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Cardinal Bea Clarifies Biblical Difficulties

ROME — Augustin Cardinal Bea, S.J., has given some rules of thumb for reconciling apparent contradictions in the Biblical accounts of Christ's life.

The head of the Church's Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, who has devoted most of his 83 years to the study of the Scriptures, listed "some principal rules" to bear in mind:

Marianist Priest Heads Superiors Of U.S. Religious

DENVER — (NC) — Father James M. Darby, S.M., was re-elected by acclamation to the executive board and as president of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) for the third successive year here.

Archabbot Bonaventure Knaebel, O.S.B., of St. Meinrad (Ind.) archabbey was elected vice president at the CMSM seventh annual assembly here.

Father William Ryan, O.M.I., of Boston, and Brother John Baptist Titzer, C.S.C., provincial of the Holy Cross Brothers' Southern Province, Austin, Tex., were elected to the executive board.

At the four-day meeting 104 superiors of major religious communities of men were present.

One resolution adopted said the superiors spent three days in fruitful discussion of the theme, "Liturgy Revitalizes Contemporary Religious Life," and unanimously endorsed "the proposition to continue our utmost efforts to promote a full realization of the Church's program for pastoral renewal with all possible speed."

Guard Against Auto Accidents, Pontiff Urges

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI wished thousands of visitors here a happy vacation (July 12) and warned them to be careful on the roads.

Speaking from his window above St. Peter's Square, the Pope urged the crowd to pray that their vacations would be beneficial and that God would protect them from road accidents. He urged all to be prudent and farsighted in averting accidents and to use their vacations as a time for physical rest, but not at the expense of the spirit.

"Indeed, let the spirit also find its rest in this period so that it can then start again on its path of work, and duty," he said.

—That the Gospels are not stenographic records of Christ's words;

—That Christ probably repeated the same idea in different words;

—That each sacred writer has his own distinctive style and that the Orientals of the ancient world had a manner of expressing themselves quite different from the manner of westerners of the modern world;

—That every account of an event is shaped by the purpose the author has in writing about the event.

Cardinal Bea styled this purpose of the author "the fundamental question." He pointed out that Pope Pius XII, in the encyclical, *Divino afflante Spiritu*, called it "the supreme norm of interpretation."

He warned against trying to reconcile differences among the Gospels by seeking to extract their essential religious elements and regarding the rest as mere "dressing." Aside from the practical difficulties of attempting such distinctions, he said, "there would be a risk of abandoning facts and particulars that might be very important, simply because the exegete momentarily does not see their connection with faith and morals or with the essential points of the faith."

He also warned against giving more theological weight to Biblical passages which scientific criticism indicates are more "primitive." The more primitive passages deal more directly with events or with the words of Christ, while the less primitive passages are explanations furnished by the Evangelists for a particular public.

Such distinctions, said the cardinal, "must not give rise to confusion, as if what is less primitive had less theological value, were less the Word of God, less genuine and less faithful to the thought of Jesus. This might perhaps be said by those who consider the Gospels purely from the humanistic-historical point of view, not by those who consider them as the inspired Word of God."

Cardinal Bea began his article by pointing out that while the Gospels are inspired by God, the human who is used by the Holy Ghost as His instrument still "makes use of all his faculties — of intellect, of imagination and of will — no less than any other human author." Cardinal Bea said the special influence of the Holy Ghost "leads the author to write precisely what the Spirit of God wants and in the manner He wants."

After pointing out that the Evangelists gave varying accounts of the life of Christ because of their

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Economist:

Social Justice to Produce Latin American Middle Class

CINCINNATI — A priest-economist asserted here that U.S. organized labor is standing with the Church in the battle to create a Christian Social order in Latin America.

Father Clifford Besse, S.J., chairman of Xavier University's economics department, paid tribute to the AFL-CIO for its "most effective job" in striving to achieve social justice.

Speaking at the university's summer lecture series, Father Besse said free labor and the Church "alone stand against the forces of communism in the practical realm of housing, clothing and a decent wage."

"Who else is engaged in such work?" he asked. "The answer to that question can be determined by observing who the number one targets of the communists in Latin America are today — the Church and free labor."

"Depending on the relative strength of these two groups, communism will either fail or engulf all of Latin America," he added.

Father Besse explained that American labor is playing an active role, in conjunction with the State Department, both by inducing U.S. capital to flow into Latin America and in the work of leading technical assistance.

He pointed out that "a considerable number of U.S. ambassadors and other representatives of State to Latin American countries are men who held administrative positions in the AFL-CIO labor organizations."

"It would not be overstating the point," he added, "to say that much of the practical implementation of U.S. policy in Latin America today is administered by U.S. organized labor."

In addition to vigorous efforts to persuade firms to invest productive capital in Latin America, "labor itself is investing its own funds in housing projects for workers."

"These investments are regarded as sound and productive, and are in no way regarded as a gift," Father Besse said.

Labor is conducting "an extensive education program to promote the interest of free labor, and thereby to counteract the forces of communism," Father Besse said. The program, a gift, is financed by union funds, he added.

Under the educational program, workers from the various Latin American countries take 12-week training courses in Washington, with all expenses paid.

"In a way," said Father Besse, "it can be said that a key goal in our Latin American policy is to save Latin America from communism and national socialism through the instrumentality of a free labor movement."

To the question of "whether the heritage of freedom for which the U.S. stands should be labor-oriented," Father Besse said: "My answer is a strong and unconditional affirmative as far as Latin America is concerned."

