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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 1 -- The heroism of eight Jesuit missionaries, who came from France to bring Christianity to the Indians of the New World, is described in The First Martyrs of North America, a book just published by the University of Notre Dame Press.

Rev. John A. O'Brien, research professor of theology at the University, is the author of the volume which chronicles the lives of the first individuals on this continent to be canonized as saints by the Catholic Church. The book represents several years of research by the author and embodies the latest findings of modern historical investigation in Canada and the United States.

The First Martyrs of North America is based largely on the letters and diaries of the missionaries themselves. The book presents a vivid picture of Father Isaac Jogues, the first priest to enter what is now New York City, and of his two lay assistants, Rene Goupil and John de Lalande. It also tells the story of the sturdy giant, Jean de Brebeuf, who towered above all the missionaries, and depicts his remarkable journey with the Indians to the Huron territory.

Others whose lives and martyrdom are described in Father O'Brien's book are Jesuit Fathers Gabriel Lalemant, Antonie Daniel, Charles Garnier and Noel Chabanel, all of whom perished at the hands of the Indians.

The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the eight Jesuit martyrs of North America on September 26th.

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For release in PM's, Tuesday, October 4th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 4 -- You may be able to afford the cost of a television set, but can you afford the time?

This is one of the questions raised by Edward A. Fischer, associate professor of communication arts at the University of Notre Dame, in his new book, The Screen Arts: a Guide to Film and Television Appreciation. (Sheed and Ward)

"Anyone who slumps there hour after hour watching inane shimmerings on a screen is guilty of wanton time killing. Everyone has a more noble destiny than that," Professor Fischer writes.

Fischer, who writes a weekly TV-movie column for THE AVE MARIA, emphasizes he's not against recreation and relaxation. Everyone "needs to recharge the batteries from time to time," he says, "but this recharging should take place at a certain altitude."

"Anyone who sops up movies and television programs without discrimination is," in Fischer's view, "getting more than his share of the shoddy, the phony, the tinny, and his spirit will be narrowed and coarsened by the experience."

Developing appreciation is a "touchy business," the Notre Dame professor concedes. "A man might readily admit that he cannot drive a nail, or make a speech, or write a letter, but it is a rare soul who willingly admits he does not know what is good in motion pictures and television."

There are standards for movies and TV, Fischer insists, but one could "memorize all the standards ever printed and still have vulgar taste. The capacity to enjoy and appreciate is developed by studying standards and by coming into frequent contact with the best things in the arts, especially under the guidance of a cultivated mind."

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For release in AM's, Thursday, October 6th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 5 -- Catholics in religiously pluralistic nations such as the United States have a "moral duty" to observe civil, political and religious tolerance for all, according to an article in the University of Notre Dame's quarterly REVIEW OF POLITICS.

No less a figure than the late Pope Pius XII is the authority for this forthright view of religious freedom and Church-state relations, according to Rev. Raymond Cour, C.S.C., assistant professor of political science at Notre Dame. Father Cour analyzes the former Pontiff's views on international society, democracy and Church-state relations in "The Political Teaching of Pope Pius XII" in the scholarly journal's October issue.

According to the Notre Dame political scientist, the late Pope regarded the mediaeval arrangement between Church and state as a "product of the times" rather than as an "ideal". He recalls that in a 1955 address to the Tenth International Congress of Historical Studies, Pope Pius XII cited the United States as "one example, among others, of the way in which the Church succeeds in flourishing in the most disparate situations."

Father Cour believes that these views of Pius XII, never before so clearly and emphatically stated by his predecessors, "should at least weaken the hardy stereotype that for Catholics the 'ideal' Church-state relationship is the mediaeval one, that any other system is to be merely tolerated until better days arrive, that salvation will come only by returning to the mediaeval pattern, and that, should all hope of such a return disappear, the loyal position for a Catholic is one of nostalgic regret."

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The late Pope, who visited the United States in 1936 as Cardinal Pacelli, evinced a "positive friendliness" toward the democratic form of government, and his writings indicate "considerable respect, if not affection, for the principal modern democratic state, the United States," Father Cour observes. In his 1944 Christmas message, Pius XII singled out two rights which characterize a democracy: the freedom of people to set forth their own views on the duties and sacrifices imposed upon them by the state, and the right not to be compelled to obey without being heard. The Holy Father declared on the same occasion that today "when the activity of the state is so vast and decisive, the democratic form of government appears to many a postulate of nature imposed by reason itself."

If Pope Pius XII was a friend of democratic government, he was also a firm supporter of the principle of international cooperation, Father Cour writes. "A person with isolationist or nationalistic leanings will find little of comfort in the writings of Pius XII. More than any other pope in history, he emphasized the basic teaching on human solidarity and the implications of this doctrine in the community of nations."

