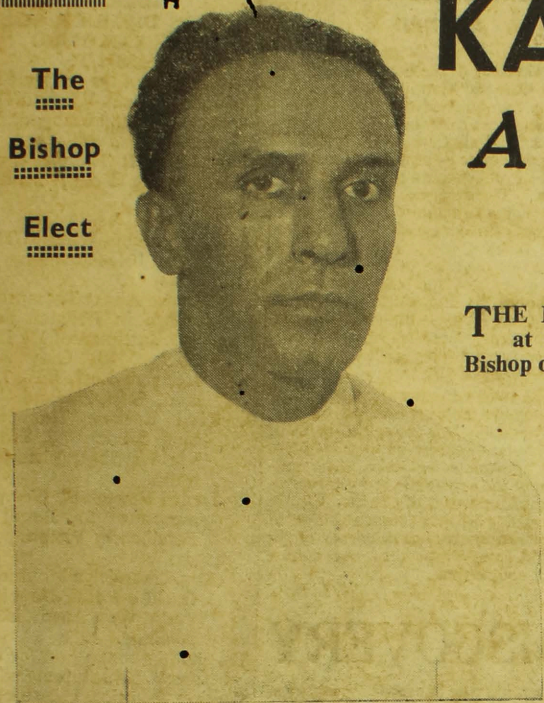


CEYLON CATHOLICS WELCOME KANDY'S NEW BISHOP

The
Bishop
Elect



A remarkably varied career

(by a "Messenger" reporter)

THE MESSENGER in conjunction with all Ceylon Catholics rejoices at the appointment of Rev. Fr. Dom Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B., as the Bishop of Kandy in succession to His Lordship, Dr. D. Bernard Regno, O.S.B.

The Bishop-Elect, at the time of his appointment was functioning as Head Master of the Primary Department of St. Anthony's College, Kandy, where he was a well-loved figure.

On Monday, 27 July, the whole school feted the Bishop-Elect. The Principal, Rev. Fr. D. H. Rudolph, O.S.B., spoke of the great loss to the school. In his reply, His Lordship declared that it was with a heavy heart he was leaving the institution where he had served for nine years. He requested the prayers of his pupils and staff to carry on the arduous duties now entrusted to him.

THE BISHOP-ELECT WHO IS A RECOGNIZED ORIENTAL SCHOLAR WAS RAISED TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN 1950.

Earlier, he received his entire education at St. Thomas' College, Matale where he was subsequently appointed to the teaching staff.

Later, he joined the Government Clerical Service from which he resigned in 1941. He entered the Novitiate of the Benedictines at Monte Fano in 1941.

He also prosecuted his studies with the Jesuits in the old Papal Seminary

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Pope's First Summer Vacation

POPE John drove on Sunday the 13 miles from Rome to the Papal villa at Castelgandolfo for his first summer vacation as Pontiff, but according to his own words, he is not likely to stay there as long as the late Pius XII did each year.

Shortly after his arrival at the villa he came on to the balcony to bless a crowd of 10,000 packed in the courtyard below.

It was then he said that he hoped to remain there for "several days or perhaps several weeks."

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Marawila Catholic Hospital

Apostolic Delegate will lay foundation stone

(from our Marawila correspondent)

CATHOLICS of Marawila and its suburbs will muster strong on Sunday, 2nd August, at 5 p.m. at the proposed site of St. Anne's Hospital when His Excellency Dr. James R. Knox, Apostolic Delegate for Ceylon will bless and lay the foundation stone.

The Hospital, when completed, is expected to cater to a large body of people irrespective of race or creed. IN CHARGE OF THE HOSPITAL WILL BE THE WELL-KNOWN

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Marxist who turned Franciscan dies

FR. Agostino Gemelli, the young atheist and socialist who became one of Italy's most renowned Catholic scholars and founded the Sacred Heart University, Milan, died last week at the age of 81.

Fr. Gemelli qualified in medicine and was an active member of the old Italian Socialist Party. After his conversion he joined the Franciscans. Famed as a biologist and for his knowledge of psychology, he wrote more than 100 books.

Apostolic Delegate is here

HIS Excellency Dr. James R. Knox, Apostolic Delegate for Ceylon arrived in the island on Thursday, 30 July 1959.

As intimated last week, His Excellency will personally preside at each of the sessions in the 3-day National Seminar for Religious Orders, Congregations and Institutes of Ceylon, scheduled to begin on 7 August 1959, at Aquinas University College, Ceylon.

His Excellency whose third visit it is to the island, is expected to leave Ceylon on 13 August.



Krushchev labels priests as "black-robed beggars"

At Meeting in Industrial Town

MR. Krushchev, atheist ruler of Russia, during his tour of Poland — predominantly Catholic — described priests as "black-robed beggars" and told the people to see that they kept out of politics.

The Russian premier was speaking in the industrial town of Katowice.

EXPLOIT WEALTH

He added: "I do not want to hurt your feelings, but I would like to emphasize that the priests and the Church promise you a heavenly paradise when you are dead, but we Com-

munists want to make you happy here on earth.

"Are you content with your lot? You must struggle constantly to raise the standard of living and this means keeping on working.

"Make the most of your country's wealth — the priests will not help you."

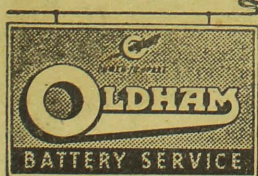
Priest demands — restore vote to lepers

FR. Joseph Roche, superintendent of St. Joseph's Home for Lepers in Tuticorin, India, has denounced as "iniquitous" a rule debarring his 150 lepers from voting in local elections.

The rule deprives a leper of the vote even though his name is on the register.

Fr. Roche has called on the authorities to repeal the regulation.

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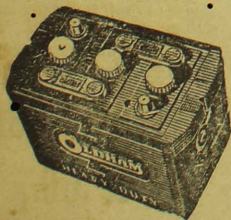
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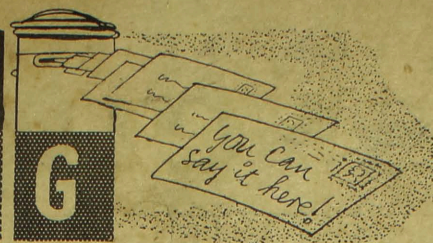
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COMMUNIST RELIGIOUS "REFORMS"

A NEWS report from Lhasa appearing in the secular press of a few days ago states that the Buddhist monastic system presently prevailing in Tibet will be reformed but freedom of religious belief will be protected.

In this connection it will be interesting to know the nature and extent of religious "reforms" already carried out by the Communists in China as this would give an adequate idea of the type of "reforms" now contemplated for Buddhism in Tibet. My facts are culled from one of the writings of Frank Clune, the famous Australian writer, who spent several months in Formosa and Hong Kong interviewing Buddhist and Taoist monks, Christian priests and others who had actually suffered imprisonment, torture, and the suppression of their religious activities in the name of "freedom of religion" in Soviet China.

"In 1949, when the Reds seized power, there were 800,000 Buddhist monasteries and nunneries in China, with a total of four and a half million Buddhist monks and nuns, serving as spiritual leaders, or teachers of more than half the population of China."

"The Buddhist votaries lived chiefly in small monasteries attached to temples in the villages and towns. They were vowed to chastity, poverty and meditation, and were supported by gifts from the faithful, or in some cases partly by rents from lands bequeathed in bygone centuries for the upkeep of the temples."

"There was no hierarchy or organised central control of Buddhism in China. Each local temple or monastery was self-governing, but

advanced teachers sometimes went for further studies to Burma or Thailand. These were individual not organised, foreign contacts.

"Under the cloak of double talk the Chinese Communists have been systematically liquidating Buddhism in China for nine years. By the policy of 'Agrarian Reform,' lands belonging to Buddhist temples and monasteries have been confiscated. This left the monks and nuns with no means of support, and they were then compelled to engage in 'production labour' which meant that they had no time left for their religious duties."

"Next, the Communists formed a bogus 'Buddhist Federation,' to 'reform' Buddhism and create internal schisms and dissensions, aimed at destroying Buddhism from within."

"Thousands of monasteries have been closed or taken over by the Village Committees in the name of 'the people,' to serve as Communist Party meeting rooms. As the Buddhists have no central organisation, the Communists were able to attack them locally, to destroy Buddhism by 'the death of a thousand cuts'."

Other religions, too, like Christianity and Islamism, are being slowly destroyed by the lingering "death of a thousand cuts." They are forcibly made to wither on the vine at its roots by indoctrinating the people, especially children, with materialism. The time-honoured teachings of Confucius have been replaced with the non-Chinese ideas of the European, Jewish, anti-religious philosopher, Karl Marx.

Another Chinese religion, which the Communists have ruthlessly sup-

pressed is Taoism, which has a history of more than 2,500 years. It is a religion essentially of Chinese origin, with practically no affiliation among non-Chinese peoples.

"Having no need to appease foreign opinion in their attacks on Taoism, the Communists have made no pretence of 'freedom of religion' in their attempts to destroy the Taoist faith, and have simply looted and burned the Taoist temples and executed thousands of Taoist priests with only local publicity, under the usual fantastic excuse that Taoists are 'agents of American Imperialism' or 'counter-revolutionaries plotting subversive activities'."

The Communists claim that there is "freedom of religious belief" in Tibet but this "freedom" is what a condemned man has while he is waiting to be executed. He is "free" to walk around in the condemned cell, and he is "free to" walk to the scaffold.

Hence the recent Lhasa report in question hardly cuts any ice with the informed. The Chinese Communist Party's hypocritical statement about "freedom of religious beliefs" is intended to deceive not only foreign Christian nations, but also the many hundreds of millions of Buddhists, Hindus and Moslems outside the Chinese Empire, especially in the countries of Southern Asia, which are of prime strategic value in the

Communist scheme of world conquest.

Colombo.

J. A. A. de Silva.

Wanted dedicated laymen

MR. Martin H. Work, Executive Director of the National Council of Catholic Men, of Mobile, Ala., U.S.A., has stressed the fact that the present times calls for the total commitment of all Catholic men to the lay apostolate—nothing less than total surrender to all that Christ asks of us. That the world has already gone half Communist in forty years is proof of the danger done by us who have failed Christ. However, there is serious question of the depth and the degree of the commitment of Catholics to the cause of Christ. Proofs are many—but take just one: after twenty centuries of missionary work, two billion people have never even heard of Christ.

The total commitment required of the laymen necessarily makes him a lay apostle. We have, before God, no choice—except as to what form our apostolate will take. The mission of the apostolate is the consecration of the world to Christ. We are charged with the responsibility of penetrating every dark corner of the world, every aspect of our culture and civilization.

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THE LATEST DISCOVERY

APPARENTLY the Age of Discovery is not over. We have, for example, Mr. Ueli Dias from

Panadura who has made the ingenious discovery that the schools-take-over issue is a purely constitutional one. But Mr. Dias has forgotten that the issue is really more institutional than constitutional.

The issue actually took shape with the Recommendations of the Buddhist Commission, the members of which were exclusively of the Buddhist Faith. It was felt by the members of the Commission that if the Government took over the schools, then the Buddhist children will have enough schools for them to leave the schools run by other religious denominations, to which necessity and efficiency drove them. But then it has been conceded by the best of our Buddhist brethren that the "religious background" was all-important, and that State Schools cannot supply this all essential element.

Mr. Dias goes on coolly to state that once the schools are taken over by the State there would be no question of persecution as in the days of the Roman Empire, or, for that mat-

ter, in the days of Dutch Rule in Ceylon. That is what we all hope will not happen. But, if it were to happen, as is being done in the curtain countries, what is the position? It was the duty of the Catholic Pastor to warn his flock of the possible evil times ahead, and to take a leaf out of the History of the Catholic Church during the Dutch times.

Mr. Dias has even gone further and has added insult to injury by labelling the Archbishop's words as a "notorious utterance." I wonder whether Mr. Dias knows the significance of the word "notorious". If he has not, let him consult an English Dictionary and, if he still persists that he is right, let him keep that sense of right to himself instead of writing letters to the press that can do more harm than good.

S. P. Selvaratnam.

Negombo.

ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO No. 18871/T.

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of John Durham Winfield Thompson of 101, Talawatugoda Road, Kotte. — Deceased.

Douglas Robert Thompson of 384, Alutawatt Road, Mutwal. — Petitioner.

Vs.

