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**COLOURFUL CELEBRATIONS ARE HELD AT MALTA**

## BRITISH WARSHIP CARRIES PAPAL LEGATE

**Archbishop leaves for Munich**

**St. Paul's shipwreck island**

**They met in Rome**

**AFTER** a short voyage far more peaceful than that of St. Paul 1900 years ago, Cardinal Muench, Papal Legate, arrived in Grand Harbour, Malta, on Wednesday in the British Frigate "Surprise."

With him, the Legate brought precious relics, part of the chains that bound St. Paul in prison. The relics, in the care of Bishop D'Amato, Abbot of St. Paul's-outside-the-walls in Rome, were carried in solemn procession to the Co-Cathedral of St. John.

Malta's Governor-General, Sir Guy Grantham and Archbishop Gonzi boarded "Surprise" to meet the Legate, to present V.I.P.s and Service Chiefs, and to escort him by open car through the cheering crowds of Maltese.

Of five Cardinals, the first to arrive was Cardinal Gracias. Cardinal Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster, who was received in audience by Pope John on Tuesday, arrived shortly before the Legate. Already there were Archbishop Heenan of Liverpool who had been received in audience by the Pope on Monday, Bishop Beck of Salford and Bishop Rudderham of Clifton.

Also present were Cardinal Traglia, and Cardinal Marella from Rome, and thousands of foreign visitors joining the Maltese for a real gala day which ended in all churches, public buildings and even private

homes being floodlit.

On Saturday evening there was a procession from the Collegiate Church of St. Paul Shipwrecked, in Valletta, bearing the Island's most treasured relic, the arm of St. Paul.

At 8 p.m. High Mass was presided over by Cardinal Muench as Legate.

Some 250 members of the Sovereign Military Order of the Knights of Malta who arrived last week went in procession from Mdina Cathedral (built on the site of the house of Pubius whom Paul converted) to

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● This picture taken in Rome recently, shows Ceylon's "Messenger" Editor, Fr. Manik Muttukumaru chatting to Bishop Fulton Sheen. (See also "Roundabout" on page 5)

— International Fides News Service.



**HIS** Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I., left by air last Thursday to attend the Eucharistic Congress at Munich. Before returning to Ceylon, His Grace will make his *ad limina* visit to the Holy See, which falls due this year.

The Archbishop has appointed the Very Rev. Fr. Charles Reymann, O.M.I., to be Administrator of the Archdiocese during his absence, with full powers both spiritual and temporal.

Accompanying His Grace to the Munich Congress are Very Rev. Fr. Fred Sacket, O.M.I., Rector of the National Seminary, and Rev. Fr. Dalston Forbes, O.M.I., Vice-Rector.

### Cardinal Agagianian made Prefect

**POPE** John last week appointed Cardinal Agagianian to head the Church's world-wide missionary activities — as Prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

He succeeds Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi, who died this month.

## Rome Synod and the Catholic Press WHY NOT TAKE THE "MESSENGER" TO WORK?

**RULES** adopted at the Rome Diocesan Synod urge Catholics to circulate Catholic publications at their place of work, to read the various Catholic publications available, contribute news and articles and to provide aid for the success of Catholic publications.

The Synod rules which guide Catholic life in the Pope's own diocese will, when fully published, serve as a model — with certain local modifications — for many other dioceses in the world. The rules come into effect on November 1.

Five articles in all are devoted to the duty of Catholics regarding the Catholic Press.

Rome's Catholics and particularly members of all forms of Catholic action are urged to regard full support of the Catholic Press and other Catholic publications as an "honour and a duty."

Catholic journalists are urged to promote Christian morals and report

Church triumphs and persecutions fully, to defend the Church from attacks and to "bring the teaching of the Church clearly and accurately before their readers."

The Constitution urges parish priests to work for the spread of Catholic literature in their parishes, to maintain display racks of Catholic publications in their churches, and to organise parish libraries.

Catholic parents are reminded of the grave responsibility they have of ensuring that Catholic publications are available to their children — and also of keeping offensive and scandalous literature away from them.

## 'No free newspapers, no public opinion' All the Press has to be free

— says Jesuit editor

**A**N instant duty of Catholic journalists is to demand freedom for themselves and for all other journalists, Pressmen from many countries were told this month in Santander, Spain, at a congress of the International Catholic Press Union.

The speaker was Fr. Thurston N. Davies, S.J., editor-in-chief of the Jesuit weekly review *America*.

He told the meeting: "Without this essential freedom there can be no authentic public opinion, for wherever the Catholic press or the press in general is muzzled, public opinion has no means of self-expression.

"No matter what our circumstances are we cannot default in our loyalty to the essential freedom of the sons of God.

"We must stand for such freedom ourselves in every line we publish.

"As Catholic journalists, we must ask for it insistently for ourselves and for all those with whom we collaborate in our profession.

### WRONG MENTALITY

"Obviously, too, we must make responsible use of freedom. But in order to use it we must first possess it."

Fr. Davies told the journalists that "we are still not nearly universal-minded enough in the spirit with which we go about the high tasks of our calling in the Catholic press."

Urging more co-operation between Catholic journalists and those outside the Church, he said that the paths in

that direction were thorny.

"But," he added, "the road leads in the direction of ever-wider charity and co-operation with all men of goodwill everywhere.

"This is an undeniable fact of life

in our ecumenical age and we would do well to admit it and to get on with the march."

### CHURCH ACCUSED

Archbishop Antoniutti, Nuncio in Madrid, said there were still people who spoke of the Church as though it had been the cause of the "terrible happenings which subverted and ruined Spain during the bloody period" of the Spanish Civil War.

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## Papal Academy elects a King

**T**HE Pontifical Academy of Archaeology has elected King Gustav of Sweden a honorary member.

The King is an antiquarian and has taken part in many archaeological expeditions.



# Colossal NEW food

## reserve

### Nutritional possibilities of grass extracts

THE rapid growth of the world's population stimulates the search for new sources of food for this teeming humanity. A German biochemist, Professor H. H. Schlubach, has set himself the task of making a contribution toward conquering this hunger. Formerly head of Hamburg's Chemical State Institute, he now lives in retirement at Starnberg near Munich, where he has a model farm, and continues his pioneer search at Professor Butenandt's famous biochemical centre at Munich.

The aim of this research is utilizing grasses for human nutrition. Since animals thrive on grass, we may conclude that grass is a high-grade food.

Indeed we eat animal products ultimately derived from the grass eaten by the animals, yet the passage through the animal organism is costly. Two-thirds of the energy contained in grass are lost in cattle, and even three-fourths in pigs, while merely the rest is available for human consumption. So it seems an economically sound proposition to use grass for human nutrition directly, without employing animals as intermediaries.

This does not mean that we should forego the high-grade animal products as part of our diet, but direct utilization of grasses might open a second avenue. The idea is to extract very valuable nutrients from it and to bake them into bread along with flour derived from grain. Professor Schlubach investigated these nutrients and his findings are extremely encouraging.

#### THE "LIEBIG OF THE GRASSES"

A very high proportion of the world's usable land is grassland. F.A.O. estimates it at one-third to two-thirds, depending on what types of steppe, etc. are included. These enormous areas are partly not cultivated at all and partly only cultivated with primitive methods. This is true, not merely of under-developed countries, but to a considerable degree even of highly developed agrarian nations.

The yields of cereal plants have doubled in Europe in the course of the last hundred years, whereas the yield of grasses has increased only by 30 per cent. Grain yields have been systematically promoted by the use of fertilizer, by scientific breeding, and the application of machinery, while similar efforts have been curiously limited in the domain of grasses. Professor Schlubach feels there

the foundation for the subsequent increase in grain yields by investigating the mineral metabolism of agricultural plants. Schlubach is doing the same kind of work on grasses by investigating their car-

by Walter Theimer

bohydrate metabolism. In ten years' work he has been able to elucidate the fundamental problems.

#### THE VALUABLE POLY-FRUCTOSANES

Grass is cut into small pieces and an extract made of it with water. Proteins and mineral salts are removed from the extract. Incidentally, grass proteins are often high-grade and almost equal the best animal proteins. Work

are tremendous reserves in this field. Scientific research into the foundations of grass utilization is

#### JUST FOR A MINUTE

(We present this moving poem sent in by an old Irish nun)

I REMEMBER when I was only four,  
My mother would bring me 'round the store,  
And just outside of the Church she'd stand,  
And "Come in" she'd say, reaching down for my hand  
"Just for a minute."

And then when I started going to school,  
She'd bring me down every day as a rule,  
But first the steps of the church we'd climb,  
And she'd say "We'll go in, you've always got time  
Just for a minute."

Then I got real big — I mean seven years old —  
And I went by myself, but was always told,  
"When you're passing the church, don't forget to call  
And tell Our Lord about lessons and all  
Just for a minute."

And now it's a sort of habit I've got,  
In the evening coming with Glynn's lot —  
Though it takes me out of my way bit —  
To slip into the church with my sister Kit —  
"Just for a minute."

But some times I see the other girls  
Standing around and I just go yellow —  
I pass by the door but a voice from within  
Seems to say to me, real sad — "so you wouldn't come in  
Just for a minute."

There are things inside of me bad and good —  
That nobody knows, and nobody could,  
Excepting Our Lord and I like Him to know  
And He helps me, when in for a visit I go  
"Just for a minute."

He finds it lonesome when no body comes  
There are hours upon hours when no body comes  
And He's pleased when any one passing by  
Steps in, though it's only poor little I  
"Just for a minute."

I know what happens when people die —  
And I won't be afraid and I'll tell you why  
When Our Lord is judging my poor soul I feel,  
He'll remember the times when I used to kneel,  
"Just for a minute."

the first pre-requisite. A century ago Justus Liebig, the famous German agricultural chemist, laid

is in progress to make even the proteins of grasses immediately available for human nutrition. Professor Schlubach, however, has concentrated on carbohydrates, meaning sugars. The grass extract contains large amounts of "polyfructosanes." These substances are produced in the grass by the union of fructose molecules.

We ate the carbohydrates of cereal plants mainly in the form of starch which can be broken down into monomeric glucose. Grass, however, contains almost exclusively fructose, sometimes, called fruit-sugar. Basically, fructose has the same nutritional value as glucose. Polyfructosanes are easily taken up by the human organism. In stomachic acid one-half of them is converted into fructose after only four hours, without enzymes being necessary. Children and old people utilize fructose better than glucose.

#### GRASS-SUGAR FROM THE SUGAR FACTORY

The various polyfructosanes are easily separated from each other. There are many of them in a grass plant. They look like flour rather than like sugar; their colour is white. They do not taste sweet. Professor Schlubach has had bread baked from 80 per cent. of flour

## Catholic doctors meet at International Congress

DOCTORS meeting at the IXth International Congress of Catholic Doctors, which began last Monday at Munich, and was scheduled to end yesterday, were to compare different points of view concerning Evolution of Medicine in the world. And yet, instead of going into a state of "delirium," as one of the participating doctors said, even technical advances as such, the main purpose of the Congress was that they should give themselves time for serious thought and reflection on the essence of man, and the essence of being a physician, both of which are today threatened in many ways, and to a consideration of the Christian contribution to the grave problems of life, health and disease with which mankind is so preoccupied today.

The lectures and discussions were to take place under six main headings: (1) General medical tasks in the present age of Technology; (2) Problems of Heredity, Human Propagation; (3) Philosophical problems; (4) Problems of psychology, psychiatry, in a technical world; (5) Improvements and limitations in medical practice (non-oper-

tive); (5) Theological aspects.

#### JOHN XXI PRIZE

During the Congress, the International Federation of Catholic Physicians awarded for the 3rd time, the John XXI Prize for Medical Ethics. It was given to the author of the best work on Medical Ethics.

## MYSTERY FLIGHT TO KNOWN-UNKNOWN DESTINATION

A BUSINESSMAN from Dusseldorf, who apparently likes to try out something new once in a while, recently made a mystery flight with his family. Thanks to the co-operation of K.L.M., it was a great success.

On arrival at Schipol Airport, he hurried down the stair and asked the ground stewardess not to tell his wife and children their final destination, as they were not supposed to know. A personal assistant from K.L.M. was immediately assigned to him and, together they indeed managed to put his wife and two children of 15 and 17 on board the plane an hour later without disclosing the destination of the journey. Needless to say, this called for some improvisation.

#### CONSPIRACY

In the Passenger Hall the wife and children were first of all requested to take a seat so that they were out of the way during the ticket formalities. They then followed the normal routine and had to wait in the restaurant like all the other passengers. When in the stream of announcements (it was very busy just then) the passengers for Barcelona were called

to board the plane, our businessman did not give himself away but patiently waited until his K.L.M. conspirator arrived some minutes later and invited the family to follow him.

