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For release in AM's, Sunday, July 4th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 3 -- The University of Notre Dame today announced a bequest of \$50,000 from the estate of Charles F. Williams, Cincinnati, Ohio, to establish scholarships in its College of Law. Williams, who was president of the Western and Southern Life Insurance Company, was a member of the Associate Board of Lay Trustees at Notre Dame from 1948 until his death in September, 1952. His bequest provides the first funded scholarships in the Notre Dame law school which is the oldest Catholic college of law in the United States.

"The Charles F. Williams law scholarships will memorialize a valued friend and lay trustee of Notre Dame," the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of the University, said in acknowledging the bequest. "An eminently successful businessman, Mr. Williams was a generous benefactor of the Church and Catholic higher education. I want to express the gratitude not only of the University but also of Notre Dame law students who will share his generosity in the years to come."

Williams was an 1897 graduate of the University of Cincinnati. He was elected vice-president and general counsel of Western and Southern in 1910 and became president of the company in 1931. Four years later he assisted the late Archbishop McNicholas of Cincinnati in the founding of the Institutum Divi Thomae, a scientific research center. Williams was a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory and a Master Knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

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For release in AM's, Friday, July 9th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 8 -- Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, and two other members of the hierarchy will participate in the eighth annual Vocation Institute opening Thursday (July 15th) at the University of Notre Dame. More than two hundred priests, Brothers, Sisters and laymen will converge on the campus for the four-day meeting which will deal with practical ways and means of discovering, fostering, screening and preserving vocations to the priesthood and religious life. "The Psychology of Vocation" will be the general theme of the sessions.

The formal opening of the Vocation Institute on Thursday evening will constitute one of the major Marian Year observances at the University. Some two-thousand priests and religious, many of them attending summer school at Notre Dame and nearby St. Mary's College, will march in a candlelight procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the campus. There, Cardinal Stritch will deliver the sermon and celebrate Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Archbishop Paul C. Schulte of Indianapolis will deliver the keynote address at the first formal session of the Institute on Friday morning (July 16th). An address by Bishop William T. Mulloy of Covington (Ky.) will mark the close of the sessions on Sunday afternoon (July 18th). At the final session the Rev. John A. O'Brien of Notre Dame, noted author and convert-maker, will preside over the Institute's traditional "Information Please!" panel which will endeavor to answer questions on various aspects and problems of vocation work.

The Institute's theme will be carried out in several papers to be presented during the sessions. "Types Suited or Unsited for Religious Vocations" will be treated in a panel discussion to be led by the Rev. Charles J. D. Corcoran, O.P. of the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill., and Dr. Frank J. Ayd, Jr., Baltimore psychiatrist.

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Other speakers with related topics include Rev. Charles W. Harris, C.S.C., University of Notre Dame, "The Religious Life as the Perfection of Personality"; Rev. John Fahey of St. Ita Church, Chicago, "A Program for Motivating Youth"; and Rev. Kieran O'Hara, O. Carm., pastor of St. Clara parish, Chicago, "The Psychology of Vocation ---- A Practical Demonstration."

A special session for priests and Brothers on Friday evening will include a paper on "The Use of the Questionnaire in Vocation Work" by the Rev. Thomas J. Burke, S.J., of Regis High School, New York City. At the same time, Sisters attending the Institute will hear a paper on "Some Practical Problems and Solutions in Vocation Work" by the Rev. Hugh Calkins, O.S.M., assistant provincial and director of vocations for the Servite Fathers in Chicago.

"Testing and Screening" for the priesthood and religious life will be discussed by Sister M. Digna, O.S.B., of the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minn., Saturday afternoon. Edward R. Quinn, head of the Department of Testing and Guidance at Notre Dame, will discuss the administration of personality, aptitude and intelligence tests with special reference to seminarians and Brothers.

At the Sunday morning session Bernard F. McNamara, Oak Park, Illinois, will discuss "The Psychology of Obtaining Parental Approval." The Rev. Luke J. Lindon, S.C.J., of Sacred Heart Monastery, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, will present a paper on "The Encyclical 'Holy Virginity' and the Vocation Apostolate."

The Vocation Institute, which is under the direction of the Rev. John H. Wilson, C.S.C., will close Sunday afternoon with Bishop Mulloy's sermon and a Holy Hour in Sacred Heart Church on the campus.

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For release in PM's, Saturday, July 3rd:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 3 -- "The trouble with modern novels is that they are prosey where they should be poetic and poetic where they should be prosey," poet-critic Henry Rago declared here today. Rago, who has been conducting a poetry workshop at Notre Dame's sixth annual Writers' Conference, said, "I don't like modern novels generally and don't read very many of them."