1. John Durham Winfield Thompson of 101, Pallansena, Kochchikadde.
2. Clarence Albert Thompson now known in Religion as Rev. Bro. Justinian of De La Salle College, 81, Grey Avenue, Mangere East, S.E. 7, Auckland, New Zealand.
3. Cecil Eustace Thompson of State School, 192, Tringana Via Werribee, Victoria, Australia.
4. Denzil Newton St. George Thompson of 51, Bondi Road, Bondbeach, Victoria, Australia.
5. Mrs. Gwandelyn Moldrich of 21, Oxcliffe Road, Double View, Perth, West Australia. — Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before V. Siva Supramaniam, Esquire, Additional District Judge, Colombo, on the 16th day of July 1959, in the presence of Mr. J. M. Caderamanpulle, proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 14th July 1959, having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner above named be and he is hereby declared entitled as a son of the deceased abovenamed to have letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to him accordingly; unless the respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 10th day of September 1959, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. V. Siva Supramaniam,

Additional District Judge.

This 16th day of July, 1959.

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Behaviour & Knowledge

IN the many pleas for revamping the education of youth there still persists the same assumption that a student is like an empty bottle that is to be filled with the various potions or learned liquids held in the hands of the teacher. All students are presumed to be equally receptive to truth as all the hoses on the lawns down the block are equally receptive to water. It would be wonderful if all minds would accept truth as a hungry and healthy stomach accepts food. But it is not so.

• The mind

The relation between a teacher and a student, or the relation between a truth and a mind is not like a glove to a hand; it is rather like the body to medicine. Bodies that are whole and normal co-operate with the medicine; it is not the pill alone that cures a patient; the pill would be as useless in a stomach as on a table if there were not a potency and a capacity in the body which makes it capable of assimilating the cure. So it is with the mind; not everyone accepts a truth as a clean window receives light. How often it happens that when the same truth is presented to A and to B, that A will accept it and B will reject it? It must be that there are some other factors outside the truth itself which prevent it being assimilated in the one case.

• The eye

This was what Our Blessed Lord meant when He said: "Thy body has the eye for its lamp; and if thy eye is clear, the whole body will be lit up; when it is diseased, the whole of the body will be in darkness. Take good care then, that the principle of light which is in thee is light, not darkness; then, if thy whole body is in

the light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be all lit up as if a bright lamp enlightening thee."

Here the eye is used as a symbol of reason and faith, for both are kinds of seeing. When we understand anything, we say, "Oh

BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS



I see;" Faith, in its turn, is the perfection of reason, as reason is the perfection of the senses and in particular the light of the eye. Now if an eye is diseased, the outside light of the sun is not able to penetrate into the body. If passion, jealousy, hate, envy, lust, prejudice, selfishness are part of the equipment of character then when the truth of reason or faith is presented to it, it fails to penetrate the mind and soul. Speak of honesty to a will that is bent on thieving, speak of revelation to a mind filled with pride in the little that it knows, and it awakens no response in the soul.

• The will

Plato made the great mistake of teaching that evil is ignorance,

and many there are who inherit his error. He, therefore, believed that all you had to do to heal juvenile delinquency or crime, was to pour science and algebra into the minds of the young and they would become honest citizens and paragons of virtue. The fallacy is the forgetting that man has another faculty besides reason or intelligence, namely, the will or the power of making decisions. He can know good and follow evil; he can see the truth and choose to spurn it or turn his back on it as did Pilate. Hence the training of character is just as important in the education of youth as the pouring of information into the mind. In fact, an uneducated man can be a stupid devil, but a wicked man well educated can be a very wise devil. In hell, there are no stupid devils.

• Conscience

Colour blindness can affect and destroy discernment; moral perversity can mar the perception of truth. Behaviour is as important a factor in education as a torrent of information. The way a man lives, acts on the way a man thinks. An educated man who leads an evil life can call on his learning to rationalize and justify the evil which he does. It was those who had the eye of their soul perverted by rottenness who became the subject of Our Lord's caution to His apostles, not to throw pearls before swine. They love dirt too much to understand the pearl of great price. The sophistication of conscience is one of the great perils of our civilization. "The little rift within the lute by and by will make the music mute." The conscience that is kept refined and clear is the best condition for seeing Him Who is the Light of the world. (Copyright.) Reproduction in whole or part forbidden.)

QUINTUS DELILKHAN:

NOVENAL SALUTATION

IT WOULD LOOK AS IF OUR LADY, AS ONCE OF OLD, WENT ON A WEARY JOURNEY, WITH HER DIVINE CHILD, HIS SLIPPER HANGING ON HIS TINY FOOT, AND AFTER WENDING HER WAY THROUGH VARIOUS CENTRES IN THE CITY, FINALLY DRIFTED TO THE PLACE WHERE SHE AND HER SON ARE SO GLORIOUSLY ENSHRINED, BECOMING THE JEWELLED MADONNA AND THE LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR TO THE THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS WHO PAY HER THE REVERENT HOMAGE OF THEIR HEARTS.

Under the over-ruling providence of God, and in the supreme fitness of things, the presence abode of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour surely has all the evidence of a compelling purpose. Our Lady is now in the City's centre of pain where the chiming of her carillon bells can carry a message of love and peace and comfort, as if on wings of prayer, to those who are chained to their beds in suffering in the various hospitals and other places of suffering around. Let us recall to mind these lines of Hilaire Belloc:

"Our Lady stood beside the Cross
A little space apart,
And when she heard Our Lord

cry out
A sword went through her heart."

PAIN & SUCCOUR

As Our Lady felt towards Our Lord, in His moment of supreme pain, so indeed will she be among all those brothers of Christ, however humble their lives and conditions, in sympathy and concern

To mark the 400th Perpetual Succour Novena the

"Messenger" publishes this tribute to Mary, Borella's dispensatrix of graces, from one of her devoted clients.

with all those who are afflicted. She has the heart of a Mother towards us all, however unworthy we may be. It is only a Mother's love that cancels out all differences. Her heart is always open to those who call on her. Our Lady has well chosen her place of special abode in the City.

SPRINGTIDE OF NEW GRACES

But pain is of many kinds. There is also the moral region of pain — the pain of sin, of loss, of frustration and so many other infinite varieties of human suffering, as different in each individual as individuals, in their life-histories and their experience of living, are different from each other.

The maladies of the soul are more terrible than the maladies of the body. There is no compatibility or equivalence between moral evil, which destroys the soul, and physical pain which afflicts the body.

Thousands come to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour to have the effaced life of grace restored to them, to have insoluble problems solved for them by divine assistance, the

dark shadows of sorrow dispelled, the derelictions and despairs of the heart removed, and new loyalties to God and to Our Lady made to bud and blossom in a miraculous springtide of new graces.

What the Novenas give to the anxious hearts of the worshippers at the shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour is a lasting

renovation in the spirit in power, strength and hope. The well-springs of new hope rise again from the broken cisterns, and a new music of the abounding waters of grace invade and run over the parched and thirsting soul. This hope is surely a foretaste of heaven. There seems to be no end in the generous giving of gifts to the soul kneeling

ing at the shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

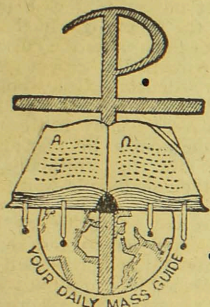
ALL-COMPASSING GRACE

No wonder that this Shrine of Our Lady is especially significant of transformations innumerable.

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Borella's dispensing centre of graces where countless novenites will gather for the 400th time on Wednesday, 12th August, to obtain the mediation of their Mother of Perpetual Succour at the throne of her Divine Son.



Sunday, 2 Aug: 11th Sunday after Pentecost. Green. 2nd Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori.

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

Tuesday, 4 Aug: St. Dominic, Conf. White.

Wednesday, 5 Aug: Our Lady of Snows. White. Preface of Our Lady.

Thursday, 6 Aug: Transfiguration of Our Lord. White. 2nd Prayer of SS. Xystus and Companions. Creed. Common Preface.

Friday, 7 Aug: St. Cajetan, Confessor. White. 2nd Prayer of St. Donatus. 1st Friday.

Saturday, 8 Aug: Mass of Our Lady on Saturday. White. 2nd Prayer of SS. Cyriacus and Companions. Preface of Our Lady.

Unless otherwise stated, the prayer prescribed is always said (in the Archdiocese: "In time of tribulation").

FATHER PHILIP PUZZLES IT OUT

NOT the least service Knight of the Round Table, V.M.A., has rendered us is to have brought Fr. Philip Caspersz's papers out of the docket. We would be neglecting a Grace of the occasion and depriving our knights of a useful chart for their quest of Fr. Vaz's tomb, if we merely put the papers into our file.

For, as we insisted last week, even if the miracle device for subterranean photographing becomes available, mapping and charting will still be helpful. In this connection our dauntless Knight G.I.O.M. has attacked, even the problem of an aerial photo of the area.

Here then is Fr. P. Caspersz's opinion: A detail of importance is that "the church was along the public road, and near the place whither His Majesty was accustomed to go in procession with the water which was brought from the river" — after the diya-kepina ceremony of the Esala Perahera. ("Orat. Miss." D. 5., pp. 16 and 17, para. 5).

Where was this road, where the King used to wait for the procession returning from Peradeniya after the water-cutting ceremony at the close of the Perahera? It could not have

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been anywhere along our present Ward Street. If the King ever attempted to get into touch with the Perahera returning from Peradeniya, by going along Ward Street, he would have committed suicide! — unless he happened to be an expert swimmer. For the Ward Street of old — the Dalada Vidiya, the road of the Tooth Relic — ended at the junction with Brownrigg Street. Beyond this was all lake — the old Bogambarawewa.

The lake extended from the junction of Ward Street and Brownrigg Street as far as the railway line near the present Police Station, and from the Electric Works as far as the little road bounding the present lake (the portion of Victoria Drive between Queen's Hotel and the foot of Wace Park). All this was the old lake, and it took in all the ground now occupied by the block of buildings from Imperial Motor Works as far as Brownrigg Street, the grounds of the War Memorial

Commemoration Building, Masonic Hall, the market, the tennis courts, the Empire Theatre (the present Wales Theatre) and all the back quarters of the line of buildings from

FR. VAZ FEATURE

the National Bank as far as the present premises of Messrs. Walker and Greig. If you go in through the little path by the side of Walkers, you will find yourself on the downward route to Hades!

Similarly, if you penetrate to the back of the block of buildings from the Imperial Motor Works till as far as Brownrigg Street, you will find the

floor there many feet below the level of the road in front. Till the British occupation of Kandy all this was a sheet of water.

The road taken by the King, therefore, was the road leading straight from the palace — the present King's Street, formerly called Dewa Vidiya and Swarna Kalyana Vidiya (where the King's favourites had their residence) which formerly continued right down to the present railway line, turning there to connect with the present Colombo Road, thence turning again to the Katukelle Road, and on towards Peradeniya. One section of this road, where King's Street leads into the old military jail and railway line, has been blocked up by the military, but between 30 and 40 years ago the full road was available to the public.

Fr. Vaz's church, then, in my interpretation of contemporary records, must have been somewhere along this road after it has passed the bridge over the railway line.

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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 AUGUST

GENERAL: That the Church's social doctrine may be more widely accepted in the world.

MISSIONARY: That a lack of funds may not retard the growth of vocations in the missions.

★ A Peace Plan from Heaven

IT was my privilege to have come across, in a recent American Magazine called "Divine Love," in their Autumn 1958 number, an article entitled "War against God," devoted to the Apostolate of Christian action which gave some startling revelations having a great bearing on the trend of world events today. The gist of what I am going to relate is the time limit which has been given by Our Lord to Satan at his own request, within which he is allowed to do all the damage he can in this world.

It is based mainly on two events: the message of Fatima, and the apparition of St. Michael to Pope Leo XIII. As for Fatima, its message is now fairly well known to the world. However, it would be useful to touch briefly on this "Peace Plan from Heaven," as its full importance has not been fully grasped by everyone. What Our Lady wanted was based on the following four points:

- (1) Prayer, particularly recitation of the Rosary as often as possible.
- (2) Penance.
- (3) Consecration of the world to her Immaculate Heart.
- (4) Observance of the five first Saturdays. This message was given by Our Blessed Lady to three children at a place called "Cova de Iria" in Fatima in the year 1917.