They were handled separately and the destination signs above the gates giving access to the apron were not very helpful as they walked through the Dusseldorf gate!

#### NO DESTINATION

When they finally arrived at the aircraft no destination sign was to be seen and even in the air the game still went on: in his usual message of welcome the captain gave many details about the flight, but he did not mention the place of destination . . .

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and 20 per cent. of polyfructosanes. The bread has a good taste and is readily digested.

The industrial application of Schlubach's ideas would be based on the methods of the sugar factory. In fact the extraction of sugar from grass could be done in the existing sugar factories, which are at rest from March to September every year. This is precisely the period containing the favourable dates for harvesting the grasses. The good mowing dates are within the period of standstill in the sugar industry, and a second working period for grasses could be easily organized during that time.

Far more could be attained if new varieties of grasses were scientifically bred with a view to high sugar yields, and if improved methods of cultivation for this objective were developed. Grasses for sugar extraction might still supply colossal masses of additional food, although this sugar would not be for sweetening like the ordinary cane or beet sugar. Its role in nutrition would be comparable to that of the starch of flour or potatoes.

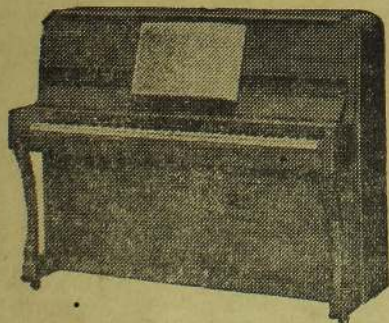
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# Holy See is represented in more than 60 nations

**F**ORTY two of the Vatican's representatives are apostolic nuncios or internuncios. The rest are Apostolic Delegates some of whom represent the Papacy in more than one country. This informative article lays bare the network of Rome's diplomatic relations with other countries in the world.

**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO TYPES OF PAPAL REPRESENTATIVES IS THAT NUNCIOS AND INTERNUNCIOS ARE THE POPE'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF A COUNTRY AND ENJOY DIPLOMATIC STATUS, RANKING AS AMBASSADORS AND MINISTERS RESPECTIVELY.**

On the other hand, an apostolic delegate is the representative of the Pope to the Catholic hierarchy and people of a nation or group of nations, not to a government.

Apart from diplomatic status, the powers and functions of nuncios and delegates are virtually the same.

## MORNING OFFERING

DIVINE Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, all my prayers, works and sufferings of this day, in reparation for our sins and for all the intentions for which Thou dost offer Thyself continually in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I offer them in particular for the intentions of the Apostleship of Prayer and for those proposed by the Holy Father for this month.

### INTENTIONS FOR JULY

**GENERAL:** That Christian truth may offer determined resistance to the deceptions and irreligion of the enemies of God.

**MISSIONARY:** That the large-scale missions of the people in Latin America may have deep and lasting results.

## RADIO LOG

**JULY 30 and 31:** 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Sinhalese) — Rev. Fr. Ernest Poruthota.

**JULY 31:** 7-00 to 7-30 p.m. CATHOLIC HOUR PROGRAMME (English).

**AUG. 8 to 14:** 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Sinhalese).

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Mgr. Dino Staffa, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities, in his book, *The Apostolic Delegations*, published in Rome last year, defines a delegation as follows:

"It is an established and permanent representation of the Supreme Pontiff, instituted by him through an official act within the ecclesiastical hierarchy or a specific territory or nation."

Mgr. Staffa also defines the functions of the office:

"To watch over the position of the Church, to supervise the execution of laws, decrees and of the

The 42 nuncios and internuncios are under the jurisdiction of the Secretariate of State. The delegates, however, are under the jurisdiction of various Vatican congregations, the headquarters organizations which administer the affairs of the Church.

Thus there are nine delegates who come under the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, including those to Australia, New Zealand and Oceania, to Scandinavia and to various African and Asian countries.

The delegates to the United States, Canada, Mexico and Great Britain are dependent on the Sacred Consistorial Congregation. The remaining two are under the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church. Of these, the Apostolic Delegate to Jerusalem and

## by LUCIANO CASIMIRRI

instructions and directives of the Holy See, of which the apostolic delegate must be constantly the faithful interpreter.

"It must also exert unofficial influence by giving advice and suggestions, eliminating controversies and promoting the welfare of the Catholic community of the area.

"It is also the official means of communicating with the Holy See, through which the Holy See transmits its instructions and wishes and receives its information."

### Delegates

Mgr. Staffa traces back the first permanent Papal representative to the fourth century. Pope St. Damasus I. sent an apostolic vicar to Thessalonica in about the year 383. The vicar had jurisdiction over what is today Greece, Bulgaria, Albania and part of Yugoslavia. He was accredited to the hierarchy as the Pope's representative, but he was also a residential bishop which the present delegates are not.

The first instance of an office similar to that of a present-day nuncio, according to Mrg. Staffa, was that of the "apocrisari," who were Papal ambassadors sent to represent Rome at the court of the Greek emperors at Constantinople from the fourth to the eighth centuries.

Mgr. Staffa considers Bishop Arnaldo Bossu the first real apostolic delegate. He was named to the Apostolic Vicariate of Aleppo, in Syria, in 1761.

Bishop Bossu had as his mission the preserving of the "purity of the faith and the observance of the sacred canons of the pontifical constitutions" among the faithful of the Oriental Rite.

Papal ambassadors with diplomatic status date back at least to the 15th century when it was commonplace for the Pope to send his representatives to the courts of Christendom.

### Nuncios

On May 8, 1916, the title of apostolic delegate was given definite meaning by the Vatican Secretariate of State. The secretariate ruled that the title was to be applied to Papal representatives who are without diplomatic status but who have established and permanent functions. Canon law reinforced this decision and specified that their function was that "of watching over the condition of the Church and informing the Holy See."

Palestine is also the delegate for Catholics in Jordan and in Cyprus.

Until February of this year, Turkey had an apostolic delegate. But with the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Turkey, he has now been raised to the rank of internuncio.

An inter-nuncio has the diplomatic status of a minister rather than full ambassadorial rank. Generally speaking the Holy See maintains internuncios in non-Catholic countries which have diplomatic relations with the Holy See.

Normally, those countries to which inter-nuncios are accredited send ministers plenipotentiary to the Vatican instead of full ambassadors. However, China, Egypt, Holland, Iran and Japan are represented by full ambassadors, while the Pope is represented by inter-nuncios in their countries.

### Preserves Unity

It is difficult to draw up hard and fast rules concerning the rank

of representatives that will be exchanged between the Vatican and other countries. This is because these matters are decided differently in individual cases and depend on a number of circumstances.

Thus the Vatican maintains a nuncio in Switzerland although that country has no representative at the Holy See. Great Britain is represented at the Holy See by a minister while the Pope is represented in London by an apostolic delegate.

There are eight empty nunciatures and four vacant apostolic delegations at present. All, with the exception of Greece, are in countries under Communist control.

In those countries where the Pope's representatives have the full rank of nuncios they are considered automatically as the heads of the diplomatic corps, both out of respect for the Pope and for their ecclesiastical rank.

The Pope's sending of nuncios and delegates is one of the practical ways in which the Church preserves its unity even in the most distant lands.

### Statistics

The Apostolic Delegation for Scandinavia set up by the Holy See in March has jurisdiction over 62,739 Catholics in five countries with a total population of more than 20 million people.

The nations embraced by the delegation, whose headquarters are in Copenhagen, the Danish capital, are Denmark and its colony of Greenland, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

Denmark and Greenland are included in the Diocese of Copenhagen. They have a total population of 4,500,000, of whom 26,200 are Catholics. There are only 36 parishes in the diocese served by 37 diocesan and 76 Religious priests.

The Diocese of Helsinki covers the entire country of Finland, where there are seven parishes served by three diocesan and 16 Religious priests. There are 2,188 Catholics in a total population of nearly 4,500,000.

Sweden also is served by a single See, the Diocese of Stockholm. Of the 7,500,000 inhabitants of Sweden, 27,416 are Catholics. The 21 parishes in the country are staffed by 28 diocesan and 35 Religious priests.



**Sunday, 31 July:** 8th Sunday after Pentecost. Green. 2nd Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola. Creed. Pref. of the Trinity.

**Monday, 1 Aug:** St. Peter in Chains. White. 2nd Prayer of St. Paul. 3rd Prayer of the Holy Machabees. Pref. of the Apostles.

**Tuesday, 2 Aug:** St. Alphonsus Liguori. White. Pref. of St. Stephen I. Creed.

**Wednesday, 3 Aug:** Finding of the Body of St. Stephen, Protomartyr. Red.

**Thursday, 4 Aug:** St. Dominic. White.

**Friday, 5 Aug:** Our Lady of Snows. White. Pref. of Our Lady.

**Saturday, 6 Aug:** Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ. White. 2nd Prayer of SS. Xystus and Companions. Creed. Common Pref.

**Sunday, 7 Aug:** 9th Sunday after Pentecost. Green. 2nd Prayer of St. Cajetan. Creed. Pref. of the Trinity.

• Unless otherwise stated, the prayer prescribed is said daily.

Norway's more than three million people include 6,241 Catholics who live in three Church jurisdictions: the Oslo diocese and the Apostolic Vicariates of Central and Northern Norway.

The Diocese of Oslo has 2,495,347 inhabitants, of whom 5,547 are Catholics. There are 21 parishes with a clergy of 19 diocesan and 19 religious priests.

In the Apostolic Vicariate of Central Norway there are 428 Catholics in a population of 338,254. Six Religious priests there staff four parishes.

The Apostolic Vicariate of Northern Norway has 266 Catholics in a population of 338,254, with eight religious priests serving four parishes.

In the entire nation of Iceland there are only 694 Catholics in a total population of 170,000. The Vicariate Apostolic of Iceland has one diocesan priest and seven religious priests staffing seven parishes.

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### Open as Usual

**O**NE of the most eloquent expressions of John Bull's calm defiance of danger was the notice on the shell of a shop that was still standing after one of the Battle of Britain's worst "blitzes": Business as usual.

We hope our own heading will convey to our Readers and friends something of the same "John Bull" spirit with which, in our particular sector of Catholic activity—as on all others—we must meet the challenge of our times.

"We'll fight them on the beaches; we'll fight them in the streets..." said John Bull in person, Winston Churchill, in his great fighting speech that steered the nerves of every Briton when invasion seemed imminent. As he resumed his seat, Mr. Churchill whispered to his neighbour: "I don't know what we'll fight them with. Kitchen knives?" Meanwhile the watchword was: "Business as usual." Throughout the grim period, Britain continued to deliver the goods—literally, in the exports vital to its economy; and for that, work went on as usual at home.

Shifting the story to our own scene, it is not the work that will be lacking.

If recent articles gave the impression that, tired of the uphill climb, we

were beginning to fan ourselves with the hope that Pope John would air-lift the Cause with an equipollent canonization, today's letter from Fr. Postulator in Rome brings us to our feet again.

### Father Vaz Feature

It is a long list of articles, books, booklets, etc., that he claims are a necessary part of the "documentation" to support the historical summary for the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

Microfilming is suggested; but this is a process nobody here is prepared to attempt. There is some trick about the kind of light and lens to be used that the photographers of our acquaintance have not mastered.

It seems to us that the easier way would be to get the books themselves. Even this is a formidable task for a single man tied down to regular beats and, in the intervals between rounds, to a desk. This is where our fellow-workers can help.

Providence sent one of them along the very day Fr. Postulator's list arrived: so before we make a general appeal, we shall wait and see what Mr. Thomanupillai is able to gather.

He is certainly in touch with things, for on his own he has brought us two copies of the Royal Asiatic Society Journal (Ceylon) that contain material for our Story.

Meanwhile, the prayer campaign must go on. In the difficult days that seem to lie ahead, we shall need the inspiration of Fr. Vaz's example to keep our trust in Divine Providence and go our way on God's work fearlessly and wisely.

The comparison comes unexpectedly and may cause a jolt at first; but really, looking at things from the distance of two and a half centuries, Fr. Vaz the frail tanned priest of our jungle tracks had much of the British bull-dog's calm defiance, sense of humour and apparent unawareness of the real dangers of the situation.

In that sense, we his distant followers also need to have a bit of John Bull in ourselves today.

**BEATIFICATION FUND**

Per Chinthu Rs. 5.

# Aura of mystery over Mawatagama

ONE day this month in a remote mission off Mawatagama, Fr. EDWARD PIERIS was faced with a desperate problem.

After completion of the 200th novena in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, the never-too-hardy, thatched building, battered by the rain and the wind, was on the verge of collapse.

Said Fr. EDWARD PIERIS musing on the grim spectre ahead: "The people's faith shall not be broken. All hands to the plough!"

In just under two weeks, the job was done. A new structure was raised from the ground.

It was Vespers, coinciding with the Feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the time for celebrations, the time for thanksgiving.