In this regard, the pope "was not content to state general principles," according to the Notre Dame priest-professor. "For him, well-wishing was insufficient; effective cooperation was demanded. He advocated the establishment of an international organization with authority to maintain peace --- and he urged all nations to join it."

Today, with the United Nations in crisis, Father Cour recalls the staunch support of Pope Pius XII for the UN at its founding and through the years. His support "was not a personal whim but was solidly founded in Christian doctrine," the author writes. When the UN was founded, Father Cour recalls, Pius XII expressed the belief it would be a bitter disappointment if the new organization were to fail, for this would provide a fresh triumph for the spirit of oppression and make vain so many years of war and suffering.

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For release in PM's, Friday, October 14th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 14 -- "Power and Democracy in America" will be the subject of a symposium to be sponsored by the University of Notre Dame student government in the Law Auditorium here October 25th, it was announced today.

Speakers will include Delbert C. Miller, professor of sociology at Indiana University; Robert A. Dahl, head of the department of political science at Yale University; and Peter F. Drucker, author and chairman of the management area in New York University's Graduate Business School.

According to Dr. William V. D'Antonio, assistant professor of sociology and faculty moderator, the symposium will explore "the problems for political democracy created by the growth of government, corporations and labor unions. It will inquire whether the legitimate interests of the general public are adequately expressed in this age of bigness," he said.

The symposium will open at 10:30 a.m. with a paper by Professor Miller entitled "Democracy and Decision Making in The Community Power Structure." It will continue at 2:15 p.m. when Prof. Dahl will speak on "Equality, Consent and Power in American Society." The third symposium paper on "Individual Freedom and Effective Government in a Society of Super-Powers" will be given by Prof. Drucker at 4 p.m.

The three speakers will join Prof. D'Antonio and Prof. Howard J. Ehrlich, of Ohio State University's Columbus Psychiatric Institute, in a panel discussion on "Some Questions on the Study of Power" at 8 p.m.

John Keegan, a Kearny, N.J., senior and president of the Notre Dame student body, will speak at the opening symposium session. The event has been arranged by John Kevin Walsh, a Valhalla, N.Y., senior, who is chairman of the student government's Distinguished Lecture Series.

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For release in PM's, Monday, October 17th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 17 -- The University of Notre Dame today reported a total fall semester enrollment of 6,467, the largest in the school's history and an increase of 71 over last year.

The overall figure includes 5,530 undergraduates, 171 law students and 766 graduate students.

Among the graduate students are 67 nuns who will return to the Catholic educational system with advanced Notre Dame degrees. Eighty-three men and women, principally professional industrial employees and teachers, are enrolled in The Graduate School's evening program.

Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters, with an enrollment of 2,040, is the largest unit within the University. Student totals for the other undergraduate colleges include Commerce, 1,356; Engineering, 1,351; and Science, 783.

The freshman class, always the largest, numbers 1,605 students. There are 1,472 sophomores, 1,251 juniors and 1,085 seniors. An additional 114 undergraduates are enrolled in programs requiring a fifth year of study, and there are 2 part-time undergraduate students.

Lay men students predominate, of course, in the student body, and 4,450 live in the seventeen residence halls on the campus.

A total of 275 priests and religious is currently enrolled at Notre Dame. The figure includes 37 priests, 44 Brothers, 67 sisters and 127 seminarians.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, October 16th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 15 -- J. Peter Grace, president of W. R. Grace and Co., New York, N. Y., will serve as national chairman for a three-year, \$18 million University of Notre Dame development program. His appointment was announced today by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president. Mr. Grace is vice-chairman of Notre Dame's Associate Board of Lay Trustees.

The Ford Foundation recently awarded Notre Dame a \$6 million grant on the condition that the University double that amount in contributions from alumni, friends and other non-governmental sources during the next three years. Mr. Grace will direct more than 5,000 volunteer workers in 175 cities in a personal solicitation program geared to meet The Ford Foundation challenge.

Father Hesburgh has designated the three-year program as a "top priority" segment of the University's ten-year, \$66,600,000 "Program for the Future" announced in 1958. The 13-story Notre Dame Memorial Library, to be built beginning next year at a cost of \$8 million, is the largest item in the \$18 million program. The University has earmarked \$4 million for two graduate residence halls, \$3.5 million for faculty development, \$2 million for student aid, and \$500,000 to inaugurate a retirement plan for non-academic employees.

Mr. Grace joined W. R. Grace and Co. upon his graduation from Yale University in 1936 and became its president nine years later. He has been a Notre Dame trustee since 1952. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at Notre Dame's 115th annual commencement last June.

