

# STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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**THROUGHOUT CHILDHOOD ANNE BOLEYNE, ILL-FATED WIFE OF HENRY VIII OF ENGLAND, ATTENDED MASS IN THIS 700 YEARS OLD CHURCH IN HEVER, KENT. HER FATHER, SIR THOMAS BOLEYNE, IS BURIED BESIDE THE HIGH ALTAR.**

**THE PERIOD OF THE CELTIC CHURCH IN IRELAND EXTENDED FROM THE TIME OF SAINT PATRICK TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CISTERCIAN ORDER IN THE 12<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY.**

*Anne Boleyn*

**THE CROWN OF LAURELS WHICH SOMETIMES APPEARS ON EARLY CHRISTIAN MONUMENTS SYMBOLIZES MAN'S MASTERY OVER HIS PASSIONS. THIS EXAMPLE WAS FOUND IN A 3<sup>RD</sup> CENTURY SARCOPHAGUS IN ROME.**

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**THIS CURIOUS OLD DANCE OF ST WILLIBROD IS HELD EACH YEAR ON WHIT TUESDAY AT ECHTERNACH IN THE PRINCIPALITY OF LUXEMBOURG. THE DANCERS, STANDING FIVE AHEAD, TAKE THREE STEPS FORWARD, THEN TWO STEPS BACK, WHILE CHANTING A LITANY IN HONOR OF THE SAINT, WHO FOUNDED A MONASTERY AT ECHTERNACH IN THE 7<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY.**

## Southern Baptists Say No to Council Observer

DALLAS, Tex. — (NC) — The Southern Baptist Convention will send no observer to the Vatican Council's fourth session this fall. Delegates to the 108th annual convention of the denomination, with 10.6 million members the nation's largest Protestant body, overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to send an observer to the council. Only a scattering of delegates among the more than 15,000 in at-

tendance supported the idea on a show of hands. The Rev. Robert Alley of the University of Richmond, Va., had urged an "open-minded approach to a subject we cannot, we dare not, ignore." But opponents of the plan said it would bring about Southern Baptist involvement in the ecumenical movement. The delegates strongly endorsed a resolution on integration prepared by the denomination's Christian Life Commission.

# NCWC Social Action Official Backs 'Right to Work' Repeal

Washington — (NC) — The director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference's Social Action Department has endorsed the administration's proposal to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act's "right to work" section. Msgr. George G. Higgins, testifying before the House Education and Labor Committee, said so-called right to work laws are politically, socially, economically and ethically unsound. He said in his testimony, "I am speaking in the name of (the Social Action) department and not in the name of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference or in the name of the body of American bishops."

Msgr. Higgins said such right to work laws "do not provide jobs for workers; they merely prevent workers from building strong and stable unions." Right to work laws, barring labor-management agreements making union membership a condition of employment, are authorized by Section 14-b of the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947. Nineteen states have such laws.

Msgr. Higgins said the pressure for them "does not arise from workers seeking their 'rights.'"

"PROponents of these measures are uniformly employers' organizations and related groups," he said. "Often such laws are part of a program by underdeveloped states seeking to attract industry by the lure of a docile and low-paid labor force."

He rejected the argument of states' rights raised in support of these laws, saying there are "strong reasons why states should not regulate labor matters where interstate commerce is involved."

"The greatness of our economy is attributable in no small measure to the absence of trade barriers and the presence of uniform conditions of commerce among the several states of the Union," he said. "Measures which would destroy this uniformity and erect barriers would be contrary to the general welfare."

Msgr. Higgins also denied that

compulsory union membership is "contrary to the American tradition of freedom," calling this assertion a "political slogan" and "dangerously false."

PEOPLE WHO make this argument, he said, are "claiming for workers a freedom which the latter do not desire." He noted that in nearly 50,000 secret elections, workers had voted in favor of the union shop 97 percent of the time.

As for the argument that compulsory union membership contributes to "abuses of unionism, such as autocracy, dissipation of funds and racketeering," he acknowledged that this claim has "a basis in fact."

"But the remedy for abuses within a union is not a measure which weakens a union in its legitimate functions . . . When a useful and proper form of activity is occasionally abused, the remedy is to attack the abuse directly, and not abolish the activity

itself," he said.

Turning to the arguments in favor of compulsory union membership, Msgr. Higgins said that "a great majority of cases it contributes to peaceful and harmonious labor relations." He added:

"NEW WORKERS are automatically required to join an organization which has proved its value to the existing employees of the company. Where such is not the case, there is the danger of tension and unrest which often company union organizing campaigns.

"In the long run the employee who accepts a union and tries to work out peaceful relations with this union is the employer who will have good labor relations and good morale in his plant . . . The employer groups who espouse (right to work laws) are acting short-sightedly, even in terms of their most selfish interests."

## Preface in Vernacular Is Approved by Pope

Vatican City — (NC) — Permission to have the preface of the Mass in the vernacular instead of Latin is now being granted for countries whose bishops' conferences request it.

Pope Paul VI approved the new concession April 27, it was revealed here in Notitiae, the bulletin of the postconciliar Consilium for the Implementation of the Liturgy Constitution.

In a report on liturgical progress in the United States in the same issue of the bulletin, Joseph Cardinal Ritter of St. Louis said that permission for the preface in English would be a "significant

move" toward relating "the role of the faithful more clearly to the sacred action of the Mass."

When it was set up a year and a half ago, the consilium initially held that it could confirm requests by bishops' conferences for the vernacular only for the people's prayers, such as the introit, gloria, creed and communion, as them, and for the Lord's Prayer. But Pope Paul in the spring of 1964 granted permission for it to approve bishops' joint requests for the vernacular for three prayers of the Mass which are reserved to the priest—the collect, prayer over the offerings (secret prayer) and postcommunion.

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**What Can Mary Buy For A Penny?**

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While Mary thinks in terms of pennies, her Mother's thoughts are about dollars. There is one area, however, where Mom may very well think in terms of pennies, too.

For example, a penny buys enough electricity to operate television for two hours, a radio or sewing machine for seven hours, a vacuum cleaner for one hour or a 100-watt lamp for more than five hours.

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