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Editor Notes Pastoral

'Let Yourself Grow' Is Theme for Press

Raleigh — "Putting a copy of the complete text of the United States Bishops collective pastoral letter, 'The Church in Our Day' was a singular service to our subscribers," said Father Fred Koch, editor of the North Carolina Catholic, as he was preparing promotional correspondence for the annual subscription appeal in parishes throughout the diocese.

February 18th has been designated as Promotion Sunday for the diocesan weekly newspaper. "A study of the pastoral points

up three conclusions," the editor commented. "We realize that the need for the institutional Church is as great today as it has ever been; that in these days of transition and renewal the Catholic can still look to that Church for guidance, 'reasonable, considered and in tune with the times' and that the Church is still the instrument through which progress in spiritual and social reform can be met."

THE EDITOR said that "Promotion Sunday" for the North Carolina Catholic brings each of the 14,450 Catholic families of the diocese an opportunity and the obligation of having within its circle the best of current religious thought and through the excellent presentation of the "Supplement" the finest religious journalism for family enjoyment.

Every week of the year, the newspaper seeks to develop Catholic unity and spirit. It keeps its readers up to date on the serious current religious and moral problems facing us in our day.

Father Koch pointed out that there is a rise in the subscription rate of one dollar over that of the past year.

"Post office costs and printing, well, everything except the editor's salary, has gone sky high," he said.

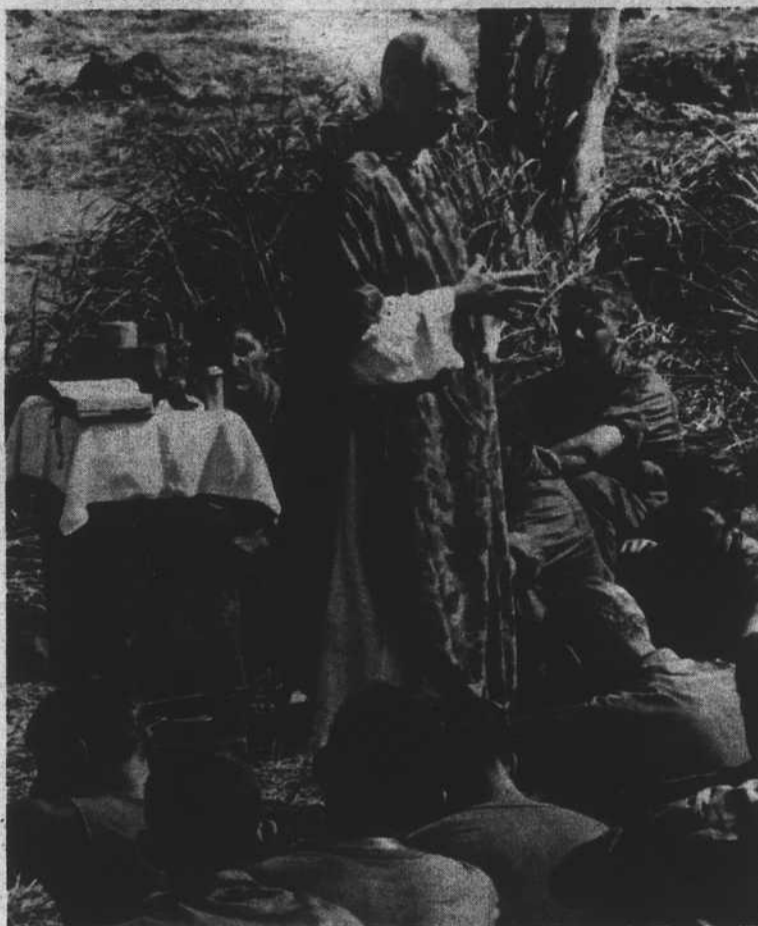
PROMOTIONAL LETTERS to the pastors and their assistants; and necessary stationary forms will be sent out shortly.

"I hope that the parish board members, especially members of the CCD and public relations committee will assist the clergy," the priest urged.

"Never before has there been so much news about the Catholic Church. Never before has there been such a need of communications as the Catholic newspaper. In particular, never before has there been such a mutual need of assistance by an increase in subscriptions as well as the need of the Catholic newspaper in each home."

Father Koch also earnestly asked that each family subscribe this year. Special envelopes will be distributed to the churches for Sunday the 11th for the recording of the subscriptions and the handling of the checks or cash in payment.

"Let Yourself Grow" is the motto of this year's subscription promotion throughout the diocese. The North Carolina Catholic weekly newspaper provides that necessary ingredient "food for thought and action." The effect of the printed word in mind and heart is the inspiration given to us by our patron of the press, St. Francis de Sales.



TAY NINH, Vietnam — Father James A. (Major) Peterman, Milford, Del., priest, speaks to his men from the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, at Mass during military operation Yellowstone, 75 miles northwest of Saigon near the Cambodian border. Father Peterman, who has served one year with the 25th Infantry, has volunteered for another year's duty in Vietnam as deputy chaplain to the 101st Airborne Division. (NC Photos)

Vatican Daily Warns Of Asian War Risks

Vatican City — (NC) — The Vatican City daily has published an editorial describing North Korea's seizure of the U.S. Navy ship Pueblo as running the risk of "provoking complications of an unforeseeable extent which could escape any control."

L'Osservatore Romano cited the setup of fighting in Vietnam and the Pueblo incident and published the following editorial comment:

"It would appear unnecessary to underline the serious, indeed, the worrying nature of these events which add to the complexity of the situation in southeast Asia. All efforts designed to limit the Vietnam conflict and to lead the parties to thoughts and works of peace risk being undermined by the intensified military pressure on the north, where fighting has been in progress for a long time already, provoking reactions of the same kind.