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For release in PM's, Tuesday, October 18th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 18 -- Dr. George B. Cressey, Maxwell Professor of Geography at Syracuse University and an authority on Asiatic geography, will give the first of the Cardinal O'Hara Lectures for 1960-61 in the University of Notre Dame's College of Commerce Wednesday (Oct. 19th). He will discuss "How Strong Is Russia?" in the Engineering Auditorium at 3 p.m.

Generally regarded as the dean of Asiatic geographers, Professor Cressey will conduct a seminar on "Recent Developments in Southwest Asia" for the College of Commerce faculty Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Golfers' Lounge of The Morris Inn. He is the author of several books including Asia's Lands and Peoples and Land of the 500 Million, a Geography of China.

The annual lecture series in Notre Dame's commerce school was inaugurated in 1949 in honor of the late John Cardinal O'Hara, C.S.C., first dean of the college, who served as president of the University from 1934 to 1939. He later became Bishop of Buffalo, Archbishop of Philadelphia and a Prince of the Church. The body of the deceased prelate rests in a chapel of Sacred Heart Church on the campus.

Professor Cressey, formerly chairman of the department of geology and geography at Syracuse University, has travelled in seventy-five countries including Mongolia, Tibet and seven of the fifteen republics of the Soviet Union. It's believed that no living geographer has seen so much of the great continent of Asia.

A native of Ohio, he is a graduate of Denison University. He holds doctorates both in geology and geography from the University of Chicago and Clark University respectively. He has served as president of the International Geographical Union and has been awarded the Davidson Gold Medal of the American Geographical Society and the Distinguished Service Award of the National Council for Geographic Education.

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For release in AM's, Friday, October 21st:

Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 20 -- Supreme Court Justice Stanley F. Reed and four other federal judges will preside at the final round of the Notre Dame Law School's annual Moot Court Competition here October 29th (Saturday), according to an announcement today by Dean Joseph O'Meara.

Four senior law students will present written briefs and oral arguments to the jurists during the event which will be held in the Engineering Auditorium at 7:45 p.m. The hypothetical case concerns a dispute between the National Labor Relations Board and an insurance company.

Sharing the bench with Justice Reed will be Judge F. Ryan Duffy, of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Chicago, Ill.; Judge Henry J. Friendly, of the U. S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals, New York, N. Y.; Judge Clifford O'Sullivan, of the U. S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Judge Edward J. Devitt of the U. S. District Court, Minneapolis, Minn.

The student finalists in the annual competition are Richard P. Bartsch, 156 Alschuler Drive, Aurora, Ill.; James S. Casey, 1320 Texel Drive, Kalamazoo, Mich.; John L. Hoffer, a native of South Bend now living in Notre Dame's Vetville community; and E. Michael O'Brien, of Augusta, Kansas, who also lives in Vetville.

The two winners will represent the Notre Dame Law School in the National Moot Court Competition beginning next month. They will receive the Dean's Award, established in 1950 by former law dean Clarence E. Manion. They will also receive first and second place cash awards of \$250 and \$150 respectively provided by Mr. A. Harold Weber, of South Bend, Ind., a member of the Notre Dame Law School Advisory Council.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 21 -- The Most Rev. Alfred F. Mendez, C.S.C., will be consecrated as the first bishop of the new Puerto Rican Diocese of Arecibo here October 28th (Friday) in the presence of his 85-year-old mother, more than twenty members of the hierarchy and hundreds of priests and religious including thirteen members of his ordination class.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will consecrate the Chicago-born priest whose family has figured prominently in the history of Puerto Rico and Spain for centuries. The consecration ceremony will take place immediately before and during a Mass to be celebrated jointly by Cardinal Spellman and the Bishop-Elect in the Sacred Heart Church on the University of Notre Dame campus at 10:30 a.m. Prior to the Mass there will be an outdoor procession from the LaFortune Student Center to the campus church, weather permitting.

Serving with the Cardinal-Archbishop of New York as co-consecrators will be the Most Rev. Edwin V. Byrne, Archbishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico, who preached at Bishop Mendez's first Mass in 1935, and the Most Rev. Richard Ackerman, C.S.Sp., Bishop of Covington, Kentucky. The sermon will be delivered by the Most Rev. James P. Davis, Archbishop of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Music for the rites will be provided by the Moreau Seminary Choir.

A luncheon will be held following the Mass in Notre Dame's North Dining Hall for the visiting prelates, clergy, religious and other invited guests. Speakers will include Cardinal Spellman; the Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the episcopal host; Rev. Richard Vincelette, C.S.C., vice superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross; Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, C.S.C., provincial superior of the Holy Cross Fathers' Indiana Province; and Bishop Mendez. Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president, will be the toastmaster.

