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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 6 -- Every religious community within the Catholic Church must "stand firmly rooted in the faith" but also must become "flexible and adaptable" to modern conditions and present needs, Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan of Bridgeport declared at the University of Notre Dame tonight (August 6th).

Keynoting the sixth annual Institute of Spirituality in Sacred Heart Church, the Connecticut prelate told 500 superiors of women's religious communities that what the Church needs "is not so much the multiplication of new societies, but rather that spirit of flexibility and adaptability which enables existing organizations to grow and to adapt themselves to the varying needs of each generation."

"The modern religious, firmly grounded in the faith and securely formed in the religious life, will reach out into the changing world, seize what is good and proper in the field of modern development, make them her very own and use them for the attainment of the Church's divine purpose," Bishop Shehan asserted.

Human organizations tend to grow rigid in their structure, in their tradition and in their programs, and women's religious congregations "are likely to be specially inclined in this direction," Bishop Shehan observed. Too often, he said, "their holy rule becomes, not a means to an end, but an end in itself" and those members who dare to suggest a change, "even to meet the most crying need," are regarded as "a species of traitor." Some groups of nuns have been slow and reluctant to modify their religious garb, the Connecticut bishop noted, but even more important, he said, is flexibility "in the things which are essential to the welfare of the community itself and to its participation in the Church's mission for which the community exists."

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"Some of us," Bishop Shehan contended, "are far too complacent about the effectiveness of our educational system, particularly on the elementary level. Because we have remained comparatively free from the worst fads of the time, we conclude that all is quite well with us. On the other hand," he said, "because much of modern secular education has been seriously affected by these fads we infer that it has nothing worthwhile to offer. Neither of these conclusions is correct," he insisted. "All too often," the bishop said, "we are content with a mediocre or inferior grade of a good thing, whereas our true aim must be nothing short of excellence."

Noting the tremendous expansion of hospitals and medical facilities in this country since World War II, Bishop Sheehan declared that "the full and effective use of these facilities demands the best professional training on the part of religious communities engaged in this field. One must indeed bear in mind," he warned, "that excessive absorption in physical expansion and professional development can produce a certain blindness to the true spiritual purpose which is the ultimate justification of the existence of Catholic hospitals."

Bishop Shehan also stressed the important role of women's religious orders in caring for the aged and operating correctional and mental institutions. Our nuns, he said, "must be ready to make use of the knowledge and the techniques developed by modern psychology and psychiatry. The time is long past," he emphasized, "when we can write off the whole course of modern psychological and psychiatric development as Freudian, materialistic and rooted exclusively in a rank and unwholesome soil of sex. Along with a lot of trash, a great deal of treasure has been dug up. Those who are engaged in education and in the treatment of all sorts of human ills must be able to discern the treasure from the trash and must be prepared to use the treasure wisely for the eternal and temporal good of those for whom they are responsible," he said.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, August 10th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 9 -- Plans for a half-million dollar maintenance center and warehouse at the University of Notre Dame were announced today by Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., executive vice president.

Father Joyce pointed out that the new facility will be the first building to be erected as part of Notre Dame's ten year, \$66,600,000 development program launched last spring. It will replace a series of old shop buildings which date back to the early years of the University. Construction will begin immediately and the new building is scheduled for completion in January, he said.

Designed by Ellerbe and Co., St. Paul, Minn., architectural firm, the maintenance center will have a 229-foot frontage on old Juniper Road at the northeast edge of the campus. The one-story, buff brick building will be the headquarters for approximately sixty maintenance employees. It will include several maintenance shops, a warehouse providing 30,240 square feet of storage space, a garage for servicing and storing University vehicles, and an office.

Sollitt Construction Co., Inc., South Bend, will be the general contractor, Father Joyce said. Morrison, Inc., Hammond, Ind., has been awarded the plumbing and heating contract, and Colip Brothers, South Bend, will be the electrical contractor.

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

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Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 11 -- The renewal of grants totalling \$98,270 at the University of Notre Dame's Lobund Institute was announced today by Francis X. Bradley, Jr., acting administrative director.

Grants of \$29,900 from the National Institutes of Health and \$25,000 from the Army Surgeon General will support general operations at the famed germfree animal research center, Bradley said.

Three Lobund scientists also received grants to continue specific research programs. Professor James A. Reyniers was awarded a grant of \$27,700 by the Damon Runyon Memorial Fund to carry on his cancer research. The Army Transportation Corps allocated a fund of \$9,500 to support Professor Philip Trexler's research on the transportation of germfree animals. A grant of \$6,170 from the Common Cold Foundation will support Dr. Thomas Ward's continuing research in that area.