But the priest was a very sad man. All his efforts to get down two priests for this memorable occasion had ended up in smoke.

His crowning effort seemed to be denied.

Meanwhile, the faithful of the area filed in for Vespers, mustering

strong... And then, like a bolt from the blue, a passing bus-load of happy-go-lucky "pic-nickers" on the trek to Wahacotte, moved by an unaccountable urge, got down at the very spot and moved into the premises for a short prayer.

In the crowd of "pic-nickers" who comprised Catholic Press workers, were Frs. OSWALD GOMIS and DON ANSELM.

Was this the answer to a prayer? Warily, with his heart fluttering, Fr. EDWARD PIERIS approached the priests and explained his predicament.

For weeks earlier, he said, he had tried to get down for the celebrations two priests but all his attempts had proved futile. Would the "newcomers" who had so suddenly and so strangely been almost blown into their midst, now officiate?

Vespers was begun. Frs. OSWALD GOMIS and DON ANSELM conducted the service, with the full crowd of Catholic Press workers in attendance with the happy and jubilant faithful of the

area, on this their red letter day. And into the silent night, after Vespers, moved that passing bus with its load of Catholic Press workers, already much delayed on its strange and "unscheduled" mission at Mawatagama, as mysteriously as it had moved in...



## An Editor abroad

INTERNATIONAL Fides News Service has circulated round the world a picture of specific interest to Ceylon's Catholics.

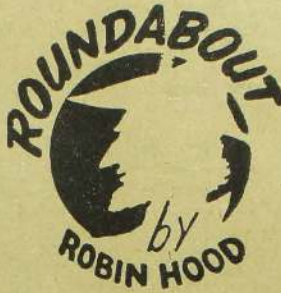
It is a picture wreathed in smiles and features BISHOP FULTON SHEEN of America and Ceylon



Seen in the picture are Frs. Edward Pieris and Don Anselm (see story)

Mr. JOSEPH JAYASURIYA is attached to the Urban Council, Moratuwa.

MED declared it open. Expected to prove a terrific draw, Fun-O-Rama goes on till 7 August.



Messenger's Editor, Fr. MANIK MUTTUKUMARU (see front page).

The picture was taken recently at Rome.

It will be recalled that Bishop Fulton Sheen's regular column in the Messenger was voted top position in a "Reader Research" poll conducted by this paper.



## Visions of Delight

FR. JOSEPH JAYASURIYA, O.M.I. and namesake Mr. JOSEPH JAYASURIYA have joined hands to produce "Visions of Delight" — a book covering Marian shrines which is slated to come off the press very shortly.

I have just seen the "cover" which is as exquisite as the title of the book.

Fr. JAYASURIYA has a number of publications in the Swabasha to his credit, whilst his namesake is the author of "Gold in your eyes" a promising collection of short stories in English.



## Actor cum playwright

VETERAN actor, playwright, and producer, Mr. J. N. S. WARNAKULASURIYA, has been elected Secretary of the Music and Drama section of the Ceylon Government Sports Society.

Mr. WARNAKULASURIYA is a Retired Post Master (Registration Branch) and Manager of Messrs. F. X. Pereira and Sons, Colombo.



## Papal Audience

RECENTLY granted a private audience with His Holiness POPE JOHN XXIII, is Mr. M. E. FONSEKA, President of the Mutual Catholic Young Men's Association and Secretary of the St. James' Parish Council.

It is known that, at the audience, the Holy Father expressed the desire that Catholic young men in Ceylon take a vigorous part in Catholic Action work.

Mr. M. E. FONSEKA was one-time member of the Diocesan Council, and a Vice-President of the St. Vincent De Paul Society.



## Fun-O-Rama

THE Peterite Carnival "Fun-O-Rama" got off with a bang on Friday 29 July when the Mayor of Colombo, Mr. M. H. MOHA-



## Olympic team captain



Mr. LINUS C. DIAZ (see picture) has been elected Captain of the Ceylon Olympic Athletic team to Rome.

The Kandy Acolytes and Choristers Association especially, prides in the choice because Mr. LINUS C. DIAZ is one of its old boys.



## Free service

READERS who are interested in obtaining copies of the popular "Catholic Universe" and "Catholic Times" on an exchange basis (for any Catholic magazines including College magazines), contact Mr. SAMUEL BENEDICT of "Jacinta Lodge," Pandateruppu.

## MAN WITH A FASCINATING HOBBY



MAN behind the model of the Jet Plane (see picture) is Mr. LESLIE RANAWAKE, whose handiwork it is. Turned out with superb craftsmanship and high precision, it is made of teak, balsa wood and zinc and measures 18 in. by 25 in.

An old boy of St. Benedict's College, Kotabena, Mr. LESLIE RANAWAKE has been engrossed in this fascinating hobby for a considerable number of years.

He is a member of the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers (Ceylon).

Mr. RANAWAKE has also constructed a steam engine which was two years in the making and which cost him Rs. 250/-.

Presently operating his own Printing Press at Kegalle, Mr. RANAWAKE'S passion for mechanical engineering is kept flamingly alive.

After his daily working schedule in business he takes refuge by devoting all his spare hours to his fascinating hobby.

On the look out for wider horizons, Mr. RANAWAKE is striding forward, looking for opportunities to further his trade.

## DAY of RECOLLECTION for LEGIONARIES

(from our Kurunegala correspondent)

PARTICIPATING in a well organized Day of Recollection held in Kurunegala on Sunday, 10 July 1960, were 50 members of the Legion of Mary from three Praesidia.

The day's spiritual exercises commenced with Holy Mass. At 9 a.m. the participants gathered at the R.C. Sinhalese Girls' School Hall where Rev. Fr. Michael Rodrigo, O.M.I., spoke to them on "An Adult Mind and a Child's Heart."

Human love, he said, embraces both the emotional and intellectual appetites and maturity of the will is measured according to the degree that these dual appetites function as an integral whole. An

adult mind, therefore, is a mind that is in conformity with moral maturity.

Speaking further, Fr. Rodrigo said that moral maturity would tend to consist in the whole and optimum or maximum development of each one's spiritual affection and sensitive or emotional affections.

To have a child's heart would not necessarily mean that one has to be childish, but to have the genial qualities of a child such as innocence, simplicity, etc., said he.

During the discussion which followed each of the talks delivered by the presiding priests, several questions were asked and these were answered adequately by the priest. The spirit of self-sacrifice and the keen interest displayed by all those participating was a source of great encouragement to the organisers.

The examination of conscience held in the church was made more convincing and purposeful as suggestions were read aloud for the benefit of the legionaries.

During the closing services which were held in the Holy Family Convent Chapel, the Legion prayers were recited and, in a final message, Fr. Rodrigo gave a talk on the "Magnificat" which was both inspiring and impressive. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed.

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## MY MOTHER'S HANDS...

MY Mother's dear hands, her beautiful hands  
They guided me over life's sands,  
I'll bless God's name for the memory,  
Of my Mother's own beautiful hands.

Oh, those beautiful hands,  
Though they neither were white nor small,  
Yet my Mother's hands were the fairest,  
And loveliest hands of all.

Oh, those beautiful, beautiful hands,  
How they cared for my childhood days,  
They guided my feet into God's own paths,  
And soothed all troubles away.

Oh, those beautiful, beautiful hands,  
How they pressed my aching brow,  
They cured the fever, and eased the pain,  
I think I can feel them now —

Oh, those beautiful, beautiful hands,  
Though wrinkled with age they grew  
But still they toiled on for a child so dear,  
And her love seemed more tender and true —

Oh, those beautiful, beautiful hands,  
I stood by her coffin one day —  
And kissed those hands so cold and white  
As beautiful in death they lay.

Oh, those beautiful, beautiful hands,  
I shall see them once more —  
As she comes to meet me, on that Heavenly shore,  
Together at last — to part no more.

## A WOMAN'S LOT

WOMAN, you were made for man,  
From the time your life began,  
You can never be the boss  
Though he needs your help with every cross.  
To make you, God took part of man,  
To repay, you must help him in every way you can.  
You have no time to grumble,  
You have no time to grouse,  
But that does not mean you have to be as humble as a mouse.  
When too much work and troubles weigh the men folk down,  
Yours is the job to soothe and comfort, and not go spending hard-earned cash painting up the town.  
In every man you find some good,  
In every one, some bad  
But remember woman, that no man is altogether bad.  
In vain you hope for some response, a fonder gaze, a kinder touch,  
Woman you were made to love both man and child overmuch.  
That kind word, that sweeter kiss,  
Could make up for the things you miss.  
Instead some unkind word is said, which makes the tear drops start,  
You dare not speak, instead you hide the pain within your heart.  
Following his footsteps your weary feet must tread.  
That was the rule handed down to you by the Almighty God above.  
Few ever offer pity, few see eye to eye.  
You were not made to be his equal,  
So you live, and so you die.

Christine Siegertsz



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## Mutual Understanding & Tolerance—the only Road to Peace and Progress

OF such grave import for the future of the nation is the education of our youth, that we have no doubt that the present Government will weigh and consider, with the utmost deliberation, prudence and caution, every aspect of this complex and vitally important problem in the process of effecting a change in our system of education.

In the first public statement made by the Prime Minister when her Party emerged victorious at the elections, she told the nation that a special commission would consider the entire question. And the new Minister of Education, whose long experience as an educationist is a very considerable asset in one who holds a position of such consequence, has assured us that any change in the educational set-up will be governed by justice and the spirit of democracy and that it will be implemented in such a manner as to cause no dislocation of the existing system and no injury to the various religious denominations.

In countries in which the struggle for freedom from foreign domination has at last come to an end and the cherished goal of national independence has been reached, it has often been observed that there is a tendency to advocate a return to the past as a solution to most of the nation's problems. The evils of modern life are deprecated, and rightly so. There is a nostalgic evocation of the peace and tranquillity and contentment of the days of old. And this is understandable.

But the past tends to be viewed through a golden haze, and a pleasant idealism is not tempered by a sane realism. While the neglect of our ancient traditions is to be deplored, and whilst we must strive to build up a nation that has a profound understanding of, and a deep love for, its storied past, an exaggerated traditionalism, instead of making for peace and progress, may tend to foster communal dissension and strife.

The sort of anonymous mask that centuries of foreign domination and the vague colourlessness of modern life has imposed on many of our people must be discarded. They must re-establish contact with our ancestral traditions, and rediscover themselves, as it were.

And yet, a blind revival of the past will avail us nothing. To merely put the clock back will solve no problems. There is a sense in which the past has also integrated itself into our present. The present must therefore be understood in all its totality.

We know this must sound rather vague and woolly. But all we mean to say is that precious as our past is to us, time has marched on, and the present, with such elements of the past as are caught up in it, and with those other elements of our age that clearly stand for progress, cannot and must not be thoughtlessly scrapped in the futile hope that its substitution by the past will usher in the millennium.

A true love of our country, of our people, must be based on knowledge, on a study of our past and of our present. A true love of our country will make us realize that there can be no progress without sacrifice; sacrifice is at once necessary and salutary. All those concerned with the nation's advancement must be ready to be unflinching where principles are concerned, but to be ready likewise to subject cherished ideas and accustomed attitudes to sober and impartial scrutiny, and where reason and the common good demand their rejection, to be willing to make the sacrifice of doing so.

A blind determination to maintain the *status quo*, come what may, will make for neither harmony nor progress. On the other hand an emotional attitude of "the wrongs committed in the days of foreign rule must be avenged at any cost," will be equally negative and disruptive.

In the past, though of different races and languages and creeds, we have lived together in peace and amity for long periods together. There is no reason why we should not be able to do so now. A spirit of forgiveness, and tolerance, and mutual understanding, will alone make peace and progress possible. If we do anything to destroy that spirit, a spirit that was one of the chief characteristics of our people, we shall have destroyed the last wall between us and the dark.

## CURRENT COMMENT

by the Editor

### ALL ROADS LEAD TO MUNICH

NEXT week, from Monday the 1st to Sunday, the 7th, all roads will lead to Munich, where a million people, from every corner of the world, are expected to assemble for the 37th International Eucharistic Congress.

News items in the *Messenger* over the last few months would have given our readers some idea of the stupendous amount of work that must have gone into the preparation of this Congress.

The question might even be asked whether there is enough justification for so enormous an expenditure of time, and work and, obviously, money, on what might be considered to be no more than an external demonstration of the faith, howsoever magnificent.

#### Unity and Peace

The answer is that the Congress is not just an external religious manifestation in the face of contemporary secularism—valuable as such an objective would in itself be. The theme of the Munich Congress is *Pro mundi vita: for the life of the world*. The problem of the world today is the problem of unity and peace. The world must be re-made. But man must first be re-made in order that he may re-make the world.

