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CONSECRATION OF MGR. THOMAS BENJAMIN COORAY, O.M.I.

COADJUTOR TO HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP

In the presence of the Metropolitan and all the Ordinaries of the Dioceses of Ceylon, and a record gathering of clergy and religious, in the presence, too, of the Mayor of the City attending in person in his robes of office, of the representative of Governor and of high officials of the State; watched by thousands of the laity, the majority Catholic, but with a goodly sprinkling of non-Catholics, too, thronging the vast spaces of the Cathedral, and followed by thousands of others from outside—with all the rich, stately, impressive, historical symbolical ritual of the Church of ages, MGR. THOMAS COORAY, O.M.I., Coadjutor to the Archbishop of Colombo was on Thursday the 7th of March, feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, solemnly consecrated Titular Archbishop of Preslav, by His Excellency, Mgr. Leo Peter Kierkels, C.P., Papal Delegate in the East Indies.

His Lordship Mgr. Dom Bernard Regno, O.S.B., Bishop of Kandy, was Senior Assistant Bishop.

His Lordship Mgr. Edmund Peiris, O.M.I., Bishop of Chilaw, was Junior Assistant Bishop.

The Very Revd. Frs. P. Monnier, O.M.I. Vicar of Missions and J. Linehan, S.J., Administrator Apostolic of the Diocese of Trincomalee, were Chaplains to the Consecrating Prelate.

The Very Revd. Fr. C. Morgan, C.S.S.R. Superior of the Redemptorist House in Ceylon, and the Revd. Fr. D. J. N. Perera, O.M.I., were Chaplains to the Senior Assistant Bishop.

The Very Revd. Frs. I. Glennie, S.J., Rector, Papal Seminary and Basil Fonseka, Mis. Ap., of the Diocese of Chilaw, were Chaplains to the Junior Assistant Bishop.

The Very Revd. Fr. J. Emilianus Pillai, O.M.I., Administrator, Diocese of Jaffna and the Revd. Fr. Severinus Fernando, O.M.I., were Chaplains to Mgr. Cooray.

The absence in Europe of His Lordship the Bishop of Jaffna and the recent death of the Bishop of Trincomalee reduced the number of mitred heads. The ceremony was graced, however, by the presence of Their Lordships of Galle and Tuticorin and the Lord Abbot of Kandy, besides His Grace the Archbishop.

His Grace was attended by the Very Revd. Frs. P. Gueguen, O.M.I., and G. Giordano, S.J., Vicar-General, Galle. Mgr. Laudadio, S.J., of Galle was attended by the Very Revd. Frs. A. Guru-

samy O.M.I., (Jaffna) and Michael Perera, Mis. Ap., (Chilaw). The Very Revd. Frs. Peter A. Pillai, O.M.I., and Roland Perera, Mis. Ap., (Chilaw) were attendant on Mgr. Roche, S.J., of Tuticorin.

It was at 7-30 a.m. that the stately procession—such a procession as only the Catholic Church can produce—emerged out of the precincts of the Christian Brothers' house, and crossing the Cathedral square obliquely entered the church by the main entrance as the bells pealed forth and carried away in its triumphant echoes the softer notes of the organ.

Letter of Attestation:

LEO PETER KIERKELS, C.P.,
Titular Archbishop of Salamis,
Delegate Apostolic of the East Indies.

In virtue of the spiritual powers bestowed on Us by the Holy See, We, by these Presents, attest and testify to whomsoever it may concern that the Most Reverend Lord THOMAS BENJAMIN COORAY, Priest of the Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in the Archdiocese of Colombo, has been elected by the Sovereign Pontiff Pope Pius XII as Titular Archbishop of Preslav and Co adjutor to the Archbishop of Colombo, with right of succession and all relevant rights and duties, in accordance with the sacred canons. The Elect is also hereby empowered, owing to the present circumstances, to receive episcopal consecration from any Bishop whom he may choose, such Bishop holding communion with the Holy See, without awaiting the Apostolic Letters, in place of which Letters and pending their arrival, We declare that these Presents do suffice for the purpose in question. Provided, however, that the antecedent obligation of making the Profession of Faith, taking the prescribed Oath and observing all the prescriptions of the Canon Law, remains strictly in vigour.

Given at Bangalore from the Offices of the Apostolic Delegation, this 17th day of January A.D. 1946.

✠ LEO P. KIERKELS, C.P.,
Delegate Apostolic.

The reading of the letter over, the Sacred Rites of Consecration were proceeded with after which while the 'Te Deum' was being sung the New Archbishop with mitre and crosier accompanied by the Assistant Bishops walked along the middle of the nave blessing the vast congregation in and out of the Church.

ently fitted to hold the high office to which he had been called. He would be a tower of strength to His Grace the Archbishop, who despite ill health had borne the onerous duties of his office like a valiant martyr.

Dr. C. J. C. de Silva referred to his long friendship with the new bishop and paid a tribute to his hard work on various committees and sub-committees. On behalf of the Diocesan Union he presented the new bishop with a gift.

