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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 5 -- Rev. A. L. Gabriel, director of the Mediaeval Institute at the University of Notre Dame, has been invited to give several lectures in France during the summer months. He will present papers to the Academie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres, the Historical Society of Paris and the Catholic University of Paris in June. He will also confer with mediaeval scholars at Oxford and in London and attend the World Congress of Historians at Rome early in September.

Father Gabriel's subject in speaking to the French Academy on June 17th will be "The Accounts of the University of Paris." A specialist in mediaeval education, he is continuing the publication of the famous Chartularium, a collection of records on the Library of the University of Paris.

"The Intellectual Life in Ave Maria College", an institution founded in 1336 within the University of Paris, will be Father Gabriel's topic in addressing the Historical Society of Paris on June 21st. He will also address the faculty and student body of the Catholic University of Paris on "Robert of Sorbonne," a secular priest who founded the College of the Sorbonne, which gave its name to the present University.

Father Gabriel will sail for Europe at the end of May and return to the Notre Dame campus early in September.

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Notre Dame, Ind., May 5 -- The spiritual and intellectual odyssey of Orestes A. Brownson, nineteenth century American philosopher and journalist, is traced in the Brownson Reader, an anthology of his writings published today (P. J. Kenedy and Sons, New York City).

Dr. Alvan S. Ryan, associate professor of English at the University of Notre Dame, has edited and written an introduction to the volume which includes representative essays penned by Brownson at various stages of his controversial career. Associated with several Protestant sects in his earlier years both as a minister and a layman, Brownson became a convert to Catholicism at the age of forty-one. He is buried in the crypt of Sacred Heart Church on the Notre Dame campus.

"Brownson has been denounced by liberals for his conservatism and by conservatives for his liberalism," Dr. Ryan writes in his introduction. He characterizes Brownson as "a seeker, with all the enthusiasm and the passionate intensity of men of that stamp." The central concern of Brownson's life, Dr. Ryan believes, was his "quest for religious certainty" and his "concern about temporal and contingent realities: justice between ~~man~~ and man, political liberty and order, the good of the earthly city."

In Dr. Ryan's opinion, Brownson's most important work was that of the general critic and journalist "although much of his work transcends the limitations of journalism." Brownson was a leading spokesman of the Transcendentalists and was closely associated with Emerson, Hawthorne, and Alcott. He was also regarded as a social reformer and a defender of the Catholic faith.

Dr. Ryan, a member of the Notre Dame faculty from 1943-46 and since 1951, recently was awarded a faculty fellowship for 1955-56 by the Fund for the Advancement of Education. He will spend the year at Princeton University studying and observing the Special Program in Humanities, the Honors Program and the Christian Gauss Seminars in Criticism.

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For release in AM's, Friday, May 13th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 12 -- A production of "Everyman" starring Helen Oosthoek, the versatile Dutch actress, will be a highlight of the tenth biennial convention of the Catholic Theatre Conference at the University of Notre Dame June 12-15.

More than 1,500 teachers, directors and students of the drama from Catholic high schools and colleges throughout the country are expected to attend the sessions, according to Therese Marie Cuny, Chicago, Ill., conference president. Included in the convention program will be the presentation of several plays and discussions of virtually every phase of theatrical activity.

Miss Oosthoek's version of "Everyman" was first seen on "The Catholic Hour" over the NBC television network last year. Her portrayal of a dozen different roles in the fifteenth century morality play was hailed by the New York Times' critic as "a stunning performance."

Other plays to be presented by college and high school dramatic groups during the convention include Natalie White's "The Billion Dollar Saint," the Notre Dame speech department; "Parade at the Devil's Bridge," St. Mary's-of-the-Woods College, Terre Haute, Ind.; "Hotel Universe," Catholic Community Theatre, Rochester, N.Y.; "Blithe Spirit," Clarke College, Dubuque, Ia.; and "The Crucible," Loyola University, Chicago, Ill.

Also "The Strong Are Lonely," St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn.; "Room Service," Detroit University High School; "Pierre Patelin," Rosati-Kain High School, St. Louis, Mo.; and "The Princess Marries a Page," Regis High School, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

A panel of experts will discuss the production of each play after the final curtain.

