

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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MRS MILLIE SCHMIDT-BRAUN OF FRANKFURT, GERMANY, BUILT HER OWN GOTHIC CATHEDRAL — IN FOUR YEARS AND USING SOME 50,000 MATCHES. THE MODEL IS THREE FEET LONG AND TWO FEET HIGH.

A YOUNG FRENCH COUPLE WHO MARRIED RECENTLY AT LANVEZEAC IN BRITTANY DISCOVERED THAT THE LAST WEDDING CELEBRATED IN THE LITTLE CHURCH THERE WAS IN 1790 — 177 YEARS AGO.

KNOWN AS THE WHITE VIRGIN, THIS STONE IMAGE OF OUR LADY & THE INFANT JESUS IN LEON CATHEDRAL IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE FINEST SCULPTURES EVER CREATED IN SPAIN.

AN EASTERN JEWEL SET IN THE PAPAL CROWN GROTTOFERRATA, A MONASTERY JUST SOUTH OF ROME WHICH WAS FOLLOWED THE GREEK CATHOLIC RITE — UNDISTURBED BY THE SCHISM BETWEEN ROME AND CONSTANTINOPLE — SINCE A.D. 1004.

Priests' Council Backs King's Poor Peoples Campaign

Richmond, Va. — (NC) — The Richmond diocese's council of priests has endorsed goals of Dr. Martin Luther King's poor people's campaign scheduled to open in Washington on April 22.

The council voted 21-0 (March 14) to back the drive by supporting a statement issued by Washington's Interreligious Committee on Race Relations. The committee's statement supported Dr. King's attempt to use non-violent tactics to achieve "minimal standards of human decency for all our people, namely meaningful jobs for all, adequate income for all, adequate medical and dental care for all, decent housing and quality education."

The campaign is expected to draw 3,000 poor, including Negroes, Indians, poor whites, Mexican-Americans and Puerto Ricans, to Washington to urge Congress to pass new legislation to help the poor and to repeal restrictive welfare legislation due to take effect July 1.

The Richmond council of priests is a 24-member advisory body to Bishop John J. Russell. Eighteen of its members are elected, six appointed.

Archbishop Pleads For Relevant Liturgy

New Orleans — "It would be scandalous if the irrelevancy of the liturgy proved to be an additional reason" for defections from the Church, Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta said in a paper prepared for a conference here.

The paper was delivered at the meeting of District IV of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men by Father Henry C. Gracz, secretary of the Atlanta archdiocesan liturgy commission.

Tradition should not hinder liturgical reform in the United States, Archbishop Hallinan said, "for two discernible characteristics of American Catholicism are its brevity and its immigrant origin."

"We, members of a nation whose identity has been forged from the anvil of the unknown; we, who politically have sought a league of nations, a new deal, a new frontier, and a great society, cannot be afraid of experimentation within the realm of the ecclesiastical."

Discussing the "Normative Mass," Archbishop Hallinan pointed out some possible changes which might be incorporated in the future:

—On occasions, where the "Lord have mercy" is used, the "Glory to God" will not be, and the reciprocal is also true.

—A series of three readings to give a better sense of the Old Testament.

—Less frequent presentation of the Creed.

—An acclamation by the people as their share in proclaiming the event of the Lord's death, resurrection, and ascension.

—Changing the embolism after the Lord's Prayer to include "For Yours is the Kingdom and

the Power and the Glory, forever and ever."

New prefaces and a three-year cycle of readings may be incorporated into the liturgy by Advent, 1968, the archbishop noted.

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rochial grades as our class prepared for high school. She also pulled a strong oar.

Sands of Time

One of the largest classes for second and third degrees of the Knights of Columbus was exemplified 20 years ago at Greensboro. There were 75 members. Thirty-three of the candidates were members of Piedmont Council No. 939 of Greensboro. At that time Supreme Treasurer Francis J. Heazel of Asheville said, "It is gratifying to see such a large class. This is the largest class to be exemplified in North Carolina, save one, that the class of Marines at Camp Lejeune a few years ago" . . . St. Mary's Church at Mount Olive was open again for Divine Services, having been renovated. Damage was extensive due to a fire that threatened the building during the previous Christian season. . . . The Rev. Francis J. Murphy, chaplain of the Catholic students at the University of Chapel Hill, addressed student members during a Communion breakfast at the Carolina Inn. The topic of the discussion as the life and teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas, patron of the student group.

Diocesan Loyalty, Campaign

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Contributions amounting to \$8,300.00. Father Carey is pastor of the parish. St. Gabriel Church at Charleston made the second largest contribution which totaled \$6,729.00.

The largest advance in parochial constitution was made by Our Lady of Mercy Church at Winston-Salem from last year's donation of \$951.00 to \$2,200.00. The parish was territorially enlarged during the past year. The Right Reverend Monsignor Lawrence C. Newman is pastor.

A marked increase was noted for St. Mary's Parish at Launenburg which increased its dona-

tion from a previous year's sum of \$360.00 to \$580.00. Other sizeable increases were made by parishes at Mt. Olive and Newton Grove, all of which the Reverend J. H. McHugh is pastor, and St. Raphael's Parish at Millsbrook, a Raleigh suburb with the Rev. John L. Richards as pastor.

Father Carey expressed his appreciation to all the priests, area directors, and their clerical assistants, the parish chairmen and their co-chairmen, as well as the hundreds of men who contributed their services in making the personal calls on all the homes of the parishioners of the diocese to receive the family donation.

Merger of Archdiocesan Councils Opposed

Milwaukee — (NC) — A proposal has been made to amend the present constitutions of the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Councils of Catholic Men and Women authorizing the two groups to work together rather than merge.

A "position paper" containing the proposed amendment to the constitution was to be discussed by officers of both Councils March 20.

Archbishop Cousins is quoted by one delegate as saying that in considering the merger, individual councils should not be destroyed.

COEDUCATION

Lisle, Ill. — (NC) — St. Procopius College, conducted by the Benedictines, here, will become a coeducational institution beginning next September. Women will be admitted in the daytime curriculum on a regular basis. Previously, women had been admitted to the college on an individual basis for specific programs. Father Roman S. Galiardi, O.S.B., president, said "we feel that in arriving at the decision to go coeducational, the college has made a significant and progressive step forward in serving the community."

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