



Albemarle Progress

Parish Hall Dedication Marks Historical Origin, Development

ALBEMARLE — Expressing his approval and pleasure of the new parish educational and social center here, Bishop Vincent S. Waters also reviewed plans for the construction of a larger, air-conditioned church on the present site for sometime in the future. The Bishop dedicated the new Annunciation parish hall after he had offered Mass in the church.

Reverend John Huston, Chaplain to the Catholic students at the University of Chapel Hill, highlighted the laymens participation in the mission of the church as outlined by the recent council. The Bishop congratulated Father Anthony Kovacic, pastor, and the Reverend James A. Cowan, pastor emeritus, upon the success of their efforts and encouraged the congregation to continue their co-operation.

The parish has had a notable growth in membership in recent years due to the coming of manufacturing plants to the area. The first known Catholics in the community were the J. E. Ewing family who came from Richmond in 1897. In the late 1920's they were visited by the late Father Edward L. Gross of Hamlet.

Founded 1934

On July 1, 1934 Bishop William J. Hafey appointed Father James A. Cowan as the pastor of the newly established parish of Our Lady of Annunciation here. The same year property was purchased on which was a large frame dwelling, used as a rectory until 1941. During the summer of 1934 the present church was built. At this time there were nine Catholic families in the area, six here, one in Badin, one in Troy and one in Wadesboro. By 1949 membership had grown to 35 families. At present the parish census reveals 86 families and 45 students at-

Liturgy Reform Cited, Hits Negative Action

WASHINGTON — The national Liturgical Conference, a 7,000 member organization devoted to the liturgical apostolate of the Catholic Church, made public a statement sent to the nation's bishops and praising liturgical reforms and experimentation.

The statement criticized those who have not accepted or cooperated with changes made in Catholic worship since the Second Vatican Council. "It is not too harsh to remark that some pastors, though consistently contradicted in their attitudes by official Church action over the past five years, have still not learned the lesson of change," the statement added. "Their attitudes seldom if ever come under censure, while their people pay the price of their recalcitrant behavior."

This situation was contrasted, the statement said, to the fact that those who follow the Church's reforms often are censured by Church officials.

tending nearby Pfeiffer College.

Because of the large attendance a third Mass is now offered each Sunday at 11 a.m., said Father Kovacic.

Clean House Viet Government

Saigon — Lt. Gen. Nguyen van Thieu, president-elect, declared at the inauguration of the Vietnamese Senate that the new government must eradicate corruption and reform administrative machinery.

"The most urgent efforts in the first months of the future government" will be devoted to these tasks, he said.

Corruption, recognized as one of the greatest internal weaknesses of recent years in Vietnam, must be eradicated "at all levels, from the central to the regional, in the army as well as in the administration, in a complete, though just, impartial and clear manner," the president-elect said.

Restoration of peace is another of the "most urgent problems," he emphasized.

Bishop Splits With Fr. De Pauw

Caledonia, N.Y. — (NC) — Bishop Blaize Kurz, O.F.M., exile of Yungchow, China, and the acknowledged "patron" of Father Gommar DePauw's Catholic Traditionalist Movement, has denied any responsibility for Father DePauw's recent ultimatum to Pope Paul VI.

In a letter to conservative writer Hugo Maria Kellner, the bishop also said "I don't agree with the letter in most of the points. I didn't know about the proposing me as the leader of the Roman Latin Church."

Canadians Issue U.S. Draft Dodgers

Toronto, Ont. — The U.S. draft dodger issue has started a religious controversy among leaders of the United Church of Canada, this country's largest single Protestant denomination of some two million members.

Several Protestant and Catholic clergymen already had shown sympathy toward U.S. draft dodgers who crossed the border to escape military service.

The number of draft dodgers in Canada is difficult to estimate, but has been placed at between 300 and 1,000.

OSV Raises Price

Huntington, Ind. — (NC) — Our Sunday Visitor will increase its single-copy newsstand price from five cents to ten cents, effective with the Nov. 5 issue.

Writing in the Oct. 22 issue, Msgr. Vincent A. Yzermans, editor, said that "production and editorial costs have forced us to increase the price of Our Sunday Visitor." The annual subscription rate, he said, would be increased from \$4 to \$5.

Oil Contract Cancelled

Detroit — The Detroit archdiocese has canceled a \$150,000 heating oil contract because the

supplier has refused to comply with standards set by Project Equality.

Project Equality is a state-wide, interreligious program under which Michigan's Catholic dioceses — and a number of Protestant churches and Jewish synagogues — agree to deal only with suppliers who live up to equal employment standards. Project Equality also operates in 10 other areas of the country.

Lay Teachers Top Religious

Cincinnati — (NC) — Lay teachers outnumber Religious in the elementary schools of the Cincinnati archdiocese for the first time.

The superintendent of schools reported that of the 2,044 fulltime elementary teachers, 1,004 are Religious and 1,040 are lay teachers.

In the high schools, he said there are 629 priests, Sisters, and Brothers, and 465 lay teachers.

Paulist Choir Disbands

Chicago — (NC) — The world famous Paulist Choir, 70 voice male choral group, has dissolved as an indirect result of changes in the Church.

Father James F. Cunningham, pastor of Old St. Mary's Church here, announced the decision. He said that the choir had been trained to sing in Latin and had only one English Mass in its repertoire.

He also said that the idea of the choir seems incompatible with that of participation in the Mass by the entire congregation. When the choir sings a Mass, he explained, the congregation merely listens.

By having a Latin Mass on alternate Sundays, Father Cunningham said: "I feel we were not acting in accord with the mind of the Church, which is to have a Mass participated in by the congregation. We were having a concert Mass."

Urge Constitutional Church

New York — A symposium of 32 Catholic and Protestant scholars here recommended the Catholic Church move in the direction of a constitutional approach to Church government.

Without endorsing either the idea of a constitutional convention or a written constitution, the symposium sponsored by the Canon Law Society of America and Fordham University called for greater participation at all levels of government by all members of the Church, laity as well as clergy.

Symposium participants agreed that "certain recognized principles of constitutionalism might be employed in the Church, at least analogically." They specifically called for: a division of power between central and regional governing bodies; the separation of legislative, executive and judicial functions; guarantees of individual rights, including due process and equal protection of the laws.

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