The first type of modern novel which the University of Chicago professor criticized was what he called "the epic poem gone wrong." This novel, he said, becomes lost in its raw material and is really a brute document." He cited as an example the story which traces three generations of one family or the development of a particular industry. "These novels give us a mud bath in facts and are thoroughly unreadable," Rago claimed.

The novel which is poetic where it should be prosey was described by Rago as "the lyric poem gone wrong." He cited the novels of William Saroyan and Truman Capote as examples. "They try to imitate the lyric poem," he said, "and they never can succeed. I would much prefer to read the poem than the imitation. The novels of Saroyan, for example, are full of a kind of sentimental drunkenness," Rago asserted.

Rago, the author of two volumes of poems, placed Ernest Hemingway among the very best modern novelists, but stated that even Hemingway lacks the weight of content which is found in Victorian novels, for example. "Hemingway's novels are the work of a moralist and a poet," Rago said. "They are stark and stripped to enhance their shine, the way a good poem is. But this detracts from their quality as novels." Rago claimed that twentieth century poetry is "much more interesting and enduring" than twentieth century fiction.

More than 45 writers and teachers of writing attended the Writers' Conference. Sessions were conducted by Anne Fremantle, Warren Beck, Richard Sullivan and John T. Frederick. Professor Louis Hasley was director of the conference.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., June -- Six out of every ten Catholics who contract mixed marriages become lost to the faith, according to the Rev. John A. O'Brien, noted author and marriage counsellor. Four attempt marriage outside the Church and are thus lost immediately, Father O'Brien said, while two out of the remaining six who marry before a priest grow careless and indifferent and ultimately cease to practice their faith altogether.

Father O'Brien reported the findings of extensive investigations of mixed marriages over a ten year period in an address to the Newman School of Catholic Thought held recently (June 17-24) at the University of Notre Dame. More than a hundred Newman Club members at secular colleges and universities and their chaplains attended the sessions.

About one-third of all the valid marriages contracted by Catholics in the United States are mixed marriages, Father O'Brien reported, "and the trend instead of decreasing is on the upswing." Much more surprising and disturbing, he said, is the large number of Catholics, indifferent and nominal ones for the most part, who contract civil marriages before justices of the peace and even non-Catholic ministers.

The author of The Truth About Mixed Marriages (Our Sunday Visitor Press) told the college students that only about 4% of Catholic marriages end in divorce while 14% of mixed marriages, or $3\frac{1}{2}$ times as many, terminate in this way. The greatest loss of all, however, Father O'Brien said, is the children of mixed marriages. About 66% of them are lost to the Catholic faith, he reported.

Father O'Brien blamed "the moribund social life in most parishes, the indifference of parents, and the segregation of the sexes in many Catholic schools and colleges" as contributing to the swelling tide of mixed marriages. He called for constructive measures to promote social acquaintance among Catholic young people so that they will not be inclined to turn to outsiders for marriage.

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For release in PM's, Tuesday, July 6th

Notre Dame, Ind., July 6 -- Rev. James A. Burns Memorial Scholarships to the University of Notre Dame have been awarded to ten students in eight states, the University's Committee on Scholarships announced today. The Burns scholarships, which are awarded on a competitive basis, provide \$500 for the freshman year and \$300 for succeeding years provided the recipient maintains an average of 85%.

The scholarship winners who will enter Notre Dame as freshmen in September include John W. Bacus, Fargo, N. D.; Michael N. Gleason, Gilmore City, Iowa; John F. Henneidy, South Braintree, Mass.; John T. Kearns, Champaign, Ill.; Roland F. Koontz, Jr., Tarzana, Calif.; Paul W. Pikell, Indianapolis, Ind.; Joseph G. Piroch, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Thomas M. Plonski, South Bend, Ind.; James J. Reidy, Tulsa, Okla; and Peter P. Volante, Newton Centre, Mass..

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 8 --- "The most effective lay apostle is the one who tries to exemplify in his life the essential marks of the Church," the Most Reverend Leo A. Pursley, Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Wayne, declared here tonight (Thursday) in an address to the Young Christian Workers attending their 1954 National Study Week (July 4-10) on the University of Notre Dame campus.

Bishop Pursley urged the YCW delegates to translate into their own lives the unity, holiness, apostolicity and catholicity that have characterized the Church from the earliest times. He called on all young people who would be lay apostles "to intensify your love for souls and cultivate a charity that embraces all men."