H.E. the Apostolic Delegate briefly thanked them for the welcome extended

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PEACE-MAKERS 'GRAVELY BURDENED IN CONSCIENCE'

"Persecution, concentration camps and secret police should be abolished by world authority," declared Archbishop Griffin in an address to Catholic members of the UNO delegations.

His Grace urged the delegates to admit their differences, not to conceal them and so deceive the public by using words and phrases which have for each an entirely different significance.

His Grace addressed the Catholic delegates twice, one at High Mass in Westminster Cathedral and at an evening reception in the throne room of Archbishop's House.

"I want to help you to face your problem as Catholic men gravely burdened in conscience and aware of the immense responsibility which falls upon you as you come together to shape the lives of future generations," said the Archbishop at the reception.

"In the first place, let us be clear that without God you will reach no wise or permanent solutions.

'ALMIGHTY STATE'

"Morality is based upon the acceptance of God and of His law. If a man denies God and the law of God he must set up some mere expedient as the criterion of morality. Those who refuse to believe that man has an immortal soul and destiny are in no position to legislate for the good of mankind. For if the eternal law be not the test of right and wrong you are forced to set up another God and another code.

"Bitter experience has shown us that where an attempt is made to drive out God there comes in the place of Almighty God the almighty State.

"The twin curses of our age have been exaggerated nationalism and the cult of ideologies. Catholics, in season and out of season, whatever be their race or nation, must set themselves against the idolatry of any State or party.

"I consider it to be the duty of statesmen to admit their differences rather than to conceal them and so deceive the public by using words and phrases which have for each an entirely different significance.

"Democracy has, on different lips, an entirely different significance. It is false to describe as democratic a system where liberty is refused to the individual and where elections are held with no choice of candidates allowed to the electors.

"It is difficult for us to imagine freedom existing in countries where secret police and the dread of concentration camps are the most potent sanction of a nation's law.

MAN A TOOL

"Let us confine ourselves to using words and phrases which we all understand. As Catholics, we all understand what is the nature of man. He has an individual soul created by God. By reason of the fact that he is created in the image of God he has certain rights, a great dignity and a high destiny.

"Destroy the notion of God, and man inevitably becomes the mere tool of the State.

"We know the extent and bitterness of the conflict between Church and

State in the Third Reich. We also know that it was precisely because the Church upholds the notion of human dignity and liberty that the Nazi and Catholic doctrines were engaged in such a sharp and relentless struggle. It was logical from the Nazi point of view that the aged and infirm should be consigned to a lethal chamber. If a man was of no further use to the State his life was forfeit.

"In the same way, if a State consider itself to be like God there is no reason why it should not exterminate any citizen holding political or religious views which do not accord with the State's own ideology.

"In a word, destroy the idea of God and you deprave man to the status of the brute. But men are still being persecuted, not only for their political views but also for their religious views.

"At this moment Bishops and priests are in concentration camps and several have died a martyr's death for their religion.

"It is essential therefore that the principles of the sovereignty of the rights of God and the inalienable right of the children of God to live in freedom should not only be declared in words but should be put into practice.

"Personally, I have great hope that eventually, with God's help, the United Nations will secure the restoration of world order.

FIVE POINTS

"Let me therefore sum up the points which I think are essential if any practical solution of the world problems is to be found:

"1. God's laws must be recognised and obeyed.

"2. The world's ills are not purely economic but mainly spiritual.

"3. We must give freedom, not mock freedom but real freedom, to all individuals and to all powers, even those that are called small.

"4. One of the great tests of freedom is a citizen's right to worship God according to his conscience and to have intercourse with men of other nations.

"5. Persecution, concentration camps and secret police should be abolished by world authority.

"Remember that the corollary to a belief in God is a belief in the brotherhood of man. All men and nations should unite to help those who are suffering.

WIDESPREAD MISERY

"Throughout the world, but especially in Europe, there is widespread misery and shortage of food, clothing and medical supplies. I am receiving frequent reports from many countries, especially Austria and Hungary, telling of the appalling misery existing in the countries.

"If you discharge your duties as Christians you will hasten to the relief of all men who are in need. If you give this evidence of your Christianity you will deserve the blessing of Christ. Without the blessing of Christ, the Prince of peace, despite all your energy you will build no lasting world order."

RECEPTION TO APOSTOLIC DELEGATE & COADJUTOR

Mr. Justice Soertsz, Chairman of the Catholic Diocesan Union welcoming the Apostolic Delegate and the Co-adjutor Archbishop said he wished to re-emphasise the welcome already extended to them in the Island. They were happy that it was possible for His Excellency to confer the honour of his presence on that important and signal occasion, which marked an eventful stage in the spiritual and secular affairs of the country.

