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## Spirit of Charity Called Primary Need in Missions

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — (NC) — An African who 30 years ago was a superstitious pagan and who next October will sit with the Fathers of the Church at the Second Vatican Council drew an ovation from more than 4,000 high school, college, and seminary students here.

Bishop Peter Dery of the diocese of Wa in Ghana, West Africa, told the delegates to the 20th national convention of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade:

"Before I was baptized in 1932 at the age of 14 I was a pagan without any knowledge of reading and writing, and was being introduced to sorcery and ancestor worship."

IN THE audience was the priest who baptized him 30 years ago, Father Remegius F. McCoy, W.F., a

● Besides a 35% increase in educational staff in the Sixties, the NEA asks for a 125% additional increase in salaries for teachers who got a 23% increase last year. (Textile workers got 3%.)

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member of the White Fathers who worked 27 years in Africa — 23 of them in Ghana.

Msgr. Edward A. Freking, executive chairman of the CSMC national board, described Bishop Dery as "a marvelous example of the successful work of the Church's missionaries."

Bishop Dery said that "for all their superstitions, witchcraft, and sorcery, the Africans are basically a monotheistic and a religious people."

"EACH TRIBE," he said, "has a special, distinctive name for God." In his own Dagati tribe deep in the Ghana bush, that name is "king God," he said.

Moreover, when Africans enter

the Church, "they make good Catholics and are faithful to their calling," he stated.

What is most needed in the missions, according to Bishop Dery, is a spirit of charity. More than his educational and medical establishments, or his cooperatives and credit unions, the missionary's charity is the chief factor in his success, he said.

"THE UNSOPHISTICATED pagan is immediately moved by a charity which is not fictitious," he continued.

In his diocese of Wa, out of a total population of about 300,000 people, there are 40,000 Catholics and 16,000 catechumens, as well as six native priests and 70 native sisters. "Charity brought this about," said Bishop Dery.

He deplored the widespread practice of "talking about communism as if it were the only evil," observing that "we are always asked about communism in Ghana."

"OF COURSE it is a serious evil," he said, "but a more serious one is materialism. Our chief task is to understand the correct use of the things of this world and to work with charity to bring this understanding to our brothers in Christ. Otherwise, the pagans of Africa will become materialists, and it will be virtually impossible to convert them."

Msgr. Freking underscored Bishop Dery's concern, and warned that "you don't solve the problem of communism by simply denouncing it in class."

Students must become "apostolic-minded," he said, and avoid the danger of "whipping communism as an excuse for our own failures."

"Once materialism gets a grip on people," he said, "you can't win. You can convert enemies who have strong convictions, but you can't make a dent in those who are completely indifferent to God and religion."



AT NORTH AMERICAN LITURGICAL WEEK — Liturgical Movement leaders gathered informally during sessions of the 23rd North American Liturgical Week held in Seattle, August 20-23. It was the largest such liturgical week in the history of the movement. Pictured (left to right) are Bishop Charles A. Buswell of Pueblo, Col., a member of the Liturgical Conference board of directors; John B. Mannion, executive secretary of the Liturgical Conference, Washington; Mary Perkins Ryan, member of the board of directors and national vice-chairman of the spiritual development committee of the National Council of Catholic Women; and Father Frederick R. McManus of the Catholic University, Washington, president of the Liturgical conference. (NC Photos)

### Catholic Students Cop Charlotte J.A. Awards

CHARLOTTE — Four Catholics have been numbered among the seven high school students chosen by the Charlotte Junior Achievement Board to participate in a business conference at Indiana University in Bloomington. The Junior Achievers were selected for outstanding work during their recent business year. The seven represent the hundreds of students who, during the school year set up companies, sell stock, manufacture products, sell their wares, and then dissolve their corporations, splitting up any dividends. Joe Maher, a student at Belmon Abbey, was chosen the outstanding Junior Achiever of the year. Also honored were Freddy Garges of Charlotte Catholic High School, and Janie Maher and Ginger Clark, of Our Lady of Mercy High School. Miss Maher also won the title of Miss Charlotte Junior Achiever, and will compete in Bloomington for the national title.

Mrs. Foster R. Renwick

### OFFICIAL

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

Colum Dillon, O.F.M., Pastor, St. Anthony of Padua, Asheville.

Jude Smith, O.F.M., Ass't., St. Benedict the Moor, Winston-Salem.

Kevin A. Farrell, O.F.M., Ass't., St. Pius X, Statesville.

Effective, Sept. 5th  
James E. McSweeney  
Chancellor

## 180 Lay Apostles Now Tackle U.S. Home Field

OKLAHOMA CITY — Extension Lay Volunteers from 59 U.S. dioceses covering 31 states met here last week at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary for an intensive orientation program prior to receiving their mission assignments to some 65 parishes and institutions throughout the southern and southwestern United States.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph B. Lux, President of the Catholic Church Extension Society, gave the keynote address. "The Extension Society has been in existence for over 50 years," he said, "but nothing we have done so far rivals this new work which we have undertaken. Nothing has captured the imagination of American Catholics more than the challenge to offer themselves and their talents as lay missionaries to their own country."

During the five-day program that followed, trained experts gave the Volunteers courses in catechetics, missiology, adult education and social work. Also included in the program was a day of recollection. The proceedings closed with a blessing by the Most Reverend Victor J. Reed, Bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Founded as recently as 1960, the

extension Lay Volunteer program has grown from 15 to over 180 members. During 1962-1963, the Volunteers will be working in 65 parishes and institutions in Louisiana, Texas, Missouri, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico. The Volunteers will fill posts as teachers, nurses, catechists, administrative secretaries, Newman Club organizers and orphanage personnel.

At the request of the local bishop, Extension Lay Volunteers are assigned to those home missions where there is a real need for their services and where local personnel is not available to fill that need.

The Extension Lay Volunteer program is directed by the Reverend John J. Sullivan and sponsored by the Catholic Church Extension Society, 1307 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago 5, Illinois. Father Sullivan said last week that requests for Volunteers still far exceeds the number going into the field this year. He also said that interested young men and women, single as well as married couples, may request further information without obligation through his Extension Lay Volunteer office in Chicago.

## Lutheran Says Council Challenges Protestants

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — (NC) — The coming ecumenical council is a challenge to all Protestants to clarify their positions on the matters the council will deal with.

This was stated in an interview given to the Copenhagen daily, Information by Kristn-Ejnar Skyds-gaard, one of the two men recently appointed by the Lutheran World Federation as observers at the council. Skyds-gaard, a professor at Copenhagen University, is director of the federation's Commission on Inter-Confessional Research here.

The council, Skyds-gaard said, places Protestants in a new situation in many ways. He continued:

"I know, that some Protestants say the Vatican council does not concern us, but is an internal affair for the Roman Church and of no importance to others. I think that is wrong. We used to speak of 'the other Church,' when we thought of the Catholic or any other church, as of something alien to us, something kept at a distance or considered a goal for missionary activity. We must now acknowledge that they are our

neighbors — perhaps neighbors of a difficult kind — but we cannot do without them."

Asked whether he thinks the council might result in a new orientation of the Catholic Church, Skyds-gaard replied:

"There are great contrasts inside the Roman Catholic Church of to-

● There will be 1 school staff member for every 20 public school pupils in North Carolina by 1970, if NEA plans germinate. At present the figure is one for 26.

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day. We find some very conservative groups that concentrate on preserving the Church as it is and look with suspicion on anything new and seemingly dangerous. But there are other groups that actually have quite another mentality. They are open-minded in a remarkable way and possess a pioneer spirit that is surprising and gives rise to hope. I think there is reason to take this contrast very seri-

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MOUNTAIN SCHOOL high in the Blue Ridge at Hendersonville was dedicated August 17. The new Immaculata parish school, costing \$100,000, is already half paid for. Father Howard Lane, pastor, assisted Bishop Vincent S. Waters at the formal dedication. September classes which will meet in the modern, well equipped facility, will run slightly over 150 students.