More than 325 young men and women and their chaplains from YCW sections in thirty-five cities participated in the week-long series of workshops and religious exercises. The theme of the sessions was "The Young Christian Worker in the Community." William Leasure, Ottawa, Ohio, was elected president of the organization succeeding George Sullivan of Chicago.

In a letter of greetings, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, told YCW members "that before everything else you must live vigorous, supernatural lives in the Church of God." Catholic Action, the prelate said, "is not just a social program, not just a plan of reform. It is actually the expression of the supernatural life of the Church. Before there can be valid Catholic Action," His Eminence declared, "there must be vigorous living in the life of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ."

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For release Sunday, July 18th or thereafter:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 17 --- How does a girl learn to act like a nun in a few weeks' time without ever setting foot in a convent?

That's the challenge facing young actresses from nearby South Bend as they rehearse for "Seven Nuns at Las Vegas," a new play by Natalie E. White to be produced by the University Theatre here on July 25-26. The actresses are not entirely on their own, however. They're receiving expert coaching from Sisters attending the Notre Dame summer session.

Actually, the play is double-cast. Two performances will be presented by an all-nun cast for priests, Brothers and Sisters enrolled in summer school. A third performance will be given a cast of local actresses for the public.

"Seven Nuns at Las Vegas" is a farce about seven Sisters who find themselves and their convent miraculously transplanted from the Indiana plains to the desert near the Nevada resort city. It develops that arthritic Sister Columba had prayed that she might go to a warmer climate for relief from her ailment. The ailing nun, her six companions and their convent all vanish, much to the chagrin of Mother Superior and their Bishop.

Even more distressed are the Las Vegas night club operators. Not long after the nuns arrive on the scene, business at the night spots nose-dives and vacationists and natives alike turn to contemplation. Three chorus girls apply for admission to the displaced convent. Before the farce reaches its finale, Las Vegas returns to its traditional ways and the nuns, again miraculously, return to Indiana. There they face an outraged Mother Superior who demands to know: "Sisters, who gave you permission to leave these grounds?"

Miss White, writer-director of the play, is teaching at the Notre Dame summer session and is a faculty member at nearby St. Mary's College during the regular school-year. Formerly associated with the Pasadena Playhouse, she has a doctorate in drama from Yale University.

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For release in PM's, Friday, July 16th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 16 -- When a neighbor's kid bashes your child over the head with a toy dump truck on a hot July afternoon, don't launch a Senate investigation. Instead, maintain your composure and "divert the youngsters to something positive." This is the advice of Dr. John J. Kane, head of the sociology department at the University of Notre Dame. To insure summer tranquility, Dr. Kane says, follow the maxim "Love thy neighbor and his children."

When temperatures and tempers boil during the summer months, neighbors are often cool to each other because of squabbles among their children, Dr. Kane says. "All this talk about love being blind is much truer of parental love than romantic love," he claims. "Marriage may open the eyes of a husband and wife to each other's defects, but nothing ever cures parental myopia regarding their children's reputed virtues. So when a quarrel between your child and the neighbors' breaks out, it is not hard to find the culprit --- the neighbors' boy or girl."

Writing in the July 24th issue of THE AVE MARIA, Kane points out that children's quarrels are seldom serious, but what can become serious is the furor they can stir up among the parents. "Children being better diplomats than parents forget their differences and are all playing together within a few minutes," Kane says. He advises parents to follow the kids' example and regard children's fights as the transitory things they are.

"If the boy next door irritates you by sending your children in periodically for cookies or cokes, forget it," Kane advises. "It is a corporal work of mercy to feed the hungry." The Notre Dame sociologist urges parents to "open your yards, your homes and your hearts to all the children." The summer can be rich in learning how to get along with others, he says, if parents make use of "the laboratory of human relations" which is "in the backyard of every home where young children live."

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For release in AM's, Tuesday, July 20th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 19 -- Dr. Anton H. Chroust, professor of law at the University of Notre Dame, has been appointed reporter general and first vice-chairman of the Fourth International Congress of Comparative Law to be held in Paris beginning August 1st. He will also deliver a paper at the congress which will be attended by representatives from the United States and every free country in Europe and Asia. A specialist in legal history, Dr. Chroust will discuss certain technical and legal aspects of ancient international treaties.

While abroad, Dr. Chroust will present another paper on recent trends in American legal philosophy at the International Law Institute in London. He will also attend the annual meeting of the English Law Institute at Edinburgh, Scotland. He will return to the United States the latter part of August.