LUCY

The eldest of these three children called Lucy Santos is still with us in a Carmelite Convent at Coimbra and she has yet to play a great part in this message, as she is the only person in this world who is aware of the third secret given by Our Blessed Lady and which is now kept in a sealed letter by Don Jose Cerejeiro, Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon, and is only to be opened with her permission in 1960. This letter was originally given to the Bishop of Leiria who died a few years ago after preserving it for a period of over twenty years. When Lucy

By **Dr. James F. Peries**

was asked whether she could reveal any of its contents, she said the only reply she could give was that it would mean "woe to some and joy to others." The important point in the message of Fatima

she left the children: "Ultimately my Immaculate Heart will triumph. Russia will be converted, and there will be an era of peace in the world."

Perhaps it is not so well known



The Fatima seers, Jacinta, Francisco and Lucy, of whom only Lucy (extreme right) is now living.

which is of great consolation to the world is the emphatic statement made by Our Lady before

to most people that before the children saw the Blessed Lady, they had been prepared for this event in a message from Almighty God. For some time prior to the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima the three children had been receiving unexpected visits from an angel by way of preparation for their future missions.

THE ANGEL

With regard to the lessons of reparation and prayer taught during these visits, Dr. Fonseca, S.J., of the Biblical Institute of Rome, who had made a close study of all the documents relating to Fatima, says it is evident that they were but a preparation and orientation. They prepared for the great Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917 and they directed the prayer of the three children against future assaults of the great modern pagan movements which profess not to believe, "nor adore, nor hope, nor love."

LEO XIII

The second important point which perhaps is a link with the message of Fatima is the Apparition of St. Michael to Pope Leo XIII. One day after having celebrated Holy Mass, Pope Leo XIII was in conference with some of the Cardinals. Suddenly he sank to the floor in a deep faint. Physicians who were hastily summoned feared that he had already expired for they could find no trace of his pulse. However, a short while later the Holy Father revived, and regaining consciousness explained in great emotion, "Oh, what a horrible picture I was permitted to see." He had been shown in vision the tremendous activity of the evil spirits and their plots to overthrow the Church, and in the midst of this vision the horror of the Pope was mitigated on seeing St. Michael the Archangel appear and cast

Satan and his Legions back into the abyss of Hell. It was only a short time after this that Pope Leo XIII composed the well-known prayer to St. Michael and commanded that it be said after every Low Mass throughout the world from then on.

ANOTHER VERSION

Another version of this incident is as follows. One day as Pope Leo XIII had finished Mass attended by a few Cardinals and members of the Vatican Staff, he suddenly stopped at the foot of the Altar. He stood there for about ten minutes as if in a trance, his face ashen white. Then, going immediately from the chapel to his office he composed the prayer to St. Michael, with instructions that it to be said after all Low Masses. When asked what had happened, he said that as he was about to leave the foot of the Altar, he suddenly heard two voices, one kind and gentle, the other guttural and harsh. They seemed to come from near the tabernacle. As he listened he heard the following conversation:

The guttural voice, the voice of Satan in his pride boasting to Our Lord, "I can destroy your Church."

The gentle voice of Our Lord replied, "You can? Then go ahead and do so." Satan: "To do so I need more time and more power." Our Lord: "How much time? How much power?"

Satan: "Seventy-five years, and a greater power over those who will give themselves over to my service."

Our Lord: "You will have the time, you will have the powers. Do what you will."

TIME LIMIT

Pope Leo XIII was then given to understand that from that moment Satan was given a time limit to accomplish his purpose and a greater power to spread evil through those human agents who would dedicate themselves to his cause — though some of our readers may find it hard to believe that people may be found so foolish as to do this. Yet the results of the past several years, with the great victories accomplished by the forces of evil in corrupting souls, give ample proof that the devil has many willing human agents. Leo XIII was further given to understand that if the devil should not have accomplished his purpose at the end of the time limit given, he would suffer a most crushing and humiliating defeat.

MARY

There are also many sayings of Our Blessed Lady, in various

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AUG. 2: 7-00 to 7-30 p.m. **CATHOLIC HOUR PROGRAMME** (English).

AUG. 8 to 10: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY** (Tamil) — Mrs. Celine Britto.

AUG. 9: 10-00 to 10-05 a.m. **TALK** (English) — Rev. Fr. Claude Lawrence, O.M.I.

AUG. 10 to 16: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY** (Sinhalese) — Rev. Fr. Bede Fernando.

apparitions, all of which go to show the great power Our Lady wields in this world. But to repeat all of them would be too long. All the Apparitions tend to prove the same, that is, her power on earth. I wish to end with the following. In the Garden of Eden, after the fall of our first parents, the serpent gloated. Then Almighty God spoke to him those prophetic words: "I shall place enmity between thee and the woman; thy seed and her seed. She shall crush thy head and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel."

It is only left for us now to redouble our efforts and continue to carry on as our Blessed Lady has wished us to do until we get the Peace which She has promised.

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400TH NOVENA

(Continued from page 3)

The widow facing a bleak future with her children to support, calls on Our Lady for help. The young wife with her family problems seeks for courage there. The father troubled with many burdens seeks to have such burdens lightened by some fresh source of strength and aid. The young girl facing life seeks for guidance. The young man caught in the toils and stresses of living, wishes to have a way out of his insurmountable difficulties.

In these, and so many other countless instances, an inward change takes place. They see life differently. Their darkened path and their darkened future become suffused with a glow of guiding light. Love becomes ideal. Hate loses its venom. Failure loses its sting. Suffering calls forth new sources of endurance.

The values of life have become different. Men and women begin to see life through the mind, and in accordance with the teachings of the Church which faithfully reflect the mind of Christ, the Supreme Master of Life, Time and Eternity.

And in all this Our Lady of Perpetual Succour is always there, exhorting and assisting, in this essential change from within so that the soul finds a new peace and strength to face life which, in its distracted and fumbling helplessness, it never knew before.

DIAPASON OF PRAISE

And now we have the 400th Novena of Our Lady on 12th August, 1959, which will assuredly

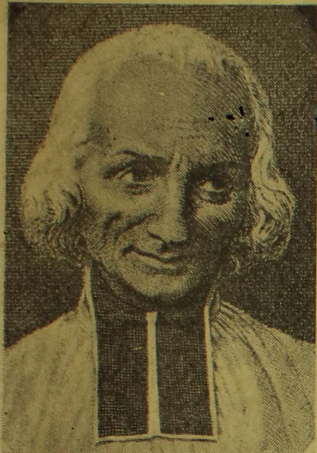
mark a new and irresistible upsurge of grateful thankfulness and intensified devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour who has done so much for her devotees. New jewels are being prepared for Our Lady, but such jewelled splendours will be dimmed by the jewelled splendours of the manifold shining graces which, since this devotion started, have manifested themselves in the transformed hearts of her devotees, and an enormous diapason of praise will rise to her who has been to them a Mother in loving kindness and compassion.

She who is perfect and sinless, having only, as St. Augustine says, all perfection, except perhaps a little womanly vanity at her being the Mother of God, has helped them to heal in astounding measure their imperfections and their sinfulness.

The thankfulness of Our Lady's devotees on this occasion should know no bounds.

Unlike other Novenas or Shrines there is at All Saints only one priest set apart for this Novena. One wonders why? If one is permitted to make a shrewd guess, it is, perhaps, because Our Lady needs only a figure-head, a kind of shadow-man. That is all. SHE it is who does the rest. There is a noble, chivalrous-hearted service here. There is unending attention to detail, a prompt instant energy, organisational perfection, and a quintessential, delicate, understanding, human touch. But... it is SHE who does the rest, in dealing with the invisibilities, the intangibilities, and the ultimate realities of grace in the hearts of her devotees.

Centenary this week



SPEAR-HEADED by a brilliant fan-fare of celebrations and devotions in France, the Catholic world celebrates this week the centenary of the death of St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars, as he is more familiarly known.

Pope John XXIII has transferred the observance of the feast of St. John Vianney to 8 August this year. The feast is normally kept on 9 August, but this year it falls on a Sunday.

The Messenger will spotlight this great event with a special number next week dealing on the life and influence of the Cure of Ars.

BOYS' TOWN FILM PREMIERE

MORE than a thousand invitees will see Fr. Noel Cruz's production "The Road to Boys' Town," on Monday, 3 August 1959, at 6-45 p.m., at St. Peter's College Hall, Wellawatte. The film premiere will be held under the patronage of the Prime Minister and Mrs. Bandaranaike.

It took four weeks and two nights to produce *The Road to Boys' Town*. The cost of the effort was Rs. 960—quite a production on a shoe string. If a professional company undertook the job, the film would have cost Rs. 30,000/-, with which you could probably put up another *Boys' Town*! The music in the film was a special composition by Dr. Adrian Joseph, who played it himself on a broken down old Japanese mandolin.

An added attraction at the film premiere will be two items given live by the Boys' Town Band.

There are many who have helped in the production of the film. The Inspector-General of Po-

lice provided Police personnel and equipment for some of the scenes. Nearly 500 feet of film have been added to *Boys Town*.

ROUNABOUT

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since the Kandy Premiere. The story is now complete.

THE FULL CREDITS

Camera and Direction: Rev. Fr. Noel Cruz, O.M.I.
Night Location and Boys Town sequences: Mark Flamer-Caldera.



Music (Composed specially for the film): Rev. Fr. Adrian Joseph, O.M.I.

Lighting: Arul Vedamuttu.

Sound: (On magnetic tape): Carlyle Rode.

• A scene from the film

Sound Assts.: Anton Wijegoonewardena, Harold de Sayrah, Bala Namasiyayam, Gladwyn Tissera, Maxy Cruz, Jeanne Gonsal, Tony Fernando.
Stills: Joe Samarasinghe.
Titles: Camillus Fernando and Wilbert Silva.

Script for Commentary: Peter Van Reyk.

Commentary: Mill Sansoni.
Production Assts.: Latin Fernando Julius Pieris, Kenneth Schokman, Neville Weeraratne.

CAST

Joseph (The little boy): Joe Phillips.

His Sister: Michele Flamer-Caldera.

Their Father: Arthur Van Langenberg.

Boss of the McCallum Road Shanties: K. J. Wilson.

Stand in for Joseph: B. Schokman.

Woman of the Week!

SOFTLY pirouetting into Robin Hood's strongly masculine columns this week, is the feminine element. Make no mistake about it, the woman of the week was undoubtedly Mrs. J. L. M. Fernando (Edith to you and to me!) who kept Catholic and other circles buzzing for miles and miles for many a day in many a week.

Her "amazing" energy sent St. Bridget's caterpulting into headlines not with a whimper, but with a bang! "Amazing" seems to be the sole and apt adjective to cover up all the concentrated initiative, drive, poise and punch packed and

crammed into the colossal idea of "Ideal Home and Home Beautiful" Exhibition. Ideas in this instance have had legs, and they have not merely skipped and scampered, but they have sky-rocketed into potential spirals of triumphs.

And when it is all over, and the lights are dimmed and the curtain falls down on the Exhibition this Sunday, one likes to think of Mrs. Fernando going back again to teach her little group "The Bridget-Teens" another song for another day. It is not generally known that Mrs. J. L. M. Fernando is also the moving figure behind "The Bridget-Teens" who are rapidly carrying out a name for themselves in the musical world.

THE GREAT NOVENA

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BORELLA

Programme in preparation for the Four Hundredth Novena

Wednesday, 12th August, 1959

The Great Novena, in union with the Novena of Masses being celebrated at the Mother Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in San' Alfonso, Via Merulana, Rome, commences on Monday, August 3, 1959.

The following programme is arranged for Novenites of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour by the Priests who minister to them:—

Monday, August 3: Sponsored by: Torrington Square Catholic Guild, C.T.B. Port Cargo Corporation Guilds.

6-30 a.m.	Novena Mass and Stations of the Cross.
7-00 a.m. to 6-00 p.m.	All Day Rosary.
6-00 p.m.	Sermon: Our Lady of Guadalupe—1531 "Roses in Winter." Rev. Fr. E. Neira, O.P. Benediction.

Tuesday, August 4: Sponsored by: Shell, Banks, Mackwoods, Whittals, Delmege Forsyth Guilds.

6-30 a.m.	Novena Mass and Stations of the Cross.
7-00 a.m. to 6-00 p.m.	All Day Rosary.
6-00 p.m.	Sermon: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal—1830. "Whose Image and Inscription...?" Rev. Fr. A. De Burra, S.J. Benediction.

Wednesday, August 5: Sponsored by: Railway, C.W.E., Social, Maradana Group, Rowlands, Lee Hedges Guilds.