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A reception honoring Bishop Mendez will be held at The Morris Inn from 7 to 8 p.m.

Rev. Harold Riley, C.S.C., a classmate of the Bishop-Elect who is serving as chairman of arrangements for his consecration, has announced the names of thirty-eight priests who will figure directly in the liturgical ceremonies.

Ministers to Cardinal Spellman will include Rev. Bernard I. Mullahy, C.S.C., assistant priest; Rev. Philip S. Moore, C.S.C., and Rev. Andrew Mulreany, C.S.C., assistant deacons; Rev. Robert S. Pelton, C.S.C., and Rev. Jerome J. Wilson, C.S.C., deacons of the Mass; and Rev. Robert J. Lochner, C.S.C., subdeacon of the Mass.

Also Rev. Vincent Mooney, of Columbus, Ohio, notary; Rev. Michael Gavin, C.S.C., cross bearer; Rev. George H. Szymanowski, C.S.C., thurifer; Rev. Joseph F. O'Donnell, C.S.C., and Rev. Jerome E. Knoll, C.S.C., acolytes; Rev. Joseph W. Hoffman, C.S.C., mitre bearer; Rev. Matthew H. Miceli, C.S.C., crosier bearer; Rev. Frederick F. Barr, C.S.C., book bearer; Rev. Vincent C. Thilman, C.S.C., bugia bearer; and Rev. J. Bernard Clark, C.S.C., gremiale bearer.

Archbishop Byrne will have as his chaplains Rev. Charles M. Carey, C.S.C., and Rev. John P. Whelley, C.S.C. Serving as chaplains to Bishop Ackerman will be Rev. Laurence G. Broestl, C.S.C., and Rev. Bernard J. Niemier, C.S.C.

Thirteen Holy Cross priests have been named ministers to Bishop Mendez. His chaplains will be Rev. Thomas P. Jones, C.S.C., and Rev. Edward S. Shea, C.S.C. Others taking part in the ceremonies include Rev. Regis O'Neil, C.S.C., minister of the gospel book; Rev. Richard D. Patrick, C.S.C., Rev. Thomas J. Culhane, C.S.C., Rev. Thomas F. Peyton, C.S.C., Rev. Clement E. Kane, C.S.C., Rev. James E. d'Autremont, C.S.C., and Rev. William J. Neidhart, C.S.C., all gift bearers; Rev. Claude L. Boehm, C.S.C., ring bearer; Rev. Lawrence T. Bauer, C.S.C., mitre bearer; Rev. Mark J. Fitzgerald, C.S.C., crosier bearer; and Rev. Philip T. Schaerf, C.S.C., gloves bearer.

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Masters of ceremonies will include Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edwin B. Broderick, of New York City; Rev. Lawrence A. LeVasseur, C.S.C., Rev. Raymond F. Cour, C.S.C., Rev. George C. Bernard, C.S.C., and Rev. David H. Verhalen, C.S.C.

Bishop Mendez was serving as director of province development for the Holy Cross Fathers when Pope John XXIII announced his elevation to the hierarchy last July 31st. The new bishop will be the spiritual leader of more than a half million Catholics living in a mountainous, 1,200 square mile area of northwest Puerto Rico. Approximately 60 priests and 70 nuns and Brothers are assigned to the area embraced by the new diocese. The Mendez family has played a prominent role in the history of the Caribbean island. The bishop's grandfather, Don Jose Mendez de Arcaya, was the last Spanish governor of Ponce. The mother of the Bishop-Elect, Mrs. Adelina Gonzalez de Mendez, heads members of the family who will be present for the consecration ceremonies.

Prior to his appointment to the province development post in 1956, Bishop Mendez was associated with Notre Dame for seven years as a faculty member, placement director, and assistant to the vice president for business affairs. In 1952 he was coordinator for the First National Congress of Religious at the University. From 1937 to 1948 he was director of the Holy Cross Fathers' missionary activities among the Mexicans and Negroes in Texas and Louisiana.

Born in Chicago, June 3, 1907, Bishop Mendez studied at Quigley Preparatory Seminary there, at Cathedral College, New York City, and at Holy Cross Seminary, Notre Dame, before entering the novitiate of the Holy Cross Fathers in 1926. He made his final profession of vows in 1930, was graduated from Notre Dame in 1931, and was ordained to the priesthood June 24, 1935, by the late Archbishop John F. Noll of Fort Wayne in the same church where he will be consecrated a bishop. He celebrated his first Solemn Mass in San Juan's Cathedral in Puerto Rico.

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