

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
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For release in AM's, Thursday, July 12th:

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Notre Dame, Ind., July 11 -- Eight nuns attending the University of Notre Dame summer session will have leading roles in "The Complaining Angel," a musical farce to be produced on the campus July 21-22-23. Natalie E. White is the author-director of the rollicking play which is a sequel to her "Seven Nuns at Las Vegas" which had its premiere at Notre Dame two years ago.

Featuring a nuns' ballet and eleven songs, "The Complaining Angel" is the story of a guardian angel, exhausted by a series of tough assignments, who thinks she has a soft touch when re-assigned to a nun. She soon learns, however, that a sister's life can be something less than serene.

Musical numbers to be performed by a virtually all-nun cast of thirty-five include "Somebody's Got to Guard the Guardian Angel," "The Life Interior of a Mother Superior," and "We're Bucking for Sainthood." The tunes were composed by Rev. Arthur Hope, C.S.C. of Notre Dame and Dudley Birder of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Lyrics are by Sister Mary Francis, a Poor Clare nun from Roswell, New Mex., John Tumpane of the Notre Dame faculty and Miss White.

Principal roles will be played by Sister Ancilla Marie, S. L., and Sister Anne Madeleine, S. L., Denver Colo.; Sister Catherine of Siena, M.S.C., New Orleans, La.; Sister Joan of Arc, O. P., New Haven, Conn.; Sister M. Judine, O. S. F., Chicago, Ill.; Sister M. Edward, C.P.P.S., Cincinnati, Ohio; Sister Estelle, O.S.B., Canon City, Colo.; and Sister Mary Roman, S.S.N.D., Milwaukee, Wisc.

"The Complaining Angel" is the fifth original play written for religious and produced by Notre Dame's department of speech during the last four years. Previous productions were Natalie White's "Billion Dollar Saint" and "Seven Nuns at Las Vegas"; "Domitille" by Sister Mary Francis, P. C.; and Michael Casey's "A Soul in Fine Array."

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Notre Dame, Ind., July -- High in the spire of Sacred Heart Church on the University of Notre Dame campus are twenty-three bells comprising the oldest carillon in North America. The bells, which are one-hundred years old this year, were imported from France in 1856, just fourteen years after the university was founded. During the intervening century they have rung out the angelus three times each day, summoned hundreds of thousands of worshipers to the university church and sounded countless hymns across the campus.

Like Notre Dame's famed golden dome, the campus carillon was a personal project of Rev. Edward F. Sorin, C.S.C., founder and first president of the university. He ordered the bells, which range in weight from fifteen to nearly eleven-hundred pounds, from the Bollee and Sons foundry at LeMans, France. They were solemnly blessed on November 12, 1856, by Archbishop Purcell of Cincinnati and placed in the campus church which preceded the present structure. Each bell is named for a different title accorded the Virgin Mary.

When the present church was completed in 1875, the carillon was installed in the spire approximately one-hundred feet above the ground. Played manually, originally, the carillon later was operated somewhat similar to a player piano with a revolving drum mechanism tripping the hammers of the various bells to play a melody. This mechanism was synchronized with the clock in the spire to play hymns at specific times during the day. In 1953 a new clavier or keyboard was installed and the bells were re-hung. Since that time it has been possible to play the instrument manually or by remote control electrically from the sacristy.

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Often during the spring and summer months Rev. William McAuliffe, C.S.C., carillonneur and director of the Moreau Seminary choir at Notre Dame, climbs the winding stairs of the church spire to play sacred or classical melodies. In mid-December, when the students are about to leave the campus for Christmas vacation, Father McAuliffe plays the traditional carols.

Though not as old as the bells of the carillon and technically not part of it, the largest bell by far in the spire of Sacred Heart Church is a bourdon weighing 15,400 pounds. Named for St. Anthony of Padua, it is rung only on the most solemn occasions when it can be heard for many miles around. It measures 7 feet, 2 inches in height and is 6 feet, $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter at the base. The huge bell arrived at Notre Dame from the LeMans foundries in 1867, but it was a number of years later before it was installed in the new Sacred Heart Church. When the church was consecrated on the occasion of the golden jubilee of Father Sorin's ordination in 1888, the bell was blessed by Bishop Maurice Burke of Cheyenne.

Until recent years it took six hefty Notre Dame students to ring the big bell of St. Anthony. Like the carillon, it can now be rung electrically from the church sacristy. In olden days as today it may be rung to herald a prince of the Church or to mark some other memorable event in the history of Notre Dame. Whatever the occasion, its booming voice, like few bells on earth, seems strong enough to "shake down the thunder."

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

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Notre Dame, Ind., July 12 -- The "capacity for heroism" in many young men and women is one of the greatest sources of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, Bishop Leo A. Pursley, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, Ind., declared here tonight (Thursday).

The Church today promises to every priest, sister and brother the same future that Christ forecast for His apostles and their successors, Bishop Pursley said. He described this as "a life of unrelenting labor, of self-sacrificing service, a life that is impossible, in every sense of the word, without love, a life that is made glorious, a thing of joy beyond the world's dreams, by generous, unconditional surrender to God."

The Fort Wayne prelate was celebrant and preacher at an outdoor evening Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes here marking the formal opening of the tenth annual Vocation Institute. More than 200 priests, sisters, brothers and laymen engaged in fostering religious vocations are attending the sessions which will continue thru Sunday. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will deliver the keynote address tomorrow (Friday) morning at the first business session.