In the paper to be presented at Paris, Dr. Chroust will describe an ancient Roman treaty which omits a clause found in every other extant Roman treaty. The missing clause, which has caused scholars to doubt the authenticity of the document, is one which calls down the wrath of the gods on violators of the pact. Dr. Chroust's paper endeavors to prove that the treaty was drafted for the Romans by a Hebrew for whom it would have been blasphemous to invoke the name of God in such a context.

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For release in PM's, Wednesday, July 21st:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 21 -- "View of the Arno," an oil painting by John Manship, has been given to the University of Notre Dame galleries by the Childe Hassam Fund through the American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York City.

The painting is one of twenty-one works of art by eighteen contemporary artists recently purchased by the Academy for presentation to museums and art galleries throughout the country as provided for in the will of the late Childe Hassam.

Hassam, who died in 1935, is remembered not only as an artist in his own right, but also as the originator of the unique fund which bears his name. His will bequeathed to the American Academy the entire collection of his own 350 paintings and drawings with the request that they be sold from time to time to endow a fund. This fund was to be used, in turn, to buy the works of contemporary artists for presentation to selected museums and galleries.

Since the establishment of the fund in 1936, more than 80 works from the Childe Hassam collection have been sold to provide funds for the purchase and donation of works by such artists as Isabel Bishop, Everett Shinn, Iver Rose, David Fredenthal, Mitchell Siporin, Anton Refregier, Alexander Russo, Francis Speight and many others..

The American Academy to which Hassam was elected in 1920 consists of fifty outstanding members of the National Institute of Arts and Letters founded for "the furtherance of literature and the fine arts in the United States." Poet Archibald MacLeish is president.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., July ____ -- Notre Dame has gone co-ed, at least for the summer. The co-eds on the campus these days, however, are dressed in veils and wimples rather than sweaters and jeans. They are some seven-hundred nuns representing scores of religious communities from coast-to-coast.

The Sisters comprise almost half of the student body enrolled for the summer session (June 18 - Aug. 4). Each June, Notre Dame transforms several of its residence halls into cloisters and the nuns move in to study for advanced degrees. While the accent is on the academic, the Sisters find plenty of time for relaxation and a change-of-pace from their regular school year routine.

Most of the Sisters attending Notre Dame classes are teachers themselves in grade schools, high schools and colleges from September to June. According to one professor, this explains why the nuns are especially conscientious in their summer studies. A nun who cajoles students nine months out of the year to do their homework, he said, can hardly come to class unprepared during the six weeks that she's a student.

Since the Sisters are members of the teaching profession, they are quick to adopt new "tricks of the trade," another faculty member commented. "The Sisters appreciate a well-planned device to emphasize a point in the classroom since most of them face the same problem all year," he said.

The nuns also are sympathetic with the plight of the professor in mid-July. "I don't especially like to take weekly quizzes," one nun said, "but I would much rather take quizzes than have to grade them in this weather!"

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Most courses offered during the regular school year to Notre Dame men are open to summer students and nearly every class has its representation of nuns. While a great number of them are majoring in education, the Sisters can be found in virtually every department of the University. In the painting and sculpture studios nuns don large aprons to protect their religious habits from pigment and clay. Other Sisters are enrolled in architecture and engineering courses as well as the humanities. For the second consecutive year a play with an all-nun cast is being produced by Sisters studying drama at the summer session.

A wide variety of activities is open to nuns after classes. The most popular past-time seems to be simply strolling and chatting with friends on Notre Dame's 1,700 acre campus. Often their strolls take them around the twin lakes where they can observe and sometimes kibitz the campus fishermen. The swimming pool at the Rockne Memorial is reserved for the nuns' use several days of the week and many of them escape the northern Indiana heat with a dip after classes. A picnic for the Sisters is held each summer on the campus. Attendance is always close to 100%. The annual affair reveals the nuns to be rather adept at athletics, including softball.

Notre Dame numbers nearly a thousand nuns among its alumni. Through these teachers the University spreads its influence from coast-to-coast on almost every educational level. Freshmen are often asked how they came to choose Notre Dame for their college education. Quite often the new student will reply, "Oh, Sister told me all about it!"

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 15 -- Funeral services were held here today for Dr. Jose Angel Caparo, professor emeritus of electrical engineering at the University of Notre Dame, who died July 12th. The Rev. Philip S. Moore, C.S.C., vice-president in charge of academic affairs at Notre Dame, was celebrant of the Requiem Mass in Sacred Heart Church on the campus.

Dr. Caparo, a native of Cuzco, Peru, served on the Notre Dame faculty for thirty-three years and was head of the electrical engineering department from 1918 to 1939. Failing health prompted his retirement from the faculty in 1946. However, in retirement he wrote Desire for Gold and Conquest, an historical novel about 16th century Peru, which was published in 1953.

