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The annual drive for subscriptions to **THE NORTH CAROLINA CATHOLIC** is now underway, and will continue throughout February, Catholic Press Month.

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CICOP Meeting Stressed Mutual Understanding

By John J. Daly, Jr.

Chicago — (NC) — North and Latin American Catholics sought fuller understanding of each other at a conference where sessions resembled frank and neighborly encounters over the back fence.

It was the third national conference Jan. 19 to 21 of the Catholic Inter-American Cooperation Program, (CICOP) a long-range effort to bring the reality of Latin American Catholicism and society to U.S. Catholics.

will prohibit the delivery of second class mail without Zip Code beginning in January, 1967. Subscription forms should also be checked new or renewal.

Rates for the prize-winning newspaper of the Diocese of Raleigh remain four dollars for one year, or seven dollars and a half for two years.

PRELATES, scholars, missionaries and others from Latin America involved in the day-to-day fight to meet the challenges facing the 200 million persons in the underdeveloped and overcrowded continent spoke to more than 2,000 North Americans ranging from high school students collecting money for a Brazilian housing project to bishops heading major U.S. Dioceses.

The 1966 conference theme was "Religious Values in Latin America," a guideline that provoked weighty papers such as "adaptation of pre-colonial religious practices to Christianity," and lively discussions on the potential benefits of married lay deacons.

UNDERLYING ALL exchanges was the desire to bridge the gap of knowledge between North and South as a basis for strengthened cooperation.

"The common image of the Latin American and of Latin American Catholicism which exists here in the North has no basis in reality. The same can be said for the inadequate appreciation of the spiritual values of North Americans which is widespread on the southern continent," remarked Bishop Manuel Larrain of Chile, president of CELAM, the Conference of Latin American Bishops.

Conference highlights include:
● British economist Barbara Ward's warning that the contrast between the world's rich and poor is sharpest in the Americas and that Christians who ignore the difference will call down "God's anathema on our rich, indifferent society."

● The disclosure of Agnelo Cardinal Rossi of Sao Paulo, Brazil, that the Brazilian and Chilean hierarchy have petitioned the Holy See for programs to use married lay deacons in priest-short areas.

● The reminder by Archbishop John P. Cody of Chicago that while U.S. Catholics and others are responding generously to the call for help from Latin American, "staggering tasks remain."

● The presentation of CICOP's annual awards to Msgr. Luigi Ligutti, a U.S. priest who is permanent observer of the Holy See to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, and to Jose and Luz Maria Alvarez, founders of the Christian Family Movement in Mexico and the first couple named lay observers at the Vatican council.

● The appeal of a young scholar, Dr. Richardo Arias Calderon, a University of Panama professor, that Christian thought and its capacity to influence social developments be given as much attention as manpower, bricks and mortar.

● The statement by a Chicago priest serving in Panama, Father Leo B. Mahon, who said the Latin American Church should be seen as needing "conversion," not "renewal," because the Church in its full understanding as a community conscious of its duty to redeem the world "does not exist in Latin America, except in rare places."

● The comment by a Mexico See **CICOP Meet**, page 2A

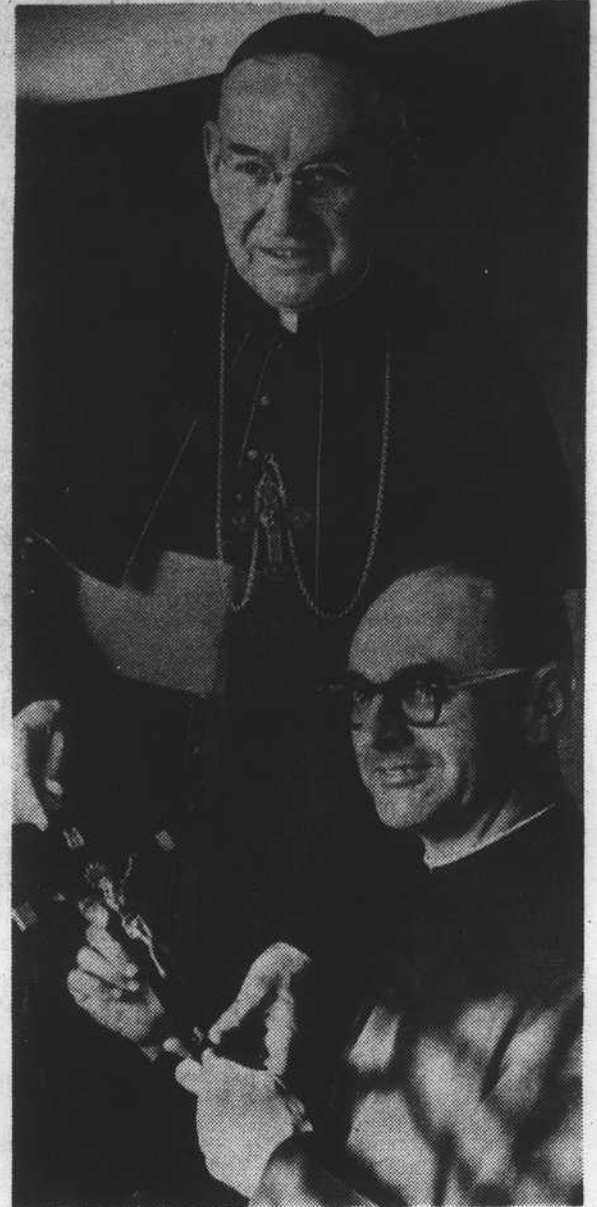
Dale Francis Will Speak in Charlotte Next Sunday Night

Unlike Thomas Wolfe, Dale Francis can go home again.