Mr. Soertsz said that by his saintly disposition and his unflagging devotion to duty the new bishop was pre-emin-

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ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
GOLDEN JUBILEE

St. Joseph's College, Colombo has been celebrating the Golden Jubilee of its foundation with a series of brilliant functions which culminated in the annual prize-giving presided over by His Excellency the Delegate Apostolic of the East Indies the Most Revd. Dr. Leo P. Kierkels. The enthusiasm displayed by the Old Boys and the interest evinced by the general public mark the high position this leading Catholic educational institution occupies in the country. Its eminent service during the last fifty years for God and country has won full measure of appreciation. And the earnest desire of its Old Boys, friends and well-wishers is that the College that has so well served the country should grow from strength to strength during the next fifty years and more. The very generous contributions from all sides to the College Endowment Fund is a proof of this desire. The Endowment Fund was a special feature of the Golden Jubilee celebrations. As the Rector, the Very Revd. Father Peter A. Pillai pointed out they must continue the traditions of the past. They could not succumb now after fifty years of creation and construction and give away all that they had done to free education. Not that free education is wrong. It should certainly have its due place in the general scheme of education in the country. But what is objected to is that it should be made a pretext to destroy the efficiency of the great public schools of the country which have rendered to the people such immense service. Dr. C.W.W. Kannangara openly said that the Christian schools were spreading Christian influence in the country and that must be checked. Had he the power he would sweep them all away. Not having the power he has devised ways of starving them into surrender. But he reckoned without his host. Those who value efficient education, who would have nothing to do with its shoddy substitute are rallying round some of the leading schools to make them independent of Government grants and Government control. Opinion, both of Christian and non-Christian, is hardening against the Minister's destructive educational policy. He cannot be unaware of this change of opinion in the country. He felt it perhaps prudent to make himself scarce at St. Joseph's College Jubilee Dinner when every one of the other Ministers were there present. That was significant. But although friends

and well-wishers of some of the leading Colleges are coming to their aid, the niggardly treatment meted out to them by Government is wrong and must be condemned. Let us hope with the Rector of St. Joseph's for a complete change of heart with the setting up of the New Constitution. From this little digression, to turn again to St. Joseph's, thanks to the successive Rectors of whom Fr. LeGoc will ever be remembered, it has to a large extent fulfilled the object for which the College was founded—to train men who would be distinguished by their balanced scholarship, their civic virtues and, above all, their capacity for Catholic leadership. The present Rector, however, is not one who will rest satisfied with the laurels won—an excellent trait for further progress. For one thing, the loyalty of the Old Boys for their Alma Mater was unmistakable and it called forth praise from His Excellency the Delegate Apostolic. The Golden Jubilee Celebrations were a triumphant success upon which the Rector and his co-operators deserve to be heartily congratulated.

Why I am a Client of
St. Joseph

Many years ago I had little or no special devotion to Saint Joseph. On the day of his feast I communicated, and that was all. I thought he was the special patron of fathers of families, especially the workmen, who needed his help to find means to support their children. It did not even occur to my mind to apply to him for any spiritual favour. Our Lord and our Lady were enough for me. I had many a time experienced that no one had recourse to the Blessed Virgin without experiencing the power of her intercession.

All on a sudden things changed. During the month of May of my eighteenth year I was assailed by continual and troublesome temptations of all kinds, especially against holy purity. I prayed to Mary, but received no relief. I now understand that she helped me to fight without, however, removing the temptations. The temptations went on increasing. I made a novena to the Sacred Heart during the month of June, with the result that, after one or two days' relief, temptations returned with a vengeance, and, as it were, multiplied, for I was also tempted against faith and hope. Moreover I was seized with an attack of scruples which drove me mad. In August, September, and the following months new novenas to our Lady were without apparent results. I was about to give up all hope and fall into the pit of despair, when, at the beginning of the following month of March, a good priest to whom I went for confession told me:—"Have you applied to St. Joseph?"

—No, Father! what's the use of it? Do you think he loves me more than our Lady, my mother, or than our Lord?

—No, my child, but it often happens that our Lord and our Lady refuse to bear our prayers to oblige us to go to St. Joseph.

—Why so, Father? Is not the Heart of Jesus the fountain of all graces? Did not our Lord say, 'Ask and you shall receive'?

—Quite true; but, as St. Joseph was the head of the Holy Family, our Lord and our Lady love him immensely. They want him to be glorified, and when they see him some what forgotten by a soul, they delay to grant favours until that soul prays through his intercession.

—All right, Father; I shall make a novena to St. Joseph. What shall I say?

—Any prayer you like. You may, for instance, say seven *Our Fathers* and *Hail Marys* in honour of his seven joys and sorrows, and after each one add "Good St. Joseph, patron of purity and interior peace, pray for me!"

began the prayer, and lo! on the 5th or 6th day of the Novena the darkness in which my soul was plunged cleared up, the stormy clouds that frightened me disappeared, I saw everything in a new light. Peace, tranquility and joy returned. The great trial was over, I hope never to return. The last days of the Novena were days of thanksgiving.