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For release in AM's, Friday, May 20th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 19 -- A Provincial Chapter of the Holy Cross Fathers' Indiana province will be convened at the University of Notre Dame on June 17th, it was announced here today by Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, C.S.C., provincial. Thirty-five priests will be delegates to the sessions which are held every three years as prescribed by the constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

A Solemn High Mass in Sacred Heart Church on the campus will mark the opening of the Chapter which is expected to last about ten days. The obediences or assignments of Holy Cross priests for the coming year will be announced at the conclusion of the Chapter, Father Mehling said.

Included on the sessions' agenda will be the election of delegates to the General Chapter of the Congregation of Holy Cross to be held in Rome during the summer of 1956. Delegates to the June meeting also will review the activities of the province during the past three years and nominate three priests for the office of Provincial.

In addition to the University of Notre Dame, the Holy Cross Fathers' Indiana province operates the University of Portland in Oregon and St. George's College at Santiago, Chile. Its priests serve as missionaries in East Pakistan, conduct missions and retreats in this country, edit several publications, operate parishes, and serve as chaplains in the armed forces and at hospitals and other Catholic institutions. In September the Holy Cross Fathers will open the new Notre Dame High School for Boys at Niles, Illinois, a Chicago suburb.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., May -- Literature on religious vocations has been enriched with the publication here of the Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Vocation Institute. "The Psychology of Religious Vocation" was the theme of the sessions which were held last July on the Notre Dame campus. Texts of all the Institute speakers have been included in the new volume published by the University of Notre Dame Press (\$1.50).

Included in the publication are the sermons and addresses of His Eminence, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago; Most Reverend Paul C. Schulte, Archbishop of Indianapolis; and Most Reverend William T. Mulloy, Bishop of Covington.

Priests, religious and laity actively interested in fostering vocations will find a wealth of new material in the Vocation Institute's Proceedings. Among the subjects treated are "Types Suited or Unsited for Religious Vocation," Rev. Charles J. D. Corcoran, O.P., and Dr. Frank J. Ayd, M.D.; "The Psychology of Obtaining Parental Approval," Mr. Bernard F. McNamara; and "The Religious Life as the Perfection of Personality," Rev. Charles Harris, C.S.C.

"Modern Psychiatry and the Catholic Church," a second paper presented by Dr. Ayd, a Baltimore psychiatrist, aroused considerable interest at the Institute and in vocational circles. Other papers recorded in the Proceedings deal with the motivation of vocations and the use of the questionnaire, testing and screening in vocational work.

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For release in PM's, Thursday, May 19th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 19 -- Eight young men will be ordained as priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross at the University of Notre Dame June 8 (Wednesday), according to an announcement by Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, C.S.C., Provincial of the Holy Cross Fathers' Indiana province. The Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, Ind., will officiate at the ceremony in Sacred Heart Church on the campus.

Those to be ordained include Rev. Thomas L. Bill, C.S.C., South Bend, Ind.; Rev. James F. Blaes, C.S.C., Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. Eugene E. Homrich, C.S.C., Muskegon, Mich.; Rev. Wilfred A. Menard, C.S.C., Kankakee, Ill.; Rev. Orel M. Secor, C.S.C., Chicago, Ill.; Rev. James Trepanier, C.S.C., Ludington, Mich.; Rev. Gordon W. Wilcox, C.S.C., Shaker Heights, Ohio; and Rev. George C. Wiskirchen, C.S.C., Quincy, Ill.

The newly ordained priests will celebrate their first Solemn Masses in their home parishes on Sunday, June 12th. Shortly thereafter they will be assigned to one of the activities of the Holy Cross Fathers who operate the University of Notre Dame and other schools in this country and abroad. They also are engaged in parish work, conduct retreats and missions, serve as missionaries in East Pakistan as well as this country, and publish several periodicals.

Two members of this year's ordination class will be ordained elsewhere. Rev. Joseph P. Browne, C.S.C., will be ordained June 4th in Detroit's Blessed Sacrament Cathedral while Rev. Gerald J. Whelan, C.S.C., will receive Holy Orders at St. Stephen's Church, Old Chelsea, Quebec, Canada.

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For release in AM'S, Sunday, May 22nd:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 21 -- The historical writings of the late Benedetto Croce, Italian thinker and elder statesman, are the subject of History and Liberty, a new book written by Professor A. Robert Caponigri of the University of Notre Dame. The volume has just been published in England and soon will be published in the United States (Henry Regnery Co., Chicago).

