



ARCHBISHOP PAUL J. HALLINAN of Atlanta was presented with a special Ad Altare Dei medal (April 14) at the 19th national conference of diocesan Boy Scout chaplains and lay chairmen held in Atlanta. Thomas Harkins, River Forest, Ill., and Bishop William G. Connare of Greensburg, Pa., chairman of the Catholic Committee on Scouting, congratulate the Archbishop.

## Catholics in Scouting Were Pioneer Ecumenists

ATLANTA, Ga. — Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta said here Catholics active in the Scouting movement were in the thick of ecumenism before it became the fashion.

"The Catholic Scouters, along with the Newman chaplains and the armed service chaplains, have been practical card-carrying ecumenists long before it was respectable," Archbishop Hallinan said.

He addressed the closing banquet of the 19th national conference of diocesan Scout chaplains and lay chairmen of Scouting.

"We are all grateful," he said, "for the manner in which Catholic Scouting has cooperated with the Boy Scouts of America, and all the more grateful for the hand of friendship and mutual sharing extended by the national body. We are united not because of weakness but because of strength."

Describing the goals of Scouting, the archbishop said "we are not fighting the world in which we live."

Rather, he said, "we are fighting our own complacency, our own ignorance, our own resistance to change. It is to ready our young men to fight this creeping apathy that you invite them to become Scouts, meet with them, instruct and train them, motivate them, and share with them nature's rigors as well as nature's joys."

Archbishop Hallinan received a special Ad Altare Dei Award of the Catholic Scouting movement at the banquet.

During the conference, proposed changes in the requirements for boys to receive the Ad Altare Dei Award were discussed.

A. A. Kirk, executive secretary of the Catholic Committee on Scouting and director of the Catholic relations service of the Boy Scouts of America, said the proposed new requirements are "built around the new liturgy, the Scrip-

tures, and social change in America and in the Church." They will stress service by Scouts to Church and community, he said.

It was announced that William H. Condon will succeed Kirk as director of the Catholic relations service of the Boy Scouts of America and as executive secretary of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Condon has been coordinator of special services in the relationships division of the Boys Scouts at their headquarters in New Brunswick, N.J., since 1963.

Kirk is retiring in June after serving 40 years with the Scouting movement in a professional capacity. He was honored at a banquet during the conference here.

## Protestant Missioners Reaffirm Abiding Ties with Reformation

WHEATON, Ill.—(NC) — Delegates to one of the largest missionary gatherings in history said here (April 16) that they saw danger in regarding the Roman Catholic Church as "our great sister Church."

They also reaffirmed the "abiding validity ... of the Protestant reformers."

Delegates to the First Congress on the Church's Worldwide Mission—sponsored by the Evangelical Foreign Missions and Interdenominational Foreign Missions Associations—represented 13,000 overseas missionaries, or nearly two-thirds of all the United States foreign missionaries. The two associations represent most of the Fundamentalist, Evangelical Protestant groups.

At the windup of the Congress, the 1,000 delegates unanimously declared:

"Whereas Roman Catholic practices may change, they say their dogmas are unchangeable. According to the Roman Catholic view, reunion of the Churches must be on papal terms.

"We rejoice in the wider use of the Scriptures among Roman Catholics. We shall pray that all those who study the Scriptures will be led by the Holy Spirit to the saving faith in Christ.

"We shall urge Evangelicals to seize today's unique opportunities for witness among Roman Catholics.

"We recognize the danger of looking upon the Roman Catholic Church as 'our great sister Church,'

even as we reaffirm the abiding validity of the Scriptural principles of the Reformers, that salvation is through faith alone, and that the Bible is the only rule of faith and practice."

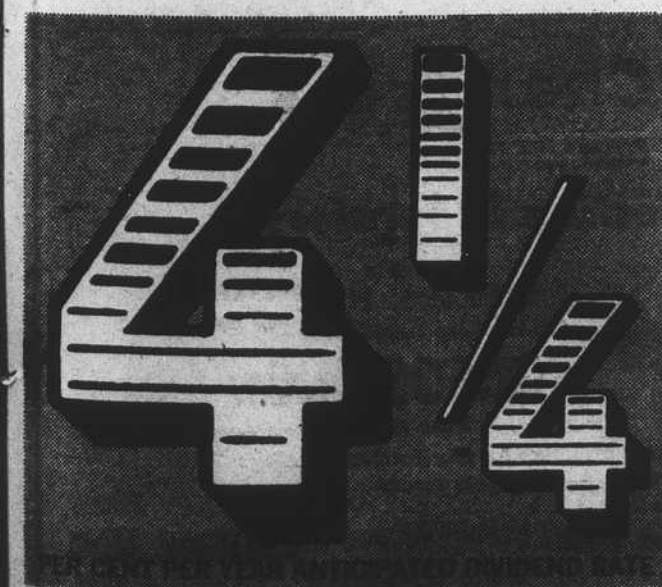
National leaders of the Younger Christian churches in countries abroad—including the Rev. Doan Van Mieng, president of the 40,000 Evangelical church of Vietnam, the Rev. Timothy Kamau, of the Africa Inland Mission in Kenya, East Africa, the Rev. Ruben Lores of the Latin America Mission Evangelism staff in Costa Rica, all agreed that the "day" of the missionary is not over.

They said they need more missionaries to aid in the proclamation of the Gospel in their countries.

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