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Jacksonville Prelate Is Father of Many Churches

The newest prelate among the clergy of the Diocese of Raleigh is a priest who has left his impress upon many communities in North Carolina. Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Newman, whose creation as a Domestic Prelate was announced last week, has been instrumental in the construction of more than a dozen church buildings since his ordination 23 years ago.

A native of New Bern, North Carolina, Monsignor Newman was educated at Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina. He undertook his philosophical and theological studies at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland, and was ordained by Bishop McGuinness at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on May 2, 1940.

After serving as assistant pastor at St. Therese's Church, Wilson, and at both St. Peter's and St. Patrick's, Charlotte, he was appointed administrator of St. Mary's Church, Goldsboro, on May 27, 1943. Father Newman later spent two years with the Home Mission Apostolate, and upon his return to



Rt. Rev. Lawrence Newman

the Diocese assumed his first pastorate at St. Mary's, Shelby. While at St. Mary's, he undertook the first of his many building programs, the construction of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, in Forest City.

From 1950 to 1957, Father Newman was pastor of St. John's Church, Waynesville. During this period he supervised the erection of the churches in Canton, Franklin City, Murphy, and Sylva, and also built St. John's School in Waynesville.

The new Holy Child Church, Shrine of the Infant of Prague, to be dedicated this May, will bring to completion the parish plant in Jacksonville. Since Monsignor Newman assumed his present pastorate at Infant of Prague on January 23, 1957, a new school, a gymnasium, the rectory and the convent have been built.

Modern Gothic in style, Holy Child Church combines beauty and utility. The tent shaped "dome" which rises above the main altar is its most distinguishing feature. The Church is being constructed at a cost of \$200,000.00.

Monsignor Newman has also overseen the erection of Holy Spirit School in Frances Park.

The Diploma, raising him to the rank of a Domestic Prelate, was signed by Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State, and dated January 12, 1963.

massive birth control project, said he was aware that segments of the Illinois population would not want their taxes used for such a program. But he insisted the program has safeguards to avoid such objections.

He said that one-third of the 20,230 babies born in Cook County (Chicago) Hospital in 1961 needed public aid support. The birth and first year of life cost \$2.5 million, he said.

He also said that 80 per cent of the babies born to mothers on public relief in the hospital from July to December, 1962, were illegitimate.

To Save Money

Will Press for Start of Birth Control Plan

CHICAGO —(NC)— Arnold H. Maremont, chairman of the Illinois Public Aid Commission, said here he will not stall on implementing the commission's controversial birth control plan.

Maremont also outlined in a speech before the City Club of Chicago what he called the moral and financial reasons behind the commission's policy.

The commission has voted to use state tax funds to provide a comprehensive birth control program for public relief recipients who have a child or a spouse and who request commission assistance.

Maremont noted that his appointment as IPAC chairman has not been confirmed by the Illinois Senate Executive Committee. But he said this will not cause him to relax his pressure for implementation of the policy decided upon in December, 1962.

Taking note of charges by Catholic spokesmen and others that the program would promote immorality, Maremont commented:

"The first morality that I considered was that there is no uniform morality. You and I may hold opposite views as to the morality of any set of circumstances with its legality the only common guidepost.

"The second morality seemed to be the right of the individual to decide or not to decide for himself, and the reiteration of the precept that merely because a person is on welfare assistance, he doesn't forfeit that right."

Maremont, who proposed the

Missionary Says

Sudan Persecution Follows Islam Path

CINCINNATI — (NC)—Moslem persecution of the Church in the Sudan parallels that of "the Arab conquerors in the early days of Islam," a Catholic missionary leader said here.

Father Anthony Todesco, F.S.C.J., U.S. Provincial of the Verona Fathers who served 18 years in the Sudan, said the Sudanese Arabs are following "the historical path of Islamisation." This will include "the compelled conversion of the vast majority of the population to Islam," he predicts.

Father Todesco spoke at a banquet honoring Pauline Jaricot, founder of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, who died 100 years ago.

Father Todesco warned that "unless a solution to the Southern Sudan question is found now, Christianity cannot survive there." He recalled that "in the 13th and 14th centuries, Christianity was finally destroyed in the Sudan by Arab Moslems."

"Will Christianity likewise succumb in the South (Sudan) in the 20th Century?" he asked. "The Christian Church of the Sudan demands that the Catholic world not stand silent witness to this tragic drama."

"We hope that hidden political reasons and interests may not prevent the free world from finding the just way to defend the human rights of the Southern Sudanese

people. They deserve our help and our support," he continued.