Caponigri distills from Croce's works a general theory of history which can be applied to all sciences which use historical documents. He carried on research for the book in Croce's private library in Naples and was there when Croce died in 1952.

According to the author, Croce's conception of history, which permeates all his works, is that history is the work of man's creative freedom and the arena of his ethical action. The Marxian or Communist view, on the other hand, conceives of history as the result of economic determination motivated by the perpetual warfare of social classes. In Professor Caponigri's opinion, the most important implication of Croce's theory of history is the superiority it accords ethics over politics and the consequent denial of all forms of political and social totalitarianism and authoritarianism.

Caponigri writes that Croce originally thought of history as simply evoking scenes from the past. He later came to regard it, however, as a moral drama, man's struggle to realize in the forms of social life his ethical ideals. He also came to regard history as essentially tragic, always open to failure.

Croce was the dominant intellectual figure in Italy for more than a half-century. He sternly resisted Fascism and played an important role in the political reorganization of Italy after Mussolini's downfall. He is credited with swinging Italy to the side of the western powers in the last stages of World War II and with restoring her constitutional life.

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For release in PM's, Friday, May 20th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 20 -- Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., will give the commencement address and the Most Rev. John J. Wright, Bishop of Worcester, Mass., will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the University of Notre Dame's 110th annual commencement June 5th (Sunday), the University announced today. More than a thousand students will receive graduate and undergraduate degrees at the exercises in the Notre Dame Stadium (2 p.m.).

Presentation of Notre Dame's 1954 Laetare Medal to retired diplomat Jefferson Caffery will be an added feature of this year's commencement program. Caffery returned to the United States earlier this year after serving as U.S. Ambassador to Egypt since 1949. His retirement marked the end of a forty-three year career in the American foreign service.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame, will confer honorary degrees on Mr. Brownell and Bishop Wright as well as on Very Rev. Christopher J. O'Toole, C.S.C., superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Rome, Italy; Ivan Mestrovic, the celebrated sculptor; Thomas H. Beacom, vice president of the First National Bank of Chicago; and Romy Hammes, president of Romy Hammes Enterprises, Inc., Kankakee, Ill. Beacom is a Notre Dame alumnus and trustee while Hammes is a member of the advisory council for the University's College of Commerce.

Bishop Wright's sermon will be heard during an outdoor Solemn Pontifical Mass to be celebrated in the Stadium at 9 a.m. by the Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Following the Mass, Father Hesburgh will bless an American flag which the senior class presented to the University on Washington's Birthday. Traditionally, the seniors' flag is blessed and flown for the first time on their commencement day.

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For release in AM's, Friday, May 27th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 26 --- The promotion of thirty-six Notre Dame faculty members was announced here tonight (Thursday) at the annual President's Dinner for the faculty. Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., university president, was host to more than five hundred faculty members and their wives in the University Dining Hall. Earlier they were the guests of the Student Senate at an open house in the LaFortune Student Center.

Rev. Philip S. Moore, C.S.C., vice president in charge of academic affairs, announced that five faculty members have been elevated to full professorships. They are Matthew A. Fitzsimons and William O. Shanahan, history; Charles J. Mullin, physics; and John F. Nims and Richard T. Sullivan, English.

Seventeen Notre Dame teachers have been named associate professors, Father Moore said. They are Richard E. Ball and Thomas P. Bergin, business administration; Frederick S. Beckman, art; Charles A. Biondo and Carl A. Mathes, music; Rev. Ferdinand L. Brown, C.S.C., mathematics; William M. Burke and Mortimer J. Donovan, English; Edward J. Cronin, general program; Rev. Henry F. DeBaggis, C.S.C., program for administrators; Edward A. Fischer, journalism; Bohdan T. Hnatiuk, aeronautical engineering; Rev. Thomas J. Lane, C.S.C. and James V. Quagliano, chemistry; Paul A. Montavon, economics; George Parzen, physics; and Paul S. Stokely, biology.