Dale Francis will speak in Charlotte on February 6. Friends in the Charlotte area who remember him as proprietor of Sign of the Cross bookstore are invited to hear him speak, as are those who know him through his **OUR SUNDAY VISITOR** and **NORTH CAROLINA CATHOLIC** columns. His topic will be "After the Council."

This dinner event is sponsored by the Marianist League at Honey's Restaurant, February 6, at 7 p.m. Reservations are necessary and may be made by purchasing tickets at Charlotte Catholic High School or from League members. Tickets are priced at \$3 and may also be ordered by mail from the school.

Bill Wygand is president of the Marianist League, and Brother John Conlon, S.M. is moderator. Chairmen for the dinner include: Bill Bernish, Mrs. Oliver Rose, Mrs. Aubrey Federal, Walter West, James F. Collins, Mrs. J. Bernard Eck, and Mrs. Charles J. Stokes.



GO FORTH AND TEACH — In a ceremony held at the Bishop's Residence in Raleigh last week Father Desmond Keenan formally volunteered for the Latin American Apostolate. Bishop Vincent S. Waters presented Father Keenan with a mission crucifix, which he will hand on to another priest from the Diocese of Raleigh after five years' work in South America. The generosity of Bishop Waters, Father Keenan, and Father Joseph Waters (who has also volunteered for the Latin American Missions) is symbolic of the growing concern of Catholics in the United States for the crisis which the Church faces in Latin America due to a shortage of vocations and facilities.

OFFICIAL

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

The Reverend Donald F. Staib is appointed Assistant Superintendent of Schools of the Diocese. Effective Friday, January 28, 1966:

The Reverend George W. Fleetwood is appointed to Residence at St. Leo's Church, Winston-Salem, as temporary Assistant Pastor. Effective Monday, February 14, 1966:

The Reverend William G. Wellein is appointed first Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Jacksonville.

The Reverend John A. Wall is appointed Director of St. John Vianney Hall, Asheville.

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My dear Brethren:

If anyone can understand the Missionary needs of the Church of Christ, we Catholics of North Carolina certainly can.

Catholics all over the United States have helped us time and time again, to build up our parishes, schools and missions. In fact, the great progress and growth of the Kingdom of God in North Carolina has been made possible in no small measure by the Christlike generosity of Catholics throughout the United States.

Now a golden opportunity has been presented to us who are still only 1% Catholic, to return to God the great generosity we have received. The Church in Latin America is faced today with one of the most gigantic crises of all time, and unless we do something about it, the results could well be one of the great tragedies of Christianity.

Latin America—and this comprises all of the Caribbean area, Mexico, Central and South America—has the largest concentration of Catholics in the entire world, nearly 200 million. And this number pales into insignificance when it is realized that by the year 2000, the total population will be trebled to 600 million—the fastest growing population in the world. But millions of these souls are in the gravest danger of being lost to Christianity due to the severe shortages of priests and sisters, parish churches and schools.

Listen to these facts: Latin America has one priest for every 5,000 Catholics. Even more shocking, countries such as El Salvador and the Dominican Republic have only one priest for every 12,000 souls. In the large cities of Latin America there are parishes with 40 and 50 thousand parishioners, but no resident priest. One diocese in Argentina has 2,500,000 Catholics and only 30 priests.

Is it any wonder that Pope Paul VI, and his predecessors, Popes John XXIII and Pius XII, appealed to the bishops of the entire world to come to the aid of Latin America? Pope John called Latin America the Number One Mission Problem of our time.

To help our fellow Catholics of Latin America, North Carolina is sending two priests this year to work in the Latin American Missions. Fathers Desmond Keenan and Joseph Waters. If God grants us the ability, we hope this will be only the beginning of a band of missionary priests, sisters, brothers, and lay people to go to the aid of our fellow Catholics in Latin America. They will need our prayers and our support.

Even though we in North Carolina have the smallest per capita Catholic population in North or South America, we can be justly proud of the fact that almost fifty years ago, North Carolina contributed one of her native sons, Father Thomas Frederick Price of Wilmington, as co-founder of America's greatest Foreign Missionary Society, the Maryknoll Fathers. God has rewarded his generosity with tremendous blessings—our Catholic population in North Carolina has increased more than 1000 per cent since the days of Father Price.

On Sunday, January 30th, a special appeal is being made for the Latin American Mission being undertaken by the Diocese of Raleigh. Here will be our opportunity to carry on the tradition of North Carolina's great son, Father Price; here will be our opportunity to help our fellow Catholics in Latin America in their greatest hour of distress, just as Catholics throughout the United States have helped us.

Christ's victory in Latin America is in our hands. If we, the members of His Church, fail to help Him, upon whom will He call?

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh