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For release in AM's Thursday, August 3rd:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 2 -- Nearly two hundred priests, nuns, architects and artists will convene at the University of Notre Dame August 10-13 for a joint meeting of The Catholic Art Association and the annual Architects' Seminar sponsored by the University's summer Liturgy Program.

"Achieving Sacred Space" will be the theme of the sessions which will deal with the application of Christian principles to building American churches. While the program will be centered largely on religious architecture and church decoration, several sessions will be devoted to the teaching of art in Catholic schools and colleges.

Rev. Thomas Phelan, president of the Catholic Art Association, will keynote the joint meeting with an address on "The Sense of the Sacred" Aug. 11 (Friday) at 10:15 a.m. in the Law Auditorium. Father Phelan is resident Catholic chaplain at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y. Extending the University's welcome at the opening session will be Rev. William J. McAuliffe, C.S.C., pastor of Sacred Heart Church on the campus and director of the Moreau Seminary Choir.

Other speakers and their subjects include Rev. H. A. Reinhold, Pittsburgh, Pa., "Building the Church for Participation by the People"; Maurice Lavanoux, secretary, Liturgical Arts Society, "New Forms of Church Buildings and Materials"; Graham Carey, editor of GOOD WORK, "Architecture's Seven Elements"; Ade Bethune, Newport, R. I., religious artist, "Acoustics, Light and Seating for Participation by the People"; Robert G. Cerny, Minneapolis, Minn., architect, "Problems of Designing Building and Decorating a Parish Church"; Demetrios Dukas, Boston, Mass., icon painter, "The Eastern Christian Church Approach to Achieving Sacred Space"; and Sister M. Jeanne, O.S.F., "Existentialism and Modern Art."

A highlight of the convention will be the presentation of The Catholic Art Association Medal to Fotis Kontoglou, a Greek icon painter, for his work in restoring the Eastern tradition of sacred painting.

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For release in PM's, Tuesday, August 1st:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 1 -- The appointment of Dr. Morris Pollard as director of the Lobund Laboratories at the University of Notre Dame was announced today by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president.

In addition to heading Notre Dame's famed germfree animal research center, Dr. Pollard will also serve as professor of biology and associate head of the department of biology, Father Hesburgh said. Francis X. Bradley, Notre Dame's research administrator, has been acting administrative director of the Lobund Laboratories.

Dr. Pollard, whose teaching and research have been in virology, epidemiology and pathology, comes to Notre Dame from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. He has been director of its Virus Laboratory since 1946 and has held the rank of professor of preventive medicine there since 1950. He is editor of PERSPECTIVES IN VIROLOGY.

A native of Hartford, Conn., Dr. Pollard holds the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Ohio State University. He has been awarded a Master of Science degree by Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of California. He was an Army lieutenant colonel during World War II.

He has served as a consultant to the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Brooke Army Medical Center. His professional affiliations include the Society of Bacteriology, the Society of Experimental Biology, the Society of Experimental Pathology and the Academy of Microbiology of which he is a Fellow.

Notre Dame's Lobund Laboratories pioneered in the development of the germfree animal as a unique tool in medical and biological research. Investigations currently underway deal with a variety of subjects including cancer, heart disease, nutrition, aging, dental caries, and germfree surgery.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 3 -- Dr. George N. Shuster today (Thursday) urged 360 University of Notre Dame summer graduates to cultivate the habit of "thinking historically" so that they can view scientific and political events of the space age in their proper perspective.

The former Hunter College president, now a member of the Notre Dame administration, stressed that all the ideas contending with each other in the world today have their roots in the past. He lamented that "the prevailing attitude amongst us toward the past is that it started thirty years too soon."

Rev. Charles C. Miltner, C.S.C., who served for nearly twenty years as liberal arts dean at Notre Dame and later became president of the University of Portland, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the exercises in the University Gymnasium. He was cited as "a brilliant teacher" and "a pivotal influence in the making of this University."

Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Notre Dame's executive vice president, presided at the exercises and conferred the honorary degree and degrees in course. Approximately 160 nuns from teaching congregations throughout the United States were among the graduates. Earlier, Father Joyce was the celebrant of a Solemn Mass for the graduates in Sacred Heart Church on the campus.

In the baccalaureate sermon, Rev. Thomas Cady, C.S.C., head of the department of the classics, reminded the graduates that "all learning, all science, all knowledge is an opening up of some facet of God's power. Every masterpiece of art, music and literature has a touch of His perfection," he said.

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Father Cady described the teacher's work as "your great vocation." To our teachers we entrust our nation's youth, he said, "convinced that you will always be an unerring guide with authority without arrogance, the nourisher of the highest ideals of patriotism, the watchful antagonist of anarchy and subversion."

Americans are prone to be unmindful of the past, to forget even the events of recent years, Dr. Shuster declared in his commencement address. Shuster, who was U. S. Commissioner for Bavaria for a time after World War II, said "we have entirely forgotten the reliable recipes for reforming Germans and Japanese which filled whole pages of the nation's handbook for the conduct of foreign affairs just a few years ago."

Now, the veteran educator observed, "we have gotten into a fearful dither about getting to the moon before anyone else does. This is not because it would be amusing or even instructive to be there, but because we think that landing on the moon would be good propaganda." Meantime, Dr. Shuster observed, Moscow has several thousands of young people from Ghana enrolled as university students for three years. "Bringing these to the United States, or better still to some well-organized University in western Europe, would have cost a fraction of what the first fumbling experiment in moon travel will," he contended.

"The Soviets' guests from Africa may not like the food, the housing or the indoctrination. But by the end of three years something will have sunk in, and it is a very important something," Dr. Shuster asserted. "The way the Russians think of things, do things, plan things will be the only way those young people really know about. Three years will, in other words, tend to make actuality historical." The Africans will return to their homeland "with Communism on their lips," he said. "And so while we are still half way to the moon, there may be a lot of the wrong kind of people, from our point of view, in Ghana."

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For release in PM's, Thursday, August 10th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 10 -- A new program affecting the admission and instruction of freshmen at the University of Notre Dame beginning in September, 1962, was announced today by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president.

The first-year student will not enter directly into any of Notre Dame's four undergraduate colleges as heretofore, but instead will commence a new Freshman Year of Studies, Father Hesburgh said. He explained that while the freshman applicant will be required to make a "declaration of intent" indicating a preference for liberal arts, science, engineering or business administration, his decision will not be final until the spring of his freshman year.

One of the chief values of the new Freshman Year of Studies is that the freshman will have the advantage of a year of actual experience at Notre Dame as well as Notre Dame counseling before making final educational plans, Father Hesburgh pointed out. No longer will he be required to make these important decisions while still in high school, he said.

Notre Dame's president named Dr. William Miller Burke to administer the Freshman Year of Studies in the newly created post of Dean of Freshmen. A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1949, Dr. Burke has been serving as academic student advisor and associate professor of English. Named as assistant deans for the new freshman program were Rev. Daniel O'Neil, C.S.C., assistant professor of theology, and Vincent R. Raymond, assistant professor of business administration.

Dr. Burke explained that, under the present system, many freshmen, particularly those in science and engineering, change their minds during the first year and decide to enter another college at Notre Dame as sophomores. One of the purposes of the Freshman Year of Studies, he said, is to ease such changes of mind, and to allow

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flexibility for entrance into the sophomore year with the least possible backtracking and making up of deficiencies."

Notre Dame's testing and counselling program will be expanded, Dr. Burke said, and the freshman will be carefully advised on his choice of college and major subject. He predicted that by March or April the freshman will know himself and the University much better and will be able to choose more wisely than he does now. On the other hand, he said, the college will know more about the freshman and will be able to accept him with greater confidence.