A 1908 Notre Dame graduate, Dr. Caparo received a doctorate from his alma mater five years later. He also held degrees from the University of San Antonio in Peru and the University of Chicago. He was a fellow in the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 15 -- Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, declared here tonight (Thursday) that the urgent need for vocations to the priesthood and religious life constitutes "a crisis in the history of the Church in the United States."

"Literally any bishop in the United States today, when he looks out and sees souls confided to his care, souls who need laborers in Christ's vineyard, realizes that indeed the laborers are few," the Cardinal said. Noting that parents never before have been so willing to make sacrifices so that their children may attend Catholic schools, the prelate called for "more public prayers for vocations" so that "there will be enough laborers for the Church of our times."

Cardinal Stritch addressed the formal opening of the eighth annual Vocation Institute (July 15-18) at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the University of Notre Dame campus. His address followed a candlelight procession of two thousand priests, Brothers and Sisters to the outdoor shrine. Other members of the hierarchy present included Archbishop Paul C. Schulte of Indianapolis and Auxiliary Bishop Leo A. Pursley of Fort Wayne.

The Chicago prelate blamed the shortage of priests and religious, in part, on "the materialism of our times." Many young people do not hear God call them to His service, Cardinal Stritch said, because "material values are uppermost in the minds of so many youths." Noting, on the other hand, that "most youths want to do something worthwhile in life," the Cardinal urged that young people be impressed with "the heroism and greatness of the man who really gives himself whole and entire to God."

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"There are distractions in the world and there are allurements on all sides," His Eminence observed. "There is a call and sometimes a perfectly good call for doing earthly things. We do not wish to take away in anyway from the righteousness and the holiness of a good life of a Catholic in the world, but we do want to stress and stress with all our might the fact that in all life the one thing that counts is how rich we are in the sight of Almighty God."

The first requisite of a religious vocation, Cardinal Stritch asserted, is "complete consecration --- a whole, continuing, deepening consecration of self to God. The worker in the vineyard of Christ, in whatever capacity given him, must first of all let God's love take possession of his soul," he said. "His ability to work will not be measured by mere talents or more training but will be measured above all things by his deep supernatural union with God."

Cardinal Stritch termed as "a pressing need of our times" a return to the awareness of spiritual realities which characterized the Church of the martyrs in earlier centuries. "Today we see in the world many of our fellow Catholics in suffering and misery," he said. "The hand of persecution has fallen upon them, Misery has come to them. Their fidelity to the Church, their constancy should be one of God's great gifts to us of our times to help us to impress upon our youth the great all-important things of life."

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 16 -- A five-day Liturgy Workshop for priests and seminarians will open at the University of Notre Dame, Monday, July 26. The workshop, designed for members of the religious life who are unable to attend a full Summer session in Liturgy courses, will close July 30.

This year's workshop will feature talks by the Very Rev. Msgr. H. Francis Davis of the Major Seminary, Oscott College, Birmingham, England; Rev. Johannes Hofinger, S.J., Bellarmine College, Baguio, Philippine Islands; Rev. Pierre Gy, O.P., Dominican Major Seminary, Paris; and Rev. Cloud Meinberg, O.S.B., head of the Art Department of St. John's College, Collegeville, Minnesota.

The Liturgy Workshop, now in its third year, was founded by Rev. Michael Mathis, C.S.C., Director of Liturgy Program at Notre Dame. The workshop this year is under his direction.

Demonstrations of the place of the liturgy in the teaching of religion will also be held during the Workshop. Rev. Joseph M. Kelchak, Cathedral School, Superior, Wisconsin, will demonstrate the teaching of liturgy on the elementary level and Sister Mary Paschal, C.P.P.S., St. Elizabeth's Academy, St. Louis will demonstrate the method of presenting the liturgy to high school students.

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For release in AM's, Friday, July 30th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 29 --- The establishment of the Frank R. Huisking Memorial Scholarships at the University of Notre Dame was announced here today by the University's committee on scholarships and prizes. The scholarships have been founded by the family of the late Frank R. Huisking, a 1937 Notre Dame alumnus, who died while serving with the armed forces during World War II.

The committee named Charles E. McDermott, Bronx, N. Y. (840 Grand Concourse), as the first recipient of the scholarships which provide \$1,000 for each of four years to a student majoring in chemistry or chemical engineering. McDermott, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McDermott, was graduated in June from Regis High School, New York City. His brother Bernard received a Notre Dame degree in 1953.