6-30 a.m.	Novena Mass and Stations of the Cross.
7-00 a.m. to 6-00 p.m.	All Day Rosary.
6-00 p.m.	Sermon: Our Lady of Bonate—1944. "for homes like Nazareth." Rev. Fr. John Herat, O.M.I. Benediction.

Thursday, August 6: Sponsored by: Government Stores, Electrical, Secretariat, Post and Telegraph Guilds.

6-30 a.m.	Novena Mass and Stations of the Cross.
7-00 a.m. to 6-00 p.m.	All Day Rosary.
6-00 p.m.	Sermon: Our Lady of Lourdes—1858. "... far as the moon." Rev. Fr. J. Nettesinghe, M.Ap. Benediction.

Friday, August 7: Sponsored by: P.W.D., Survey, Browns' Guilds.

6-30 a.m.	Novena Mass and Stations of the Cross.
7-00 a.m. to 7-00 p.m.	All Day Rosary.
6-00 p.m.	Sermon: Our Lady of La Salette—1846. "... a Lady in tears." Very Rev. Fr. Marcel of the Mother of Sorrows, O.C.D. Benediction.

Saturday, August 8: Sponsored by: Port Commission, Chalmers Granaries, Government Factory, Government Press Guilds.

6-30 a.m.	Novena Mass and Stations of the Cross.
7-00 a.m. to 6-00 p.m.	All Day Rosary.
6-00 p.m.	Sermon: Our Lady of Pontmain—1871. "... in the battles of God."

Rev. Fr. Ignatius Pinto, O.M.I.
Benediction.

EUCCHARISTIC TRIDUUM

Sunday, August 9: Sponsored by: Army, Navy, Air Force, Police Guilds.

MEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

6-30 a.m.	Low Mass.
8-00 a.m.	Parochial Mass.
12-00 p.m.	Guild Mass.
6-00 p.m. to 7-00 p.m.	Novenites' Holy Hour. Sermon: Our Lady of Fatima—1917. "The Sun Her Mantle." Very Rev. Fr. D. D. Barsenbach, O.S.B. Benediction.

Monday, August 10: Sponsored by: Prisons, Municipality, Education Department, Colombo Commercial Company Guilds.

6-30 a.m.	Novena Mass. Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. P. Selmer, O.M.I., Vice-Provincial. Exposition, All Day Adoration. Novenites' Holy Hour. Sermon: Our Lady of Banneux—1933. "Mother of the Poor." Very Rev. Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald, S.S.S. Benediction.
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Tuesday, August 11: Sponsored by: Cargills, Income Tax, James Finlay, Walkers' Guilds.

6-30 a.m.	Novena Mass. Celebrant: The Very Rev. Fr. Ch. Reymann, O.M.I., Vicar-General. Exposition, All Day Adoration. Novenites' Holy Hour. Sermon: Our Lady of Beauraing—1934. "Heart of Gold." Rev. Fr. Denis Boers, O.F.M. Benediction.
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Wednesday, August 12: Sponsored by: Doctors', Nurses' and Lawyers' Guilds.

5-30 a.m.	Low Mass.
6-30 a.m.	Novena Mass. Celebrant: His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I., Archbishop of Colombo. Exposition, All Day Adoration. Novenites' Holy Hour. Sermon: Our Lady of Beauraing—1934. "Heart of Gold." Rev. Fr. Denis Boers, O.F.M. Benediction.
7-15 a.m.	Low Mass.
3-00 p.m.	Perpetual Novena. Preacher: Rev. Fr. T. J. Connolly, C.S.S.R.
5-30 p.m.	Perpetual Novena.
7-00 p.m.	Perpetual Novena. His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo will impart Benediction.

JOHN HERAT, O.M.I.

All Saints' Church,
Borella.

• Another Film on the way...

ADVANCE reports reaching Robin Hood from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios in California, indicate that religious aspects will be emphasized and carefully visualized in the new screen production of "Ben-Hur" bearing the sub-title "A Tale of the Christ."

Identifying the story as a deeply spiritual account of the early Christian era from the birth of Christ to the crucifixion, religious advisors were on the set in Rome, working closely with Director William Wyler, during the scenes of nativity, the sermon on the mount, the crucifixion, the encounter with the lepers and other scenes. Although Christ is portrayed by a man, His face is never shown, nor is His voice heard.

Ceylon audiences can look forward to a memorable production that bids fair to out-rival "The Ten Commandments" the Cecil B. de Mille classic.

Men's Day of Recollection

FOR the fifth time in succession the Central Council of Catholic Guilds has organised a Day of Recollection for all Catholics working in the offices in the city on Sunday, 9th August, 1959 at All Saints' Church, Borella.

A programme has been arranged to fit in with the Series of Novenas in connection with the 400th Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

Rev. Fr. Justin Perera is expected to conduct the Service.

A fee of Rs. 1/50 is payable to defray the cost of lunch, tiffin, and other incidental expenses. You are invited to contact the Secretaries of Guild or Mr. P. I. E. Smale, Ministry of Transport and Power, P.W.D. Headquarters, Fort.

Those participating should give their names by Wednesday the 5th August, to enable arrangements to be made to provide meals.

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KANDY'S NEW BISHOP— Ad Multos Annos

THE big news of the week was an event which Catholics of Ceylon had awaited with much eagerness—the nomination of the Bishop of Kandy. And so, we take this first opportunity to express to His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B., our felicitations on the signal confidence reposed in him by the Supreme Pontiff; but we go much further—for we would wish to express to His Lordship our constant loyalty to him at all times and everywhere. While we join the Catholics of Kandy in rejoicing that the Holy See has filled the vacancy created by the resignation of his predecessor, we feel it our bounden duty, as the Catholic newspaper of Ceylon, to pledge ourselves unquestioningly to all that the new Bishop will expect of us, and to assure him of our loyalty and devotion, and that he will always find in us ready instruments at his disposal. For, after all, our main task is to place in the forefront of the Catholic conscience one, and only one thing—the Big Cause of Christ and His Church.

By an exquisite coincidence, still another important event takes place this week—the arrival in Ceylon of His Excellency the Most Rev. Dr. James Knox, Apostolic Delegate. We on our part cannot but see an important link between these two events. His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate represents for us in these parts, all that the Supreme Pontiff stands for. He is the repository of the Pope's authority; he is the representative of the power of the keys. He is for us, in short, the Rock of Peter—united to which we shall never falter, but without which, all is undoubtedly lost.

And so, on this his third visit to Ceylon, we renew once more, on behalf of the Catholics of Ceylon, our fidelity to His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, and through him to the Supreme Pontiff, His Holiness Pope John XXIII, whom he represents with such distinction. But even as we do so, we turn our eyes to Kandy's new Prelate—for, if there is one message which Rome beams out to us in Ceylon through the Apostolic Delegate, and if there is one lesson which His Excellency Dr. Knox himself has stressed on more occasions than one, it is undoubtedly this: the indispensable and irreplaceable necessity of an unflinching and unquestioning obedience and loyalty to our Bishops.

Let us say it clearly—the tragedy of the so-called “national” or “progressive” Church (that diabolical creation of the Communist countries) is primarily the revolt against the Bishops appointed by Rome, and basically the revolt against the Rock of Peter. For us Catholics who are still free, and can reflect and decide with an unclouded vision, it should of course be obvious that there can be absolutely no Church of Christ whatever, truncated from Rome; that there can be no Church of the Apostles, which is severed from the apostolic succession of the Bishops. With Peter, we stand; without Peter, we crash into the ignominy and the emptiness of a pseudo-Church. With our lawfully appointed Bishops, we are linked to Rome, the fountain-head of grace; away from them, we are like dumb, driven, cattle, wallowing in the hollowness of deceit and tragedy.

And so it is, that Catholics of Ceylon, and in particular the Catholics of Kandy, will lift up their eyes and their hearts to His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B., Bishop-designate of Kandy, Pastor and shepherd of his sheep, the link that binds the Catholics of Kandy Diocese to Rome the centre of Christendom, the channel through which the sacramental life will be kept intact and vibrant by union with the See of Peter, the new Bishop will be a necessary and indispensable part of the Catholic life of each individual Catholic of the flock entrusted to his care. United to him, their union with Rome is secure; obedient and loyal to him, their obedience and loyalty to the See of Peter is assured.

But our minds wander to still another figure, one whom the Catholics of Ceylon and in particular of Kandy Diocese have always cherished with the utmost reverence and love: His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bernard Regno, O.S.B., who resigned from the Bishopric of Kandy last year. Of him, it is difficult to write, for we are painfully aware that what we would wish to say—what, in fact, anyone and everyone who has come into contact with him, would wish to say—would offend his innate simplicity and humility. The extraordinary tribute paid to His Lordship by the non-Catholic Principal of Trinity College last year is one side of him; but the tribute that rises up spontaneously from hundreds and thousands of simple hearts, from the hearts of the children, of the poor, and of the “coolies,” in one unique poem of praise, would express more than anything else what Ceylon and Kandy owe to this man of God, this troubadour of Mary's Rosary.

Bishop Regno bows out, and Bishop Nanayakkara steps in—both links in the unending apostolic chain which takes us back to Christ and to His Apostles. We can only hope and pray that the love which Bishop Regno received, from Catholic and non-Catholic alike, will always be there with the new Bishop of Kandy.

● AUSTRALIA'S BISHOPS' PASTORAL LETTER ON DIVORCE CASES

LAWYERS are WARNED

PENDING federal legislation which would supersede the divorce codes of the various Australian states has prompted the Catholic Bishops of Australia to issue a joint pastoral letter stating the moral position for Catholics in general, for Catholics in divorce cases, and for lawyers.

The Pastoral, while taking no stand for or against the “Uniform Divorce Bill” now before the Commonwealth Parliament, asserts that the number of divorcees “has become so great as to threaten the moral stability of civil society.”

(2) the Bishop has given permission for a judicial separation or divorce to be sought as the only

interests when they are attacked, a Catholic lawyer may act for a person if the other party institutes in the civil court an action attacking the marriage, because he may always defend the marriage bond.”

● Interpreting the law

In England, states a Catholic lawyer, it is usual to decide each case on its own merits, the general view being taken that the lawyer's job in accepting a brief is to interpret the law as it stands. Usually, however, a Catholic lawyer will, where possible, not accept a brief involving a Catholic or Catholics.

Writing on the position of Catholic judges, the Australian Bishops say that because of existing conditions there appears to be “a grave and proportionate reason for allowing judges generally, in the absence of scandal and within the limits of reasonable necessity, to act in divorce cases.”

● Opportunity

Position in England with regard to Catholic judges acting in divorce cases is roughly similar. Again they are there to interpret the law as it stands. They also have the advantage and the opportunity of being able to offer constructive advice which, though perhaps rarely, might bring about a reconciliation between the intending divorcees—an additional consideration where children are concerned.

PIN-POINTS

from the
Pastoral
Letter •

● For lawyers

The pastoral letter has this to say concerning Catholic lawyers:

“A Catholic lawyer may not undertake a divorce case when the marriage, whether of Catholics or non-Catholics, is valid and indissoluble, and it is the intention of one or of both of the parties in the event of divorce to remarry contrary to divine law.”

The pastoral qualifies the ban on Catholic lawyers taking part in divorce actions: “There are . . . circumstances in which a Catholic lawyer may undertake with a good conscience, certain cases involving divorce.

● Exceptions

“(a) if he has the Bishop's explicit approval and does nothing contrary to divine or ecclesiastical law; or (b) he is informed from the diocesan church office either that (1) the marriage has been declared null or dissolved, or

means of avoiding some serious evil, it being understood that the prescribed oath not to remarry in the lifetime of the other party has been taken.

“Further, since everyone has the right to protect his lawful

Apostolic Delegate will Celebrate RED MASS

(from our Negombo correspondent)

A GLITTERING galaxy of Catholic judges and lawyers in Court dress are expected to attend Mass on Sunday, 2 August, 1959 at St. Mary's Church, Negombo, on the occasion of the feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Patron Saint of lawyers.

HIS EXCELLENCY DR. JAMES R. KNOX, APOSTOLIC DELEGATE FOR CEYLON, WILL CELEBRATE MASS AT 8 A.M.

Numerous invitations have gone

out from the Hony. Joint Secretaries of the Negombo Catholic Lawyers' Guild to judges and lawyers in the outstations and they are expected to assemble at the Mission House at 7-30 a.m.

