

CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN ITALY

ITALIAN MINISTER JUSTIFIES HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE CEREMONY INAUGURATING CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

By Monsignor Enrico Pucci
Admiration for Catholic education, including that given in American universities, was voiced by the Minister of Public Instruction, a few days ago, in an address that for fullness and frankness has had no parallel in the history of the Italian Government.

INDICATED CHRISTIAN FAITH
This speech and the discussions which followed are regarded as splendid demonstrations in behalf of Christian faith and of its beneficent influence on schools and education.

With the Popular party's participation in politics there has come a change. The Minister of Justice in the last previous Cabinet, Signor Rodino, was a member of the Popular party, as was the Undersecretary of Public Instruction, Antonino Anile, now head of that department.

ANTILE A NOTED SCHOLAR
Antonino Anile is not merely a political personality; he is one of the ablest champions of science and letters in all Italy.

He is an eminent doctor and surgeon, a professor of anatomy in the Royal University of Naples, and, through Master of Arts that he holds the professorship of anatomy as applied to art in the Royal Institute of the same city.

THE ITALIAN CATHOLICS HAVE NOW COME TO THE FRONT IN A VIGOROUS STRUGGLE FOR THE LIBERTY OF TEACHING, AND A FIRST SERIOUS ATTEMPT ON THEIR PART IS THE FOUNDING OF THE FREE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF MILAN.

THE PRESENT HOLY FATHER, THEN ARCHBISHOP OF MILAN, ATTENDED THE INAUGURATION OF THIS UNIVERSITY.

FAITH AND EDUCATION
Speaking on the subject of faith and education, Signor Anile said in part:

"We have erred," he said, "when we counted upon natural and physical sciences alone to trace the lines of our moral conduct and to give us some answer concerning our human destinies and the irrepressible anxieties agitating our souls.

"There is, on the contrary, no real antagonism between science and philosophy, thought and faith, criticism and sentiment, and the excellence of our human nature increases the less we feel these arbitrary contrasts, while we perceive more fully the action of our interior life.

"One cannot ignore the fact that in the Republic of the United States already ten similar universities exist; several flourish in Spain, Belgium and even in France; others are about to rise up wherever a center of civilized people is forming.

SOURCES OF NATIONAL RESISTANCE, AS WITNESSED BY THE GLORIOUS UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN.

As to the Catholic University of Milan, to compensate for the work of the several professors who are endeavoring to endow the scientific laboratories with the most complete and up-to-date materials for experiments existing in Italy, an annual sum of nearly one million of lire is necessary.

"It is derived from voluntary contributions alone; every day from most of the rich Lombard traders spontaneous donations are received; nor is there a nucleus of Franciscan missionaries scattered over the world who do not send their offering.

"During the space of only one year the Library of this Institute has become one of the richest among University libraries, while the monks in charge of the books, without asking anything for themselves, are of the same Order who in the mediaeval darkness, when barbarian hordes threatened to overthrow civilization, assembled in monasteries to preserve the remaining ancient treasures and those texts of Greek and Latin thought which render us more human and without which modern tuition would be impossible.

Then, continuing his discourse on the present conditions of the Catholic schools in Italy, Minister Anile asserted:

GAINS OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS
"The private schools have, during the past recent years, trebled the number of their scholars; to such an extent have they grown in favor that every day requests for admission are refused. Not Catholic families alone, but all who love their children and who are horrified at the fantastic increase in our big cities of criminals under age, turn yearningly to the school where by talking of God the soul is purified and uplifted."

TO CURB CRIME IN CHICAGO

IMPORTANT GROUPS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO CATHOLIC LEADERS

Chicago, Ill.—Catholic laymen are taking a conspicuous part in the efforts of representative citizens to curb crime in the city and educate the public to a personal responsibility for the observance and enforcement of the law.

Five Catholics who occupy high positions in public life stirred the audience to a fervor of zeal when they pictured the situation as one of the gravest menace to the safety of the city. They are:

Charles C. Fitzmorris, the young chief of police; Robert E. Crowe, State's attorney; George E. Gorman, former Congressman and first assistant State's attorney; Judge Kieckhafer Scanlan, chief justice of the Criminal Courts, and James G. Condon, attorney for the Crime Commission, under whose auspices the meeting was held.

A pledge to back this coterie of Catholic leaders in their drive against the criminal organizations now operating in the city was taken in the names of the thirty-four civic bodies by those present, following the formal acceptance of a proposal to place Judge Marcus Kavanagh, another Catholic, at the head of a group of ten judges who should be assigned to the trial of all criminal cases.

The suggestion for the special assignment of these judges came after Judge Scanlan had described the methods by which criminals and their abettors had undone the work of the police and escaped punishment. Judge Scanlan challenged the people of Chicago with this statement:

"Our fathers built a city on a quagmire; they built it bigger and better after the fire of 1871; they arose and crushed anarchy when it showed its head. Have we become a race of yellow men, that we let a handful of criminals terrify and defeat us?"