This is why I have a great devotion to and confidence in good St. Joseph, and I often repeat:

"O good St. Joseph, patron of purity and interior peace, pray for us!"

PHARISEES OF 1946

"What right has the world to be indignant with the Pharisees?" asked Vatican Radio in a broadcast in German.

"Hypocrisy between neighbours, hypocrisy in news reporting and propaganda, hypocrisy in politics, in diplomatic relations, in the practice of law—these apply when opportune.

"Wherever there is hypocrisy there must be white-wash. With the Pharisees it was 'zeal for God and His Commandments.' We call the white-wash etiquette. One serves the ego in the name of humanity, of justice, of national honour, of social class, of freedom, of democracy, of peace—all these beautiful things. Such they must be to be an efficient white-wash."

St. Joseph's College and
Free Education

St. Joseph's College Golden Jubilee Dinner was held on Monday night at the Grand Oriental Hotel when covers were laid for over 350.

The Very Revd. Fr. Peter A. Pillai, O.M.I., the Rector of St. Joseph's presided, and he had on his right as chief guest His Excellency Dr. Leo P. Kierkels, Titular Archbishop of Salamis, Apostolic Delegate to the East Indies. Among the other guests present were six Ministers of the State Council.

The Most Revd. Dr. T. B. Cooray said Grace and pronounced the blessing. After dinner His Excellency Dr. Leo P. Kierkels proposing the toast of St. Joseph's congratulated them on their achievements during the past fifty years. They were, he said, living in difficult times but he was confident that St. Joseph's College would continue to be in the vanguard of educational institutions of this country.

KEEN INTEREST IN EDUCATION

The Very Revd. Fr. Peter Pillai in reply thanked His Excellency for his very kind words regarding St. Joseph's. He, like his predecessor, had always taken a keen interest in Catholic education and his presence in the Island that day was to honour the College.

St. Joseph's College was started fifty years ago in order that Catholics in this country could have a seat of learning, and its achievements during the past could be judged in the fullness of the numerous distinguished old boys it had produced.

He referred to the great work done by Fr. Collin, Fr. Nichola, and their dearly beloved Fr. LeGoc in the past, to bring St. Joseph's to the forefront of educational institutions; and now they were coming to the cross roads—a new form of education was laid before them and it was becoming clearer and clearer to them that whatever its merits, that St. Joseph's could not touch it even with a barge-pole.

There were six members of the Board of Ministers present there, except the Minister of Education, and he thought that they would sympathise with them in their desire to continue the traditions of the past. They could not succumb now, after fifty years of creation and construction and give away all what they had done to free education. The more he thought of it, the more he realised the fact.

Continuing he referred to the impending departure of Dr. Ivor Jennings, at a time like this, as a national calamity. He also referred to many of the growing needs of the College with its 2,000 students.

With the loyalty of their old boys the future of St. Joseph's was fully assured.

MANY SUBTLE DANGERS

The Bishop of Colombo proposing the toast of the O.B.U. said that they were faced with many subtle dangers and they as Christians should stand together. They believed in the simple issue that parents had a right to determine where to send their children for their education. Those who were shaping the educational policy of the Island seemed not to understand that very complicated problem. He was only too glad to have come there to contribute to the success of the College which had produced men like the Most Revd. Dr. T.B. Cooray.

He drew attention to a quotation from Burke: "A great empire and little minds go ill together." They desired that those who shaped the educational policy should bear that in mind. There was much that was good in the new Educational Bill.

RIGHTFUL PLACE OF EDUCATION

They wanted to be allowed to teach children the religion they believed in and to practise their faith untrammelled by the impersonal forces of Government, which if wrongly biased needed to be corrected. A Government of the people for the people, should give education its rightful place in the Lanka of the future.

Mr. F. J. Soertsz, in reply said that the phenomenal progress of St. Joseph's was mainly due to the devotion and self-sacrifice of people who had come from abroad. He said that the Bishop of Colombo had identified himself with the people of the country in the most singular fashion. Their problems had become his problems and he had sought sincerely to help in solving them and he (the Bishop) spoke not as a passenger in this country, but as one who had spent so many years in Ceylon, and knew all about them and he thanked him for the generous terms with which he had proposed the toast.

Mr. J. P. de Fonseka proposed the toast of the guests.

Dr. Jennings in reply said his only qualification to be called upon to reply to that toast was that he did not sign the Report of the Special Committee on Education. He congratulated St. Joseph's on its achievements during a period of fifty years. Fifty years was a long journey in the educational institutions of this Island. It was a great privilege to take part in those celebrations and he hoped that some of them would be there to celebrate the 75th and the 100th anniversaries.

Mr. A. Gardiner proposed the toast of the Sister Colleges and sent fraternal greetings to them.

Canon de Saram in reply said that the attitude of St. Joseph's towards the future of education in this country was commendable—nay magnificent.

At the conclusion three hearty cheers were called for the Apostolic Delegate Dr. Leo Kierkels.

