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bishops annual statement

America's Contribution To Council Underlined

ed to the nation's Christians -Catholics and others alike - to pray for them and for other participants in the Second Vatican Council.

They asked the 42 million U.S. Catholics to join in novenas of prayer and penance which they requested in all parishes, schools and religious houses.

Non-Catholic Christians were asked to beseech the Holy Spirit for guidance at the ecumenical council which opens in Rome on October 11.

The appeal for prayer came in the hierarchy's 1962 annual state-ment entitled, "Statement on the Ecumenical Council.'

It explained the nature of the Church, the background and purpose of the coming council, the National Catholic Welfare Confer-

WASHINGTON - (NC) - The | of Catholics to deepen their spirit | vember at the conclusion of the U.S. Catholic Bishops have appeal- of charity toward their separated Bishop's meeting here. This year, brethren.

> On their role, the Bishops said they will not go to the council empty-handed, but rather with rich experience" to share, chiefly the advantage to the Church from living and growing "in an atmosphere of religious and political freedom.'

The statement was released here by the administrative board of the

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role of the Bishops of the United States in the council and the duty annual statement is issued in No-

the Bishops will meet in Rome that month during the council.

In this renewal of the Church's life, the statement emphasized the Bishops of the United States will hope to make specific contributions. But to conceive of the Bishops as "mere delegates" of the American Church is to misunderstand, they warned.

"An ecumenical counci" is a solemn meeting, whose members are divinely constituted to bear witness to the contents of Divine Revelation, the Deposit of Faith and to enact disciplinary regulations for the Universal Church," they said.

However, the prelates said, Bishops do bring to the council the benefit of their own experiences. Hence, the Americans will bear See Council, page 7A



MARK CONVERSION - More than 10,000 persons turned out at the outdoor Mercy of God Shrine at Stockbridge, Mass., to hear Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, speak during novena devotions marking the 1,000 anniversary of the conversion of Poland to Christianity. Behind the Cardinal is the unusual painting of Our Lady of the Ecumenical Council, executed by Father John Szantyr, M.I.C. The shrine is located on the grounds of the Marian Fathers Monastery.

\$100,000 edifice

Hendersonville School Dedicated Last Friday

More Clergy-Laity Teamwork Called Objective of Layman

- (NC) — The chang-BOSTON ing role of the layman in the Fourth Degree K. of C. member, Church means more clergy-laity collaboration, not less, the head of the Knights of Columbus said

Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart told the 80th international convention of the Knights of Columbus:

"THERE IS NO implication that the layman's response to new opportunities and obligations entails some sort of separation from the guidance of our priests and bishops, or from their counsel in temporal affairs.

"What the layman is being asked to do is to take his part in the work of the Church which extends beyond the sanctuary and into the market place.

"THE SHEPHERD, in short, is saying to the sheep: Gentlemen, there is much to be done - more than I can handle by myself. Go out and do some of it for me."

Hart, speaking at the convention banquet (Aug. 21), said the principles of the K. of C. "have worn well through the 80 years of our history."

Earlier the convention received messages of greeting from President Kennedy and from Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, papal secretary of state.

Ladies Retreat Scheduled By CDA **At Sacred Heart**

Labor Day retreat for all women of North Carolina, an annual project of the Catholic Daughters, will be held again this year at Sacred Heart Junior College and Acad- from Naples, Italy, to New York emv. Belmont, N.C. Saturday, September 1 through Noon September 3. All ladies will be welcomed at Supper, 6:00 p.m. September 1. Father Robert F Shea, of Monroe, will be retreatmaster, and this promises to be one of the most interesting retreats ever held at this time of Expenses, complete, are vear. \$11.50 for a double room; \$12.50 for a private room. This fee includes all meals while the ladies are at Sacred Heart. For those who may require them, there are rooms available on the first floor; please so specify when writing for reservations. Registration will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Retreatants are asked to be on hand early and avoid the rush. Room reservations should be made immediately to: Sister M. Christine, Sacred Heart Junior College, Belmont, N.C.

THE PRESIDENT, who is a so generously provided your felsaid:

"Your founders undertook an extraordinarily ambitious program devoted to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Even the fondest dreams of those far-sighted men led by Father Michael J. McGivney (founder of the Knights of Columbus) have been exceeded many times by the diligence of succeeding generations of Knights of Columbus.