Funds for the scholarships will be provided annually by the Frank R. Huisking Foundation, Inc., New York City (215 Fourth Avenue). Scholarships recipients will be selected by the University.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 23 --- A conference on the Parish Apostolate, designed to acquaint priests and seminarians with the people's view of parish problems, will open at the University of Notre Dame, Sunday, August 8. The conference, which will be held until August 12, bears the title, "Priest and People."

The meetings will be attended by pastors and theologians who will consider various aspects of the parish problems. The conference, according to Rev. Louis J. Putz, C.S.C., moderator of the sessions, will attempt to supply the need of "a Pastoral Theology which provides priests with necessary information on the role of the laity in the apostolic and liturgical life of the church."

Papers to be read at the conference include "The Social Structure of the Parish," by Rev. Thomas J. Harte, C.S.S.R., of the Catholic University of America; "Parish Plant or Community," by Rev. J. Gremillion, of Shreveport, La.; and "The Need of Recognizing the Lay State," by Rev. Dennis Geaney, of Rockford, Illinois.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Reynold Hillenbrand, pastor of Hubbard Woods, Ill., and pioneer in Catholic Action work in the United States, will read a paper on "The Pope's Plan for the Parish Apostolate."

Other papers will be read by Rev. Leo Trese, Detroit, Mich.; Rt. Rev. Monsignor D. Kanaly of Oklahoma City and Rev. John Sheehy of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Bishop Leo A. Pursley, Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Wayne will open the conference with a Mass, Sunday, August 8, on the feast day of St. John Vianney, the Cure' of Ars, who achieved sainthood through parish work.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 23 -- Adequate psychiatric screening of candidates for the priesthood or religious life, as for any other profession, would detect most disorders which might manifest themselves later, according to Dr. Frank J. Ayd, Jr., a Baltimore psychiatrist. In one of several papers on the general theme, "The Psychology of Vocation," at the recent Vocation Institute here, Dr. Ayd strongly recommended that men and women wishing to become priests, Brothers and Sisters be screened before being accepted. Such an examination, he said, would protect both the individual and the order or diocese to which the candidate applied.

Every religious community insists that an applicant pass a physical examination before being accepted, but "only a few orders have given serious consideration to the psychological qualifications of an applicant," Dr. Ayd claimed.

Examination by a trained psychiatrist would detect most psychoneurotic symptoms and enable a counsellor to advise the applicant that he is psychologically unfit for the exacting demands and rigorous requirements of a religious vocation, Dr. Ayd asserted. "In screening applicants for the religious life, an overt psychosis is seldom encountered," Dr. Ayd said, but the latent weaknesses which might appear later under the stress of many activities may be uncovered. These weaknesses or tendencies would serve as ample cause for rejecting certain applicants, Dr. Ayd contended.

The Vocation Institute at Notre Dame was attended by priests, Brothers and Sisters who are active in counselling young people interested in the priesthood or religious life. An address by Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, marked the formal opening of the Institute.

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Bernard F. McNamara of Oak Park, Ill., told the religious who convened at the Institute of the misgivings he and his wife experienced when their daughter decided to enter a convent. Feeling that their daughter was too immature to know her own mind and that the desire to become a Sister would pass with time, Mr. McNamara said he and his wife talked to the Sisters and priests who knew the girl to get their opinions of her vocation. "The more we learned, the more we became ashamed with the thought that convent life was for those who lacked something," he said.

Mr. McNamara said he was told that parents often stand in the way of genuine vocations and make the period of trial of the applicant much more difficult. Parents who object to their children's entering religious life, most often act out of selfishness, he claimed. "We will ever be grateful for the Grace that prevented us from jeopardizing our daughter's tomorrow for our today," he said.

Edward R. Quinn, head of the Department of Testing and Guidance at Notre Dame, explained the testing and guidance program in effect here for the counselling of Seminarians and Brothers of the Holy Cross. Mr. Quinn emphasized the importance of a testing program which takes into account both the intellectual and emotional qualities of the postulant.

In the keynote address of the Institute, Archbishop Paul C. Shulte, of Indianapolis averred that the basic cause of the urgent shortage of vocations to the religious life is "a lack of firm convictions and impelling faith in the truths of our holy religion." Archbishop Shulte said it was an indictment of the Catholic people when "they fail to produce the ecclesiastical vocations needed."