It would be futile to expect that this transformation of man can come from a mere "blue-print," from some brilliant new formula. Man cannot, on his own, re-make or transform himself. No one but He can do so (with man, of course, freely co-operating in the process) who created and redeemed man.

Christ continues His redemptive work in the world through the Eucharistic Mystery. At Munich, Christians from all over the world meet together to celebrate the Eucharist. The Mass is the heart and centre of the Congress. In Munich next week the whole Church of God, headed by the Papal Legate, will be visibly united in the offering up of the Great Sacrifice—the Sacred Bread of everlasting life, and the Cup of eternal salvation.

#### A Timely Reminder

THE Very Rev. Fr. Gregory Phoebus has, with characteristic thoughtfulness, written to us recalling the fact that the 19th was the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, the Father of the Poor, and that this year marks the third centenary of his death.

Fr. Phoebus, very understandably, bemoans the fact that the *Messenger* of the 24th did not carry an article on the work of this remarkable saint and social worker, who was not only a providential instrument of spiritual renewal in the Church, but one of the world's greatest benefactors. And there are vast numbers of people who know practically nothing of this amazing man and of his work for the poor.

Not only would such readers have been benefitted but also those, as Fr. Phoebus points out, who in their ignorance or prejudice think of the Catholic Church as a "capitalist concern, set up for self-aggrandisement at the expense of the poor." An article describing St. Vincent's stupendous and unparalleled record of social service would have made them realize how much the Church has done, down the centuries and the world over, for the poor.

#### Champion of Charity

OF course St. Vincent de Paul's death really occurred on

September 27, 1660, but his feast day would have been an appropriate occasion for saluting this significant tercentenary. In fact the Pope signalized his own participation in the celebrations as early as February 20, with a letter to the Superior General of the Congregation of the Missions, or the Lazarist Fathers—the Society of Priests founded by St. Vincent.

We are, therefore, thankful to Fr. Phoebus for the reminder. The *Messenger* will, before long, carry an article on this champion of charity who stands at the back of all modern philanthropy—whether for children or the physically, mentally and morally sick, for the destitute or for prisoners—because he laid down with supreme skill the lines followed by charitable organizations everywhere to this day.

As the Pope says, seldom was so strong a will placed at the service of so tender a heart, a heart consumed with love for Christ, and for the poor and the destitute. How badly the world of today stands in need of this warmth of charity if it is to be preserved from destruction.

#### The Church and National Culture

THE Church has a message for mankind. This message is preached not only by means of the spoken or the written word, but already by the outward form in which the Church presents itself to people—apart from its essential constitution, which is the same everywhere, there is the entire complex of the means of expression whereby the Church reveals herself: religious art and architecture, religious song and music, symbolism, customs, the liturgical rites of the Church.

These are the things that give the Church its external appearance or physiognomy, as it were. Through these, before people are ready to listen to its spoken or written word, is the message of the Church conveyed. If this message is to be understood, it must be transmitted through a medium that is understood by those for whom the message is meant.

#### The Divine Message Must be Understood

THE Church has a duty, therefore, in each particular country or cultural environment, to express her supernatural and life-giving message through a medium that will be readily intelligible to the people of that country and that will move their hearts.

The truths of the Faith are transcendent, and meant for all mankind, and the Church is universal. But these divine truths must be preached in different languages—the word language being used here in its broadest sense. Christ Himself inserted the Eucharistic Sacrifice into the Jewish ceremony of the Paschal meal. In Palestine, where the first Masses were said, the Apostles surrounded the renewal of the Sacrifice with Jewish hymns and ceremonies.

The ceremonial of the Mass, as the Mass came to be

said in other parts of the world, began to vary with different cultures and with the progress of time. Hence the different rites in the Catholic Church, a perfect example of unity in diversity. Unity—not uniformity.

#### A Living and Growing Church

IN fact, it would be an error to imagine that these different forms of worship and expression, in art and architecture and ritual and music, as we have them now, are fixed and final and mark the terminal point of all development in this field.

The Kingdom of God on earth, Christ's Mystical Body, is not a static thing. It is dynamic. It is a living and growing organism. Tradition is an important thing. But tradition does not mean rigidity and fixity. The Church has to incarnate itself in different cultures, and this process has to go on as the Church comes into contact with these various cultural patterns.

The Church, then, must not appear foreign to the people of a country amongst whom the Church strives to preach her divine message. The treasures of her grace must be conveyed to the people in a manner that will suit their understanding and touch their hearts.

#### Knowledge and Love

TO discover the form, the expression that will best suit a particular people, it is necessary to have a deep knowledge of that people, acquired by observation and experience and sympathetic study, and a great and sincere love for them. This love will in turn stimulate a profound study of the history of a people, of the wealth of their traditions, their manners and customs, their language, their literature, art and music.

#### Where All Men are at Home

THE fact that those amongst such a people who are already convinced Christians are used by now to a Western liturgical form, and to Western religious architecture and art and music, does not mean that they must cling to the *status quo*. They must think in terms of the countless thousands or millions of their fellow countrymen and of the manner that will best appeal to them in the transmission of Christ's message.

The Church must not appear to be the appendage of an alien culture or civilization. The Church must express itself in such a manner, take on such an outward form, that a Ceylonese, for instance, will feel at home in the house of God.

That is why the Catholic Art Exhibition which has gone on for a week now and closes tomorrow, takes on such a significance. Ceylonese artists must be encouraged to steep themselves in their culture, and no less in their Faith—so that at last a truly Ceylonese culture will be transformed by the divine.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

### Appointment of Administrator

IT is hereby announced that during Our absence on the prescribed Quinquennial Visit to Rome, We have appointed the Very Rev. Fr. Charles Reymann, O.M.I., Administrator of the Archdiocese of Colombo with effect from 29th July.

★ **THOMAS COORAY, O.M.I.,**  
Archbishop of Colombo.  
Given at Colombo, this 27th day of July 1960.

### Oratio Imperata

WITH effect from 5th August and outside the periods of the Clergy Retreats (31st July to 14th August and 21st to 27th August) when the *Oratio ad Postulandum Gratiam Spiritus Sancti* is already prescribed, the *Oratio (simpliciter) Imperata* shall be No. 10 ("Ecclesiae tuae") of the Oraciones Diversae of the Missal.

★ **THOMAS COORAY, O.M.I.,**  
Archbishop of Colombo.  
Colombo, 28th July 1960.

### Evening Mass on Assumption Day

WHEREAS the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady is a Day of Obligation without being a public holiday, Priests responsible for church Services are hereby authorised to arrange for Evening Mass on the 15th August if they judge it is required for the convenience of a notable part of the congregation. Under the same circumstances, they are also empowered to binate or even ternate, if necessary.

★ **THOMAS COORAY, O.M.I.,**  
Archbishop of Colombo.  
Colombo, 28th July 1960.

### Diocesan Clergy Retreat

THE Reverend Fathers already personally notified are reminded that the Diocesan Retreat of the Clergy will be held at Fatima House, Lewella, Kandy, from the 21st to 27th August.

If for some serious reasons, any Priest is unable to attend this Retreat, Very Rev. Fr. C. Reymann, O.M.I., Vicar-General, should be notified.

### Requiem High Mass for Cardinal Biondi

A REQUIEM High Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi, will be celebrated at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena, on Monday, 1st August, at 7 a.m. His Grace the Archbishop desires that, as far as possible, all the priests and religious in the City of Colombo make it a point to attend this Mass.

Archbishop's Secretary.  
26-7-60.

### Hierarchy congratulates new Premier

HIS Grace the Archbishop of Colombo and their Lordships the Bishops of Jaffna and Galle, together with the Administrators of the Kandy and Trincomalee Dioceses paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister on Wednesday, 27 July, at 5 p.m. and were cordially received by her.

The following is the text of the telegram sent by the Archbishop immediately Mrs. Bandaranaike's appointment was announced:  
"Congratulations and cordial good wishes for beneficial work in country's service."

# The Week's Jubilarians

THE year 1935 would seem to have been a most fruitful year for the Church in Ceylon. The number of priests ordained in that year for work in Ceylon, both foreign missionaries and sons of the soil, religious and members of the diocesan clergy, bids fair to have just claims for consideration as a "record."

We have taken up these silver jubilees of ordination for mention in the *Messenger* each time the news trickled in to us. But we have an uneasy feeling that our list is not complete.

Unable to maintain a vast army of reporters or correspondents, this paper has, often enough, to depend on such news as, through one route or another, reaches its office. That cannot, of course, represent anything like a full complement of the news.

We are therefore determined to investigate at least this one aspect of the news—anniversaries of ordination that occur this year—and make good, even at this late date, any gaps, if such there be, in our reportage of silver jubilees of the priesthood. We shall be extremely grateful to readers who will help us to complete the record.

There are four anniversaries that we must hail this week—two of them of priests who are labouring for the Lord in the Archdiocese of Colombo, and two of priests whose field of work lies presently in the Diocese of Chilaw. On the 6th of August, 1935, Frs. Joseph Henry Cabral, W. Nicholas Perera, A. Don Vincent and Maximus Peter Fernando were raised to the order of the holy Priesthood by the late Archbishop of Colombo, Mgr. Peter Marque, O.M.I.

### World Offertory at International Eucharistic Congress

A VIVID and highly symbolical ceremony has been foreseen for the presentation of the contributions of the various countries of the world to the Solemn Pontifical Mass on the closing day of the Munich 37th International Eucharistic Congress.

Seven students from seven corners of the world will, each bearing a flaming candle, escort the Papal Legate to the Altar and place their candlesticks in a row before the altar steps.

Meanwhile the delegates from each of the ecclesiastical provinces of the world (whether clerics or laymen) will be accommodated round the altar.

After the Homily following the Gospel, seven Bishops from different parts of the world (Asia, Africa North and South America, Australia, Oceania and Europe) will take their stand alongside the seven candlesticks, receive the Spiritual Bouquet forms from the delegates and take them up to the Altar. The delegates themselves will then carry up the candlesticks and set them in position as a symbol of the world-wide Offertory.

The Eucharistic Secretariate, Archbishop's House, is privileged to announce that the joint contribution of all the Dioceses of Ceylon is a tidy sum of Rs. 6,638/42; the Spiritual Offertory of prayers, penances and good works is even more eloquent.

### REQUIEM FOR CARD. BIONDI

A REQUIEM High Mass will be sung at St. Lucia's Cathedral on Monday, 1 August, at 7 a.m. for the repose of the soul of the late Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

### PERSONAL

FR. Gueguen wishes to thank all those who prayed for him and sent him good wishes on the occasion of his recent jubilee. He regrets his inability to thank them individually.

Priests, for all the dignity of their calling, are a typical cross-section of humanity. They have given themselves for ever to the service of the Master, but they retain their human characteristics—their individual temperaments, ways, qualities, gifts. There are all types in the priesthood. But they are one in so far as they were all inspired by the same vision, and were, God helping, true to it: the vision of being Christ's ministers, through whom the graces of His Redemption flow to the Church. The unique and sublime gift of being Christ's ambassadors is common to all; the subordinate gifts vary.

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FR. JOSEPH HENRY CABRAL showed, already in his youth, a great aptitude for the study of

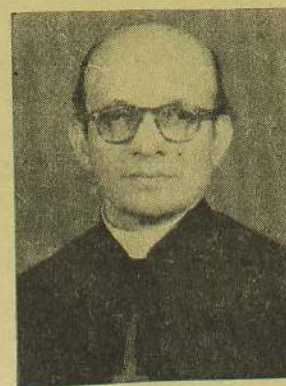


Fr. Joseph Henry Cabral

the classics and for music. The first of these talents was put to good use during the years he spent as a teacher at St. Joseph's. But the classics even a layman could teach. What distinguished Fr. Cabral's apostolate at St. Joseph's was, rather, his unforgettable work for the Apostleship of Prayer and for the Altar Server's Association. He blazed new trails with the Josephian choir both in the field of secular and of religious music. When Fr. Cabral went on to work in the directly pastoral ministry he continued to make a really worthwhile contribution in the sphere of Church music—a contribution which posterity will remember with gratitude.

★  
At this stage, the demon of space, the avowed enemy of all editors, has begun to show his menacing claws. Much as we despise demons in the true sense of the word, this particular variety of demon we have no power to exorcise, and we are completely at his mercy. Hence the disproportionately condensed and annoyingly brief reportage that has to be given, to our great grief, to the rest of this salutation.

★  
Fr. W. Nicholas Perera, the great devotee of St. Anne, who



Fr. W. Nicholas Perera

created history and a sensation by carrying an invocation to St. Jude (and not St. Anne) on the back of his car, is another of this happy quadrumvirate.

Not, of course, that he loves St. Anne less, and St. Jude more, but that he is theologian enough to know that it is never a case of one saint vs. another, but that he was putting St. Jude to work in support of St. Anne's Church.