Cures of Lourdes and
Scientific Unbelief

At a largely attended meeting of Roman Catholics and non-Catholics at St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa, presided over by His Lordship Dr. F. T. Roche, Bishop of Tuticorin, Dr. M. De Almeida gave an illustrated lecture on Sunday afternoon on the cures of Lourdes.

The Revd. Bro. Director of the College introduced the lecturer as a Specialist in Chest Diseases, interested in social welfare, and a Member of the Medical Bureau at Lourdes where Dr. Almeida had been living for five months examining patients and the records of cases. The personal testimony of a lay Catholic would, he said, help to strengthen their belief in the supernatural character of Lourdes Cures and to consolidate their faith in Divine intervention through the merciful intercession of the Mother of God.

Dr. Almeida, in the course of his lecture, asserted emphatically that, having made the most intimate study of the cures at Lourdes, he could declare without any fear of contradiction that the miraculous cures found absolutely no connection with natural forces or medical skill. A miracle, he said, was

a palpable and tangible fact that was utterly incapable of causation by any force of nature. A miracle was the effect of the intervention of the Creator of the Universe Himself, as an absolute free and unfettered Cause or a First Principle. A miracle was wrought not by contradicting the Law of Nature, but in superseding and transcending such laws in God's own Divine Wisdom and at His own Divine discretion.

Divine intervention through the performance of miracles confirms the fact that, as the Creator of all things, God stands above all laws and possesses absolute freedom to intervene at any stage in all human affairs.

Stating that there was a regrettable tendency in present-day youth to begin to doubt the teachings of their Church when they left their Catholic schools and mixed freely with the outside world of unbelief and became influenced by certain schools of scientific thought, Dr. de Almeida said that his own experience at Lourdes had convinced him that if such privilege experiences could be shared by others, it would help to develop an enhanced devotion to the Blessed Lady who occupied such a prominent place in the Divine Plan for the salvation of man. It was his unshaken conviction that, just as Our Lady of Lourdes had at one time brought an erratic people back to the Son of God, so would it again and again continue to bring back to her Son the peoples of the world who now ignore His teachings.

Dr. Almeida then referred to his personal testimony to the cures at Lourdes. His own investigations on the spot, in association with the Chief of the Medical Bureau and otherwise, only helped to confirm his belief that Lourdes would for ever remain the Sanctuary of the hopeless. Persons who had been given up as incurable by eminent scientific men were completely and permanently instantaneously cured at Lourdes in a manner that defied scientific analysis. Tuberculosis and cancer, the most dreaded of diseases and in many cases incurable, have been most miraculously cured at Lourdes. Other cures which defied human reasoning were those of bone diseases, disjuncted fractures of a chronic nature, ulcer and fistulas, which were instantaneously cured immediately after a bath in the piscines or during the procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament. While Nature and Medical skill required time to effect a cure, the cures at Lourdes were instantaneous and, withal, complete and permanent. Nor were the miracles of Lourdes in the slightest degree associated with purely marvellous occurrences caused by hitherto undiscovered forces of nature, or by faith healing, auto or hypnotic suggestion, or psycho-therapy, nor were they cases of mistaken diagnosis or effected by medicinal properties of Lourdes water, or even by stage-craft.

After detailing a number of cases that definitely proved to be miraculous cures, and giving a vivid description of the inspiring scenes daily witnessed when the sick and maimed lay in rows in the great square opposite the Church of the Rosary, awaiting with impatient buoyancy their anticipated deliverance not merely from physical ills but of more dreadful diseases of the soul, Dr. Almeida concluded that the Lourdes miracles had utterly destroyed the dubious calculations of unbelieving scientists and established for ever the personal influence of an all loving God over all human lives. Science was impotent to penetrate the truth that mystifies the grandeur of Lourdes.

Education Badly Mismanaged

Speaking as chief guest at a social by the Old Students of the Kokuvil Hindu College, at Saiva Mangayar Kalagam Hall, Colombo, Mr. N. Nadarajah, K.C., deplored the manner in which Central Schools were being opened in areas already well served by existing denominational institutions. As one who had served on the Special Committee on Education and as one who signed the Report without a dissent or a rider, it was most distressing for him, he said, to find that this scheme which would have been a great blessing to the country was being badly mismanaged.

The existing denominational schools

which had been and are doing very noble work were being ruined as a result of the more able and competent teachers being enticed to the Central Schools which are opened at random and without a definite working plan. Central Schools were being opened overnight without first ensuring a sufficient supply of teachers. The Special Committee had dwelt on the good features of the dual system, but he did not understand why denominational schools should not be allowed to continue for about say another 25 years, leaving it to posterity to decide which system was more beneficial to the country as a whole.

Dr. A. Kandiah said that scrutiny of the results of recent public examinations revealed a tragedy. The modern Jaffna young man, perhaps due to a lack of industry or general decadence, was falling off and was not able to keep up the tradition of steady success maintained by his forbears of a generation ago. He invited the Principal to see to it that at least the students who passed his hands were well equipped in every respect to stand the gruelling test of a competitive life.