Students' Federation in the North

(from a “Messenger” correspondent)

THE second terminal meeting for the current year of the Regional Council of the Catholic Students' Federation in the North was held on Sunday, the 12th of July, at Senthakulam, Illavalai, when a half-day programme was gone through. The members affiliated to the Council were present in large numbers. Rev. Fr. B. Constantine was the speaker for the day, he gave an eloquent talk on the “Rights and Duties of the Employer and Employee.”

The house then proceeded to pass the following resolutions:—

1. There should be no political or state influence over trade unions which work for the welfare of private enterprise.

2. We accept the “Social

list” economic solutions based on Christian principles.

3. Unions can go on strike, on condition the cause is just.

4. The minimum wage should be determined:

(a) Standard of living.

(b) Revenue.

5. The employer must provide, not only a just wage, but also a living wage.

6. Labour has the right to organise itself to form trade unions.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was then imparted by Rev. Fr. Constantine. The proceedings of the day concluded with a social.

Catholics of Ceylon will of course be on their knees these weeks—imploping God and His Blessed Mother that Kandy's new Bishop may have every grace and strength to nurture the flock entrusted to his care; that he may always have the love, loyalty and obedience of his children—whatever the future may hold for the Church in this dear land of ours!

Horagolla honours St. Pius X

(from Peter Jaarwardene, “Messenger” correspondent)

DEEP devotion, pomp and pageantry marked the celebrations held by Catholics of Horagolla, Marawila, recently in honour of their Patron Saint, Pius X.

A large number of pilgrims from remote places thronged the church precincts to capacity.

The feast was preceded by a retreat preached by Rev. Frs. I. G. Mahoney, C.S.S.R., E. Thevarapperuma, C.S.S.R. and Marcus Manatunga, C.S.S.R. Rev. Fr. Thevarapperuma sang the Festive Mass while Rev. Frs. J. L. J. F. Fernando and Marcus Manatunga acted as deacon and sub-deacon respectively. The choir of St. Paul's Seminary, Marawila, was in attendance.

Rev. Fr. G. Quintus Perera, preached a stirring sermon.

A solemn procession carrying the Statue of the Saint on a beautifully bedecked chariot brought the celebrations to a close.

S. V. P. Feast at Kadalana

(from a “Messenger” correspondent)

THE Ladies of Charity, Kadalana, gave the poor a real Feast on Sunday, 19th July, by providing a special lunch for 175 persons at St. Anthony's Church premises, where they celebrated the Feast of St. Vincent De Paul. Revd. Father Vincent Paul Perera, the Parish Priest, who blessed the meals prepared by the energetic Ladies of Charity, was full of joy at this fine gesture and assured the contributors of the blessings they would earn.

Polonnaruwa Celebrates

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

HIS Lordship, Dr. Ignatius Glennie, S.J., Bishop of Trincomalee, brought to a close the celebrations at Polonnaruwa church in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary with a stirring sermon on Sunday morning, July 19th, during the Confirmation service. He said that the Catholics of that place were especially dear to Our Lord for three reasons. First,

like it was in Jerusalem, so here Our Lord had nowhere to lay His head. To meet His disciples he went under the trees, in the fields, slept in the houses of friends. The Polonnaruwa Catholics had only a makeshift little shelter where Mass was celebrated. Secondly, like the first Christians, these Catholics too are a small minority with much to suffer for their faith. And thirdly, this "Church" had been dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, so

them to remain faithful as they would eventually be the seed that would sprout forth in abundant harvest.

The celebrations were preceded by two weeks of spiritual retreats in three different centres. On Saturday, July 18 Pontifical Vespers was sung by His Lordship the Bishop of Trincomalee in the presence of a very large congregation. A life-size statue of Our Lady of the Rosary was then taken in procession through the area.

On Sunday morning, His Lordship celebrated low Mass and this was followed by a Confirmation service. Rev. Fr. Carlo, the Parish Priest, had arranged every detail so perfectly, and showed that he knew his sheep so well and personally, that the whole celebrations, the first ever in this parish, were conducted perfectly without a hitch, though with plenty of worry and effort on his part. The crowd was indeed surprisingly large.

The crowds have dispersed, the coconut palms shelter the pilgrims, no more, but the Catholics of Polonnaruwa have given evidence of their renewed fervour and they know that all their brothers in Christ join them in praying that one day they too will have a fitting place to offer Christ when He comes to visit them in the Mass, and a permanent home to offer Him in the Blessed Sacrament so that they may be permanent hosts to the God whose delight it is to be with the children of men.



Dehiwala Thrift Society

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

ON Sunday, the 24th of May, 1959, at the Mission House, St. Mary's Church, Dehiwala, a Thrift and Credit Society was launched when the draft Rules of the Society were approved. The Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Cyril Peiris, presided. The objects of the Society are to promote the economic interests of its members by encouraging thrift and regular savings. The monthly contribution is Rs. 1/-, or any sum in excess of Rs. 1/- which is a multiple of Rs. 1/-. Loans can be obtained up to 90 per cent. of the amount in the member's contribution account. There is provision also for special loans to meet urgent and unforeseen expenses in connection with illness, marriage or death in the member's family.

At the inaugural meeting the following members were elected to form the Society's first Managing Committee:—

President: Rev. Fr. Cyril Peiris (Parish Priest, ex-officio); **Vice-President:** Mr. A. E. R. Candappa; **Treasurer:** Mr. C. L. B. Perera; **Secretary:** Mr. Peter J. Fernando; **Asst. Secretary:** Mr. Claude Rodrigo; **Committee:** Messrs. H. V. F. Abeyakoon, Walter F. Abhayaratne, A. D. D'Abreia, Patrick Fernando, M. M. P. Gunawardena and Malcolm A. Pereira.

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✠ Edmund Peiris, O.M.I.
Bishop of Chilaw.

KANDY PRIZE-GIVING

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

FRIDAY, the 24th July was the first Prize Day at St. Anthony's Girls' School, Kandy since its inception.

His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. D. B. Regno, O.S.B., Administrator of the Diocese of Kandy and Titular Bishop of Bagau presided and distributed the prizes.

Rev. Fr. D. H. Rudolph, Principal of St. Anthony's College, Kandy read the Report of the Mother Superior Rev. Mother St. Bernard.

The Bishop in his address stated that he did not wish to make any statement regarding the present controversial question of schools. Instead he recounted the work of the Nuns in charge of schools and laid stress particularly on the

beginning and development St. Anthony's Girls' School, Kandy. His Lordship also made reference to the work of the Nuns working in Hospitals and their gradual removal from these institutions. Those who would most suffer by the discontinuance of these nuns' services would be the poor sick who came under their care.

His Lordship congratulated the Prize Winners and spoke words of encouragement to those who had tried but had not received prizes. He exhorted them to work studiously in the future.

Thecla Pereira, the School Captain thanked His Lordship and all those present for their kind patronage, on behalf of the school.

"CONVERSION OF HEART" SUNDAY AT BATTICALOA

THE Puliyanivu Parish of Batticaloa recently had a day of Prayer for "Conversion of Heart." Throughout the day the

(from Rienze Balthazar, "Messenger" correspondent)

Blessed Sacrament was exposed on the altar and the Catholics of the area responded well to the call to prayer. Each hour was set aside for a particular religious organisation and a preacher delivered a sermon to each group, stressing the mercy of Jesus. Rev. Fr. G. F. Cooley, S.J., spoke to the

school children on "Meditation," while Rev. Fathers Henry Poniah, Mis. Ap., C. P. Boudreaux, S.J., and F. L. Clarkson, S.J., preached to the elders.

In the evening, the Blessed Sacrament was taken in procession and finally Benediction was given after the chanting of the *Te Deum* by Rev. Fr. Clarkson.

Another day of prayer was held with continuous recitation of the Rosary throughout the day from 4-30 a.m. till 8-30 p.m. to ask God to spare the world.

Pope's Vacation

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DOCTOR'S ADVICE

The Pontiff, now in his 77th year is anxious to continue working in Rome despite the heat, but it was only on the advice of his doctors that he agreed to leave the Vatican and spend some time at the summer villa.

Before he left he announced he would hold two general audiences a week at Castelgandolfo — at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

And, because of the difficulties in accommodating big crowds at the villa, a special radio link has been connected between Castelgandolfo and St. Peter's in Rome.

Pilgrims in the Square will hear a simultaneous broadcast by loud-speakers of the Pope's address as he speaks in Castelgandolfo.

An Appreciation

FR. CLEMENT V. CROOS, O.M.I.

WITH the death of Fr. Clement V. Croos, O.M.I. at day-break on Monday, the 20th of July, the Archdiocese of Colombo has lost one of its best-loved City parish priests. With his 27 years in Slave Island-Colpetty he was certainly the one with the longest living record of service at the head of a Colombo parish. One would have thought him "to the manner born" in the tactfulness, the calm cordiality and courteousness with which he met people of all professions and occupations (even the professionally unoccupied), all degrees of education, all stations of life and rungs of the social ladder. Such a variety, indeed any City parish priest is bound to encounter; but at Slave Island-Colpetty Fr. Croos was, we venture to state, in a very privileged position in this regard, for he was at the cross roads or at the very core of a cross-section of the Metropolis.

Now, from top to bottom of the two parishes that were for a long time undividedly under his pastoral care and always to the end undivided in his priestly heart, all souls will concur with us in affirming that with a certain gruffness of voice sometimes and a finality of ruling to accompany it that might have seemed reminiscent of his earlier years of outstation work but were in reality a deliberately-assumed "protective armour," Fr. Croos always gave a person a square deal and rounded it off suitably with pastoral benevolence.

Did he bring the good qualities that underlie this successful combination with him to St. Bernard's Seminary in 1903? His birthplace Periyamulla, we know, is a suburb that has the unmixed blessings of Catholic Negombo; it has given us pastors we would be impertinent to praise. Besides, on his way to St. Bernard's, young Clement Valerian Croos had passed through both St. Mary's College (Negombo) and St. Joseph's. Whatever it be, later on as a priest he was to spend long years connected with educational establishments (Holy Cross, 1912-14; and again from 1921 to 1930; in between, St. Mary's, Avissawella 1914

to 1920; and certainly not to be discounted, his Alma Mater, St. Joseph's for one full year from January 1930).

It is hard not to think that this "college work" was what prepared Fr. Croos best for his final assignment as City parish priest. For one thing, it brought him into close and lasting contact with those who were one day to be the men-city residents or city-workers — and these were just the ones on whom he would build his administration of the parish where so much was still to be created.

Quite possibly, one thing he certainly brought with him from the cradle was his business sense, his ability to husband and handle funds efficiently. At all events, inherited or acquired, the gift was his and the proof of it is in many realisations, but most of all in the present St. Anthony's, Colpetty.

That was indeed his life-work. What makes it all the more remarkable is that it came his way when he was close on sixty and (according to Ceylon time) might have been thinking of "retiring." But that was one thing Fr. Croos could think of only with a cold shudder. He dreaded a "classified" old age of inactivity.

Once or twice in more recent years, the spectre seemed to take shape. We know good Fr. Croos was shaken by it, but it only made him steel his nerves to stay on at his post. Divine Providence has been extremely delicate. Fr. Croos was really able to hold out to the end. He has fallen, as he desired, in the breach. Till the day before he received Extreme Unction, he was still discussing Sunday arrangements. His buoyancy of spirits and the even physical stoutness of his heart held out good hopes for his recovery from the exhaustion to which this year's particularly virulent Flu had reduced him. An accidental fall tipped the scales the other way, and after three days of unconsciousness Fr. Croos crossed the bar. This year he had completed fifty years as a professor of Oblate of Mary Immaculate and the Province was preparing to lionise him at next month's Retreat. But the call was probably stronger from the others of his "batch," who are all on the other side already.

Falling in the breach, Fr. Croos received the full honours of the field. His parish claimed the honour of having him lie in state in its church and of accompanying him from there to his last resting place. They are not likely to forget him soon.

PERSONAL

WE request the prayers of our readers for the repose of the soul of:

the mother of Rev. Fr. S. Don Marcelline (Procurator General of the Chilaw Diocese) who died last week, and

the mother of Rev. Fr. Joseph Silva (Parish Priest, Hambantota) who also died last week.

R.I.P.

NEGOMBO CATHOLIC LAWYERS' GUILD

His Excellency the Delegate Apostolic will say Mass and preach at the

RED MASS

at St. Mary's Church, Negombo on Sunday, 2nd August, 1959.