The church, spacious, decorous, artistic, and representing a volume of unremitting work known only to him and the recording angel, will ever remain a tribute to the apostolic spirit and zeal of this good, simple priest of God.

★

Fr. A. Don Vincent hides a kind and generous heart underneath a tough exterior. Tough is the word. Nothing daunts him. Nothing stops him and his progress. And, the physical toughness was well in evidence in his minor seminary days when he made a name



Fr. A. Don Vincent

as an athlete at the Josephian Sports Meets.

Fr. A. Don Vincent is a tough and hardy apostle too. May he continue to be a *bonus miles Christi Jesu*, so that he will be able to say, as he surely will, "I have fought the good fight, I have run my race, I have kept the faith."

★

Fr. Maximus Peter Fernando is maximus indeed in friendliness and kindness and fraternal charity, but unaffected and unassuming and simple enough to be called *Minimus* as well—in the sense

in which St. Paul says of himself, "ego enim sum minimus apostolorum, I am the least of the apostles." But we will not forget



Fr. Maximus Peter Fernando

that St. Paul goes on to say—*"gratia autem Dei, sum quod sum: but by the grace of God, I am what I am."*

May Fr. Maximus—Maximus, but Peter of the golden heart and impulsive nature—go on to serve the Master for another twenty-five years, so that his silver will turn into gold, and shine beyond the night.

### Happy Feast!



On the occasion of the patronal feast of Dr. Ignatius Glennie, S.J., Bishop of Trincomalee, which occurs tomorrow, we offer His Lordship our prayerful good wishes.

### CORPUS CHRISTI AT TUTICORIN



The Very Rev. Fr. P. Fitzgerald S.S.S., Superior of the Blessed Sacrament Community, Pettah, is here seen assisting the Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Fernando, Bishop of Tuticorin, who officiated at the Corpus Christi celebrations on 17 July at Virapandiapatnam.

BOOK PAGE

# WHAT SHALL I GIVE MY CHILD TO READ?

Give your child the security of sweet slumbers unhaunted by wicked and fearful giants — watched over, instead, and jealously guarded by God's own saints as His very own. Choose your child's reading and friends from among the saints, and your policy is made out on paradise. The habit of a bed-time-story from the lives of the saints hitches the toy wagon to a star.



HOW often puzzled parents ask "What books shall I give my child to read, and where shall I find them?" E. Carolyn Conway set out to answer this question when she wrote *Little Ways*.

The immediate success of *Little Ways* has spurred the author to produce a second volume of little cameos of the saints, for children in the age group four to ten years. Parents and teachers should welcome this additional volume

Give your child a bed-time story from this book, friends for life, and the security of sweet slumbers unhaunted by wicked witches and fearful giants; rather, watched over and jealously guarded by God's own saints as His very own. The habit of a bed-time story from the lives of the saints hitches the toy wagon to a star. Available locally from St. Michael's Bookshop, Jampettah Street, Colombo, for Rs. 7/10.

by Vernon Lawrentsz

presented predigested to meet the needs of the child mind.

*I have nothing against Red Riding Hood and Mother Goose stories. I give them a time honoured place in fairyland. But I insist children ride a cock-horse to Calvary Cross. Tiny tots, I am sure, will be positively transformed into something richer and worthier by meeting with real people like Blessed Martin de Porres.*

Blessed Martin, you will say, has somehow a natural fascination for children. How about a man like St. Augustine, old, heavily loaded with learning and with no point of contact, as it were, with children? That is precisely where this book scores its success. There are twenty saints and every one of them made alive with appeal to the child mind. Choose your child's reading and friends from among the saints, and your policy is made out on Paradise.

Teen-ager sports fans will like this



ANOTHER in the commendable series of Vision Books issued by Burns and Oates specifically for teen-agers, "MORE CHAMPIONS IN SPORTS AND SPIRIT" by Ed. Fitzgerald and vividly illustrated by H. Lawrence Hoffman will prove a formidable draw for boys and girls who are sports-minded.

It is available locally from St. Michael's Bookshop, Jampettah

Street, Colombo, for Rs. 9/35. The variety of the fare presented here can be glimpsed by a glance at the personalities recorded: Hockey Star (Jean Beliveau), Racing car driver (Juan Fangio), Irish sprinter (Ron Delany), great jockey (Eddie Arcaro), Boxer (Carmen Basilio), Basketball champions (Herb Score and Stan Musial), and Davis Cup winner (Alex Olmedo). H. P.

## The Master Is There

A booklet of reflections for Eucharistic adorers. Available from The Blessed Sacrament Fathers, Norris Road, Pettah.

ONE of the most providential events in the recent history of the Church in Ceylon was the arrival of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. Our Lord is now enthroned all day and every day at St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, radiating His love, His Divine influence, His energizing grace. And the response of the faithful has been truly remarkable.

The Peoples' Eucharistic League (*Messenger*, 11 June) continues to draw an ever-increasing membership. Members of this League as well as others who want something to think upon during their visits to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament will find simple but life-giving thoughts in *The Master is There*. It is in the form of friendly converse between our Eucharistic Lord and the soul.

The more we turn to the Eucharist, the more time we spend in 'communion' with Him, Who is Life and Love eternal, the more truly will we realize that He alone can satisfy the yearning of our souls — for "Thou hast made us, Lord, for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."

J. E. A. P.

## "FAITH AND FACT" Series

PSYCHICAL PHENOMENA by Fr. Reginald-Omez, O.P. Burns and Oates, London.

THIS book forms volume 36 in Faith and Fact Books: a series of 150 books by the most authoritative writers in their particular fields and each volume complete by itself.

This series is designed to give the inquiring reader a cycloramic view of the Church's response to the stimulus of the twentieth century.

The title *Psychical Phenomena*

takes for its scope the vast range of the marvellous from spiritualism, levitation, radiesthesia, telekinesis, paranormal healing, telepathy, magic, and all kinds of occultism down to astrology, seeking to answer the following questions: Is there a body of impartial scientific men investigating the marvellous, whose pronouncements and findings we may safely accept?

If so, can they be said to have established the science of parapsychology, which studies psychical phenomena?

If so, is it possible from the body of evidence so gathered, to reconcile their findings with the present known powers of the human soul and organism as accepted by psychology?

If not possible, is it then reasonable and possible to explain and substantiate them with reference to little known faculties of the soul, when such occurrences cannot be attributed to disincarnate beings, or the miraculous intervention of God?

If the answer is in the affirmative, then it follows that once the little known has been fully explored, it comes within the legitimate scope of psychology, and parapsychology ceases to have an independent existence. These speculations form the subject matter of the book.

Stringent tests have revealed that human beings have extra-sensory perceptions known under the general heading of 'psi-factor,' "Besides explaining this and other discoveries," says the publisher's blurb, "this book shows that the Catholic Church, far from avoiding

## ST. PAUL'S MESSAGE

OF St. Paul, Daniel-Rops has stated succinctly: "It was his to assert, in face of unchanging infidelity and universal forgetfulness, the living reality of a Presence that nothing can destroy and whose infinite mercy no treachery can extinguish."



The great persecutor who died for the faith he once strove hard

to destroy, the zealous missionary and priest who carved out a vivid language for a new faith is the subject of another book in the "Faith and Fact" series published by Burns and Oates: "ST. PAUL AND HIS MESSAGE" by Amedee Brunot, S.C.J. and available locally from St. Michael's Bookshop, Jampettah Street, Colombo, for Rs. 5/25.

The earlier chapters in this book take up the formative years of the Pharisee, the strict discipline instilled into him in Jerusalem's rabbinical schools, his encounter on the road to Damascus which proved to be the turning point in his life and the years of his ceaseless strugglings in his travels throughout the Roman Empire.

The later chapters are devoted to a close scrutiny of St. Paul's genius in action in his letters.

H. P.

## HINDUISM

HINDUISM by Solange Lemaitre. Burns and Oates, London.

HERE is another volume in the Faith and Fact Book series which makes it possible for any inquiring man to build up an encyclopaedia of 150 up-to-date volumes without the least strain on his purse.

Volume 144 is an exposition of Hinduism as gathered from the Vedas and other sacred texts which complement and complete the body of belief which forms the religion.

Under the caption Hinduism all sects are comprehended since they derive their origin from the Vedic tradition and are not mutually incompatible.

The Vedic religion is the oldest religious tradition in India and dates to legendary times. It is known as Sanatana Dharma, and is popularly called Hinduism by European Indologists.

Hinduism has intrigued many an inquiring mind. But many have always fought shy of it for

want of a lucid introduction. Solange Lemaitre provides a clear exposition for the beginner and stimulates a desire for further inquiry which she satisfies with a carefully selected bibliography.

The book does not stress the complexities of various cults and makes no puzzle over spiritual terms, and the general reader is well able to grasp the fundamental conception of the Absolute as Unity.

*This is the first point of contact between Hinduism and Christianity, and the next is love of that Absolute and our own kind, identified as our neighbour, and in this, as it was said on a memorable occasion, is all the Law and the Prophets.*

This book is strongly recommended to anyone who wishes to equip himself with an appreciative understanding of the great religions of the world. It is available locally at St. Michael's Bookshop, Jampettah Street, Colombo, for Rs. 5/60.

V. L.

## Is Theology a Science?

By M. D. Chenu, O.P. A Faith & Fact book. Translated by A.H.N. Green-Armytage. Burns and Oates, London. Rs. 5/60. Available at St. Michael's Book Shop, Colombo 13.

This is the second volume in the Faith and Fact Series, and comes within the section on Knowledge and Faith. Fr. Chenu is one of the best known and most original theologians of our day.

One of the most encouraging features of the Christian awakening of our time is the growing interest in theology on the part of the layman. It was time the idea that theology is the exclusive preserve of the priest was buried and done with. There is a difference after all, as the author points out, between simple faith and the faith of a simpleton.

The more we strive to understand the Word of God, the greater the homage we render to God. And particularly useful is this book to Catholics who live in an age which (stupidly) presumes that faith is either quite irrational or a mere matter of religious emotion, and (equally stupid)

the issue, applies the same objective criteria to such phenomena as stigmatics and the miracles that take place at Lourdes and other shrines."

A peep into this book will urge you to invest in the whole series and this single volume, you will feel, is a must for your personal collection. Available locally from St. Michael's Bookshop, Jampettah Street, Colombo, for Rs. 5/50.

V. L.

imagined that the word "science" can be properly applied to the physical sciences like chemistry or geology.

J.

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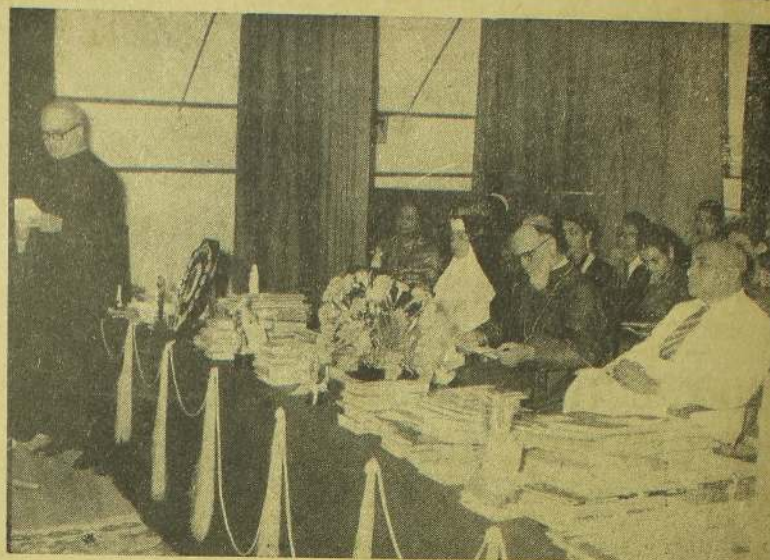
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## PRIZE DAY AT ST. ANTHONY'S CONVENT



**A Thought FOR THE WEEK**

**Twig is bent...**

*The education forms the common mind: Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined.*

Alexander Pope

**Birthdays**

JULY 30th-AUGUST 5th

A happy birthday to the following members who celebrate their birthdays this week.