"The abundant help you have Christian'

Priest Brothers Meet In Rome For Anniversary

KILL DEVIL HILLS - Father Peter M. Denges, pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, and his brother, Monsignor Joseph F. Denges, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Washington, D. C., will celebrate their 35th Sacerdotal Anniversary with their brother, Father Q. Benedict Denges, C.SS.R., rector of St. Alphonsus Church, Rome, Italy, who is observing his 34th Sacerdotal Anniversary. The Denges brothers will leave New York on the SS Constitution for Naples, Italy, on September 5, stopping off at Maderia, Casablanca, Algeria, Gibraltar, Palma, Genoa and Cannes. While in the Eternal City they will be guests of the Superior General the secretary of this religious congregation.

The Denges brothers will sail

low members and their families in time of illness and other misfortunes, the promotion of intelligent leadership of high school age boys through your scholarship and Columbian Squires programs, your educational programs — all are testimony to the vision of your founders."

'Will-Power Cautioned

ST. LOUIS - (NC) - A priest warned here against being a "willpower Christian" who depends too much on himself and not enough on God.

Father Adrian Van Kaam, C.S.Sp., called this a "high-minded approach to sanctity."

Father Van Kaam, a psychologist at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, made his comments in 'Insight, a new quarterly magazine of religion and mental health published here.

HE CAUTIONED that the human will does not work in isolation and a man cannot manipulate himself as he would a lifeless object.

A spirituality based solely on will power, he said, "may become pious self-deceit or lead to a morbid compulsive existence."

At the other extreme, he noted, of the Redemptorist Fathers, as is a lack of will which "may in-their brother, Father Benedict, is cline man to experience himself as driven by society or by his body chemistry and unconscious inclinations.'

modern Catholic school at Sixth and Buncombe Street was officially dedicated last Friday evening by Bishop Vincent S. Waters of the Diocese of Raleigh.

The six-classroom tapestry brick building will be staffed by six teachers when it opens for 150 students Friday, August 31. Five Sisters of Christian Education of Asheville, and one lay teacher comprise the faculty for Immaculata Elementary and Junior High School.

The new educational facility, according to Fr. Howard V. Lane, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish, cost \$100,000, half of which sum has already been paid off. The new school is equipped with a well-filled library, of the original 1926 faculty, was reading laboratory and modern present.

HENDERSONVILLE - The new | mathematics teaching equipment Latin, French, and Spanish will be taught, along with Religion, and all other disciplines required by the State for the public schools. Sixteen pupils made up the entire student body at Immaculata School when it was founded in 1926. Three Sisters of Christian Education, Mother A. Masse, B. Burke, and E. Sharpe made up the first group of teachers when the school opened in the present rectory of the parish. In November of 1930 the school was moved to a site on Oakland Street. In 1949 the present pastor, Father Lane, purchased the Allwarden Estate, which since then had been used for classroom space.

At the 7:00 p.m. dedication last

Dates are in October on the SS Cristoforo Colombo.

> Father Dominic D. Quinn, O.M.I., of St. Patrick's Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, will be acting pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, while Father Peter M. Denges is on his vacation in Europe

Father Peter M. Denges and Father Joseph F. Denges were ordained by Archbishop Michael Joseph Curley in the Baltimore Cathedral on June 16, 1927 while

their brother, Father Q. Benedict Denges was ordained by Patrick Cardinal Hayes in the Redemptorist Church of Esopus, New York, on June 24, 1928.

Mrs. Abia Glynn of Manteo, North Carolina, plans to hold a reception for the Denges brothers on their return in October.

OFFICIAL

The following appointments, approved by the Most Reverend Bishop, are announced by the Diocesan Chancery:

Father Norman Lambert, S.S.E., is appointed Pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabeth City, effective August 16.

Father John Barry of the Glenmary Home Missioners is appointed Pastor of St. Francis Church, Franklin, effective August 20.

Father Aloysius Bedel, S.M., is appointed Chaplain of Charlotte Catholic High School.

Father Francis Campbell, O.M.I., is appointed Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Fayetteville, effective September 1.

> James E. McSweeney Chancellor