Newly named assistant professors are David L. Ardito, architecture; Peter T. Brady, accounting; Robert M. Browne and Joseph M. Duffy, English; Michael A. DeCicco, mechanical engineering; James E. Houghton, engineering drawing; John E. Hughes, sociology; Eugene J. Leahy, music; Bernard P. Norling, history; Michael S. Pap, political science; Donald W. Seelye, business administration; Rev. Bernard E. Shanley, religion; William J. Thompson, program for administrators; and Richard D. Willemin, testing and guidance.

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For release in PM's, Wednesday, June 1st:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 1 --- Eighteenth century amphibious warfare is described vividly in The Campaign for the Sugar Islands, a new book by Dr. Marshall Smelser, associate professor of history at the University of Notre Dame. The book, which includes a foreword by Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morison, the noted naval historian, was published today by the University of North Carolina Press. Its publication was sponsored jointly by Notre Dame and the Institute of Early American History.

Dr. Smelser's book, in Morison's words, is "a lively account of what is perhaps the most successful amphibious landing in history, between King Agamemnon's at Troy and General Eisenhower's in Normandy." It describes the British assault on the sugar islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe in the Caribbean during the French and Indian War. At the time, the two islands equalled Canada in strategic importance.

The Campaign for the Sugar Islands illustrates that almost all of the elements of twentieth century amphibious warfare were employed, however primitive, nearly two hundred years ago. In his narrative Dr. Smelser tells of flatbottomed landing craft, underwater obstacles, and naval gunfire support against shore batteries. The British forces eventually succeeded in capturing the islands, but only after many hundreds of casualties and after pursuing the French into the jungles and mountains.

Dr. Smelser has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1947. A native of Joliet, Ill., he holds degrees from Quincy College, St. Louis University, and Harvard University where he received his doctorate in 1948. A specialist in early American history, he is a member of the American Historical Association.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, May 29th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 28 --- A noted scholar who has chronicled the history of Christendom through the centuries says he is "tremendously struck by the solid Catholicism which I find in the United States."

Rev. Philip Hughes, regarded as the outstanding historian of the Church writing in English, described the Church in America as "very, very alive" and its members as "remarkably militant." Father Hughes, who recently became a permanent member of the University of Notre Dame history faculty, said he is impressed by "the physical expansion of the Church in this country and the spiritual growth which it symbolizes."

The bespectacled British historian praised American Catholics' self-confidence as expressed in the Catholic higher education system in the United States. He termed the 247 Catholic colleges and universities in this country as "one of the principal accomplishments" of American Catholics. Father Hughes pointed out that the Church operates no colleges of university type in his native England. Oxford, Cambridge and virtually all of the celebrated European universities were Catholic institutions prior to the Reformation, he noted, but the English hierarchy has been unable to make any serious attempt to establish Catholic colleges since that time.

All British schools, including the Catholic schools, receive government support, Father Hughes said. He pointed out that Britain's schools were all private schools until 1870. Ever since the government started its own schools as an auxiliary to the long existing system it has supported the private schools, Father Hughes said.

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The majority of teachers in British Catholic schools are lay men and women rather than members of religious orders, Father Hughes observed. "This is not due to any shortage of vocations," he explained. "That's just the way it's always been."

Catholics in England constitute a much smaller minority than do Catholics in the United States, Father Hughes said. He emphasized, however, that they do not have "a minority mentality." They are represented in all areas of public life and are especially prominent in intellectual and literary circles, he added. Many of the latter are converts to Catholicism.

Father Hughes, who has written several historical works including the three volume History of the Church and The English Reformation, deplored the fact that "far too little" is known about American history in England and on the continent. Next to nothing is known about the history of the Church in the United States, he said. According to Father Hughes, only a few key American presidents and generals are familiar figures on the other side of the Atlantic.

From the historian's point of view, the present time is "an extremely interesting period" in the history of the Catholic Church, Father Hughes feels. In his opinion, the Holy See has exercised "tremendous leadership" in recent years through its encyclicals and administrative decrees. As evidence he cited the social teachings of the Popes and recent changes in regulations for the eucharistic fast. He speculated that Pope Pius XII and his predecessor, Pius XI, will be regarded as two of the truly great popes in history.

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The popes' pronouncements are read by virtually all the world's leaders, Father Hughes said, "although there may be little evidence at the time that they are affecting the international scene." But the British historian pointed out that there is always a time lag, even in Catholic circles, between the utterances of the pope and their general acceptance. Thirty years ago, Father Hughes recalled, people used to smile at papal pronouncements on Communism. "The Holy See is years ahead of the world's statesmen on many matters," he said.