- July 30th**
- Ignatius Abraham (Bandarawela), Sherinne N. B. Jayasekera (Mutwal), Annesley de Silva (Kelanaya), Prema Gunawardene (Nugegoda), Marie de Silva (Peradeniya), Elsworth de Fry (Kotahena), Anoja Bastian Pillai (Colombo 13), Roger Ginger Kandy, Chandra, M. G. Perera (Rajagiriya), Felicita Fernando (Pesalali).
- July 31st**
- Neville Ramanand (Dehiwela), Marie Wijeyeratnam (Kotahena), Chrantha de Silva (Colombo 13).
- August 1st**
- Pat Wickramasinghe (Bambalapitiya), M. G. Perera (Kandy), Daphne T. Fernandez (Colombo 14) Priyashanti Kirthisinghe (Nugegoda), Cyril Nicholas (Nugegoda), B. A. N. R. Nissanka (Kandana), Mahinda Silva (Andiambalana), Beverley Fernando (Bambalapitiya), Maureen Indra Wijegunawardene (Nayakakanda), Beverley Fernando (Dehiwela).
- August 2nd**
- Lorraine Rozairo (Colombo 13), Cecil Balasingham (Kelanaya), Hallam Pereira (Maradana), Orville Moses (Nugegoda), Jacintha Anthony (Ragama), Clarence A. M. Weldt (Rajagiriya), Jacintha Sundaram (Nugegoda).

**7-YEAR-OLD CATHERINE HUDSON DIES...**

THE seven-year-old Catherine Hudson, the girl who was granted a 40-minute private audience and which was reported in the Schools-Mag (see edition of 4 June), died last week.

It will be recalled that she was suffering from leukaemia and the doctors had given her only a little time to live.

She had received the last rites several times, and she was confirmed on the day she died.

Pope John has sent a telegram conveying his blessing and his sympathy to Catherine's family.

**A Teenager's Prayer**

O God, give me clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts.  
Help me to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong.  
Save me from habits that harm.  
Teach me to work as hard and play as fair in Thy sight alone as if all the world saw.  
Forgive me when I am unkind, and help me to forgive those who are unkind to me.  
Keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself.  
Send me chances to do a little good every day and so grow more like Christ. Amen.

- August 3rd**
- Shirani Seneviratne (Kelanaya), Kanthi Gunawardena (Galle), Violet Ramanand (Mutwal), H. M. Cooke (Nugegoda), A. C. Wickramasinghe (Colombo 6), J. C. Edgar Jayawardena (Kalutara), Romany McHeyzer (Colombo 6), Maureen Foenander (Kandy), S. Y. Bernadette Waas (Ja-Ela), Ajit De Fonseka (Colombo 10), M. J. Sweethangani Kirthisinghe (Negombo), Stephen Y. N. Fernando (Nugegoda), Therese E. Ragel (Kalmunai), Phyllis Jayasekera (Peradeniya), Ralph Amarasinghe (Gurutalawa), Tilak de Silva (Wattala), Pamela Perera (Negombo), Chrysanthus Silva (Wadduwa), S. K. Rupasinghe (Avisawella), Praxide C. Lazarus (Wellampitiya).
- August 4th**
- Dominic Phillips (Dehiwela), Bryan Fernando (Mutwal), Bernie Tillekeratne (Kegalle), Vasantha Muttukumaru (Colombo 7), Angelo de Silva (Colombo 15), Jennifer Arnolda (Colombo 13), Waldo Fernando (Kirillapone), Hema Sooma Maligaspe (Kotahena), Nellya De Alwis (Dehiwela), Romaine Mary Jansen (Colombo 3).
- August 5th**
- Sylvia Fernando (Dehiwela), Christy Gomez (Colombo 4), Maximus Fernando (Marawila), Shanti Weerasinghe (Kelanaya), Jennifer Jayawardena (Colombo 10).

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★ Felicia Pereira (House Captain) reporting from Kandy

MONDAY, 11th July was a red letter day for all at St. Anthony's Convent, as it was the day of our annual Prize Giving.

Our neat school building looked very attractive on that day with beautifully arranged baskets of flowers and palm pots. The school hall too looked very pretty. On the stage was an attractively decorated table upon which all the prizes were arranged—gaily coloured books, glittering shields, gold medals and silver cups. A pretty bowl of red carnations adorned the centre of the table.

**CHIEF GUESTS**

At 4 p.m. the staff and pupils, and a large gathering of parents and well-wishers of the school, assembled in the school premises and awaited the arrival of the chief guests—Sir Nicholas Attygalle, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, and the Bishop—The Rt. Rev. Dr. D. B. Regno, O.S.B. It was not long before they arrived and were welcomed by Rev. Mother Superior, and the staff. Amidst a loud uproar of applause the chief guests were led by the staff to the hall. As Sir Nicholas came on to the stage he was garlanded by our school Captain, Thecla Pereira. The programme began with a prayer and a hymn. The report was read by Very Rev. Fr. D. G. Phoebus, O.S.B., parish priest of Katugastota. This was followed by the distribution of prizes. Sir Nicholas then addressed the gathering. His talk was very eloquent and instructive. The vote of thanks was proposed by the school Captain, who very cleverly forced the Vice-Chancellor to give us a holiday in honour of his visit to our school. As Sir Nicholas granted us this favour the hall rang with the cheers of the girls.

A short variety entertainment, brought the function to a close. Three cheers were then called out for Sir Nicholas and His Lordship.

Very Rev. Fr. D. G. Phoebus O.S.B. reading the Report at the Prize Giving at St. Anthony's Convent, Kandy on Monday 11th July.

## ★ AN ALTAR BOY - JOHANN COOKE - (SCHOOLS-MAG MEMBER No. 4698) IN REMINISCENT MOOD LOOKS BACK ON...

**REMEMBERED YESTERDAYS**

I ALWAYS longed to be an Altar Server and thought it wonderful to be one, but, I never knew it could be possible till we shifted to Bambalapitiya Flats in 1957, within a stone's throw of 'Nirnala' (Jesuit House).

When I came to know Fathers Buyzer and Bonnie, the Josephian servers had given up coming to Daily Mass and the Paterites were rallying round to help. What trouble these two Fathers with all their studies and work took to train us, and very soon, I made a proud announcement at home, that the next day I was serving for the first time.

The Christmas treats, real Christmas parties with cake, crackers, games and prizes were also events we longed for. Pictures, tombola with stamps and lovely Holy Pictures for prizes and in 1958 I got the Altar Server's prize from Fr. Bonnie.

Then came the farewell to Frs. Buyzer and Bonnie—they went to India and on their return we were slackening and eventually, I was left alone of the old batch. Christmas 1959, and Fr. Kuri too was not here and Fr. Perniola, who is always busy was alone and sad to say, I too let them down in fact, very badly so.

But having a lot to be grateful to Our Lady for, the month of May saw me again at Daily Mass and June saw the birth of the St. Stanislaus Kotska Altar Boys Society at Jesuit House under stalwart Fr. Boudreaux, with both Josephians and Paterites

by Johann Cooke  
Secretary  
St. Stanislaus Kotska Altar Boys' Society

**JOY AT HOME**

The joy at home can be imagined by those who love the Holy Mass. Mummy and Daddy and my two sisters came to Mass that morning and I think they prayed hard that I would not make a mistake, while they thanked God for granting me one great favour.

Of course, it was patient Fr. Buyzer's Mass and all was well. We Altar Servers were nervous to serve Fr. Kuri's (our pet name for Fr. Kuriaose) Mass, but once I served at one, I looked forward daily for the chance.

Fr. Paul (may he R.I.P.) I dreaded, as he used to pull us up, but now I know that it was for our own good, as sometimes our thoughts stray during Mass to yesterday's cricket or rugby match or the Test results, because, don't forget, we are little boys and naughty too!

**A ROSTER**

Fr. Bonnie set up a Roster and we served according to it. We did not mind how long Fr. Van Austen took for his Mass as he was old, but we looked forward to serve Fr. Moran's Mass, as he was as quick as on his motor bike and said his prayers loud.

November 2nd was a day we looked forward to. After the last of the three Masses, Fr. Bonnie used to tell us we could have the left-over wine, since we served at all the three Masses.

**WORDS**

PERHAPS you have never thought when using a word of the great adventures through which the word has passed; but if we could write the lives of words as we write the lives of men there would be no book more enthralling than a book on the Great Adventure of the English Language.

All over the earth it would take us, and back to the oldest and remotest places, far beyond the reach of civilisation and into ages long forgotten.

Nobody knows how old words are. Some are older than the history of nations; some are not as old as you are. Napoleon never heard of a railway. George Stephenson never heard of the aeroplane, Mr. Gladstone never heard of wireless, for words like these grow out of knowledge and invention. Some words are the landmarks of ignorance, such as malaria, because men used to think that bad air was the cause of disease. Some words are the mark of laziness, such as chauffeur, which the English stole from the French several years ago to save them the trouble of making a word of their own.

So in a thousand ways, words come into everyday use. The beginning of many of them is lost forever, but clever men have given years of thought to the task of tracing out their histories and changes. We find that many words which seem unlike each other are really from one parent, or from one root, as we say. Every time you come across a word you do not understand look it up in the dictionary.

**A REAL GIRL**

A REAL Catholic girl, Is very blithe and gay, Happy, kind and cheerful, Helpful in every way. Always helping others With a smile and a will, Alert, sincere and graceful A world with love she'll fill. CRYSTAL EDEMA

## YOUR BIRTHDAYS — BY REQUEST ONLY

THE attention of all Schools-Mag members is drawn to a new rule regarding the publication of members' birthdays in the Schools-Mag columns.

As from Saturday, 13 August those members who want their birthdays published in these columns will have to notify us well ahead of the date. A "birthday request coupon" (see below) will appear every week in future.

Those whose birthdays fall during the period 20 to 26 August must fill up the coupon below and post it to the Editor, Schools-Mag, Catholic Press, Borella marked "BIRTHDAYS" to reach him on or before 10 August, the latest, if they want their birthdays announced in the Schools-Mag edition dated 20 August.

Members are requested to adhere strictly to the rules enumerated below:

1. All those who have sent in their Enrolment Forms and have not received their Membership Cards and Numbers should state "Enrolment Form sent" under "Membership Number" on the coupon.
2. All prospective members is strictly meant for members of the Schools-Mag only.
3. All those who have sent in their Enrolment Forms published, but they should attach to their Coupon an Enrolment Form correctly filled up.
4. All coupons should be neatly filled up.
5. All coupons received after the closing date will on no account receive consideration.

## BIRTHDAY REQUESTS COUPON

For publication of Birthdays falling between 20th and 27th August (inclusive) in the issue of the 20th August.

Closing Date: 10th August

Name.....

Address.....

Birthday.....

Membership No.....

Signature.....

- RULES**
1. Only one coupon could be used by a member and is valid for that week only.
  2. Publication of birthdays



# Schools Mag

### Riddles

1. When is a sheep not a sheep?
2. What crack do you never see?
3. Why is it dangerous to take a nap in the train?
4. Why is a fish like a weighing machine?

(For answers see end of column).

★ **RS. 140/- (7-MINUTES) TELEPHONE CALL TO POPE JOHN XXIII**

## UNEXPECTED DIVIDEND FOR 9-YEAR-OLD BOY AND HIS BROTHER

A NINE-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN BOY'S TELEPHONE CALL TO THE VATICAN—HE WANTED TO TALK TO THE POPE—RESULTED IN AN UNEXPECTED DIVIDEND FOR THE BOY AND HIS BROTHER.

A letter from the Vatican arrived at their home in Carteret, New Jersey, recently. It contained, besides a letter from an English-speaking member of the Vatican Secretariate of State, a Papal blessing for the boys and their family, and two coloured portraits of Pope John XXIII, signed by the Holy Father himself.

The Carteret-to-Vatican phone caller is Robert Gorecki. Joining

in on the conversation was his brother Stanley, 12. Both are altar boys at Holy Family Church, Carteret, and both hope to become priests.

After a 20-hour delay, the call was put through. The English-speaking secretary at the Vatican answered. He explained why Robert and Stanley couldn't speak to the Holy Father, but assured them he would deliver their message immediately. In

all, he chatted with the boys for seven minutes, encouraging them in their desire to be priests.

Then came the unexpected letter, which said in part:

"I had the pleasure of conveying to the Holy Father the contents of your telephone call.

"The Pontiff would have me tell you that he much appreciates the sentiments of filial devotion which prompted this gesture. He bids me assure you of his prayers for your intentions and as a mark of his benevolence and in pledge of copious divine favours, he cordially imparts to you, to your parents and to your loved ones his paternal apostolic blessing."

The telephone call cost the Goreckis Rs. 140/- plus tax. And Robert's father, an excavating contractor, has decided Robert won't have to pay the bill out of his newspaper earnings.



## GRACE BEFORE AND AFTER MEALS

By Uncle Ashley

My dear children, Not long ago I had the opportunity of a lunching

with a few young lads and sad to say they all got down to their fork and spoon without their "Grace before meals."

Rather shocked at their forgetfulness I questioned them to ascertain whether they knew the prayers and sad to say again, not even

two could say their "grace" faultlessly. Most of them confessed that they didn't know the prayers.

Dear friends, I am sure none of our Schools-Mag friends will forget his or her "Grace before and after meals."

Always in Jesus and Mary,

UNCLE ASHLEY

## Around Our Schools

St. Bernard's Convent, Nawalapitiya.