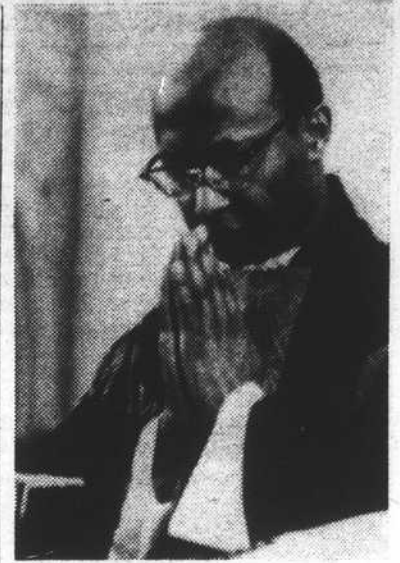
He pointed out that Christianity appears to the Arab Moslems of Northern Sudan as "the only rival to Islam in the South."

"This is the main motive of the laws issued restricting Church liberty and missionary activities, and prohibiting Christian education in the schools. This is the principal reason why the missionaries may not enter the Sudan, why they are expelled from the country and persecuted in any way," he said.

"This is the reason why the missionaries are forbidden to assist the sick, give food to the hungry, help the poor, bless the dying, and bury the dead. These social works of mercy would go to the advantage of Christian influence and slow down their machinery of compulsory conversion of the population to Islam," the missionary leader declared.

Father Todesco said that two German tourists visiting Southern

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FOR BROTHERHOOD — Father Herman Porter of Sacred Heart parish, Sterling, Ill., faces the congregation at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport, Iowa, as he offers the second annual Brotherhood Mass of the Davenport diocese. The dialogue Mass, attended by area residents of many races and creeds, including several ministers and rabbis, marked the diocese's Interracial Justice Sunday and National Brotherhood Week.

POPE MAKES LENTEN APPEAL TO U. S. SCHOOL CHILDREN

NEW YORK —(NC)— Five million students in U. S. Catholic schools were reminded by His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, that many children throughout the world "languish in privations and hunger, ill-clad and exposed to hardships of inclement weather."

The Pope asked the youngsters to make Lenten sacrifices for the needy in the traditional Ash Wednesday message opening the school children's campaign for the Bishops' Relief Fund Appeal.

The complete text of the address, which was read over the nation's major radio networks by Washington's Archbishop O'Boyle, will be found on page four of this issue.

Rome Lent Begins With Papal Broadcast; Weekly Sermons

VATICAN CITY (Radio, NC) — Lent began this year with a live Papal radio address for the first time.

His Holiness Pope John XXIII spoke on penance and prayer and their application to the needs of the church, particularly in respect to the Ecumenical Council now in recess. The Bishop of Rome delivered his Lenten message over Vatican Radio on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 27) at eight o'clock.

The Pope's message came in addition to the beginning of Vatican Radio's regular series of weekly Lenten broadcasts. This year's series began on Ash Wednesday with a talk by Bishop Cesario D'Amato, O.S.B., Abbot-Ordinary of St. Paul's outside the walls, on the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

The other six Sacraments will be treated by a different bishop each week. The series is to conclude with daily sermons by cardinals

during Holy Week. Those sermons, beginning on Palm Sunday (April 7), will also be broadcast over Italy's National Radio Network.

The Holy Week speakers—all cardinals of the Church's central administrative staff—will be Fran-

cesco Cardinal Roberti, Ildebrando Cardinal Antoniutti, Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani, Michael Cardinal Browne, O.P., Gregorio Pietro Cardinal Agagianian, Fernando Cardinal Cento, and Giuseppe Cardinal Ferretto.

For Private Schools

State Senate Okays Use Of Tax-paid Textbooks

PROVIDENCE, R. I. —(NC)— The Rhode Island Senate without dissent approved a bill which provides tax-paid textbooks and a program of aptitude and intelligence tests for private school students throughout the state.

The voice vote on the measure

came after 26 minutes of discussion on the Senate floor. The bill now goes to the House of Representatives.

The measure approved is the Democratic bill. It is substantially the same as another bill under Republican auspices which represents Gov. John H. Chafee's views on the school aid issue.

Sen. C. George Stefano, Republican minority floor leader, expressed the opinion that the Governor would sign the Democratic bill if it reached his desk.

Sen. Irving J. Bilgor, member of a special committee which studied the textbook aid issue, said he could not recall any legislation to which so much thought, opinion and preliminary work was devoted.

THE BILL SPECIFIES that mathematics, science and modern language textbooks, which are not sectarian, be provided by the state and loaned to students of parochial and private schools, subject to "rules and regulations as the school committee may prescribe."

The measure also makes provision for materials and a uniform program for aptitude and intelligence testing of all elementary and high school students in public and private schools.

Several statewide Protestant organizations have campaigned against the legislation, principally on the ground that it violates the traditional separation of Church and State doctrine.



BEGIN HOLY SEASON OF LENT — Starting the lenten season off right are 10-year-old identical triplets, Gary, Gene and Greg Fracier of Holy Family parish, Washington, D.C., as they are anointed with ashes. The three fifth graders at Holy Family school receive their lenten reminders from Father Noel J. O'Callaghan, Holy Family parish assistant.