"On the other hand, the case of the U.S. ship Pueblo and the

intensification of clashes along the armistice line, laboriously drawn up between the two parts of Korea, seem to bring up again the question of the difficult 'balance' achieved in 1954, following the preceding commitments of the great powers.

"Obviously the events of these days add to the gravity and dimensions of the tragedy which is already being enacted and which risk provoking complications of an unforeseeable extent which could escape any control.

"Paul VI unceasingly cries out for peace, turning to everyone without excluding areas, interests or ideologies. If a truly universal good exists in human society, it is peace. If a general material interest exists, it is also that of peace. It is therefore to be hoped once more that this voice — the voice not only of Christians but of the entire human family — may be heeded and that incidents of these past few days will be solved peacefully through honorable negotiations.

Catholic Colleges in U.S. Called a Success

Garden City, N.Y. — The director of the Research Institute for Catholic Education in New York State said Catholic colleges and universities have been successful in producing "better Americans as well as better Catholics."

Citing recent sociological research by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, Msgr. Edgar P. McCarren said it makes "a big difference whether a Catholic attends a Catholic college or not." He told a parent-teacher group

here that research into the social and religious effects of Catholic higher education adds up to a definite conclusion: "the more Catholic education, the better." He said these findings are of special significance because they concern inter-group relations and ecumenical attitudes.

Msgr. McCarren reported the following findings concerning Catholics who add a Catholic college education to a Catholic elementary and secondary school education.

"These Catholic college graduates are significantly different in their adult religious behavior and social attitudes. In fact, the significant effects here of the Catholic college 'surprised' the social scientists.

"Research has been unable to find any sign of divisiveness among Catholic school and college graduates," the priest stated.

"As adults, they are just as likely to be interested in community affairs and to have non-

Bishop Waters Praises Help For Missions

Raleigh — The generosity of Catholic people within the Diocese and Catholics in 23 dioceses throughout the country who contributed to the support of the financially dependent parishes of the Diocese was praised by Bishop Waters last week during the 22nd annual meeting of the Home Mission Collecting Apostolate held here.

There were two distinct mission efforts reported. The home missions report was submitted by the Very Rev. Louis E. Morton, Chancellor. The report of the finances of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith and the Diocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan were submitted by the Very Rev. Charles J. O'Connor, diocesan director for the society.

During the year, various priests of the Diocese are given an opportunity to speak on the needs of dependent parishes in the Diocese of Raleigh in the more populated Catholic areas of the North and West.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE with other bishops and diocesan directors are the work of the Rev. Arthur Duncan of Dunn.

The total receipts from these mission offertory collections as well as donations made during 1967 were \$42,172.11. This represented 75 personal appeals by clergy of the Raleigh Diocese.

Disbursements were made to parishes at Boone, Edenton, Farmville, Hot Springs, Morganton, Murphy, North Wilkesboro, Raeford, Spruce Pine, Tarboro, Warrenton, Washington, Waynesboro, the student center at Chapel Hill, Our Lady of Consolation Church in Charlotte, St. Teresa Church in Durham, St. Gabriel Church in Greenville, Our Lady of Victories in Salisbury, Our Lady of Lourdes in Sanford and Our Lady of Victory in Southern Pines.

MONEY WAS also transferred to the revolving fund from which parishes are able to borrow without the payment of interest.

Bishop Waters said that the money thus borrowed by parishes is expected to circulate and that payments should at least cover what would normally be interest due on the principal borrowed.

The Bishop thanked Father Duncan and Father Morton for their work in assisting the subsidizing of needy parishes and also expressed his gratitude to the priests who often journeyed far to make the personal appeals and to take up these collections.

It was also revealed at the meeting that there are at present 73 outstanding loans to parishes. During the past year, 14 were liquidated. There are 10 loans recorded in which nothing was paid during the past year.

SPEAKING FOR the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Father O'Connor reported that the receipts of the Missionary Cooperation Plan, the Mission Sunday collection, gifts, member- See Missions, page 8A

Editor's Desk

Back in '46, we were invited to speak to the men of Cathedral Parish. At that time we were the designated "partner" of the late Monsignor Irwin, who was pastor of St. Paul's at New Bern.

To make a long story short, he did not want to let us go to Raleigh but said we should stay home and do our work where we belonged.

After giving him a series of arguments why we should accept the invitation, we cited the honor which was given to a young priest to address members of the Mother Parish of the Diocese.

"The honor is not in being invited, partner," said Monsignor Irwin, "but the honor comes when you are invited back."

ALL THIS came to mind a few weeks ago when we were invited to return to High Point and speak to the women of the St. Edward's Guild there on the occasion of their annual banquet during which the installation of officers takes place.

Seeing the enthusiastic group of 87 women in this 41-year-old parish auxiliary which has contributed so much to the religious, economic and social life of the parish, we began to realize the importance of women to the Church and how they are taken for granted for their manifold good works.

We recognize their acts of charity, education and cooperation in maintenance through the contributions made by the altar societies and mothers' clubs of the parish.

THE WOMEN do these things so quietly that we are apt to take their good works for granted.

Historically, altar societies kept the Church going in many mission areas of the Diocese. Oftentimes they not only handled all of the sanctuary supplies but paid for fuel and general maintenance.

From experience we know that in more than half of the parishes these women still function as Church janitors, laundresses, sacristans, teachers, charity workers and home visitors.

They do everything from scrubbing to singing, flower arranging to bookkeeping. Altar societies go plugging along throughout the years, tending to the basic essentials of parochial needs.

ALTAR SOCIETIES have long been the backbone of parish support. See Editor's Desk, page 8A