The Brownies of St. Bernard's Convent, Nawalapitiya and (below) St. Bernard's Convent Nawalapitiya.

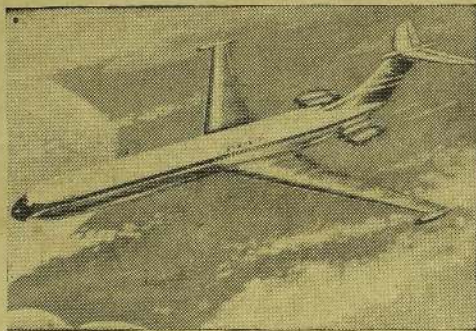


## SCIENCE Scrapbook

## Jet Air-liner

Teacher: Who invented the steam engine?  
Pupil: What?  
Teacher: Correct. James Watt!  
Sent by M. Patsy Dias, St. Anne's Girls' School, Puttalam.

DO you know where little boys go who don't put their money in the plate on Sunday?  
Yes!  
To the pictures.  
Sent by Benedict E. Emmanuel, Matale.



Artist's impression of the Vickers Super VC-10, a new British jet airliner.—Courtesy U.K.I.S.

## Della Robbia Paint

A PAINT which not only looks outstandingly white when applied but does not turn yellow with time has been produced by Messrs. Jenson and Nicholson Ltd., of London. It has been named Della Robbia, after the

Florentine Renaissance artist and sculptor, whose white glaze defies emulation to this day.

The paint dries in six hours to a glistening, hard surface and is impervious to the effects of weather, steam and condensation.

## RECIPES

### Golden Date Bread Pudding

Heat 3 tablespoons of Golden Syrup in a pan until golden brown. Cool slightly, then add 3/4 pint milk. Heat milk with the caramel syrup gently together. Then pour over 2 beaten eggs, add 4 to 6 ozs. dates, 2 tablespoons chopped cadjunits and two good slices of diced bread. Pour over into a pie

dish and bake in a moderate oven for about 45 to 60 minutes until firm and golden brown.

Sent by Romany Anandappa, Good Shepherd Convent, Kotahena.

### Jambu Preserve

Ingredients: 1 lb. jambus (ripe), 1 lb. sugar, 1/2 wine glass rose-water.

Method: Pick off the stalk from the jambus and wash the fruit. Then slice them and put them in water for a couple of hours. Squeeze out the water, weigh the fruit and put it into a preserving pan along with the above proportion of sugar and just a little water if necessary. Boil together until of a thick consistency.

Sent by Rohini Perumal.

### ANSWERS

1. When it is turned into a pen.
2. The crack of a whip.
3. Because the train always runs over sleepers.
4. Both have scales.

Sent by Patsy Dias, St. Anne's Girls' School, Puttalam.

## THE Children's Story

### A Tale of Dick Whittington

IT was in the days when Sir Richard Whittington had just been elected for the second time Lord Mayor of London. Stopping at every street corner the town crier rang his bell loudly and the people gathered around him to hear what he was crying. This is what they heard!

"Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! Andrea, a foreign merchant staying at the Tabard Inn, has lost a purse containing two hundred gold pieces. He promises that the man who finds and returns it shall have half of all the gold it contains. God save the King!"

#### Purse of Gold

"I have found a big purse full of gold," he said, "but I have not counted the coins as I didn't want the owner to think I had been fingering them and helping myself. I've been waiting two days for the cry to be made."

The town crier, a kindly, but pompous old fellow, took the purse and opened it and counted the money. A crowd of men, women and children watched him handle the gold in silent awe. Never had they seen so much wealth!

"Yes, there are just two hundred pieces," said the town crier, handing the purse and its contents back to the sailor. "Go at once to Andrea at the Tabard Inn and you will earn a small fortune. He is a red-haired, foreign-looking man, with a pale face. You can't mistake him."

Away went Frank, the sailor-man. "I picked it up on London Bridge, as I came off my ship," he said to the foreign merchant as he gave him the purse. "Had I known the owner I would have brought it to him at once without any reward."

The foreigner stared at him with a strange light in his small black eye, but his hand which held the purse trembled as he heard the sailor's next words.

"But I am very poor," Frank went on to say, "and I have had to go to sea to keep my widowed mother from living on charity. Your generous offer will enable me to open my little shop and make a home for my poor mother."

The merchant had at first been filled with joy at getting back the money he had lost. He had not dreamed that English people were so honest as to return a large sum of money that the finder could easily and safely keep.

"What a fool I was to offer half the money to the finder!" he thought to himself. Pouring the gold out on the table he began to count it very carefully. All the time he was trying to think of a way of getting out of his promise. Suddenly he saw the way to cheat Frank out of his reward. "Where is it?" he said. "Where is it?" "I cannot find it!" And putting on an air of wild anxiety he began to turn the purse inside out and to rake through the golden coins.

#### Big emerald

"What have you done with the emerald?" he asked in an angry voice. "The emerald as big as an acorn! You thief! Give me back my jewel!" Poor Frank was utterly amazed. "I never saw a jewel," he said, "and neither did the town-crier, and nothing was ever said about it."

"Do you think I would offer a reward of a hundred pieces of gold if there had not been something more than money in the purse?" cried the merchant. "Only the hope of getting back the emerald would have made me do such a thing. Here is my last offer and you can take it or leave it. Give me the emerald and you shall have the hundred pieces of gold. Keep the jewel and I shall not give you a farthing. For two pins I would have put you arrested as a thief and put in prison."

But here he went too far. Frank was not suspicious and he thought all the things the merchant said about the emerald were true. But he was not going to stand being called a thief and sent to prison. "I suppose I shall have to go to sea again," he said, "but I will clear my name before I go. Pick up your purse and your money and come with me to the Lord Mayor's Court."

By this time the foreigner felt he had got a good case. Seeing that Frank did not suspect the trick that had been played on him he was now sure of keeping all his money.

Clad in the splendid robes of his office Sir Richard Whittington sat on a chair of state. The clerk whispered in his ear the details of the case.

#### Fearful

Poor Frank was by now fearful of the result. It was the first time he had been brought before the law, and he now wished he had run away and left the purse and the money in the hands of the foreigner. Dick Whittington watched him very carefully while the merchant was explaining his view of the case.

"I quite see," said Whittington. "You did not tell the town-crier about the emerald because you wished to test the honesty of the finder of the purse. I quite believe you. Give me the purse and let me look at it."

The pale thin face of the miser was bright with joy as he stepped forward and gave the purse to the Lord Mayor. He had won his case! Frank's blue eyes twinkled as he counted the gold and found there were two hundred pieces of it. "You swear that the purse you lost contained two hundred gold pieces, and an emerald of great price?" he asked the merchant.

"I swear," was the reply. "And you, boy," Dick said to the young sailor, "you swear that you found a purse containing two hundred pieces of gold but no emerald?"

"Yes," said Frank, "I swear there was no emerald in the purse."

#### The Verdict

"Then it is quite clear," said Dick Whittington in a suddenly stern voice to the foreigner—"it is quite clear that this is not the purse you lost!"

He turned to Frank and gave the purse to him, saying with a kindly look!

"Take it back, my honest lad, and if within forty days it is not claimed keep the money for yourself."

With open mouth and staring eyes the merchant stared at Whittington then hurriedly left the court. He knew the Mayor had seen through him and he had no wish to go to prison himself.

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Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of

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On whose soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

17 Beddeganne Road, Pita Kotte. 1063

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY**



**Aloysius Michael Christoffelsz**  
Born 9-1-1939  
Died 2-8-1959

So early in life darling Aloy Alone you have departed from me I think of you in silence Often say your name in a silent prayer.  
All I have are memories and your photo in a frame.

Requiem High Mass will be sung for the repose of his soul at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena on 2nd August 1960 at 7 a.m. Friends and relations are kindly requested to pray for his soul. May he rest in peace.

Inserted by his sorrowing widow Girly.

No. 1/1, 6th Lane, Wall Street, Colombb 13. 996

**30TH ANNIVERSARY (1930-1960)**

**C. D. Antonius Jayawardene**  
(late of "Montrose," Diyalgoda)  
First Principal: St. Anthony's Training College (Maggona) 1896-1919. First Editor: Bhaktiprabodhanaya (Cath: Monthly 1898-1930)  
Born: May 26, 1859.  
Died: July 28, 1930.  
Rest in peace.

Fondly remembered by his wife, children and grand children.

"Shanti," Lake Road, Kalutara. 1068



**Gratien Perera**  
Died 20th June 4960

Memories are treasures No one can steal Death leaves a heartache No one can heal.  
Inserted by his sorrowing wife, Gladys and daughter Jeanne.

1st Lane, Ratmalana. 1020

**Eugene Gomis**  
Died July 26th 1953

R. I. P.

Inserted by his sisters, Rachel and Myrie. 1051



**Lucy Gomez**  
Died 1.8.1956

Four years ago, Mama dear, You left us in a vale of tears, We are getting on as best we could, Pray God, we may keep good.

Requiem Masses will be said for the repose of her soul on Monday, the 1st August at St. Anthony's Cathedral, Kandy, at 6.45 a.m. and at St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya at 6.30 a.m.

Inserted by her sorrowing husband and four children.

"Courtallam," Peradeniya Road, Kandy. 884

There will be a Requiem High Mass sung for the repose of the soul of late **Mr. Stephen Corera** on Wednesday the 3rd August at 6 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church, Kochechikade. 1057

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**Joseph Edmund de 'Andrado**  
Born: 31st July, 1896  
Died: 4th August, 1954

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon him.

23, Flat 1/1, Station Rd., Colombo 6. 1058

**THIRD ANNIVERSARY**



**Mrs. Adeline Dorothy Richard**  
Affectionately remembered on the third anniversary of her death by her beloved husband  
**A. G. Richard,**  
169, Trincomalee Street, Kandy.  
1046 30-7-60.

**Esther Margaret Perera**  
Died 16th April 1960

Just a tribute of love and prayerful remembrance.  
From Joyce, Bertie and children.  
Kegalle. 1045

**THANKSGIVINGS**

**M**Y grateful thanks to Our Lady of Matarra for a special favour received.—M. de S. 1039

**G**RATEFUL thanks to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour for success in children's examinations.  
1056 Grateful parents, Moratuwa.

**M**Y sincere and grateful thanks to Almighty God through the intercession of St. Pius X, for a great favour obtained.  
1055 Mrs. M. Nicholas.

**M**Y grateful thanks to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Pius X for my speedy recovery from a nasty illness.  
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**Ceylon Catholic Students' Federation**

**A GENERAL MEETING**  
on Sunday 31st July  
at  
the Good Shepherd Convent,  
Kotahena.

**Programme**

8.00 a.m. Holy Mass  
8.45 a.m. Breakfast  
9.15 a.m. A Talk entitled "Science and Religion" by Mr. Basil Mendis

Past Federationists are welcome.

**Oswin Silva,**  
General Secretary.  
1050

**Auction Sale**

At the request of B. S. de Silva, Licensed Pawn Broker of No. 587, New Town, Madampe, I shall sell the unredeemed jewellery pawned between 20-10-54 to 30-7-59 on 24-8-60 at 9 a.m. Full details in catalogue.

**B. A. POWELL,**  
Auctioneer.  
Negombo. 1042

**WATTALA**

**FEAST AND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

The annual feast of St. Anne will be celebrated with Vespers at 8 p.m. on 6th August and High Mass on Sunday, 7th August. In conjunction with the feast, the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Nicholas Perera will also be celebrated by members of the Parish.

All benefactors and well-wishers are cordially invited to participate in the celebrations.

29th July: Hoisting of Flagstaff at 4.30 p.m.  
5th-7th Aug: Fancy Fair.  
6th Aug: 8 p.m. Vespers  
7th Aug: Masses from 4 a.m. onwards  
High Mass at 7 a.m.  
Two Masses from 9 a.m. onwards.

**PARISH UNION.**  
1052

**SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS DRESSINGS-DRUGS**  
**PETTAH PHARMACY**

**ATHLETIC LAURELS FOR DE LA SALLE HOUSE**

(from our Moratuwa correspondent)

**T**HE Annual Inter-House Athletic Sports Meet at St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa, was held on Saturday, 23 July, under the auspices of the Old Boys' Association.

**WAHACOTTE SPECIAL FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY**

**TUESDAY 16TH AUGUST 1960**

Sponsored by the Irrigation and Postal Catholic Guilds

Novenas begin on Sunday, 7th August.

**15th August**

6.30 p.m. Procession to the grotto  
7 p.m. Holy Mass (Holy Communion will be distributed)  
8 p.m. Sermon in Sinhalese  
8.15 p.m. Pontifical Vespers

**16th August**

7 a.m. Pontifical High Mass followed by Pontifical Benediction and procession.