Mr. K. Kanagaratnam emphasized character building as an integral part of legitimate life and maintained that education divorced from the ideal is waste of time and money.

J.C., C.W.M. Contribution.

Summary of Catholic Doctrine

(This summary is made, as far as possible, in the very words of the Symbols of Faith, of the Holy Scriptures, and of the Decrees of the Councils.)

by REV. FR. B. WM. JESU THASAN, O.M.I.
(Concluded from last issue.)

III

The HOLY GHOST is the Lord and life giver, who is of the Father and the Son, not made nor created nor begotten but proceeding; who is consubstantial with the Father and the Son, and whom together with them we adore and glorify, neither confusing the three distinct persons nor separating the one indivisible substance.

[Nicene Creed 8; Athanasian Creed 1]

Who, to INCORPORATE us to Jesus Christ and to the Church, His mystical body, of old spoke by the prophets and now dwells in and guides this Church whose members are in communion with each other by their prayers and good works, and owe obedience to the Bishop of Rome successor of St. Peter, prince of the Apostles, and vicar of Jesus Christ. Which guidance not only enables her to preserve her catholic unity, holiness, and apostolicity, thus convincing us of her divine authority; but also assists her and her head in guarding, interpreting and defining infallibly the revealed truth contained in the holy scriptures, in the apostolic and ecclesiastical traditions, and in her own observances and constitutions.

[1 Cor. XI. 13; Nicene Creed 9; Profess. of Faith 9 & 10, 1 & 2; Vatic. sess. 3, ch. 3; Acts 1. 8; Jn. XIV. 26, XVI. 8, XVI. 13; Vatic. sess. 4, ch. 4.]

Who—in order to SANCTIFY and unite us to the Society of the Justified whose members, if they die without having fully expiated, are detained for a time in Purgatory and are helped by the satisfactions and indulgences applied to them by the Faithful—infuses into us grace from the Father, merited by the Son, and with grace infuses also the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity, which together with the moral virtues of prudence, fortitude, temperance and justice we must practise under His impulse.

[Nicene Creed 10; Profess. of Faith 6 & 8; Rom. V. 1-5; Trent, sess. 6, ch. 7.]

Who GLORIFIES us in the Company of the Blessed that reign triumphantly with Christ in Heaven and with whom we are bound together in the Communion of the Saints by means of their intercessory prayers for us and our petitions to them as also our veneration of them, their relics and images; preparing us for this reward by granting us the gift of final perseverance, and making us look forward with confidence for the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come.

[Profess. of Faith 7; Nicene Creed 11 & 12.]

LOCAL & GENERAL

Pontifical Requiem for the late Father Le Goc.—There will be a Pontifical Requiem High Mass by the Most Rev. Dr. T. B. Cooray, O.M.I., Coadjutor Archbishop of Colombo for the repose of the soul of the late Very Rev. Father M. J. Le Goc, O.M.I., Vicar-General, Colombo, on Monday the 18th inst. at 7:30 a.m. at St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah.

The Mass is at the instance of the Literature Committee, Colombo Catholic Diocesan Union, of which the late Fr. Le Goc was Chairman.

It will be recalled that Fr. Le Goc died on 16-3-45 and was buried on 18-3-45.

St. Patrick's College, Rupee Fund.—The closing date of the above Fund has been postponed to the 1st of May, 1946. The old boys, friends and sympathisers of the College are hereby requested to continue their good work till that date.

London Inter Arts Exam.—The following candidates from the Holy Family Convent, Jaffna, have been successful in the above examination:—A. L. M. Armitha Nayagam and A. Gautamadasa.

The Jaffna Co-op. Textile and Industries Societies' Union Ltd.—A public lecture under the auspices of the above Union, will be delivered on Saturday, the 16th inst., at 4-30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Jaffna, by Dr. J. C. Kumarappah, M.A., B.Sc., Ph.D., the well known Economist and Secretary, All-India Village Industries Association. Sir Wythilingam Duraiswamy has kindly consented to preside, You are cordially invited.

Charge Against Food Inspector.—The Jaffna C.I.D. led evidence before the Jaffna Magistrate in the case in which Mr. K. Ganeshan, Food Distribution Inspector, and Mr. R.Y. Pitch, Price Control Inspector were charged the first accused with having accepted from Kurusamy Nagalingam of Puli-kutty Thottam, Jaffna a gratification of Rs. 240, and the second accused with having aided and abetted the first accused.

After the evidence of Kurusamy Nagalingam, the Court ordered process on the first accused, returnable on Mar. 16.

A Big Honour.—"To be called Christian is a great honour and a great responsibility," said Signor de Gasperi, Premier of Italy and leader of the Christian Democratic Party, speaking to members of his party in Naples.