Bishop William T. Mulloy, of Covington, who delivered the concluding address of the sessions (July 18) admonished the priests, Brothers and Sisters who work with young people, to "Pray always, and do not lose heart." Vocations to the priesthood and religious life are very precious gifts and lie deep in the souls of youth, he said. "We must be ever ready to use each means carefully and to capacity; to dig deep among the souls of our youth and bring to the surface of their consciousness the full understanding that God has called them," Bishop

Mulloy stated.
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For release in PM's, Friday, July 30th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 30 -- A father and son both will become Notre Dame alumni at the University's summer commencement exercises next Tuesday (Aug. 3rd).

Frank J. Lewis, Chicago industrialist and philanthropist, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. His son, Edward D. Lewis, will be awarded a bachelor's degree from Notre Dame's College of Commerce.

The Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., acting president of Notre Dame, will confer degrees at the exercises in the University Drill Hall at 2:30 p.m. The commencement address will be given by John J. Broderick, assistant dean of the Notre Dame College of Law.

Approximately 120 graduate students, nearly half of them nuns, will receive advanced degrees at the ceremonies. Undergraduate degrees will be awarded to approximately 50 students.

Earlier in the day (9:00 a.m.), graduates will attend a Baccalaureate Mass in Sacred Heart Church on the campus. Father Joyce will be celebrant of the Mass, assisted by the Rev. Henry Bolger, C.S.C. and the Rev. Alfred Mendez, C.S.C.. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. Charles Harris, C.S.C..

Mr. Lewis, the honorary degree recipient, is the founder and board chairman of the F. J. Lewis Manufacturing Company and president of the Lewis School of Aeronautics. A prominent Catholic layman, Lewis has been a benefactor of several of the Church's educational and charitable institutions. He is vice-president of the Catholic Charities of Chicago.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, August 1st:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 31 -- His Eminence Valerio Cardinal Valeri, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Religious, will address the formal opening of the Institute of Spirituality at the University of Notre Dame on August 4th (Wednesday) at 8 p.m.. More than 650 Sister Superiors and Novice Mistresses, representing virtually every women's religious community in the United States, will hear the Vatican prelate's address in Sacred Heart Church on the campus.

At a special University convocation in Washington Hall the following day (Thursday, Aug. 5th at 10:30 a.m.), Cardinal Valeri will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Notre Dame. The Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., acting president of the University, will preside at the exercises. Cardinal Valeri will come to the Notre Dame campus from Chicago where he will be the guest of Samuel Cardinal Stritch. He is visiting North America as the papal legate to the National Canadian Marian Congress.

Cardinal Valeri spent the early years of his priesthood as a seminary professor. He later was assigned to the Vatican's diplomatic service and held posts as apostolic delegate or nuncio to Egypt, Palestine, Roumania and France. Shortly after the outbreak of World War II he was named Undersecretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church. Pope Pius XII named Archbishop Valeri executive chairman of the committee for the organization of the Holy Year in 1950 and three years later elevated him to the cardinalate.

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For release in AM's, Friday, August 6th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 5 -- A recent report by an Irish government commission reveals that the sons and daughters of the Emerald Isle "are indeed threatened with eventual extinction because of a phenomenally low marriage rate," the Rev. John A. O'Brien declared here today. The government report, which was based on a six year study of population trends, found Ireland "unique in having exceedingly high percentages of young unmarried persons and persons who never marry."

The commission found that the average marriage age was 33 for men and 28 for women, but in rural areas this rose to 37 for men and 30 for women. The report declared that there was something gravely wrong in a community where there was such widespread "frustration of natural expectation."

Earlier this year, the validity of Father O'Brien's book, The Vanishing Irish was publicly challenged by R. C. Geary, government director of statistics in Dublin. "The commission's report," Father O'Brien said today, "corroborates fully the thesis of the book and acknowledges officially how seriously the low marriage rate and emigration are affecting the Irish nation."

Father O'Brien endorsed the commission's plea for more Irish people to marry and to marry younger. "Ireland is the only nation in the world," he said, "which has dwindled in the course of a century to half its population while other nations have been doubling and tripling in numbers."

Measures must be adopted at once, Father O'Brien said, to reverse Ireland's downward population spiral. As the government report indicated, the low marriage rate contributes to emigration while the intention to emigrate helps keep the marriage rate low, he said.

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For release in PM's, Friday, August 6th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 6 -- A Chinese cardinal and six American missionary bishops who were persecuted and later expelled from their dioceses by the Chinese Communists will assemble for the first time at the 16th national convention of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade at the University of Notre Dame, August 26-29.

Thomas Cardinal Tien, Archbishop of Peiping and now a refugee in the United States, heads the group of churchmen who will describe the condition of the Church in China to more than 3,000 young people attending the sessions.