"Dana" or alms-giving will be after the procession.  
Rooms at Rs. 10/- each and cadjan huts at Rs. 5/- must be booked in time. 1064

**SARIKKAMULLA**

**Feast of St. ANNE**

This Feast will be celebrated on the 30th and 31st of July.

Saturday 30th: 7.30 p.m. Solemn Vespers

Sunday 31st: Low Masses 5.30 a.m. and 6.30 a.m.

Festive High Mass 8.30 a.m.

**Lanfranc Fernando,**  
Parish Priest.  
1022

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES KALA OYA**

Novenas commence on 29th July, at 6-30 p.m.  
Vespers 6th August, at 7-00 p.m.

Preceded by the blessing of the New Grotto.

Sunday, 7th August Low Mass 6-30 a.m. High Mass 8-00 a.m.

Donations in aid of the new Church at Kala Oya will be gratefully accepted and individually acknowledged.

**Rev. Fr. A. Reginald de Silva,**  
O.M.I.,  
The Parish Priest,  
Kekirawa.  
1012

**Compulsory course in atheism**

**O**N the Ukraine, to remedy the lack of anti-religious lectures, a faculty of atheism has been formed in the majority of university high schools and courses in atheism are at the moment obligatory in all high schools. A chair of history and atheism has been created at the University of Kiev. Not only all students but also all professors of the natural sciences, chemistry, physics and history are obliged to follow the course in atheism and to take an active part in the fight against religion.

**FEAST OF POLONNARUWA (QUEEN OF THE ROSARY)**

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# PICTURESQUE CEREMONY OF INVESTITURE

LAST SUNDAY A PICTURESQUE CEREMONY UNFOLDED ITSELF IN THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF COLOMBO. IT WAS A CEREMONY THAT RECALLED THE MIDDLE AGES WHEN SYMBOLISM AND PAGEANTRY AND THE CONCEPT OF CHIVALRY HELD A DESERVEDLY LARGE PLACE IN LIFE. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN OUR OWN PROSAIC TIMES AND THOSE AGES WHEN THE PULSE OF LIFE WAS LOUD AND STRONG AND LIFE WAS A SPECTATORIAL PLEASURE WAS REPRODUCED IN MINIATURE, AS IT WERE.

For here were the old ideals of chivalry being continued into our own days. The Knighthoods and decorations conferred last Sunday were not just the Knighthoods conferred by secular States in our day, which are pale shadows of the original thing, with the insignia of office mere museum pieces.

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Truer today by far than when Burke said them long ago are his words: "But the age of chivalry is gone; that of sophists, economists and calculators has succeeded, and the glory of

lity go together.

Pontifical decorations are given to those who have served society, the Church or its head, in a manner that is outstanding and deserving of recognition by contributions in the fields of science, literature, the arts, controversial or other religions writing, or by making generous and self-sacrificing gifts or endowments.

## CHAMPION OF THE CATHOLIC CAUSE

Dr. Wilfred Muller, who was unfortunately absent owing to ill-health, will be remembered by the more elderly amongst us

exponent of the social doctrine of the Church (of which he had a thorough mastery — he could quote Manning for you by the yard) and spoke from many a public platform. Two of his talks that particularly helped to awaken the social consciousness of Catholics were "Catholics and Public Life," and "The Rights and Dignity of Labour." But if we go on in this strain we shall have ended up with producing a pamphlet and not a crisp, pithy newspaper article. A determined effort to be brief will therefore mean no more than an acute awareness of the limitations of a press report.

## THE PERFECT, GENTLE KNIGHT

Of Mr. Christian Gomez it might without irreverence be said that there was a man sent from God, whose name was Christian. A Christian in the true sense of the word; the perfect, gentle Knight. Humility is, for all the nature of this virtue, his outstanding characteristic.

So vital are Seminaries to the progress of the Church, that Mr. Gomez's generous bounty towards the extensions to St. Aloysius' Seminary truly deserves recognition and reward, much as the benefactor would have liked to remain in silence and obscurity.

Mr. Gomez, like Dr. Muller and Dr. de Silva, was made a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great. This particular Order of Knighthood, founded



Mr. Christian Gomez (left) and Mr. Philip Anandappa (right) receiving their respective Papal honours.

by Gregory XVI, was placed under the patronage of the great and saintly Pope whose name it bears. There is a very particular appositeness about Mr. Christian Gomez receiving this particular Papal Award, for St. Gregory the Great would have been greatly pleased about the particular form Mr. Gomez's generosity took.

## FOR CHURCH AND PONTIFF

Mr. D. P. Kurukulasuriya, a bold, steadfast and tireless apostle of the pen, received the medal *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*. Our Sinhalese counterpart will doubtless deal at length with the merits of this dauntless defender of the Catholic cause, as we would have done ourselves but for inevitable but restricting exigencies of space.

The same award, instituted by Pope Leo XIII, and given in recognition of outstanding services to the Church, was conferred on Mrs. Eta Mack, President of the Ladies of Charity, whose modest but unflagging and devout

labours in the cause of Catholic social service deserve more comment from us than we are able to provide in the space left to us.

## THEY HAVE DESERVED WELL

The same is true of the recipients of the Papal decoration which traces back to Pope Gregory XVI and is known as the *Bene Merenti* medal of merit. The fact that they are merely mentioned, and given such slender columnage is due to just those unavoidable limitations that beset all human affairs. May we say that their merits are in inverse proportion to the space we are able to give them.

And this holds good for that faithful parishioner, intrepid worker and champion altar-server, Mr. Philip Anandappa of Kotahena; and for the generous Catholic laymen that are Messrs. J. M. Don Jeremias of Dalugama, and J. K. Moses Perera of Ja-Ela.



Dr. C. J. C. de Silva being invested a Knight of St. Gregory the Great by His Grace the Archbishop.

Europe is extinguished for ever."

But the orders of Knighthood, conferred by the Church on deserving recipients are still the sign and symbol of ancient chivalry at its highest. The Papal Knight, like the mediaeval Knight, has to be steadfast in the faith and loyal to the Church. His must be a high code of honour. The word of a Knight once given, whether to friend or foe, is irrevocable — his honour must be without stain. Courtesy and humanity must mark his bearing and actions. All those perfections of character and grace which the gospel teaches and the Sacraments make possible must be his. His honour must be without blemish. He must be the perfect mirror of chivalry, *sans peur et sans reproche*, fearless and blameless.

## WHOM THE POPE DELIGHTS TO HONOUR

Those whom the Pope delighted to honour last Sunday were — of course, as far as human frailty permits: the phrase ought to be understood in respect of every human being and every human achievement and hardly needs to be mentioned — very close to these noble ideals, each in his or her own way. After all, noblesse oblige; privilege and responsibility

as a fearless champion of the Catholic cause, a doughty warrior if ever there was one — and an eloquent and forceful speaker too. Our boyhood imagination was fired — and we still retain vivid memories of the occasion — by a magnificent and powerful address delivered by Dr. Muller in the nineteen twenties at one of those Catholic Congresses or Conferences as they used to be called, held in Negombo.

## KNIGHT OF THE RIGHTS OF LABOUR

Dr. C. J. C. de Silva, the President of the Colombo Catholic Diocesan Union and the Secretary of the Catholic Union of Ceylon, has been associated with the *res Catholica*, the Catholic affair (the Latin is really untranslatable) for the last thirty years. But even outside the Catholic sector, his activities have ranged wide in the field of social action generally.

He was a pioneer in doing battle for the cause of the under-dog, and was one of the guiding forces behind the Ceylon Labour Movement especially in its early days. Factory legislation, the eight-hour day and maternity benefits are only some amongst the progressive causes he has sponsored in his time. He represented the employees at the I.L.O. Conference in New Delhi in 1947.

## EXPONENT OF THE CATHOLIC THESIS

When he retired from active work in the Ceylon Labour Party of which he was Secretary and Chairman in turn, he continued to take a lively interest in social work, especially in the field of juvenile delinquency. He was, for a time, Chairman of the Western Division of the Youth Council of Ceylon.

Dr. de Silva was a fearless

## ASSISTANT GENERAL OF MARIST BROTHERS SAYS... Catholic Education can save you from Pitfalls

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

"A CATHOLIC education trains your mind to love what is noble, to love Truth, Beauty, Goodness, to cherish those who are dear to you, in your home, your Church and your country. It saves you from the great pitfall of the world today — that of equating love with sex," declared Rev. Bro. Paul Ambrose, Asst. General of the Marist Brothers, at the annual prize-giving of Joseph Vaz College, Wennappuwa on 17 July.

On his arrival, Rev. Bro. Assistant General was accorded a guard of honour by the Junior Cadets.

The Annual Report was read by

Rev. Bro. Stanislaus, Principal.  
The Assistant General later gave away the Prizes.

## Presidential Speech

(Reproduced below is the full text of Rev. Bro. Paul Ambrose's Presidential speech).

It is not uncommon on an occasion like this to first congratulate the Prize Winners and then to offer some guiding principles for the future. Today, I would like to change that procedure. Rather than congratulate the prize-winners, I would like to congratulate those who have made these prizes possible. Rather than offer guiding principles for the future, I would like to look back on the training already acquired.

I certainly congratulate the prize-winners and am happy to honour them, but in their name I wish to thank the devoted teachers, religious and lay, who have dedicated their whole lives to education; I wish to thank the mothers and fathers, who are your real benefactors by insisting that you get a good Catholic education; finally I wish to thank those good benefactors who have provided the prizes.

WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF DEVOTED TEACHERS, CONSCIENTIOUS PARENTS AND GENEROUS BENEFACTORS, THE MARIST BROTHERS COULD NOT RUN THEIR 800 SCHOOLS FOR THE CHURCH.

My young friends, rather than give you advice for the future, let me point out the *real prize*, an invaluable one, which all of you have been receiving. It is your Catholic education. Do you appreciate fully the prize which is your Catholic training?

The Founder of the Marist Brothers insisted on the kind of training our schools should give. Joseph Vaz, I. College has been following this has been training your mind, your

your heart and your will. It has trained your mind how to think, your your heart what to love, your will when to act. Here indeed is the training of the whole man.

## THINK LOGICALLY

A Catholic education trains your mind to think — to think logically, to study and analyse carefully, not to accept gullibly all that you hear or read, but to digest it and study it in the light of the logical principles received. How often we hear the excuse "I did not think?" How many business houses of today flash that one word of advice to all their employees: Think.

A Catholic education trains your mind to love what is noble, to love Truth, Beauty, Goodness, to cherish those who are dear to you, in your home, your Church and your country. It saves you from the great pitfall in the world today — that of evaluating love with sex.

Catholic education, then, trains your will to act on the principles acquired and to be self-disciplined men of action who love what is right, live according to law and order and face their duties manfully. In that kind of world there is no place for juvenile delinquency.

## THREE-FOLD

This three-fold training makes you loyal to your home, to your Church and to your country.

Education today is taking on frightful proportions. The limits of our interest no longer lie within the confines of this planet, but are even projected into outer space. New duties must be assumed. How important it is then in

such dangerous times to think, to love and to act right?

As you face the future you need two virtues — enthusiasm and perseverance. Enthusiasm is the spark, the battery which starts you off in life; perseverance is the power, the petrol, which will keep you going. Enthusiasm is characteristic of youth. Perseverance comes with maturity. Never become discouraged. When God wishes to make a pumpkin He takes only a few months; when He wishes to make a sturdy tree, He takes years.

All worthwhile training takes time. Remember that you are the children of God. Remember that all the leaders in the world today were once lads like you. But they were fired with enthusiasm and staunchly persevered in their endeavours.

They trained their minds to logical thinking, their hearts to noble love, their will to actions based on principles and conviction.

If you have a musical instrument and you get two different men to play it, one may get beautiful harmony from the instrument, while the other will produce nothing but discordant sounds. Surely the instrument is not at fault.

The artist studies the rules about the way of playing an instrument, he loves to play it and practises diligently. Your life is an instrument and you are the artist. Will you produce harmony or discord? Your life is an instrument played for the glory of God. You must know it well, love it well and live it well.

My dear young friends, go forth with head high, with humble heart, with daring determination. You will then be a credit to your home, to your Church and to your country.

## Pope's gifts

THE Holy Father has given the Vatican library a volume printed in Tibetan in characters made from blocks of wood, and a two-volume parchment edition of the Bible, handwritten and illuminated in Naples in the 14th century.

## Malta's celebrations

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nearby St. Paul's grotto — a cave, now covered by a church, which was St. Paul's home during his stay on the Island.

At the Grotto the Legate blessed a votive lamp brought by the Knights and which will burn for ever before the statue of St. Paul.

In Floriana Square the main celebrations of the 19th centenary of St. Paul's shipwreck closed with a solemn service during which Pope John XXIII broadcast a message to the people of Malta.