



The Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal, was the scene last week of a Papal Mass, offered by Pope Paul, marking the 50th anniversary of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary here. The statue above the main entrance was carved by an American sculptor, Father Thomas M. McGlynn, O.P., once stationed at St. Monica's Rectory in Raleigh. The Papal visit was televised to the United States on May 13.

Editor's Desk

This is the season for processions, May and graduation.

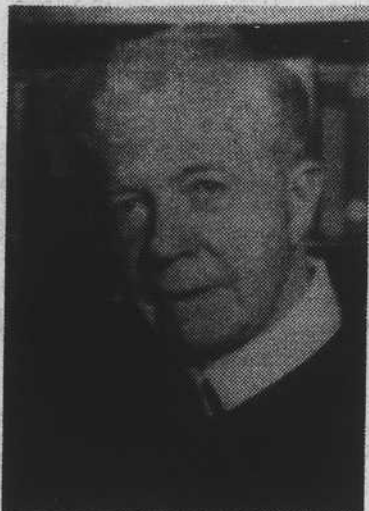
The late Edwin McNeill Poteat, famed Baptist preacher, once said of us during a N.C. Press Association luncheon address at Chapel Hill, entitled the "First Estate speaks to the Fourth" . . . Catholics can't just walk, they have to process.

A clerical columnist in the Boston Catholic press asks, "In lamenting the good old days, one of the questions we could ask ourselves is what has become of the May Processions in the parish programs?"

If it is so, the writer continues to rationalize that there is the loss of the traditional setting. "Processions and demonstrations," he adds, "have become the most conspicuous feature of all protest or reform movements." He thinks that our religious processions will be back when the Pope John reform and renewal has attained its objectives and religion settles down.

For our part they were always held at the hottest mid-afternoon part of the day, the children had to be assembled an hour beforehand and it was up to the pastor to calm the disgruntled fathers. The suppression of the St. Basil's hymnal with the hymn, "Bring Flowers of the Rarest" and the repeated complete frustration of the guest preacher are other factors. The speaker would conscientiously prepare a twelve or fifteen minute Marian sermon, possibly drive 100 miles round trip after three Masses and a few Baptisms, only to have a brother priest tug on his surplice as the pulpit is approached with the stage whisper request, "Make it short." The

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Fr. Francis Connell

Bishops Conduct Raleigh Meeting

RALEIGH — Six bishops, ordinaries of dioceses within the Province of Atlanta and their chancellors met here last week together with the Most Rev. Paul J. Hallinan, D.D., Archbishop of Atlanta and Prelate of the Province.

They assembled to formulate ecumenical relation guidelines for the implementation of Vatican Council recommendations for relations with other Christian religious groups.

The Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, D.D., Bishop of Raleigh, with the Most Rev. Charles B. Laughlin, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop and the Very Rev. Louis E. Morton, Chancellor, were hosts to the assembly which met at the Sir Walter Hotel here.

Clergy from the dioceses of Charleston, S.C., Miami and St. Augustine, Fla., Savannah and the Abbot of Belmont Abbey took part in the sessions.

Requiem Offer For Fr. Connell, Noted Theologian

WASHINGTON — Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for Father Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., 79, for years one of this nation's best known moral theologians, was offered in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here.

Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington officiated at the Mass. Burial was in the Redemptorist cemetery in Annapolis, Md.

Father Connell died May 12 in Providence Hospital here. He had been a patient for a month and had several heart attacks.

Since his retirement from the Catholic University of America here, where he taught for 17 years, Father Connell had resided at Holy Redeemer College, the Redemptorist major seminary close by the university. He is survived by a sister.

Father Connell had many contacts with the Diocese of Raleigh. He was a close friend of Bishop Waters. Many clergy of the state, both diocesan and religious, attended his classes at Catholic University. He conducted retreats in North Carolina; both for clergy and laity. He was a moderator of a priests' retreat-conference on the study of Vatican Council Decrees at Wilmington and Asheville last year. A few years ago the annual N.C. Retreat for Laymen held at Southern Pines was under his direction.

Theology Professor

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50th Anniversary

Two Million Greet Pope on Fatima Visit

FATIMA, Portugal — (NC)— One might tritely wonder what a difference 50 years makes, but what a difference it was!

The concrete plaza in front of the Fatima basilica, from the high cross at the far end, was covered with more people than Fatima had ever seen at one time. Observers estimated more than two million were here for the celebration of the 50th anniversary and to greet Pope Paul VI on his brief visit to the world-famous shrine.

The Pope's Tap Portuguese airlines Caravelle had left the airport at Rome at 6:30 a.m. and landed at Monte Real military airport near here about 9:30 a.m., where the Pontiff was greeted by the Portuguese ambassador to the Holy See. President Tomas of Portugal and oth-

er government dignitaries. The Pope gave a brief response to the president's greetings and the

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Belmont Lists 129 Graduates

BELMONT — Eighteen Catholic students from North Carolina are among the 129 seniors who are candidates for the Bachelor's degree at Belmont Abbey College, here.

Receiving the bachelor of arts degree are Thomas D. Siegle of Winston-Salem; Jane Dugger Massey of Greensboro; Bennie G. Farmer of Goldsboro;

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BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
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My Dear Catholics of Durham:

Through the help of Almighty God, the Carmelite Sisters of the Ancient Observance of Asheville, and the rest of the country, I was able to preserve the Carmel of Durham by continuation of a new foundation of this original branch of Carmel. I am sure that the people of Durham are delighted that this near-miracle was accomplished. The Sisters have moved in but are not yet cloistered, as there is much work to be done both within and without the convent. I believe some of you have already been helping them, and it is my hope that more and more friends will continue to help them as the years go on.

The principal work of the Carmelites is to assist you in saving your souls by their prayers and sacrifices, and this is done, not only for the Catholics, but for everybody in the Diocese, particularly in Durham where the Sisters are located. Only Judgment Day will reveal to you and to me how much they have done for us and for this missionary diocese. However, they are like the rest of us — they need to be appreciated and loved.

I am sure that the good people of Durham, and especially all of those who belong to the Carmelite Guild, under the former regime, will reorganize and assist these good Sisters in the spiritual work of the parishes in Durham, as well as the Diocese of Raleigh. I am confident that Monsignor McSweeney, Father Woods, Father Scherer, and Father Risacher, and all the Priests and Sisters will welcome these new Sisters from Asheville and help them to get settled in their new convent and support them by their means.

I have scheduled for the Carmelites a Cloistering ceremony which will be preceded by a Reception at 3:00 P.M., on Sunday, May 28th. The actual Cloistering ceremony and Benediction will take place at 4:30 P.M. Priests, Sisters, Laity, and guests, will have the opportunity to see the whole convent in Durham preceding the ceremony of Cloistering and Benediction. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to make this a real house-warming, pounding-party as well as an occasion to make a donation to these good Sisters and their wonderful work. Undoubtedly, no one but the Lord, Himself, can outdo them in their generosity to us, and I am sure you will be well repaid.

Wishing each and every one of you God's choicest blessings and hoping to meet you at 3:00 P.M. on May 28 at Durham, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
*VINCENT S. WATERS
Bishop of Raleigh