Reyniers, Ward and Dr. Helmut A. Gordon, also of the Lobund staff, presented papers at the International Congress of Microbiology at Stockholm August 4-9. Following the Stockholm sessions, Ward was scheduled to visit biological science laboratories in the Moscow area at the invitation of the Russian Academy of Science. Dr. Bernard S. J. Wostmann, another Lobund scientist, will address the International Congress of Biochemistry in Vienna in September. The scientists' travel abroad is being underwritten jointly by the Office of Naval Research and the University of Notre Dame.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 12 -- Religious communities above all may not sleep when the whole world is in danger, Bishop Joseph M. Marling, C. PP. S., of Jefferson City declared here tonight (Tuesday).

"If they are to lead their contemporaries to Christ," the Missouri prelate said, "they must look earnestly to the manner of their approach. With mediaeval weapons no battle can be won today. Nor will all the zeal in the world offset techniques which are ineffective because outmoded."

Bishop Marling preached at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the University of Notre Dame campus at ceremonies marking the close of the sixth annual Institute of Spirituality. More than five hundred superiors of women's religious communities attended the week-long sessions whose theme was "The Role of Authority in the Adaptation of the Religious Community for the Apostolate."

The Missouri bishop urged religious communities and their superiors to emulate Pope Pius XII who "has shown by personal example how it is possible to be completely modern and progressive, while retaining perfectly the spirit of the gospels." He recalled the Holy Father's words of censure to those "who from a childish and immoderate love of novelty, attack by their teaching, action and agitation the immutability of the Church" as well as those "who seek knowingly or otherwise to cause her to be caught in a kind of sterile immobility."

"Obviously great initiative is required of religious at this hour if they are to play their part in winning the world for Christ," Bishop Marling stressed. Religious superiors, he said, "are not merely to tolerate initiative; they must encourage and even train their subjects to it, particularly in the formative years."

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This advice, he conceded, "may run counter to older notions of submission, but it is imperative in a century that boasts of the emancipation it has witnessed, that glories in the self-determination won by an ever widening circle, from the common laborer to teeming continents of restless and awakened peoples. This character of our era is not to be condemned," Bishop Marling asserted, "but is to be brought into harmony with the freedom of Christ. The self expression with which our age has endowed recruits to religious ranks is not something that must be crushed; it is rock upon which patient and skillful hands can raise a magnificent structure," he said.

Bishop Marling called on the Church's orders and congregations to develop both an "unswerving loyalty to religious ideals and a strictly modern approach." He warned, however, that if stress upon the modern is ever made to mean that the interior life has lost importance or that it may be sacrificed "in even a small degree," the error should be quickly exposed. "To become all things to all men must not mean that one grows less attached to Our Lord, for, if such were the result, it should be regarded as loss," he said. "The love of our fellow man --- the mainspring of the apostolate --- will always be strictly in proportion to the love of God that is in our hearts."

Earlier Institute of Spirituality speakers included Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan of Bridgeport, Conn.; Rev. Elio Gambari, S. M. M., Sacred Congregation for the Affairs of Religious, Rome; Rev. Joseph Fichter, S. J., Loyola University of the South, New Orleans; Rev. Louis Putz, C.S.C., University of Notre Dame; Mother Angela, H. N. S., San Francisco; Sister Cecilian, C.S.C., Anderson, Ind.; Mother Benedicta, S.C.M.N., Philadelphia, Pa.; and Sister Annette, C.S.J., St. Paul, Minn.

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For release in PM's, Thursday, August 14th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 14 -- An undergraduate program in city planning will be inaugurated by the University of Notre Dame's department of architecture in September, according to an announcement today by Professor Frank Montana, head of the department.

The city planning option will prepare the architecture student for the role he must play in shaping and influencing the proper development of our urban areas, Montana said. Some of the most vexing problems facing city governments throughout the nation, Montana pointed out, are those brought about by the unparalleled and, for the most part, unplanned growth in recent years.

Montana stressed that the new program, to be offered in the student's fourth and fifth years, will not be confined to traditional architecture or engineering subjects. It will include a number of required courses offered by other divisions of the University. Among them are Public Administration, American City Government, The Community, Real Estate Law, and Economic Institutions. Notre Dame is among the first of the nation's colleges and universities to offer a city planning program on the undergraduate level, Montana said.

T. Brooks Brademas, a member of the consulting firm of City Planning Associates of Detroit, Chicago, and Mishawaka, Ind., will join the architecture faculty as a visiting assistant professor with the inauguration of the new program, Montana said. Brademas, who formerly was senior city planner for the Detroit Plan Commission, holds a master's degree in city planning from the University of Michigan. He has engaged in city planning activities in Atlanta, Toledo and Columbus, Ohio.

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

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Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 16 -- A gift of \$100,000 from Miami stockbroker George Coury will be used to establish a new student loan fund at the University of Notre Dame, it was announced today by Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., acting president.