Signor de Gasperi said that the value of the Party's Christian qualification was to be understood, above all, as an element of political honesty.

"We do not have to conceal from anyone our origins and our aims and we invite all other sincerely democratic parties to follow our example. Alliances and tactical agreements are always possible and fruitful when honesty becomes the fundamental law of a relationship."

No Evidence of Mass Starvation in Europe.—Senator Tom Connally, one of the United States delegates at the U. N. O. Assembly, who has just returned from visits to Britain, France and Germany stated here last Sunday that there was no evidence of mass starvation in Europe. He added this does not mean that there may be no hunger because I did not see many people on a lower economic level. But people on the streets and in public places seemed fairly well nourished.

Ireland's First Ambassador.—The Government of Eire has appointed Mr. J. P. Walshe Ambassador to the Holy See. Previous to this all Ireland's representatives abroad were Ministers. The present Minister to the Holy See, Dr. Kiernan, is going as Ireland's first representative to Australia.

Cardinal Decorated.—Don Nicholas Franco, brother of General Franco and Spanish Ambassador to Portugal, has conferred the Grand Cross of St. Raymond on Cardinal Cerejeira, Patriarch of Lisbon, on behalf of the Spanish Government.

A Unique Priestly Jubilee.—Recently at the Vincentian House, Vaikom, there was celebrated the sacerdotal jubilee of 23 priests who were ordained 25 years ago. They made a

retreat under the guidance of Very Rev. Fr. Tobar, V.G., Cuttack, and sang 'Te Deum' together.

Parties in Punjab Assembly.—Elections to the Punjab Assembly have been completed and the final Party position is: Muslim League: 75; Congress: 51; Panthic Akali Sikhs: 22; Unionist Party: 20; Independents: 7. Speculation is rife as to whether a Coalition Ministry will be formed in the Punjab.

Vatican City.—On Monday in a Secret (i.e. Private) Consistory of the present Cardinals, the Holy Father formally nominated the 32 new Cardinals already announced. On Wednesday, in the Vatican Palace, His Holiness conferred the Sacred Biretta on each of the new Cardinals present. On Thursday, at a Public Consistory, held in St. Peter's, he conferred the Red Hat. Finally, a Secret Consistory of all the Cardinals, old and new, was held in the Hall of Consistory on Friday.

CORRESPONDENCE

Genuflexion

The Editor,
"Catholic Guardian", Jaffna.

Rev. Fr. Editor,—Some weeks back, you were good enough to give in your paper some particulars just published by our S.H. Bureau about that Act of worship the *Genuflexion*. These particulars, we were glad to see, have been reproduced by some of your Catholic contemporaries in Ceylon and in India. The following additional details, may be appreciated by your Catholic readers. It was not known then that *Indulgences* were attached to the practice of the *Genuflexion*. From a booklet received recently from Rome, the Holy See wishing to encourage the Faithful to do it with due reverence has granted the following spiritual favours:

300 days indulgence for a simple genuflexion;

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Reception to Apostolic Delegate and Coadjutor Archbishop

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to him on this his third visit to the Island. The choice of their new bishop was a wise one and he rejoiced that it had been possible for them to have their first Sinhalese Archbishop.

His Grace Dr. Cooray thanked them for associating him with the reception accorded to H.E. the Apostolic Delegate. A great responsibility had been laid on him but he took courage in the fact that His Grace the Archbishop was there to guide and lead him. However, he needed their goodwill and co-operation. The fact that they had assured him of that co-operation was a source of great encouragement to him.

"Yes, today is a day of rejoicing," continued His Grace, "but it is also an occasion for deep gratitude to the Holy Father, whose design it was that a son of the soil should be called to this great office." It was not because there were no other persons in the missionary field worthy of this great office, but the Holy See wished to show that the Church was something of the soil. "In calling a son of the soil to this great office the Holy See wished to show that the Church was something of the soil, it was universal, it was Catholic. It was in that spirit that I accepted the office. I do not wish to be a Bishop of a caste, or of a race, but truly Catholic bishop with no distinction of caste, creed or race." The realisation of a son of the soil being elevated to this office was also made possible by the pioneer selfless service of the missionaries who left their homes and their loved ones to labour and toil in this land. They did not come here to earn wealth and fame, but to lay their bones in the soil of Ceylon. There were still such missionaries with them and they needed them and were very grateful to them that they had promised to continue to render that valuable service.

His Grace then addressed the gathering in Sinhalese and read out a manuscript in Tamil.

His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, Dr. Masson, said that the appointment of a Co-adjutor Archbishop was a wise decision. He felt that his guidance of this Co-adjutor would be very little. On the other hand he would not be surprised if his Co-adjutor began to guide him. However, he knew the sterling qualities of his Co-adjutor and was not afraid that he would boss him. He was thankful to the Holy Father for giving him a Co-adjutor after his heart's desire. He knew he would work for the greater glory of God and for the benefit of the Diocese now and hereafter.