What is needed in Latin America, Father Besse said, is "to effect

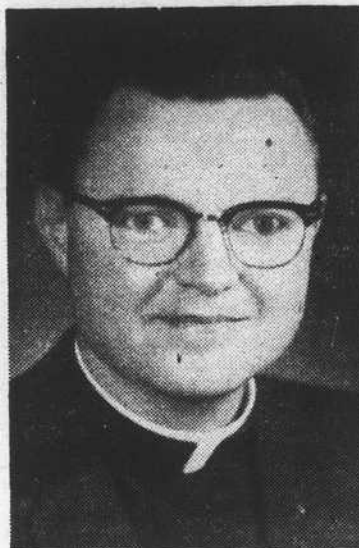
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A.I.D. Program To Teach Adult Responsibility

PATERSON, N. J. — (NC) — The Association for International Development, a lay mission-sending society with headquarters here, plans for an educational program in the St. Paul, Minn., archdiocese.

The association arranged with Archbishop Leo Binz of St. Paul to establish a committee to collaborate in planning programs with various archdiocesan organizations, such as the Christian Family Movement and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Campus programs already have been initiated at the College of St. Catherine for women and the College of St. Thomas for men there. An AID associate, Michael Murphy, has been named advisor on the international apostolate for the University of Minnesota Newman Center. Three St. Paul parishes have inaugurated programs for the international lay apostolate and foreign student activities.



Bishop Waters Will Address CDA Convention

MIAMI, Fla. — (NC) — Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, National Chaplain of the Catholic Daughters of America, will preach at a Solemn Pontifical Mass which Bishop Coleman Carroll of Miami will celebrate here today, opening the 30th biennial national convention of the CDA.

Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston will preside at the Mass and give the keynote address a few hours later at the convention banquet which is expected to attract more than 1,000 delegates.

Other members of the hierarchy expected to be present include Paul Hagarty, O.S.B., Nassau; Bishop Joseph H. Hodges, Wheeling, W. Va.; and Bishop William G. Connaire, Greensburg, Pa.

Bishop Carroll will be the principal speaker during a July 20 luncheon. Other convention speakers will include Msgr. Raymond J. Gallagher, Washington, D.C., secretary, National Conference of Catholic Charities; Msgr. Joseph B. Lux, Chicago, president, Catholic Church Extension Society; Father Thomas J. O'Donnell, S.J., director of English language radio programs, Vatican City; and Msgr. Joseph M. Nelligan, Baltimore, national consultant-moderator, Catholic Daughters of America.

Margaret Buckley, Chevy Chase, Md., CDA Supreme Regent, will preside at the sessions. Mrs. Catherine McGuinness, State Regent, West Virginia, is convention chairman.

Clergy Credit Union Begins Fourth Year

CLINTON, N.C. — The only Federal Credit Union in the United States for Catholic priests has entered its fourth year in North Carolina.

The Catholic Clergy Credit Union counts 84 members, all priests of the Diocese of Raleigh.

Three other American dioceses have priests' credit unions with a state charter: Madison and Green Bay, Wisconsin and Fargo, North Dakota.

President of the Tar Heel credit union is Father Charles J. O'Connor of Wilmington; Father Frederick A. Koch of High Point is vice president; Father John A. McGuirk of Wrightsville Beach, treasurer; Father Thomas A. Williams of this city, secretary.

Teachers Give Summer To Help Puerto Rico

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — (NC) — Two school teachers gave up their summer vacations to assist in parish work in Puerto Rico. Kathleen Byrnes, history teacher at Notre Dame Girls High School and Margaret Sasso, a kindergarten teacher at Roosevelt School, are working as unpaid volunteers in Naguabo, Puerto Rico, assisting two Sisters of Mercy at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary. Their main duty is helping prepare parish children for first Communion. Miss Sasso is a relative of Mrs. Harold W. Parrott of St. Gabriel's parish in Charlotte, N.C.

SUPERIOR GENERAL — Father Eymard P. Galligan, S.S.E., has been elected tenth Superior General of the Society of Saint Edmund. Director of the Edmonite Southern Missions for the past six years, Father Galligan conducted the priests' retreats in the Diocese of Raleigh at Maryhurst during 1963. Father Galligan succeeds Father Jeremiah T. Purtill, S.S.E., as Superior General in the 120-year-old Society which was founded in France. The Edmonite Fathers serve the Church in the Diocese of Raleigh at Elizabeth City and Wake Forest. They conduct St. Michael's College in Winoski Park, Vermont.

Pope Congratulates Newest Free Nation

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has sent a message of congratulations to the people of the new African republic of Malawi, formerly Nyasaland, and urged the Catholics of the country to contribute to the republic's social, intellectual and cultural life.

The English-language text of the papal message, dated May 29, but published in *L'Osservatore Romano*, Vatican City daily, on July 10, read, in part:

"To our venerable brother, John Baptist Hubert Theunissen, Archbishop of Blantyre, willingly do we avail ourselves, venerable brother, of the solemn occasion of the proclamation of independence of Nyasaland as the new Republic of Malawi to send you, your venerable brothers in the episcopate and all our beloved children in your nation our message of felicitations, of prayers and of good wishes.

"Catholicism, introduced by zealous and intrepid missionaries at a late date, has made great progress among your people; and our ardent prayer is that faith may grow deeper and dearer in their hearts, inspiring them to show forth their convictions in their daily lives, and serve as a city set on a mountain or a light set on a candlestick, attracting others by their good example of blameless conduct and Christian love.

"We are confident that the rulers of the new Republic of Malawi will continue to respect the rights of freedom of worship and of preaching the Word of God. In return, we urge our beloved children, under your enlightened guidance and that of the most reverend bishops, not to be outdone in faithfulness to their civic duties, respect of lawful authority, observance of

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