All Catholic Judges, Lawyers (Court attire) are invited for Mass and breakfast. Intending participants please send in names to:—

Fr. Stanley Fernando,
St. Mary's Church, Negombo.
Tel: 228, Negombo. 501

KANDY BISHOP-ELECT

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of Kandy.

After the elevation to his Priesthood, the Bishop-Elect served in various capacities as teacher, Head Warden of Hostels, and Head Master of St. Anthony's College Primary Department.

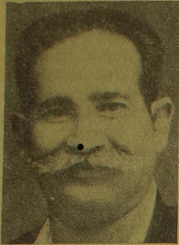
The Bishop-Elect is a very keen sportsman, and he is 42 years of age. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Nanayakkara, of Pagoda, Nugegoda.

(See Editorial on page 6).

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IN MEMORIAM



Arumawaduga Moses Silva
Born 8-1-1900
Died 2-8-1955

He is gone into the world of light. Merciful Jesus let one drop of that precious blood which flowed from Thy wounds be applied to the soul of **Moses Silva** if he is still detained in purgatory. Since it was shed for him too, so let it solace, comfort and relieve him. Amen.

(Inserted by his loving wife and children)

"Sinai"
Moses Lane,
Katukurunda, Moratuwa. 480

Fernandopulle

Unfading birthday memories of dear lost one—Christine Alma Kumudhini. Born 24th July '58 died 17th Feb. '59.

"Jesus came to gather flowers and on his way he gathered ours."

Always remembered by John Silverani and dear Anna Manik. 482

Joseph Edmund De Andrado

Born: 31 July 1896
Died: 4 August 1954

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

May he rest in peace.
1/1, Station Road,
Wellawatte. 452

Dr. P. F. R. Lobo

Died: 11th May, 1959

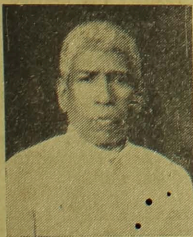
A Requiem High Mass will be sung for the repose of his soul at St. Mary's Church, Negombo on Saturday, 8th August, at 6.15 a.m.

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

May he rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers are kindly requested for the repose of his soul.

63, Chilaw Road,
Negombo. 456



S. Lazarus Fernando Vembar
Died 1st July 1959

"May light eternal shine upon him, O Lord;
With Thy saints for ever more, for Thou art gracious."

A Requiem High Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena at 7 a.m. on Saturday 8th August 1959.

Fondly remembered by Mr. & Mrs. V. X. B. Fernando,
21, Seventeenth Lane,
College Street, Kotahena. 511

Clement Antony Pieries

Died: 2nd August 1954

As falling leaves the years rode by
But loving memories of you will never die.
May he rest in peace.

Fondly remembered by his wife.
Seeduwa. 495



Brenda Mavis

(Mrs. H. Sydney Marshall)

Born: 11-10-29
Called to rest on 6-8-57
(2nd Anniversary)

"Gentle Jesus, Saviour blest
Grant to her eternal rest."

A Requiem Mass will be sung at St. Joseph's Church, Moratuwa on Thursday 6-8-59 at 6.15 a.m.

Lovingly remembered by her sorrowing husband, children, parents, (Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilfred Rodrigo), brothers and sisters.

"Mateland,"
De Soysa Road,
Moratuwa. 494

Mrs. Elizabeth Kulatunge

Died 29th July 1958

Eternal rest grant unto her
O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. — Amen.

A Requiem High Mass will be sung at St. Mary's Church, Mattakuliya, on Monday, the 3rd August, at 6-15 a.m. — No. 128, Centre Road, Mattakuliya. 505

Lucy Gomez

Died 1-8-1956

Third Anniversary

Three years have flown,
They say time heals,
We haven't as yet
Felt a tinge of this.

Fondly remembered by her husband and four children.

"Courtallam"
Peradeniya Road,
Kandy. 486

PERSONAL

TAMBINAYAGAM

Mr. Terence Tambinayagam requests prayers for the souls of his parents, **VICTOR** and **TINY** **TAMBINAYAGAM** who died on 6th August, 1954 and 27th April, 1949 respectively. Masses will be offered at Underbank, Nuwara Eliya, and at the Church of the Assumption, Mount Lavinia, at 6.30 a.m. on the 6th. 500

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

DE ZILVA-PIETERSZ, LUCIAN and **CECILY** sincerely thank the Rev. Fathers, Rev. Mothers, all friends and relations who attended their wedding and sent gifts and congratulatory messages. They regret their inability to thank them individually. — 47, Hill St. Kotahena, Colombo 13. 504

THANKSGIVING

MY heartfelt thanks to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour for numerous favours granted. J. F. 488

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WILL any charitably disposed Catholic kindly come to the rescue of a fellow Catholic who is in need of a loan of Rs. 500/-, to be repaid with a reasonable interest within a year. He is willing to give a promissary note or even enter into a notarial bond as an earnest of his bona fide intention to repay the loan. 477

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CHURCH NOTICES

ST. ANNE'S FEAST

KURANA

1st August: 8 p.m. Vespers
2nd August: Low Masses from 5 a.m.
High Mass at 8 a.m.

Salpila in aid of Building Fund.
466 Parish Priest.

GIRIULLA

Annual Feast of St. Rogus

Heavenly intercessor for the cure of skin diseases and other wounds.

8th August 7 p.m. Vespers.

9th August 8-30 a.m. Festival High Mass.

D. E. Weerakkody O.M.I.
Parish Priest.
Giriulla.

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S. O. S.

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ALL DEVOTEES OF

St. ANNE

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FEAST OF KING OF KINGS

RAJARATA (HINGURAKGODA)

16-8-59

SPECIAL INVITATION TO MADHU PILGRIMS

Madhu Pilgrims are earnestly requested to attend this feast of Christ the King of Rajarata-Hingurakgoda on their way back home and thus join the handful of their Catholic brethren in this locality in publicly manifesting their loyalty to their King of Kings.

PROGRAMME

August 8th-16th: Retreat in Preparation for the Feast preached by 2 Redemptorist Fathers.

August 15th: Evening 7-30 p.m. Pontifical Vespers by His Lordship Rt. Revd. Dr. Ignatius Glennie, S.J., Bishop of Trincomalee.

August 16th: Morning 5, 6, 7 a.m. Low Masses. 8 a.m. Pontifical High Mass.

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Parish Priest,
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OUR LADY IN THE CITY OF GEMS

THE homes of "the City of Gems" were blessed during the past few months by the wondrous gem of God. It was the statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception about twelve inches in height in a cave-like structure near which knelt, with lifted eyes the humble peasant girl Bernadette. Every home, rich and poor, had the privilege of having the Queen of Heaven for four and twenty hours.

On the day of reception each family knelt at the altar to share in the sacrifice of Calvary. Then, with the King of Kings in their hearts they welcomed their heavenly Queen at

6 p.m. The statue was received by the head of the family and placed at the altar of their own choice and taste, adorned with flowers bright and gay. The holy rosary was re-

cited and hymns sung, before the priest left the house.

WHISPERING THOUGHTS

Usually the other families gathered round to join in prayer for this particular family and they in turn prayed for the others. Thus, through Mary the spirit of prayer was awakened in the hearts of all present. Little chil-

By
Florence Ratnam

dren with joined hands whispered their own thoughts.

Nearly every home had the Holy Hour. Some had it from 10 to 11 p.m. and others from 11 to 12 p.m. It was a day of prayer on which many graces were solicited and granted.

On Sunday evening the Blessed Virgin returned to her Father's House. There was Evening Mass at the grotto and a candle-light procession.

The sun shone brightly with silver clouds rolling above us. The congregation sang the Mass. Lo! all of a sudden the white heavenly clouds turned to threatening black clouds. Again it was the unreliable weather of Ratnapura. Yet we had hopes. I thought of the storm at sea—it was God's holy will. The torrents of water flowed from the sky. Some mothers took their children in, but many stayed

TALKS WITH Juniors

HOW TO MAKE AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

My dear children,

The first and essential disposition for a good Examination of Conscience is sincerity of purpose.

We cannot be sincere unless we take a good look at ourselves—an honest look, whatever it costs us.

There are a few thoughts that should accompany our Examination of Conscience.

First, let us seek light... let us recite the Come Holy Ghost so that the Holy Spirit may help us to see ourselves as we really are.

Secondly, let us thank the Lord, for the graces of the day, in a word or two.

Thirdly, for a few minutes let us examine our thoughts, words and deeds... in the light of the Commandments... we may even review our actions in relation with our duties to God, our neighbours and ourselves.

Fourthly, we shall promise the Lord to do better on the morrow and, if possible, pick out one little fault and keep tugging at it till it is finally uprooted.

Fifthly, we shall ask the Lord grace to keep our resolutions.

God bless you.

Always in Jesus and Mary,

UNCLE ASHLEY

(Next week: Particular Examination of Conscience).

Scrap Book Club News

Hello Scrappists!

More and more boys and girls, I am delighted to report, are getting into their stride. They are keen on the Scrap Book habit suggested in these columns. They have taken to the idea in right royal earnest and I have no doubt that in the months ahead they will find it immense fun gathering material for their Scrap Books from the Schools-Mag.

The "Famous People" series begun today, will be good material for your Scrap Books. Start collecting them. And, of course, the series on Christian names (you'll find two of them below) will also be continued.

Meanwhile, here's saying cheerio to all you Scrap Book Collectors!—Scissor-and-Paste.

• IS YOUR NAME VICTOR?

ST. Victor of Marseilles, a fourth century martyr, is the Patron Saint of millers.

He was an Army Officer who suffered for Christ in 304, at Marseilles (France) where his tomb was a place of pilgrimage at an early date.

Before his martyrdom, his foot was chopped for kicking a statue of Jupiter to which he had been ordered to offer incense.

He was condemned to be put under the grindstone of a handmill and crushed to death.

The executioners turned the wheel and when part of his body was bruised and crushed the mill broke down.

Feast Day: July 21.

• IS YOUR NAME MARIETTA?

THIS is, of course, a variant of Mary, so you are named after Our Lady, you lucky little lady!

As well, you share the name with St. Maria Goretti, the young Italian girl of our own days, who died rather than consent to sin.

Her name was Maria (the Latin, or Italian, form of Mary), but in the family circle she had a pet name—and this was Marietta.

The Feast of St. Maria Goretti is July 9.

Feasts of Our Lady are of course constantly occurring throughout the year.

If your name is Marietta (or Mary) you might perhaps make choice of one of these as your own special day.

About Famous People Florence Nightingale

THE Nightingales were a wealthy family. They travelled a great deal and were staying in the Italian town of Florence when Florence Nightingale was born. So that is why she was given that name. Although as she grew older she had everything she could wish for, a life of ease did not appeal to her and she made a vow to be of use to the world.

She wanted work, or as we say nowadays, a profession. Today she would have become a woman doctor, but in those days, a little more than half-a-century ago, no woman could become a doctor or choose the life she would lead. It is to her, and women like her that the girls and women of today owe much of their freedom and opportunities.

From her early childhood Florence had shown a wish to heal wounds and relieve suffering. For her training she had to go to Paris. At last, and it was a great day for her, she was allowed to set up a kind of charitable nursing home.

But she had been at the nursing home a very short time when the Crimean war broke out. Terrible

stories came back of the sufferings of the soldiers through the lack of proper medical attention. Florence immediately realised that the chance for which she had been waiting and preparing for had come. She managed to get permission to take out a small band of nurses at her own expense. When she arrived she found that the condition of the soldiers was worse even than she had expected.

Fortunately she had brought some stores with her and with the help of funds placed in her hands she procured more. She organized the nursing of the wounded soldiers and she had boilers installed and saw that the bed linen and clothing were washed. She took over the question of their food and gave them soups and the nourishing foods they needed when they were ill. In the end only one man in fifty died of his wounds.

Every soldier tried to be a better man because of her. She and her little band of nurses worked day and night and because Florence made a practice of going round the dark wards every night with a lamp, she was affectionately spoken of as "the Lady with the Lamp."

ST. CECILIA'S JUNIOR NETBALL CHAMPS



(Top Row): Celine Barthelot and Sundaraluxmini Kasipathy.
(Seated): Sushiladevi Canagasabai (captain), Lilian Tisseverasinghe

and Malini Canagasebai.
(Bottom Row): Sarathadevi Iyakutti and Sarathadevi Santhirasegaram

THE Junior Netball team of St. Cecilia's Convent, Batticaloa, created history recently when they won the Eastern Province Netball title. The standard produced by the Cecilians throughout the season was appreciably high and they deserved the tremendous applause they received from the vast crowds present to witness their matches.