Father Hughes stressed the importance of history in the curriculum at all educational levels. He deplored the fact that history appears to be giving way to a popularized version of the social sciences and civics in many schools. The classics were the first to go, he observed. "Now history is being eased out in many schools and there's no telling what next." A knowledge and understanding of history is particularly important for Catholics, Father Hughes said, for it is important "that they understand historically their own position as well as that of the non-Catholic world." People are often kept away from the Church by what he called "a false view of history." False history, he said, is truly a barrier to prospective converts, he added.

Although he has travelled widely on earlier visits to the United States, Father Hughes continues to be amazed at the "extraordinary candor" of American news commentators, especially when they refer to the President and other prominent public figures. They are much more frank and direct than their British colleagues would be in dealing with the Prime Minister, he said. "Americans don't put people on pedestals as they do in England," Father Hughes observed. "If they do, they don't let them stay there very long."

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For release in PM's, Tuesday, May 31:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 31 --- Four young men have been awarded Notre Dame scholarships provided by the General Motors Corporation, the University's Committee on Scholarships and Prizes announced today.

The GM scholarship winners are Charles A. Bowen, Jr., 54 Tanager Road, Attleboro, Mass.; Phillips J. Gibson, 84 Barons Road, Rochester, N.Y.; James Joseph Short, 436 W. Ashdale Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; and John J. Uebbing, 6049 S. Troy Street, Chicago, Ill. They will enter Notre Dame as freshmen in September.

According to Rev. Alfred Mendez, C.S.C., Director of Student Aid and secretary of the committee, General Motors has established four scholarships at Notre Dame on the basis of one for every twenty Notre Dame alumni employed by GM. The maximum available at any college or university is five, he said. In addition, General Motors provides one hundred scholarships in a national competition with the recipients selecting the school of their choice.

Bowen has attended Monsignor James Coyle High School where he has received three scholastic monograms. He has been a member of the school band and dramatic club and literary editor of the yearbook. He plans to major in journalism at Notre Dame.

Gibson is a student at the Aquinas Institute of Rochester. One of the top members of his class scholastically, he is secretary of the debating team and co-literary editor of the school publication. Gibson will enroll in Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters.

Short attends Northeast Catholic High, Philadelphia, where he is president of the senior class. He has won top scholastic honors and been identified with several extra curricular activities. He will major in physics at Notre Dame.

Uebbing is an honor student at Chicago's Mount Carmel High School. A member of the band there, he plans to study electrical engineering at Notre Dame.

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For release in AM's, Friday, June 3rd:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 2 --- Playwright Emmet Lavery will be the keynote speaker at the tenth biennial convention of the Catholic Theatre Conference to be held at the University of Notre Dame June 12-15. He is a former president of the Hollywood Screen Writers Guild and a co-founder of the CTC.

Lavery's address will be heard at the first general session of the convention June 13 (Tuesday) at 1 p.m. Other speakers at the opening session will be Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame; Sister M. Madeleva, C.S.C., president of St. Mary's College; and Therese Marie Cuny, president of the Catholic Theatre Conference. More than 1,500 teachers, directors and students of the drama from Catholic high schools and colleges have made advance registration to attend the convention.

The premiere of Natalie White's three act farce, "Billion Dollar Saint," on June 12 at 8:30 p.m. will be one of the dramatic highlights of the sessions. It is the fourth original play to be produced by Notre Dame's speech department during the past four summer theatre seasons. Miss White is the author of "Seven Nuns at Las Vegas" which had its premiere on the campus last year.

Several other plays will be presented during the convention by college and high school thespians as well as by Catholic community theatre groups. Virtually every phase of theatrical activity also will be discussed during the sessions.

A Solemn High Mass in Notre Dame's Sacred Heart Church on June 13 will mark the formal opening of the convention. Father Hesburgh will be the celebrant assisted by Rev. Gilbert Hartke, O.P., Catholic University of America, deacon, and Rev. Robert Johnston, S.J., St. Louis University, subdeacon. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Anthony Juliano of Central Catholic High School, Portland, Oregon.

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