An Interesting Court Case

The Champaign Board of Education has concluded its defence of religious education classes by asserting that the Champaign Circuit Court must decide whether public schools are to "converted into pagan and atheistic institutions."

John L. Franklin, School board counsel, contended that Mrs. McCollum, wife of a University of Illinois professor, who calls herself a "rationalist or atheist," has failed to establish her claim that the classes are illegal.

The suit brought by Mrs. McCollum challenged the legality of voluntary religious classes, offered in Champaign public schools during the last five years on released school time. The thirty-two year-old mother charged her son, James, was "embarrassed and ridiculed" by his classmates because he was the only student in his fifty grade classroom not enrolled.

In his final plea that Mrs. McCollum be denied the writ she seeks, Mr. Franklin asserted: "The effect of the decision will be felt by millions of the future citizens of America in 1,850 school systems scattered through 46 States which, the testimony shows, now have some from of week-day religious education on released school time."

"Mrs. McCollum's counsel has been

unable to cite any case where any court anywhere has disturbed or interfered with a voluntary system of religious education such as the one here involved. We know of no such case.

"While the court is not concerned with the wisdom of the plan in operation in the Champaign schools, the court cannot have failed to observe that the religious education programme was a carefully considered, intelligent effort of leaders in the community to gain for the children of the school district the benefits of religious education without invading the religious freedom of anyone and without use of public funds.

"The modern public school attempts to give a balanced view of all the worth while phases, activities and interests of life and to prepare a child for participation therein.

"To insulate the school from all contact with or knowledge of religion is that in many that religion has any place in life. In effect, it would convert the schools into pagan and atheistic institutions.

Communists Attend Papal Audience

Communists and Socialists went to the Vatican last month and heard the Holy Father condemn Communism.

They heard His Holiness call for a return to the spiritual traditions of Italy as a necessity for preventing social unrest and class war.

They listened to the Holy Father give his blessing to the apostolate of factory chaplains.

They learned of the growing number of factory workers who attend spiritual retreats. They heard the Holy Father describe such workers as "the living firmament of the working class."

The Holy Father said that it was erroneous to think that a natural antagonism exists or should exist between capital and labour.

"Nor should it be imagined that collectivism will really banish disagreements. However collectivism might discipline the distribution of profit—whether in equal shares or in proportion to hours of work or according to individual needs—it will be impossible to prevent recriminations and disagreements as to the share allotted, the conditions of work and the not always blameless conduct of the management.

"Nor it will be possible to preclude the risk of the enslavement of the working classes to the public authorities.

"We have already had occasion to show how, over and above the distinction between employers and employees, there is a higher unity which binds together all those who collaborate in production. This unity must be the basis of the future social order.

"Neither professional trades union organisations nor mixed commissions, nor collective contracts, nor arbitration, nor any and all the provisions of the most diligent and progressive social legislation will secure complete and lasting harmony unless prudence and constant care be taken to build spiritual and moral inspiration into the very framework of economic relationships.

"A return to the spiritual traditions of your Italian fatherland is highly necessary. Those traditions are the irreplaceable bulwark of peace between individuals and between groups and classes."

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Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Mohamed Nachchia wife of Sahul Hameed Mohamed Abdulcader Lebbe of Vannarponnai West.

Deceased. Testamentary } No. 432T Jurisdiction } Mohamed Pathumamah Nachchia widow of

Mohamed Sultan Abdulcader of Vannarponnai West, Jaffna.

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Neyna Mohamed Lebbe Mohamed Kandudu
2. Neyna Mohamed Lebbe Mohamed Abdulcader
3. Neyna Mohamed Lebbe Mohamed Cassim
4. Neyna Mohamed Lebbe Seyed Ahamed
5. Mohamed Sathakkathummah widow of Mohamed Abdulcader Lebbe Alim
6. Sahul Hameed Mohamed Abdulcader Lebbe all of do.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before S. S. J. Goonasekara Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 24th day of August 1945 in the presence of Messrs. Aboobucker & Sultan Proctors on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 4th June 1945 having been read and the affidavit of the Notary and witnesses having been read:

It is ordered that the Will of the abovenamed deceased dated 16th October 1942 and and attested by S. M. Aboobucker Notary

Public under No. 4043 be and the same is hereby declared proved unless the Respondents or any other person or persons shall on or before the 21st day of September 1945 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the abovenamed Petitioner is the executrix named in the said Will and that she is entitled to have Probate of the same issued to her accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person or persons shall on or before the 21st day of September 1945 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 24th day of August 1945.

Sgd. S. S. J. GOONESEKARA, District Judge.

21-9-45—Time to show cause extended till 26-10-45. Intd. S.S.J.G. D.J.

26-10-45—Time to show cause extended till 21-12-45. Intd. S.S.J.G. D.J.

21-12-45—Time to show cause extended till 19-2-46. Intd. R.R.S. D.J.

19-2-46—Extended till 26-3-46. Intd. R.R.S. D.J.

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