register 11 Negroes

ATLANTA, Ga. —(NC)— Eleven Negro children will attend previously all-white Catholic grade and high schools in the Atlanta archdiocese beginning in September.

Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta announced that five Negro pupils registered July 16 for previously all-white Catholic elementary schools.

Last spring, six Negro students registered for previously all-white Catholic high schools.

Archbishop Hallinan announced desegregation of Catholic schools in the archdiocese in a pastoral letter issued June 10. He said then that school integration is the "logical step" in 1962 and "protects the freedom of choice which is the right of Negro parents and children as Catholics and Americans."

Announcing the registration of Negro students in previously all-white schools, the Archbishop commented that "the success of the new policy, as clearly stated in June, does not depend upon the number of transfers."

The important thing, he reiterated, is the "freedom of choice" of Negro Catholic parents. He

added: "There is no longer any forced segregation in our schools. Nor will there be any forced integration."

"That the number of transfers is relatively small is apparently due to the preference of Negro Catholic parents and children for the excellent Catholic schools that serve them already," he said.

Archbishop Hallinan repeated that the same standards of admission, registration, residence, transfer and academic requirements apply to both white and Negro Catholic students.

The Atlanta archdiocese includes 71 Georgia counties. It has 19 grade schools enrolling about 6,400 pupils and five high schools with some 1,300 students. Catholics number 33,372 in a total population of 2,152,653.

The Atlanta archdiocese will be one of two southern archdioceses desegregating its schools in September. Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans has announced that all Catholic schools there will henceforth be open to qualified Catholic students regardless of race.