The charges made by speakers, including police and prosecuting officials, at the meeting included the following: Criminal court juries are bribed. Convicts take jury seats when business men dodge service. Convicted gunmen and murderers walk the streets unmolested and flout the law.

Habeas corpus writs are prepared in advance and writs are issued even before the police can get criminals to the station.

Jurors admit they fear to render a verdict against criminals, as their homes and the lives of themselves and families are jeopardized.

Certain lawyers are conspirators with murderers and other felons. Judges turn loose known murderers and lesser criminals on writs of habeas corpus.

CONFIDENCE IN OUR BLESSED LADY

The general intention recommended by His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, to the members of the League of the Sacred Heart for the Month of May is "Confidence in Our Lady." The Church styles the Blessed Virgin, "our life, our sweetness, and our hope."

The power of the Blessed Virgin to help us has never been seriously questioned. It flows from her prerogative of Mother of God. As no earthly son who loves his mother will deny her any favor within his power, so God Who loves His Mother with an infinite love will never deny any petition of hers. This is the source of her power to help us.

The willingness of the Blessed Virgin to help us is likewise unquestioned. It has been demonstrated so often that it is written in letters of gold in the records of the Church. She is called the Refuge of Sinners, the Health of the Sick, the Consoler of the Afflicted, and the Help of Christians. This is the source of our confidence in her.

The devotion of Catholics to the Mother of God and their abiding confidence of her intercession constitutes one of the greatest antidotes to pessimism in the world today. In recommending this intention for the month of May, His Holiness doubtless had in mind the great evils that afflict the world, and sensed the feeling of despair that is descending upon many well-intentioned but misguided leaders.

Present day philosophers have tried to fashion modern thought from materialistic principles. They have not hesitated to take the soul out of psychology, and the idea of God out of philosophy. They have rejected what they call the old-fashioned idea of a personal God, without whom morality is a vain and empty word, and religion a mere travesty.

Sophisticated professors teach the young in universities these outrageous fallacies; shallow scientists, through lectures and interviews, have helped to spread them. Popular writers of exceptional literary ability but with no religion preach to the masses this devastating doctrine of the new gospel of man, the supreme, and the new slogan of the progress of the race. And so the soulless, credulous cult of material progress sweeps down to the masses, poisoning the wells, banishing God, ridiculing the supernatural, undermining morals, and luring countless thousands to the pursuit of pleasures which ends ultimately in discouragement and despair.

To breathe this tainted atmosphere and not be contaminated, to be surrounded by unbelief and not lose faith, to hear murmuring of pessimism and not to give in to despair, requires the assistance of God's grace. That grace comes through the sacraments and through prayer. She who is the Mother of Divine Grace stands ever ready to hear our petitions and to ask God to rain down plenteous showers of His saving grace upon us.

Our Lady is our Star of Hope. St. Bernard says: "If the winds of temptation rise, if the rocks of tribulation frown, look to the Star, call upon Mary. If you are tossed about by the waves of pride, ambition, distraction, envy, look to the Star, call upon Mary. If anger or avarice, or sins of the flesh threaten your soul, look towards Mary. In danger, in distress, in hesitancy, in perplexity, think of Mary. Let that holy name be ever on your lips and in your heart. If you follow her guidance, you cannot stray; if you pray to her, you will not despair; when she holds your hand, you will not fall; if she protects you, you need not fear; if she leads you, you need not grow weary; if she befriends you, you will be safe."—The Pilot.

Oh! by the mem'ry of thy lifelong sorrow, Help us to welcome suffering, shame, and loss; The purest joy and peace from Christ to borrow, Beneath the very shadow of His Cross!

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OBITUARY

GEORGE GATTIE

The community of Walford were shocked on Saturday, April 22, 1922, when the news was given out of the death of an old respected citizen, Mr. George Gattie. Having been ill but a few days, yet not seriously, it came as a great surprise, as his nearest neighbors were unaware of his illness.

The late Mr. Gattie was born sixty-six years ago in Glenelg, County Greg. and came to Walford when but a young man, where he has farmed ever since. His death is doubly sad as just a short while back in March his son, Leo Gattie, in Religion Brother Xavier died in Toronto. His many friends showed their esteem in the floral offerings and spiritual bouquets. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, six daughters, Mrs. M. Dosey, Rochester, N. Y., Cecilia, Martha, Louise, Anna, and Mona at home; three sons, George of Buffalo, N. Y., Joseph and Bernard at home, besides one brother Frank Gattie and one sister Mrs. H. Duff, Walford. Funeral was held from R. C. Church, Walford, April 22. Mass was sung by Rev. Father Richard, R. I. P.

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DIED
NEAGLE.—At St. Joseph's Hospital, London, Sunday, April 3, 1922, Morris Neagle, aged sixty-nine years. Funeral took place from the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. David Bart, 55 East Gore St., Stratford, Ont. May his soul rest in peace.

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