In the five-course curriculum of the new Freshman Year of Studies there is considerable uniformity, but also some diversity, allowing for differences of intent, Dr. Burke explained. All freshmen will be required to take semester courses in philosophy and theology as well as full-year courses in English, mathematics and a laboratory science. The fifth course will be European history or social science except for those aspiring to be scientists or engineers who will take a second laboratory science.

Dr. Burke noted that the content of the mathematics course, for example, will not be identical in every section. The mathematics class for aspiring engineers will differ from that offered to freshmen inclined toward liberal arts. But, Dr. Burke stressed, at least four of the five courses taken by all Notre Dame freshmen will be substantially the same.

Notre Dame's new freshman dean urged freshmen applicants for the 1961-62 school year to consult their high school counselors and to read carefully the printed description of the Freshman Year of Studies.

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For release after 7:30 p.m., CDT, Wednesday, August 16th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 16 -- The anxieties of the nuclear age, international impasses, and interracial tensions in this country all have an impact on the integrity of religious life "even in the safe seclusion and comparative isolation of convent and monastery," Bishop Leo A. Pursley of Fort Wayne-South Bend declared here tonight (Wednesday).

Addressing nearly 1,500 priests, Brothers and Sisters attending the second National Congress of Religious at the University of Notre Dame, the Indiana prelate asserted:

"We are all in the same boat, and even though it be the bark of Peter it rides the same waves that are whipped up by the storms of the world. Fear and anxiety are natural responses to an awareness of danger. They must be moderated, if not entirely removed, by the spirit of faith and trust. But we cannot be content with that pious admonition. We have much work to do."

Bishop Pursley told his audience of major religious superiors from throughout the United States that "we must reassemble our forces, develop our resources, expand our horizons, renew our energies and, above all, rededicate ourselves to those universal causes which involve the good of mankind but are also expressions of the will of God."

Earlier, His Eminence Valerio Cardinal Valeri, Prefect of the Vatican's Sacred Congregation of Religious, presided and preached at a Solemn Pontifical Mass in Sacred Heart Church marking the formal opening of the Congress. (EDITORS: CARDINAL VALERI'S TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF 8/11/61.) The Apostolic Delegate to the United States, Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, will address the Congress Saturday (August 19th) at 11:15 a.m.

Keynoting the opening general session of the Congress in the Notre Dame Cymnasium, Bishop Pursley said the spirit of the world "is always a rough, ruthless and relentless antagonist to spiritual truth." To keep that spirit completely out of religious life is "a plainly impossible task," he said, unless community members co-operate with the grace of God which "will not be wanting."

"Those who enter religious life today," Bishop Pursley observed, "are coming largely out of a world softened by self-indulgence to an extent which makes all the problems of self-discipline more acute and more resistant than ever before." He said that "if the task is harder than before, it must, for that reason, be done by men and women more worthy to meet its demands."

Calling attention to the recent emergence of the laity in the apostolate of the Church, Bishop Pursley declared "we cannot too long delay our adjustment to their presence and their participation in that divine mission." While the proper role of the laity must be defined "more clearly and more completely," many zealous lay people are already engaged in the work of the apostolate and many more are eager to join their ranks, he noted. "We must provide them with the opportunity to do so and we must give them encouragement, the leadership, the direction which will make it possible for them to do so," he said.

Bishop Pursley stressed "the responsibility which we have to form lay apostles and to inspire them to give themselves generously to the service of Christ and His Church according to their time, their talents, their position in the temporal order of society."

"We shall not lose face, status, prestige, uniquely and irrevocably ours by holy orders or religious profession," the Bishop said, "if we take the hand of our lay brother in Christ and show him how he can help us in our work. On the contrary," he concluded, "we shall confirm our own sense of vocation in his eyes and make him aware of his own; we shall demonstrate to him our faith in the fullness of the Mystical Body; we shall give him concrete and convincing proof that in our own consecrated hearts lives that Charity of Christ, that love of God and man, which is not only the bond of perfection but the only means of salvation."

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For release in PM's, Thursday, August 17th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 17 -- Eight hundred married couples and two hundred priests are expected to attend the 12th national convention of the Christian Family Movement at the University of Notre Dame and nearby St. Mary's College August 25-27.

