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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., --- Theology has a place of "supreme importance" in a university, Rev. Howard J. Kenna, C.S.C., president of the University of Portland (Oregon), declared here today (July 5).

Conceding that the chief concern of a university is intellectual rather than moral, Father Kenna described theology as "an integrating science, which by the light it gives, permeates all the various systematic ways of seeking truth and knowledge, and in its turn is aided, enlightened, extended by the truths of nature which these other sciences provide."

Father Kenna was one of four speakers at the Educational Conference of the Priests of Holy Cross held here July 5-6. "The Role of Faith in University Education" was the theme of the sessions which were attended by priests from institutions operated by the Holy Cross Fathers in this country and abroad.

As a result of the isolation of theology from the other sciences, Father Kenna contended that the university has been "deprived of the help and guidance of vital theological research" and the teaching of religion has been confined to the elementary undergraduate level.

"If physics were similarly isolated from mathematics, or sociology from psychology, what limitations of discovery and understanding would follow," Father Kenna speculated. "We cannot fully realize the consequences of this separation of theology from those sciences that are illumined by it, and in turn sustain and interpret it.....what harm this has wrought."

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Although Catholics believe that dogma and theology are essential to a university, "there is an academic world that will have no part of it," Father Kenna observed. We are told, he said, that "no scholar or group of scholars can accept an absolute, or approach a problem already committed to a solution. This academic world tolerates our institutions in the fellowship of universities and colleges only if we display and specify our bias, our commitment by public proclamation like a leper's bell."

"Our colleagues in the non-sectarian institutions, who believe that the open mind, the unbiased approach to reality, forbids dogmatic commitment...these scholars are, generally speaking, honest men of integrity who are firmly convinced of the righteousness of their commitment to non-commitment," Father Kenna asserted. "They will be unable to see freedom in a Catholic university, or in a Catholic scholar; they will not be convinced by apologia, or argument....or rather they will be convinced by one argument only, the argument of accomplishment. Only when and if Catholic scholars whose lives and work reflect their faith show unmistakably their equality, or their superiority, in the field of scholarship," only then, Father Kenna said, will non-Catholic intellectuals concede that scientific endeavor and the tenets of the Church are compatible.

Other conference speakers and their subjects were Rev. Robert Pelton, C.S.C., "The Problem of the Teaching Authority of the Church;" Rev. Thomas J. McDonagh, C.S.C., "Extent of the Church's Authority in the Social Sciences;" and Rev. Louis J. Putz, C.S.C., "Freedom of Learning and the Church."

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For release in AM's, Friday, July 15th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 14 --- Although religion has lost ground in Soviet Russia, it remains "a formidable force," the only organized force "allowed to convey to the people ideas diametrically opposed to the official doctrine."

This is the considered opinion of Professor N. S. Timasheff writing in the July issue of Notre Dame's REVIEW OF POLITICS on "The Anti-Religious Campaign in the Soviet Union." Timasheff is a professor of sociology at Fordham University and author of Religion in Soviet Russia.

"In Russia," Timasheff writes, "religion has not been conquered despite almost four decades of rule by militant atheists who first tried to uproot religion by sheer force and then shifted to a more subtle policy of compromise."

Conceding that religion, nevertheless, has "substantially declined," Timasheff asserts that "fervent atheists are not numerous" in Soviet Russia. Quite a few, he says, have become "religiously neutral or indifferent, a state of mind which was quite rare forty years ago." Timasheff writes that knowledge of religion, transmitted to the younger generations mainly by family tradition is "much vaguer" than formerly. Even so, he observes the advance of atheism "has been much slower and more superficial than expected by Lenin and his associates."

According to Timasheff, Soviet anti-religious propaganda hammers at the irreconcilability of religion with science and communism. As recently as August, 1954, the Reds attacked organized religion on four main grounds.

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First, the Kremlin contends that "religion is conducive to alcoholism as displayed by long and disorderly celebrations of church holidays," Timasheff says. Secondly, Russian propagandists would have the people believe that "Lenten practices weaken the body and decrease work-efficiency." In a third avenue of attack, the Communists contend that "time spent on prayer and the reading of spiritual books is lost for reading really constructive books." Finally, the Reds claim that many conflicts among friends and families arise from religious differences.

Suddenly, in November, 1954, in the midst of a violent anti-religious campaign, a Communist party decree signed by Krushchev signalled a reversal of this trend, Professor Timasheff notes. This decree, while insisting that the spread of atheism was a necessary condition for the success of Communism, condemned the verish anti-religious activity of the previous months, especially the "administrative interference" with Church affairs and the rough treatment of clergymen. Instead of an almost physical struggle with the Church and its leaders, the Communist party decreed ideological warfare, Timasheff says.

Whether Soviet leaders employ direct persecution or indirect pressure against religion and religious leaders, the amazing fact, in Professor Timasheff's opinion, is "the survival, after thirty-seven years under Communism, of religious mores incompatible with the Communist outlook."