The Junior Cecilians started their programme with a match against R.K.M. English School, which went down fighting 12-7. A few days later the

Cecilians were dubbed the "giant-killers" when they trounced the more fancied Vincent Girls' High School 9-5. The form displayed by the Con-

• Sports Activities

vent in this game was remarkable, and every member of the team did her bit of work efficiently and without great difficulty.

Two more matches were played against Arasadi and Mount Carmel

from Rienzie Balthazaar

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Convent, Kalmunai, which again ended in victories for St. Cecilia's by 9-4 and 10-4 respectively.

This row of victories gave them a berth in the Finals of the Eastern Province Championships. Their opponents, Thambiluvil Government School, lacked the co-ordination and fitness that the Convent girls possessed and they were beaten very convincingly 24-1.

It should be added that throughout this season the team played consistently well and if they play true to their form, they would constitute a threat to any team in future championship games.

Teacher: "I have went out" what is wrong in that?
John: Because you aint went out yet.
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Free Offers...

Dear Editor,

I like very much to help a member of the Schools-Mag or any other non-member by supplying a copy of the Messenger in English and the Gnanartha Pradipaya regularly.

As you know, I am a Seminarian of St. Joseph's Minor Seminary and a regular reader of both English and Sinhalese Catholic papers.

I know that there are many boys and girls of my age who just can't afford to buy these papers weekly and I hope that my poor offering will help at least one or two of them.

I shall remail the papers to them on the following Tuesday.

E. Antony Joe de Soysa.
St. Joseph's Minor Seminary,
N.C. Road, Uppuveli,
Trincomalee.

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Dear Editor,

I have many copies of last year's Catholic Digest and those members of your page who write to me enclosing a 4 cts. stamp for postage will receive a copy from me, at no cost.

Victor Melder.

48, Railway Bungalow,
Nawalapitiya.

...and a Request

Dear Editor,

St. Mary's College, Negombo has a Y.C.S. cell functioning. We have decided to help the poor boys of the college. But for this we need funds. To collect the necessary finances we have started a campaign selling stamps, both foreign and local and old newspapers.

We need customers for this campaign—generous ones. So if the readers of your valuable column are ready to help us, please ask them to write to me. They would greatly help our cause by buying these stamps or helping us to sell them.

I am sure the stamp collectors will be interested. Not only do they get these stamps, but they will also be helping us to satisfy the hunger of a poor boy who does not get one square meal a day.

Readers could also help us, by sending us their extra stamps and asking their mothers (who generally like to sell them to the old newspaperman and get a few rupees) to sacrifice a few newspapers. We don't ask for pounds of old newspapers, but just a few papers.

Ranjit Boparatchy
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MY HOBBY

MUSIC is one of my hobbies. I love it so much that although I am a very backward pupil at it, I do not want to give it up. I enjoy it so much that it is a pleasure to practice my pieces and scales every day. My teacher is Mrs. Bevan, she is very patient and kind. She helps me always, gently correcting and guiding my fingers over the notes, and with her help, I mean to sit and pass the

ITS MUSIC

Grade VI this year.

Music soothes the mind, so says a sage. How true it is! When I am worried over my school work (arithmetic is my stumbling block!) I usually go and tinkle on the piano for some time. When I rise from the piano stool I feel refreshed and fit to task my brain for another hour.

Patience Hope on Religious Congregations of Nuns in Ceylon (9)

Birthday Corner

AUGUST 1 TO 8

August 1st: Pat Wickramasinghe (Bambalapitiya) M. G. Perera (Kandy) Daphe T. Ferdinandesz (Colombo 14), Priyashanti Kirthisinghe (Negombo), Cyril Nicholas (Negogoda) B. A. N. R. Nissanka (Kandana), Mahinda Silva (Andiambalama).

August 2nd: Lorraine Rozairo (Colombo 13), Anthony Arendtsz (Galle), Cecil Balasingham (Kelaniya), Hallam Pereira (Colombo 10), Orville Moses (Negogoda) Jacintha Anthony (Ragama).

August 3rd: Shirani Seneveratne (Kelaniya), Kanthi Gunawardena (Galle), Violet Ramanaden (Mutwal), H. M. Cooke (Negogoda), A. C. Wickramasinghe (Colombo 6), J. C. E. Jayawardena (Kalutara), Romany McHeizer (Colombo 6), Maureen Foenander (Kandy), S. Y. Bernadette Waas (Ja-Ela), Ajit de Fonseka (Colombo 10), M. J. S. Kirthisinghe (Negombo), Stephen O. N. Fernando (Negogoda), Therese E. Ragel (Kalmunai), Phyllis Jayasekera (Peradeniya), Ralph Amarsinghe (Guratalawa), Tilak de Silva (Wattala), Pamela Perera (Negombo) Chrysanthus Silva (Wadduwa).

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).

August 5th: Sylvia Fernando (Dehiwela), Christy Gomez (Colombo 4), Maximus Fernando (Marawila), Shanti Weerasinghe (Kelaniya).

August 6th: Valentine Abeysekera (Kadawatta), Monica Gooneratne (Galle), Stanley de Silva (Colombo), Cyrina Martino (Moratuwa), Lynette Appathurai (Kotahena), A. Schroter (Kotahena), Ajantha Coorey (Ratmalana), Navis Paldano (Kandana), Bernadette Gallander (Meetotamulla), George Olagasegram (Negogoda), Ignatius Weeratunga (Negogoda).

August 7th: Leonie Amarasinghe (Kandy), Charles Oorloff (Colombo), Merrill Fernando (Negombo), Joseph Arunachalam (Kandy), Phyllis Silva (Negogoda), Lawrence Mihindukulasuriya (Gampola), Malini G. Fernando (Seeduwa).

DOMINICAN SISTERS

SEE the picture on your right with the three little cuties? The middle one is a foundling. The two on the extremes are twins; don't they make a glorious twosome? The whole trio and lots more are cared for, most lovingly and devotedly, by the Dominican Sisters at Bambalapitiya.

You have only to step in at their Thimbirigasyaya Creche any day and you can see for yourself what an amazing quantum of energy and love they possess. They have a strict, round-the-clock schedule attending to the wants, needs and general guidance of the poor, slum children entrusted to them.

In addition they have their hands full, working at the Milk Feeding Centre where again numberless poor children of the slums get their daily ration of milk. And how these little ones look forward to it!

There is even a new school constructed recently where thirty-six children are on role. They are taught the rudiments of a good citizen's life.

The study of Catechism is given in all three languages. Two graduates are being trained just now, I understand, who will mould the future pupils and guide their destinies.

Young ladies are given regular instructions in Home-making too. There is yet another building coming up in Thimbirigasyaya, partially completed.

Ever since the Dominican Sisters started work in Bambalapitiya way back in 1954, they have never rested and they have gone ahead in their great work for the poor and needy in their midst.

The great need for Vocations still



exists and they are hoping many Ceylonese girls will join them in their endeavours.

The qualifications necessary in a girl are good health, good character, a sufficient knowledge to follow the Exercises of the Novitiate and they should preferably not be over 30 years of age.

Their particular Order generally labelled as the Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena was founded in 1892. Their special objectives are sanctification of their members and the education of youth and the care of the sick and poor.

If you are interested, (and the Dominican Sisters have their own Novitiate now in Ceylon), you are very welcome. Please write for more details from THE REV. MOTHER SUPERIOR, DOMINICAN SISTERS, LAURIES ROAD, BAMBALAPITIYA.

(Next week: The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.)



Slum
children
are
made
happy!

COMPETITION CORNER PRIZES

CHILDREN are requested to fill in the blanks and form a word according to the Clues given.

The Competition is open to all Members and non-Members of the Schools-Mag.

Any number of entries may be sent but each entry should be accompanied with a cutting of this Competition.

A prize of Rs. 5/- will be forwarded to the sender of the first correct solution opened. All entries should be addressed to Geo. P. Solomons, No.

WHAT IS the WORD?

7, Windsor Avenue, Dehiwela and they should reach him on or before 6 August.

1. HO—SE—You would like to own one.
2. SH—PS—People love to enter them.
3. POE—S—Connected with verse.
4. —OOTS—Disturbing sounds.
5. S—IRT—Something worn.
6. TRA—S—Modes of travel.

says,
Bernie Tillekeratne
who wins the prize for this week's
PEN-GEM

Puttalam calling!

Dear Editor,

You will be pleased to hear that the Schools-Mag members at Puttalam are getting on fine. Though we are only a handful, we celebrated the feast of St. Maria Goretti, on Saturday last. After High Mass followed by a procession, we came to our school garden and the active band of Junior Legionaries here joined us and we had a joint party. We had a few items of entertainment accompanied by a piano-accompanist recital. Thanks to our thin but most energetic Rev. Father Kenneth and the paternal assistance we receive from our Parish Priest, we are forging ahead!

Malathi Muttukumaru.

Members' Parade

Nos. 1751 to 1800

1751. Indranie Rodrigo (Dehiwela), 1752. Veronica Perera (Panadura), 1753. Antoinette Wanasinghe (Negombo), 1754. Joyce de Silva (Moratuwa), 1755. Shanti Weerasinghe (Kelaniya), 1756. Joan Setunga (Moratuwa), 1757. Helen Fernando (Moratuwa), 1758. Iranganie Abeyratne (Moratuwa), 1759. L. Fernando (Colombo), 1760. Tressaul Kurukuladhiya (Moratuwa), 1761. Rosemary Fernando (Moratuwa), 1762. Aloma Symons (Boralesgamuwa), 1763. Aloma Stradher (Kelaniya), 1764. Geoffrey de Silva (Kotahena), 1765. Maureen Wijesinghe (Matale), 1766. Beatrice Perera (Kelaniya), 1767. Ann Ebert (Colombo 5), 1768. Mary Pelis (Moratuwa), 1769. Derrick de Hoodt (Tangalle), 1770. Felicia Davidson (Colombo 14), 1771. Maxwell Herft (Mutwal), 1772. Vernon Davidson (Colombo 14), 1773. Suranganie de Coonghe (Negombo), 1774. Malini Kurukuladhiya (Moratuwa), 1775. Ingrid Pereira (Boralesgamuwa), 1776. Lalith de Coongha (Negombo), 1777. Ranees Silva (Moratuwa), 1778. D. Silva (Moratuwa), 1779. D. Leo Callistus (Mutwal), 1780. Aloma Direkze (Mutwal), 1781. Heather Mack (Dehiwela), 1782. Anoma Abeyratne (Kochchikade), 1783. Olivia Fonseka (Matale), 1784. Neville Perera (Colombo 15), 1785. Elwin Fernando (Kalutara), 1786. Bryan Landsberger (Trincomalee), 1787. R. A. Joseph (Kandy), 1788. Jennifer Motha (Mutwal), 1789. Sperling Ziegelaar (Dehiwela), 1790. Thelma Laughlin (Kandy), 1791. Marina Fernando (Moratuwa), 1792. Yvette Powel (Colombo 5), 1793. Maureen Anandappa (Colombo 13), 1794. Valentine Fernando (Kochchikade), 1795. Philip Juriansz (Colombo 13), 1796. Marcian Fernando (Kochchikade), 1797. E. A. J. De Soysa (Trincomalee), 1798. Ranjane Perera (Rajagiriya), 1799. Ronald Fernando (Colombo 14), 1800. M. P. Phillip (Gampola).
(To be continued).

In our parish, a priest opened the slide in the confessional, and in the semi-darkness, made out two sets of eyes.

"What's this?" he asked.
One of the sets of eyes owned a small voice. It said, "Father, my little brother is such a fibber I came in with him to make sure he tells the truth."
Ruby Gunawardane.
(Schools-Mag No. 1362).

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WOMAN AND HOME



WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY?

Dear Friends,
This week I invite your attention to an expression of opinion by Mrs. Noble Keegel of Talawakelle.
There are sure to be many more

Catholic parents in the outstations who face a similar situation.
I welcome their comments and suggestions.

PATIENCE HOPE.