"Family Life: Center of Social Re-birth," will be the theme of the convention sessions as well as the CFM program during 1961-62. Convention seminars, workshops and panel discussions will cover a wide range of topics including "Parish Liturgy and the Family," "The Parent as Educator," "Retarded Children" and "Migrant Workers."

Dr. Karl Stern, noted psychiatrist and author, will speak on "Christian Family Life" during the opening convention session August 25th (Friday) at 7:45 p.m. in St. Mary's College O'Laughlin Auditorium. The Most Rev. William E. Power, Bishop of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, will address the second general session the following morning (Aug. 26th) at 10:15 a.m. on "The Role of the Layman in the Church."

Other major speakers at the CFM convention will include Rev. Louis J. Twomey, S. J., director of the Institute of Social Relations, Loyola University, New Orleans, "Communism and Social Responsibility," and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Reynold Hillenbrand, Hubbards Woods, Ill., the organization's national chaplain, who will give "The Chaplain's View."

The CFM chaplains will convene at Notre Dame for three days preceding the general convention. Appearing on the chaplains' program will be Monsignor Hillenbrand; Rev. Dennis Geaney, O.S.A., author and lecturer; Donald Thorman, managing editor of THE AVE MARIA; Rev. Louis Putz, C.S.C., University of Notre Dame; Martin Work, executive director of the National Council of Catholic Men; and Rev. Barnabas Ahern, C.P.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 11 -- The church architect must have a deep "sense of the sacred" which twentieth-century man has largely lost, Rev. Thomas Phelan, president of the Catholic Art Association, declared here today (Friday).

It is the church architect's vocation "to transform stone and wood into the temple of the New Testament, the perfect worldly meeting place of God and men," Father Phelan said. "His is the vocation to transfigure. He cannot begin to function without a deep feeling for the sacred."

Father Phelan spoke at the opening session of the CAA's national convention which is being held in conjunction with the annual Architects' Seminar at the University of Notre Dame. Two hundred priests, nuns, architects and artists are attending the meeting.

The architect can develop a sense of the sacred only by becoming a student of both the Old and New Testament and the Divine Liturgy, Father Phelan contended. "The church is built to celebrate the liturgy," he said, "and the liturgy, in turn, helps us to understand how to embody the sense of the sacred in wood and stone, structure and decoration."

Churches must not become "monuments to their architects," Father Phelan cautioned. This "hideous idolatry" occurs, he said, when the architect fails to recognize that it is his vocation "to serve the Church, to interpret the Church's memory, to utter nothing of his own, no subjective message. Such an architect has failed to express the sense of the sacred because the only feeling he has is for himself. It is true that an individual architect in a particular period of history adds an element to the objective image held by the Church. But he must tread fearfully. He is on sacred ground."

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Because a good church architect can be said to have a vocation, he must be a man of prayer, according to Father Phelan. "He must learn the sense of the sacred, the secret of the Divine, by contemplation," he said. Contemplation is not just for monks and hermits, the CAA president observed. He claimed that every man is called to be a contemplative, and the church architect must be a contemplative because "only the contemplative can grow in the sense of the sacred."

The contemplative architect will design a church whose floor plan "respects the hierarchical structure of the Christian community," Father Phelan asserted. "The exterior must mirror the interior. Well ordered, geometrical units show forth the perfect order of the heavenly Jerusalem. Solid construction with natural materials having the appearances that God created them to have, give the impression of stability and infinity. One must be careful of bigness; it can suggest man's power rather than God's. Sunlight and fresh air go with a God who calls Himself 'the light of the world.'"

"One must exclude everything that has been degraded by the commercial; these are the works of the money changers," Father Phelan insisted. "At the same time, one must avoid with at least equal disdain the works of the studio aesthetes. The duty of church architecture," he concluded, "is to witness to the transcendence and the eternity of God. It must mirror the sense of the sacred."

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