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For release in AM's, Thursday, July 7th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 6 -- A new edition of one of the best known mediaeval stories, the Navigatio Sancti Brendani Abbatis, has been published here by the University of Notre Dame Press.

The Navigatio is an account of the daring voyages of Saint Brendan, a celebrated sixth century Irish abbot, who established monasteries throughout Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Known in history and literature as "Brendan the Navigator", he is venerated along with St. Patrick and St. Columba among the most famous Irish saints.

The new volume is the result of more than twenty years' research by Professor Carl Selmer of Hunter College, New York City. Selmer studied more than 120 Latin manuscripts in libraries of virtually every European country except Russia. The Navigatio is the latest in a series of sixteen volumes in Notre Dame's Publications in Mediaeval Studies. Rev. Philip S. Moore, C.S.C., is editor of the series, and Rev. Joseph N. Garvin, C.S.C., is associate editor.

According to Selmer, the Navigatio "is a story of Christian visionary character, combined with adventure-reports of early Irish seafarers, embellished with tales and sagas of folklore, and spiced with classical reminiscences. The hero of this epic became St. Brendan, the Abbot of Clonfert, who, by his holy life, his monastic foundations, his missionary activities, and his daring voyages, had attained great fame among the inhabitants of the Celtic-speaking territories." Selmer reports that the Navigatio also aroused intense interest on the continent, "where it was copied and recopied dozens of times and became one of the most frequently reproduced writings of the Middle Ages."

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For release in PM's, Wednesday, July 6th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 6 -- Twelve hundred nuns who are superiors of religious houses throughout the United States are expected to attend the eighth annual Institute of Spirituality at the University of Notre Dame August 3-9, according to Rev. Robert Pelton, C.S.C., general chairman.

"The Superior and the Common Good of the Religious Community" will be the theme of the sessions. The Institute was founded in 1953 to help sister superiors in the spiritual formation of the nuns under their supervision.

The Most Rev. J. Carroll McCormick, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, will speak at the formal opening of the Institute in Sacred Heart Church on the campus August 3rd (Wed.) at 8 p.m. Father Pelton, who heads Notre Dame's theology department, will be the speaker at the closing exercises August 9th (Tues.) at 8 p.m. following a candlelight procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Throughout the week the sisters will hear a series of lectures on "The Common Good of the Religious Community" by Rev. Robert H. Sweeney, C.S.C., of Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, and "The Counselling Role of the Superior in View of the Common Good" by Rev. Charles A. Curran, S. J., of Loyola University, Chicago.

Other speakers and their subjects will include Notre Dame's Rev. Louis J. Putz, C.S.C., "Conferences and Discussions for the Community"; Rev. Cyril F. Meyer, C.M., Immaculate Conception Seminary, Northampton, Pa., "Coordination of Professional Apostolic Life and the Religious Life"; Mother M. Eucharista, C.S.J., Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis, Mo., "Coordination of the Common Good of the Local and the Total Community"; Sister Jeanne Marie, F.C.S.P., "Vacation and Travel Policy"; Sister M. Gerald, C.S.C., St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, "Financial Management of the Religious Community"; and Prof. James Hayes, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, "Motivation and Procedures of the Superior as Administrator."

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For release in PM's, Tuesday, July 5th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 5 -- Scientists at the University of Notre Dame's Lobund germfree life research laboratories have received grants totalling more than \$502,000 during the first six months of 1960, it was reported today by Francis X. Bradley, assistant Graduate School dean for research.

Among the more recent awards is a grant of \$52,100 from the National Science Foundation for a three-year research project on the serum of germfree animals by Dr. B. S. Wostmann. Another grant of \$110,000 has just been received from the Office of Naval Research to support general operations at the famed research center for the coming year.

Earlier the National Institutes of Health awarded a grant of \$200,100 to Dr. Wostmann to support a project on feeding Caesarian and natural-born germ-free rodents. He also received a \$5,000 grant from Eli Lilly and Co., Indianapolis, for "Studies on Histamine and Serotonin in Germfree, Monocontaminated and Conventional Animals."

Cancer research underway at the Lobund laboratories includes a two-year study of "Tumor Viruses in Germfree Animals" being conducted by Dr. Thomas G. Ward under a grant of \$117,672 from the NIH. Dr. Ward is also studying spontaneous tumors in germfree animals with the help of a \$7,500 grant from the Allen County (Ind.) Cancer Society.

Ward and Dr. J. B. Crowley hold another NIH grant of \$4,646 for a study of the effectiveness of Asian flu vaccine.

The Army Surgeon General has allocated \$5,520 to Prof. Philip Trexler for the accelerated development of plastic isolators for use in human surgery.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, July 3rd:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 2 -- Thirty-six internationally celebrated writers and philosophers have contributed articles to Modern Catholic Thinkers: An Anthology which has been published by Burns and Oates, London, and Harper and Brothers, New York.

Dr. A. Robert Caponigri, professor of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, is the editor of the volume of essays, many of which appear for the first time in English. Rev. Martin C. D'Arcy, S. J., the noted British philosopher, has written the introduction and contributed an article.

According to Professor Caponigri, the purpose of the volume is "to illustrate Catholic thought at the frontiers of knowledge in every sphere of characteristically Catholic concern." The essays are grouped according to a progressive pattern about seven basic themes: God, The Church, The Political Order, History, Religion, Culture, and Witness.