Contrary to the claims of the Communists that religion is dead in Russia, Professor Timasheff claims that participation in religious activities behind the iron curtain "is by no means confined to old people, but is also wide-spread among youth." He also asserts that the intellectuals who are expected to be atheists "are often indifferent to the new Communist faith and sometimes religious-minded." Even the "guardians of atheism," the members of the party and Comsomols, he says, display similar attitudes.

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For release in PM's, Monday, July 11th:

Washington, D.C., July 11 --- Ralph Guglielmi, All-American quarterback and recent Notre Dame graduate, today (Monday) was President Eisenhower's guest at a White House luncheon attended by representatives of the sports world.

The luncheon meeting was arranged, the President said, to develop ways to induce young people to become active participants in athletic events rather than mere spectators. Mr. Eisenhower, in inviting the sports figures to the White House, expressed the hope that through active sports "the physical fitness of our American people would be improved and juvenile delinquency would be reduced."

Guglielmi currently is attending an Air Force ROTC summer camp at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. He will be commissioned a lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve there on July 16th. When called to active duty, he will enter flying training. He is scheduled to play in the All-Star Football game in Chicago in August and to join the Washington Redskins professional football team in the Fall.

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For release in PM's, Friday, July 15th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 15 --- Bishop William E. Cousins of Peoria, Ill., today blamed materialism and "a certain breakdown in discipline in modern society" for the shortage of vocations to the Catholic priesthood and religious life.

Keynoting the ninth annual Vocation Institute at the University of Notre Dame (July 14-17), Bishop Cousins declared that "it takes a pretty brave boy or girl, with a real spirit of sacrifice --- learned from God knows where --- to turn away from a glittering world and seek God's will elsewhere."

The Peoria prelate, speaking to more than two hundred priests, Brothers, Sisters and laymen engaged in vocation work throughout the country, said that items formerly regarded as luxuries have become necessities for today's average family. "We are engrossed in an endless struggle," he said, "to raise the standard of living which arbitrarily we continue to set higher and higher. We are drowning in a sea of material advantages."

Bishop Cousins deplored "a specious kind of independence" among young people today that resents any show of authority. Even the Ten Commandments, he said, "have been largely disregarded as a pious but somewhat outmoded way of life." He said that it takes "an unusual type of courage and the highest of mental resolve" for one to explore the possibilities of a religious vocation in such an environment.

"Perhaps we can help our cause," Bishop Cousins said, "by enabling parents better to understand vocations...through a common sense, down-to-earth discussion of the religious life itself. To many families," he said, "Sisters are mysterious beings, living a mysterious life in a house of mystery called a convent. If we dispell the mystery --- present a Sister, Brother or priest as an average citizen working with God in a congenial task, enjoying life and its challenge and happy in a chosen field --- we are on the right path."



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For release in AM's, Sunday, July 17th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 16 --- Students enrolled in Notre Dame's graduate Correctional Administration Program will receive full-time field work experience in selected correctional agencies throughout the country beginning next Spring, the University announced today.

Experienced personnel in probation, parole and other correctional agencies will supervise the students' work during the Spring semester. The field work will supplement courses such as Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency, Social Case Work Theory, Probation and Parole, and the Administration of Correctional Institutions which will be offered at the University during the Fall semester and Summer session. In addition, the students will be required to attend two in-service training workshops on the campus in June.

Notre Dame first offered special training in the fields of probation, parole and prison administration in 1929. It is believed that this was the first training of this type offered at any American university. The course of studies which evolved through the years was discontinued temporarily during World War II and formally organized in a new Correctional Administration Program in 1947. Since that time 74 Notre Dame students have received master's degrees in this specialized field.

Robert E. Pollitt of the Wisconsin Bureau of Probation and Parole has been appointed director of the Correctional Administration Program effective September 1st. Serving as advisors to the Program are Dr. Frank T. Flynn, University of Chicago; Commissioner Thomas J. McHugh, New York Department of Correction; Hugh P. O'Brien, chairman, Indiana Board of Correction; Russell G. Oswald, Director of Corrections, Wisconsin Department of Public Welfare; and Dr. J. P. Shalloo, University of Pennsylvania.

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For release in AM's, Friday, July 22nd:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 21 --- His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, will address a joint convention session of the Christian Family Movement and the Young Christian Workers at the University of Notre Dame August 19th, the University announced today. He will speak and preside at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the campus at 7:30 p.m. (EST). The ceremonies will mark the closing of the YCW National Study Week, August 14-19, and the opening of the CFM national convention, August 19-21.

More than 325 young men and women and about 75 YCW chaplains are expected to attend the week-long series of discussions, workshops and religious exercises. Several discussion periods will be devoted to the social teachings of the Church. William Leasure, Ottawa, Ohio, is president and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Reynold Hillenbrand, Hubbard Woods, Ill., is general chaplain of the YCW which has its national headquarters in Chicago.

The Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, Ind., will address the Christian Family Movement convention August 20th at 6 p.m. Five hundred married couples and 75 CFM chaplains from throughout the country will attend the three-day sessions. Other CFM speakers will include Monsignor Hillenbrand, Peter Fitzpatrick, and Monsignor Donald Kanaly, Calumet, Okla., one of the originators of the CFM in the United States.

The general CFM sessions will be preceded by a special meeting of the organization's chaplains beginning August 18th.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., July --- "Domitille," a three act play written by a cloistered nun who will never see it produced, will be presented here by the University of Notre Dame department of speech July 23rd (2:30 and 7:30 p.m.) in Washington Hall.

Author of the drama is Sister Mary Francis, a Poor Clare nun at Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery, Roswell, New Mexico. Known for her poems, essays and two verse plays, she wrote "Domitille" especially for production at the Notre Dame summer session.

Fourteen Sisters representing eleven religious orders are cast in the play. Leonard Sommer, director of forensics at the University, portrays a bishop and is the only layman in the Notre Dame production. The title role of Mother Domitille is played by Sister Ancilla Marie, S.L., who has appeared in several plays at Notre Dame in recent summers. She currently teaches at St. Philomena School in Denver.

Natalie White, whose "Seven Nuns at Las Vegas" and "Billion Dollar Saint" both have been produced at Notre Dame, is directing "Domitille." It is the fifth original play to have its premiere at the University in the last three years and the first written by a nun.

Other theatrical events being presented by the Notre Dame speech department during the summer session include a monodrama production of "Antigone" starring Fred Syburg on July 17th, a readers' theatre production of "The Importance of Being Earnest" on July 25-26, and a demonstration of choric interpretation, directed by Sister M. Agnese, S.P., on July 27th.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., July --- The University of Notre Dame has announced a tuition increase of \$50 per semester effective in September.

In a letter to parents of students, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president, said the University decided to raise its tuition "with the greatest reluctance." The tuition increase, he said, "was necessitated by the continual increase in educational costs."

Notre Dame's budget for the coming school year, Father Hesburgh explained, is \$2,600,000 higher than two years ago. Even with the higher tuition, he said, a student will be paying only about 75% of the cost of his education at Notre Dame. Financial support from alumni and friends and revenue from the University's auxiliary enterprises enable Notre Dame to bridge the gap and balance its budget, he said.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., July --- Books and pamphlets by the Rev. John A. O'Brien, author-in-residence at the University of Notre Dame, are being used to spread the truths of Catholicism throughout the world.

According to word recently received here, Father O'Brien's book, The Faith of Millions has just been published in Italian by the Pious Society of St. Paul in Rome. The volume, which presents the credentials of the Catholic faith, is being used throughout Italy to counteract the the proeslyting of Protestant missionaries who are becoming very active among the traditionally Catholic Italian people. With more than 300,000 copies printed in the United States, the Faith of Millions has also been published in German, French, Hungarian, Japanese, Spanish and Malaylam in India. A British edition also came off the press recently.

A summary of the pamphlet written by Father O'Brien on the new eucharistic fast regulations (Ave Maria Press) has been distributed widely throughout Ethiopia by the Apostolic Delgate to that country, according to a report from Rev. C. Sumner, S.J., of the University College in Addis Ababa.

Father O'Brien's latest book is You Too Can Win Souls which tells the personal stories of Catholics who shared their faith with churchless friends and neighbors. It describes the techniques by which Catholics can interest outsiders in their faith. The book is based on three hundred case histories of lay convert makers compiled by the author.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., --- The University of Notre Dame today announced that construction is underway on a \$75,000 building which will provide studios for sculptor Ivan Mestrovic who joins the faculty in September. The celebrated Croatian artist has been a professor and sculptor-in-residence at Syracuse University since 1947.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president, said that the new building is the gift of I. A. O'Shaughnessy, St. Paul, Minn., oil executive and philanthropist. He was the donor of the \$2,300,000 O'Shaughnessy Hall of Liberal and Fine Arts dedicated two years ago. Mr. O'Shaughnessy is a member of the University's Associate Board of Lay Trustees.

The new structure, which will measure 80 by 20 feet, will be situated at the southeast corner of O'Shaughnessy Hall and will be connected to it by a breezeway. The two studios to be used by Mestrovic and his students will be 17 feet in height since so many of Mestrovic's works are of heroic proportions.

Architects for the building are Ellerbe and Company, St. Paul, Minn., who designed O'Shaughnessy Hall. The new studio building, like O'Shaughnessy Hall, will be Tudor-Gothic in design and constructed of buff brick and limestone. The construction contract has been awarded to Thomas Hickey and Sons, South Bend, Ind. The building is scheduled for completion in the Fall.

Mestrovic is generally regarded as the outstanding living sculptor of religious subjects. He is one of several internationally recognized artists and scholars who have joined the Notre Dame faculty under the University's Distinguished Professors Program. He was awarded honorary degrees by Notre Dame and Marquette University at their June commencements.

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