Bishop Pursley minimized the congeniality and security of religious life as inducements for a vocation. "It seems to me," he said, "that any boy or girl actually persuaded by such considerations would not be worthy" of such a calling.

He stressed the importance of perseverance in the religious life on the part of those who are being recruited, who are under training, or already on the field of battle. "We cannot hope to succeed in saving all vocations at whatever stage they may be," Bishop Pursley said. "But this hard, unhappy fact must never discourage our best and most persistent efforts."

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Notre Dame, Ind., July 13 --- Bishop Fulton J. Sheen declared here today (Friday) that the Christian home, buttressed by the prayer of the universal church, is the best source of vocations to the priesthood and religious life in a twentieth century that "has suddenly discovered the value of souls."

Communism, unlike the imperialism of earlier centuries, the New York prelate asserted, "seeks lands only secondarily" and instead strives to conquer the minds and souls of men thru "propaganda, brainwashing, bureaucracy and gendarmes." In other words, he continued, "it is seeking vocations for the kingdom of anti-Christ. Since souls are the prize, Christianity finds itself face to face with an enemy which is equally interested in winning souls."

Bishop Sheen delivered a televised (WNDU-TV) address keynoting Notre Dame's 10th annual Vocation Institute before an audience of more than 2,000 priests, brother and sisters in the University Drill Hall. The Institute sessions, which continue thru Sunday, are designed to explore ways of fostering vocation to the religious life. Perhaps best known to the general public thru his television programs, Bishop Sheen is auxiliary bishop of New York and national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

God always provides enough vocations for His Church, Bishop Sheen emphasized.

If the Church lacks sufficient priests or religious in certain countries and in certain periods of history, it is because young people have failed to respond to the divine call, he said. "The number of vocations reflect the spirit of the Church in any nation," Bishop Sheen asserted. Stressing the importance of prayer in attracting youth to the religious life and helping them persevere in it, he likened prayer to "a spiritual insecticide which creates an environment in which a religious vocation may bear fruit.

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"As a nation gets the kind of government it deserves, so a diocese, a nation, a religious society gets the kinds of vocations for which they yearn, for which they aspire, and for which they pray," Bishop Sheen stressed.

Vocations to the priesthood and religious life bloom and flourish in the "profoundly Christian family," the noted prelate said. Those who attribute vocations to pamphlets, magazines, movies, missionary exhibits and the like "confuse the occasion with the cause" of a religious calling, he claimed.

Bishop Sheen urged those engaged in fostering vocations to play down the superficial attractions of the religious life and instead to appeal to "the deep love of sacrifice which is in youth." Communism and other totalitarian ideologies have appealed to youth in some lands because they demand "total dedication to an earthly cause," Bishop Sheen observed. In seeking candidates for the priesthood and religious life, vocation workers should offer young people the cross of Christ, he said. "Our Lord never pared down the requirements to make recruitment easier. Neither must we," he concluded.

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Notre Dame, Ind., July -- Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans, will address the national conventions of the Christian Family Movement and the Young Christian Workers in a joint session here August 17th. Nearly two thousand members of the two organizations will assemble at the campus Grotto to hear the Louisiana prelate's message which will be followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

More than 500 married couples, many of them accompanied by their children, and 200 priest-chaplains are expected to attend the CFM convention August 17-19. Speakers, in addition to Archbishop Rummel, will include Rev. Harold Rigney, S.V.D., recently released from four years imprisonment by the Chinese Communists; Rev. John L. Thomas, S. J., of the Institute of Social Order, St. Louis University; and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Reynold Hillenbrand, national chaplain of both the CFM and YCW.

Approximately 500 men and women will participate in the national study week of the Young Christian Workers on the Notre Dame campus August 13-18. Rep. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota is scheduled to address the Catholic Action group on August 16th. Others figuring in the YCW program are Rev. Blaine Barr, St. Paul, Minn.; Monsignor Hillenbrand, who is pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Hubbard Woods, Ill.; former YCW president Tony Zivalich and William Lennon, both union officials.

Both the CFM and YCW have scheduled a number of workshops and discussion sessions designed to better acquaint their members with the programs of the two organizations.

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According to Dr. Croteau, a credit union is an institution of personal finance, a kind of "do-it-yourself activity", owned and managed by its members for their mutual benefit, but operating under government charter and supervision. Credit unions were first chartered by the federal government in 1934. The bulk of Dr. Croteau's research was carried on at the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions in Washington, D. C. His financial analysis based on data assembled during twenty years of operation of the federal credit union system is the first to be published.

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Father O'Toole, a native of Alpena, Mich., also appointed two Americans to his staff as assistants general: Rev. Bernard Ransing, C.S.C., Lancaster, Pa., and Brother Theophane Schmitt, C.S.C., Decatur, Ind. Rev. Edward L. Heston, C.S.C., South Bend, Ind., will continue in the office of Procurator General.

The general chapter convened in Rome July 10th with an address by His Eminence Valerio Cardinal Valeri, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Religious at the Vatican.

The Holy Cross Fathers in the United States operate the University of Notre Dame, the University of Portland (Oregon), King's College, Wilkes Barre., Pa., and Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass. They are also engaged in high school teaching, domestic and foreign missions, parish administration and publications. The Brothers of Holy Cross operate St. Edward's University, Austin, Tex., and more than twenty-five high schools and institutions for boys throughout the country. They are also engaged in foreign mission work.

The Holy Cross Brothers' newly designated Midwest Province includes the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. The new Eastern vice province embraces the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and West Va. The South-West vice province covers the remaining states.

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