Among the contributors are Christopher Dawson, Romano Guardini, Etienne Gilson, Waldemar Gurian, Philip Hughes, Jacques and Raissa Maritain, John Courtney Murray, Joseph Pieper, Heinrich Rommen, Yves Simon, Luigi Sturzo and Sigrid Undset.

"The Catholic thinker does not content himself with wiping and polishing an old set of ideas," Father D'Arcy declares in his introduction. "He chooses freely and with deliberation his belief, and embraces a system because he is passionately convinced that it is true; true, moreover, in the sense that it is not inanimate but alive, holding the past in its keeping and probing into the present with life-giving energy."

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For release in PM's, Wednesday, July 27th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 27 --The University of Notre Dame today announced the resignation of Prof. James Dincolo as head of the department of accountancy in its College of Commerce. Dincolo, who has headed the department since 1946, will continue as a faculty member at the University. Dr. Ray M. Powell has been named acting department head effective September 1st.

A specialist in tax accounting, Professor Dincolo received the Notre Dame Lay Faculty Award for outstanding service to the University at the 1956 commencement. He joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1937 and became a certified public accountant four years later. Widely known in accounting circles throughout the midwest, he is a partner in the South Bend accounting firm of Dincolo and Christman.

Professor Dincolo was educated at Boston University where he received his undergraduate and master's degrees. Before coming to Notre Dame, he taught at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., and the University of Puerto Rico. He is a member of the American Institute of Accountants, the Indiana Academy of Social Sciences and the American Accountants Association.

Powell joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1959 after receiving a doctorate in business administration at Indiana University. He has specialized in cost and managerial accounting as well as in administrative policy. He is the author of the forthcoming book Administering the Going Concern: Cases in Business Policy. Professor Powell holds undergraduate and master's degrees from Oklahoma A & M and taught in the Oklahoma public schools before commencing his doctoral studies in 1956. He is a member of the American Accounting Association, the National Business Teachers Association, and the United Business Education Association.

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For release in AM's, Tuesday, July 26th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 25 -- One out of every sixty-five nuns in the United States is improving her skills as a teacher or administrator at the University of Notre Dame this summer.

A total of 1,373 sisters, who teach in Catholic grade schools, high schools and colleges during the regular school year, is currently enrolled in Notre Dame's summer session. Twelve hundred additional nuns who are superiors of religious houses throughout the country are expected to attend the eighth annual Institute of Spirituality on the campus August 3-9.

The sisters, whose religious garb contrasts sharply with the Bermuda shorts and sport shirts of Notre Dame's lay students, constitute the largest bloc of the 2,877 summer school enrollment. The student body currently numbers 268 priests, 79 seminarians, 163 Brothers, 904 lay men, and 90 lay women. The summer enrollment is the largest in the University's history, 250 more than last year.

Nearly four-fifths of Notre Dame's summer students are enrolled in the Graduate School. Of these, the largest group, 355, is studying for advanced degrees in the department of education. The 200 nuns in the graduate education program are about equally divided among programs in educational administration, guidance and the general master's degree sequence in education. The first term of a new Master of Arts in Teaching Program, inaugurated this summer under a \$410,750 Ford Foundation grant, numbers 24 lay students.

Notre Dame's mathematics department, which has pioneered in the use of closed circuit television in its teacher training program, has the second largest graduate enrollment this summer with 312, more than half of them nuns.

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The bulk of the graduate mathematics students is enrolled in institutes for high school math teachers conducted both during the summer and the regular academic year with the support of the National Science Foundation. A group of fifty-six gifted high school math students, including nine girls, also is studying at Notre Dame this summer in another NSF-sponsored program.

In terms of summer graduate enrollment, Notre Dame's English department is the third largest with 235 students, an increase of approximately 40% over last year. Other departments numbering more than one hundred summer graduate students include chemistry, 226; art, 155; biology, 122; and theology, 116.

One hundred twenty-six nuns who teach in Catholic high schools and colleges are taking graduate art courses at Notre Dame this summer. In addition to their teaching, many are practicing artists. They are enrolled in classes ranging from painting and figure drawing to wood carving, design and mosaics.

Notre Dame's Liturgy Program, which has been described as the academic center for the liturgical movement in the United States, numbers 97 summer graduate students. Many of them are enrolled in a course being offered for the first time this summer, "Liturgy in the Light of Modern Psychology and the History of Religions."

Sixty-two students, the bulk of them nuns, are enrolled in the five-summer Master of Business Administration Program in Notre Dame's College of Commerce. Some of the MBA students are teachers of business subjects in high schools and colleges, and others are administrators in schools, hospitals and other institutions.

Other Notre Dame departments or programs with sizeable summer graduate enrollments include history, 80; modern languages, 78; music 76; and physics, 49.

The records of the Notre Dame Alumni Association show that 1,449 nuns throughout the country hold advanced degrees from the University.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 29 --- Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Senator John F. Kennedy have been invited to address the University of Notre Dame student body and faculty during their campaigns for the presidency.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president, sent identical telegrams of invitation to the Republican and Democratic presidential candidates today. Father Hesburgh suggested that Nixon and Kennedy speak at Notre Dame on "the spiritual and moral issues facing America in the years ahead."

Nixon received the annual Patriotism Award of Notre Dame's senior class and delivered a major address at the school's Washington's Birthday Exercises here last February 23rd. Kennedy received the same award and addressed a similar patriotic convocation on February 22, 1957.

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