Father Joyce said the Coury Fund will provide loans to Notre Dame students who otherwise might have to withdraw from school because of financial difficulty. Coury, who was graduated from Notre Dame in 1928, faced such a prospect in his senior year, but was able to complete his college education with the help of a loan.

Coury's gift is among the first benefactions made under Notre Dame's new ten-year \$66,600,000 development program. A total of \$5,000,000 of the projected goal has been earmarked for student aid. The University is also seeking \$27,000,000 in endowment for faculty salaries, \$18,600,000 for new buildings, \$11,000,000 for research, and \$5,000,000 for administrative purposes.

A native of Lebanon, Coury came to the United States in 1911 at the age of five and spent his early years at McCurtain, Oklahoma. According to Coury, his father first settled in Oklahoma after walking there from New York City over a period of three years with a peddler's pack on his back. George was graduated from Subiaco Preparatory College for Boys, Subiaco, Arkansas, in 1924 and entered Notre Dame the following year. He prepared for his investment career by specializing in corporate finance, banking and stock operations in the University's College of Commerce.

Coury began as a messenger for Blyth and Co., a Chicago investment house, eventually becoming chief statistician. He later was associated with Shields and Co., another investment firm, and became president of the Self Stoking Stove and Furnace Co. of Chicago. Following four years of World War II service as a Navy lieutenant commander, Coury operated a chain of laundrettes in Florida while also serving as president of Eichor Inc a Chicago electronics firm. He is a member of the New York Stock Exchange, a director of the Miami National Bank, and heads the George Coury Land and Oil Co. which has extensive real estate holdings in South Florida.

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For release in FM's, Tuesday, August 19th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 19 --- Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell will be the principal speaker at the fourth National Catholic Social Action Conference to be held at The Morris Inn on the University of Notre Dame campus September 5-7, according to an announcement by Louis F. Buckley, NCSAC president and conference chairman.

The cabinet member and Bishop Leo A. Pursley of Fort Wayne will address the conference banquet September 6th (Saturday) at 6:30 p.m. Approximately one hundred Catholic social action leaders are expected to attend the three-day sessions whose theme is "Areas for Analysis: Present and Future."

Among the subjects to be discussed by conference groups are rural life, employer organizations, labor-management education, urban community planning, lay action organizations and the role of diocesan social action directors.

Rev. Leo R. Ward, C.S.C., professor of philosophy at Notre Dame, will speak at the opening session (Fri., Sept. 5, 9:30 a.m.) on "The Image of Man in Contemporary Society." Rev. Joseph Fitzpatrick, S. J., of Fordham University, will discuss "The Trend Toward a White Collar Society" in an address that evening (7:30 p.m.).

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Donnelly, director of the Hartford Archdiocesan Labor Institute, New Haven, Conn., will serve as director of the conference discussion groups. A panel discussion on "Points of Concentration for the Catholic Social Action Movement" will be headed by Rev. William J. Smith, S. J., director of St. Peter's College Institute of Industrial Relations, Jersey City, N. J.

Rev. Mark J. Fitzgerald, C.S.C., head of the industrial relations section of Notre Dame's economics department, is in charge of local arrangements.

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For release in PM's, Thursday, August 21st:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 21 -- If you have ever had trouble locating a baby-sitter, you can sympathize with officials of the Christian Family Movement who are trying to recruit more than fifty sitters for their 10th annual convention at the University of Notre Dame August 28-31.

More than 600 CFM couples are expected to attend the sessions, and many of them will bring youngsters along. Three hundred fifty children romped on the campus at last year's CFM convention.

Rev. Joseph Munier will keynote the convention with an address on "Economics and Family Life" at the first general session August 29th (Friday) at 7:30 p.m. in the University Drill Hall. Father Munier, a leader in Catholic Action activities for many years, is a faculty member at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, California. Professor and Mrs. Emerson Hynes, of St. John's College, Collegeville, Minnesota, are scheduled to address the second general session August 30th (Saturday) at 10 a.m. on "The Family."

A highlight of the sessions will be a candlelight procession of the CFM couples to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the campus that evening (Saturday). The Grotto is a replica of the famed shrine at Lourdes, France, where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette one hundred years ago. Bishop Leo A. Pursley of Fort Wayne will preach to the CFM group at a Mass to be offered at the campus shrine August 31st (Sunday) at 7:45 a.m.

The bulk of the convention will consist of a series of seminars and panels on a variety of subjects including "The Catholic Family in Suburbia," "The Church's Social Doctrine: The Business of the Layman," "Stretching the Family Income," "Labor Legislation," "Religious Practices in the Home," and "What Is a Lay Apostle?".

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