Included in the group of exiled prelates will be Bishops Rembert Kowalski of Wuchang; Sigibald Kurz of Yunchow; Raymond A. Lane of Fushun; Cuthbert O'Gara of Yuanling; Adolph J. Paschang of Kongmoon; and Charles Quinn of Yukiang. Joining them in recounting details of the Reds' persecution of the Church will be Monsignor John Romaniello, superior of the mission territory of Kweilin.

The missionaries will offer Mass each day during the convention in the residence hall chapels on the Notre Dame campus. Convention delegates will be asked to maintain eight hours of silence each night as a sacrifice for all Christians who are suffering persecution in Communist dominated lands.

According to Monsignor Edward A. Freking, executive director of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade, convention sessions will be devoted largely to a discussion of ways for keeping alive the interest of the American people in the future of Christian missionary work behind the iron curtain. The CSMC educational program endeavors to familiarize American Catholic students with current missionary problems faced by the Church throughout the world.

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For release in AM's, Wednesday, August 4th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 3 -- One hundred sixty-one Notre Dame students today (Tuesday) received graduate and undergraduate degrees at the University's summer commencement exercises. The Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., acting president of Notre Dame, presided at the exercises in the University Drill Hall.

An honorary doctor of laws degree was awarded to Frank J. Lewis, Chicago industrialist and philanthropist. Lewis was cited as "an eminent Catholic laymen and American citizen" who has "entered into partnership with God in the furthering of His kingdom and in the alleviation of human ignorance and suffering." His son, Edward D. Lewis, received a bachelor's degree from the College of Commerce at the exercises.

In the commencement address, Professor John Broderick, assistant dean of the Notre Dame College of Law, declared that Christian education "embraces the aggregate of human life, physical and spiritual, intellectual and moral, individual, domestic and social, not with a view to inhibiting it in anyway, but in order to elevate, regulate and perfect it." Broderick asserted that the "true Christian does not renounce the activities of this life or stunt his natural faculties, but rather develops, perfects and supernaturalizes them."

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. -- The Catholic Boy, published by the Holy Cross Fathers at Notre Dame, has awarded more than \$1,100 in prizes to nine schools and 175 boys and girls for their participation in the publication's 1953-54 apostolic stories contest. According to the Rev. Frank Gartland, C.S.C., editor, more than 28,000 students submitted letters or essays commenting on the lives of such figures as Matt Talbott, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and Rev. Emil Kapaun.

Parochial schools which were awarded cash prizes include Christ the King, Daphne, Ala.; St. Joseph, Milford, Iowa; St. Monica, Coos Bay, Oregon; St. Andrew, St. Paul, Minn.; Sacred Heart, Toledo, Ohio; St. Joseph, Early, Ia.; St. Stanislaus, East Chicago, Ind.; Pottsville Catholic, Pottsville, Pa.; and St. Charles, North Hollywood, Calif..

Sisters teaching in the parochial schools have been enthusiastic about the series of stories and the contest, Father Gartland said. A typical letter from Sister Dymphna of Falls City, Neb., said in part: "Thanks for the impetus you have given my class in theme writing. Since we have started to write the contest letters, our theme work is a joy."

Commenting on the students' response to the series of inspirational stories, Father Gartland said "it's a mistake to underrate the intelligence and generosity of our modern American youth. The impact of the apostolic stories underscores the importance of our jobs as teachers and editors in inspiring young people. An inspired youth now means a nation in safe hands later," he said.

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54/132	7/ 1/54	VOCATION INSTITUTE, Samuel Cardinal Stritch Participates, Opens July 15-18
54/133	7/ 1/54	WRITERS' CONFERENCE, Rago Speaks on Modern Novel, Fremantle, Beck, Sullivan, Frederick, Hasley Participate
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54/135	7/ 1/54	Rev. James A. Burns Memorial Scholarships Awarded to 10 Students, 8 States
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54/139	7/16/54	Dr. Anton H. Chroust to Deliver Paper in Paris, London, & Edinburgh
54/140	7/16/54	"VIEW OF THE ARNO", oil painting by John Manship Given to N.D. Art Gallery
54/141	7/16/54	Notre Dame Has Gone Co-ed for Summer School, Sisters Comprise Half Students
54/142	7/16/54	Funeral Services for Dr. Jose Angel Caparo, Prof. Emeritus of Elec. Engr.
54/143	7/16/54	Cardinal Stritch, Opens Vocation Institute July 15 at Grotto of Lourdes
54/144	7/16/54	Liturgy Workshop for Priests & Seminarians Opens July 26
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