Women's-Mag Members Parade

Nos. 251 to 275

251. Miss Magdalene Jayamanne (Kotmale), 252. Miss Lorraine Quyn (Ratmalana), 253. Mrs. P. H. Quyn (Ratmalana), 254. Mrs. M. Shedden (Dehiwela), 255. Mrs. J. A. Pietersz (Dehiwela), 256. Miss Rani P. Morais (Colombo 15), 257. Mrs. M. S. Roch Miran-

da (Colombo 6), 258. Miss Ratna Blaze de Silva (Wattala), 259. Mrs. Terese Ravel (Dehiwela), 260. Mrs. S. A. Jayasekera (Mutwal), 261. Mrs. Daisy Jayasekera (Mutwal), 262. Mrs. T. S. Joseph (Jaffna), 263. Mrs. Cynthia Vancuylenburg (Dehiwela), 264. Mrs. Florence May Alexander (Colombo 6), 265. Mrs. C. M. Jonathan (Batticaloa), 266. Miss Elfrida De Silva (Moratuwa), 267. Miss Philomena Selvadurai (Jaffna), 268. Miss P. Jayamani (Anura-

The Month's Sermonette

THE PSALM of LOVE

GOD Almighty loves us with an everlasting love. And He has manifested this love for us in manifold ways, every one of them being a veritable epiphany evoking the deepest sentiments of gratitude within us. That is why the Church in acknowledgment and humble gratitude offers to God almost every day, one of its most beautiful hymns of praise and thanksgiving: We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory!

Today we want to thank God in a special way for one of His loveliest gifts to us. Of late we have seen God's love being lavished over our land almost limitlessly. We have seen this love unfolding itself most graciously over the length and breadth of our country, from the barren wastes of the north to the warm sandy stretches of the south, from the palm-fringed shores of the west, right across to the surf-beaten eastern coast. The splendour of a new star has been seen shedding its brilliant lustre everywhere, and we have not hesitated to bask in the warmth and glow of its glory. We have witnessed the blue of Mary's mantle spread protectively over her children in this land. Thousands of her devotees gather together every week to proclaim their love to the mother of God, to live together the Mary life, which is but the life of her Son, the life of Grace.

With hearts overflowing with gratitude, we give thanks to God for His new great glory.

We speak of this today because we are on the eve of the 400th Novena at Borella. Four hundred weeks sweetened with the love of Our Lady, four hundred weeks leavened with the lift of the draw from the weekly "Novena."

Like Birthdays and New Years, anniversaries such as this make us want to look back and to look ahead. To look back gratefully, to look forward trustfully with unwavering confidence in the unparalleled love that has enriched and transformed with its mere touch the lives of millions.

Looking back then, what do we see? Mary continuing to fulfil the role she has fulfilled in willing hearts all through the centuries: she the purest of monstresses that holds aloft to our gaze the dazzling splendour of her Son. "And after this our exile show unto us the blessed Fruit of thy womb."

To how many of us these past 400 weeks she has already in this life shown the Love that is Life! Think of the countless manifestations of God's love filling the pages of our lives through the medium of Mary's "Novena." What a powerful means it has been for our sanctification. Even the best of us have that element within us that can make us more pagan than Christian! Even with the tremendous lift that the Novena gives to us spiritually, our lives leave so much to be desired. What would they be without the Novena!

We give Thee thanks, O Lord, for this Thy great glory. And the future? Confidently, we shall stay close to the mother who will lead us to her Son. That is the only purpose of our lives; that is the only purpose Our Lady serves: to bring us ever closer to Jesus. That is the only reason for the existence of the Novena.

It was Mary's privilege to mother Our Lord to full manhood. Now she must mother all the children of God to full soul growth in grace. That is why in the admirable dispensation of God's providence, every grace that can ultimately come to us only through Christ our Saviour and Redeemer, now comes to us through Mary. The mother of Him Who is the Author of all Grace, herself becomes the distributor of all graces. She is the mediatrix of all graces. She hovers above us, walks beside us, ministers within us, busy always about nourishing the Christ life in us. One thing alone she asks in return: that we allow this life to grow in us. That is all that matters.

We can think of a hundred and one ways of honouring Mary. Yet the most acceptable of all is to keep Christ alive in our souls by sanctifying grace. Mary asks only that from us in return for all the love with which she has filled our lives. That is the life her Son bought with His redemptive Blood; that is the life He gave her from the Cross to mother. We must learn to treasure that grace-life above all other gifts.

Under the protective love of Mary we shall keep the life of grace ever alive in our souls. We shall never arise to a new day in mortal sin, nor shall we ever dare to close our eyes in sleep without making sure that we possess sanctifying grace which alone is the stay of our supernatural life. Days or nights without grace are periods of utter rejection. They are periods when we drive away Christ and His mother from our hearts which They want as Their home.

Mary waits for our call that will let her mother us from now on even up to the hour of our deaths and into eternity. She waits for us to ask her to mother us to safety and to security, to sanctity and to salvation. Holy Mary, mother of God, show thyself a mother to us! Monstra te esse Matrem! Pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.—FR. THOMAS KURIACOSE S.J.

WANTED: Catholic Club for

A Catholic Club is an urgent need in every district. I'm sure

Young

there are many other parents who will feel the same way, especially

men and women

of wholesome fun and entertainment to keep their spirits up.

They can easily find these in any kind of club but at what risks! This is why a well organised Catholic Club will be of such great help to young girls and boys—I don't mean a club where there will be sports as the only activity.

The type of club I have in mind, is one that will provide a varied form of recreation and entertainment besides sports—reading, social evenings, dancing, parties, picnics and tours. And also, it should be one that is run on modern lines. I strongly feel that in these times, even in religious matters, the approach must be modern and in keeping with the times, in order to draw and hold the modern generation.

By

NOBLE KEEGEL

(Woman's-Mag member)

can I do about it? I'm only an isolated individual living miles out of Colombo.

All these days I thought this was just a hopeless dream that can never be realized.

But now, I have a ray of hope. Through the Women's-Mag at least my voice might be heard and something started towards the fulfilment of one of my dearest dreams—a Catholic Club in every district.

DO YOU JUDGE

OTHERS?

THERE is no other quirk of human nature so common or so malicious than that bad habit of judging others. All of us at one time or another have been guilty of this cruelty. And many of us have been the butt end of it.

Once a poet wrote:

"Stubbornness we deprecate,
But firmness we condone,
The former is our neighbour's
• trait

The latter is our own."

Why do we garnish our own traits while tarnishing the other fellows? This is typical of the Ceylonese of trying to mind others' business and find fault with them while his own defects are glaring.

The impulse to blame others is a defensive measure deeply ingrained in us. Psychologists say that if a man's weak points are to be found out, then we have to note the failings he has the quick-eye for in others.

The story goes that a woman who was forever complaining about the untidiness of her neighbour, one day pointed gleefully at her neighbour's clothes lines to a friend and commented on the dirtiness of the clothes, when the friend pointed out that it was not the neighbour's clothes but the window panes of the woman's house which were dirty.

Lack of compassion, the Christian compassion as taught by Christ, is the main cause for this. We judge others not knowing what lies behind the condemned one's actions.

In everyday life we constantly risk blackening some other's reputation by failing to look beneath the surface with the eye of compassion.

We can halt hasty judgment in its tracks by asking ourselves; might I not be as bad or worse, if I'd been faced with that person's troubles.

The habit of judging others tends to reveal about us that character flaw—self-righteousness.

Christ's classic rebuke to self-appointed judges was, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone."

TALKING POINTS

Here are four simple points drawn up by some responsible individuals.

1. Be sure you know all the facts, so that you have not the shaky evidence to prove or accuse a person.

2. However certain another's

asks

PREMA PERERA

guilt may be, there may be extenuating circumstances.

3. Give your habit of judging others a reverse "trust" by focusing on the graces of people, not their faults.

4. Leave all judgments of others' sins to God.

It is good for us to remember what Bishop Sheen had to say about it:

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RED TERRORISM IN KERALA MOUNTS

Police break into Church

(INC News Service)

A WEEK of new Red violence on Church institutions and personalities has ended with a protest to the central government by Bishop George Alappatt, of Trichur.

Protest telegrams to President Rajendra Prasad, Prime Minister Nehru and other officials in Delhi followed a reported police attack on a Catholic crowd taking shelter in the Catholic church at Ollur. Picketing Catholics fled to the church following an "unprovoked" police baton charge. Keeping the church premises surrounded, the police are stated to have subjected the Catholics to further beating and the use of tear gas.

Bishop Alappatt asked for the protection of the central government in the telegrams.

Earlier, local civil officials reportedly met the church's vicar and apologised for the excessive police behaviour.

At start of week, the car of Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios, of Trivandrum, was attacked by Communist rowdies outside a Catholic

church in Trivandrum. The Archbishop was not present in the car at the time of the attack, but his clerk was threatened.

The new spurt of incidents came on the heels of the re-opening of more government schools. Catholics led picketing before working schools, leading to a series of police attacks and fights between citizens. In Manjoor, police became unnerved when the picketers lay flat on the ground. Proceeded on by the inspector, they finally began a brutal attack on the passive "satyagrahis" injuring several. In Vechoor, the scene of a Catholic-Communist clash months ago, armed Communists are stated to have fought with the picketers.

As the incidents spread, government pursued the campaign against private schools. Following a show-cause notice, the education department announced the decision to withdraw the official recognition of most of the closed private schools. The action presumably was on the basis of a standing executive order making it obligatory on private schools to give notice before closing.

At the same time, the govern-

ment said it would recognise alternative schools started by teachers and students of the closed schools.

Observers declare that the government seems to be intent on exploiting the present financial harassment caused to teachers. The new order in effect means that teacher wage can be ensured if teachers take the initiative in starting alternative schools.

ORPHANS CELEBRATE

(from N.T.I. Jayawardene, "Messenger" correspondent)

THE Feast of St. Vincent de Paul was celebrated recently by the inmates of St. Vincent's Home, Maggona. Vespers was sung on Saturday night and the festive High Mass was sung at 7 a.m. by Revd. Fr. P. Selmer, O.M.I., the Director of the Institution.

In the afternoon, there was a well organized Sports Meet held for the orphans. A large playground laid out by the junior orphans themselves was declared open by Mr. E. H. S. Fernando, the Chief Probation Officer (Western Division), and the meet was held there.

The Probation Officer in the course of his speech remarked that character training with a religious background and under a house system was an ideal way to rehabilitate orphans.

117-year old church honours St. Anne

(from Julian Senanayake, "Messenger" correspondent)

THE 117th Patronal Feast of St. Anne's Church, Kurunegala, was celebrated on a grand scale on the 18th and 19th of July.

A pandal spanned the road near the entrance to the church and a nine day Novena preceded the festival. Solemn Vespers was sung on Saturday by Revd. Fr. Don Reginald assisted by Revd. Frs. Don Vincent and Leonard Costa.

After Vespers the five-foot statue of St. Anne was taken in a lantern-light procession along a 2-mile route through the main streets of Kurunegala, past houses and shops which were decorated and illuminated for the occasion.

On Sunday, 19 July, there were several Masses from 5-30 p.m. and the premises were thronged

to capacity. High Mass was at 8-30 a.m., sung by Revd. Fr. Don Vincent, the Parish Priest, who gave a sermon stressing the duties of parents towards their children and pointing out that the Catholic atmosphere in homes was of more value than education imparted in schools. This is the lesson of the Feast of St. Anne, he said.

After Holy Mass the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was imparted, followed by a large-scale alms-giving.

The 117 year old mission house has been dismantled and a new building is coming up on the same site. The church too is to be extended in the near future as the congregation has increased ten-fold.

MORATUWA S.V.P. DAY

(from a "Messenger" Correspondent)

THE members of the Confraternity of the Ladies of Charity, of the Moratuwa mission, celebrated the feast of their patron saint, St. Vincent de Paul, at St. Sebastian's Church, Moratuwa, on Saturday, 1st July.

Although this has been an annual event of the Confraternity, this year the feast was celebrated in a special manner. Holy Mass

accompanied by singing, was celebrated at 11 a.m. by Rev. Fr. P. Sapramadu. Nearly all the active members and poor who are helped by the Confraternity, assisted at this Mass and partook of the Divine Banquet.

Later, over one hundred of the poor were the guests of the active members at a sumptuous lunch.

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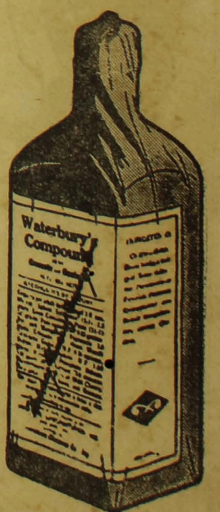
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