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## Liturgy Expert Cardinal Lercaro To Address Notre Dame Meeting

Giacomo Cardinal Lercaro, an expert in the liturgical field, will be the main speaker at the 20th annual North American Liturgical Week August 23-26 at the University of Notre Dame.

Bishop Pursley will host the event.

Acceptance of the speaking engagement by the Cardinal, who is Archbishop of Bologna, Italy, was announced in Boston by Father Shawn G. Sheehan, who called it a "major event" in the history of the North American Liturgical Conference.

Father Sheehan, who is president of the conference, said the theme of the Liturgical Week will be "Participation in the Sacred Liturgy." Cardinal Lercaro is expected to speak on the pastoral implications of liturgical instruction.



Cardinal Lercaro

● ATTENTION: ALL WHO ARE ALTAR-BOUND, come June. If you are going to stake all your happiness on a non-Catholic girl, be sure she receives an adequate explanation of the Faith before marriage. You owe this to yourself and to her. In a life-contract, such as marriage is, it's only common-sense to choose the safer course. As for the chances of a mixed marriage turning out to be a happy one, the experts contend that only about fifteen out of every hundred do!

● FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T yet shaken off the vacation lethargy (and it seems there must be quite a few), we offer these words of the noted English convert, Gilbert Chesterton, writing on Confession. "When a Catholic comes from confession, he does truly, by definition, step out again into the dawn of his own beginning and look with new eyes across the world....He believes that in that dim corner, and in that brief ritual, God has really remade him in his own image. He is now a new experiment of the Creator. He is as much a new experiment as he was when he was really only five years old. He stands, as I said, in the white light at the worthy beginning of the life of a man. The accumulations of time can no longer terrify. He may be gray and gouty; but he is only five minutes old."

● TONIGHT, Dr. Frederick Grossen will deliver the first of three lectures on "Existentialism and Religion". 123 Memorial Science Hall is the place. Time: 8:00 P.M.

● TODAY, in Washington, D.C., the newly appointed Apostolic Delegate to the U.S., the Most Reverend Egidio Vagnozzi, former Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines, took up his duties. Archbishop Vagnozzi will come to Notre Dame just a month from today, when the new Delegate is scheduled to dedicate the new Moreau Seminary here on the campus. The Seminary dedication has been set for May 13, the date of the annual observance of the Holy See's approval of the Congregation of Holy Cross.



● PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE following: Deceased: Wife of Cecilio Williams, '57; grandfather of Martin De-cre of Morrissey; grandfather of Kevin McCarthy of Howard; grandmother of William Indelicato of Morrissey; uncle of Jack Cahalan of Lyons; friend of Al Nasif of Dillon. Ill: Father of Ross Wilkinson of Sorin; grandmother and uncle of Jerry Pierce of Dillon.

● THE DEATH of Warren M. Mahoney once more brings to mind the prayer that appeared in the Bulletin some time back. Clip it, and keep it where you will say it often when you are doing a lot of driving. Let it be a reminder to say an occasional prayer for Warren.

### MOTORIST'S PRAYER

Grant me, O Lord, a steady hand and watchful eye.  
That no one shall be hurt as I pass by.  
Thou gavest life, I pray no act of mine  
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.  
Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me company.  
From the evils of vice and all calamity.  
Teach me to use my car for others' need;  
Nor miss the love of gentle speed  
The beauty of the roads; that thus I may  
With joy and courtesy go on my way.  
Saint Christopher, my patron of travelers,  
Protect me and lead me safely to my destiny.



THIS WEEK, the magazine "AMERICA" distributed its 50th anniversary issue. Through the years, the Church in the United States has been well-served by this weekly review. I don't suppose its readers are legion here, but proof that some do read it was afforded recently when a senior dropped us a note and asked that we call your attention to an editorial that appeared in the January 17th issue. The editorial is provided here. The writer suggested that the senior whose plans are not yet well-defined might welcome such information.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, only a very apostolic individual should consider himself called to undertake such a task. It must be done as Charles Malik pointed out, "out of profound conviction".

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Prefect of Religion

## Wanted: Lay Missionaries

A MOST MOVING and dramatic television program on Sunday, January 4, provided, all unconsciously, a challenge to young Catholics in the United States vis-à-vis the great human needs, religious and material, of the world's underdeveloped areas. In a survey of Southeast Asia, Cecil Brown, NBC's Tokyo correspondent, drew a dark picture indeed of how exposed most of those countries are to the danger of a Communist take-over. Weak and even corrupt Governments under constant political and economic wooing, especially from Red China, make them ripe for Red harvesting.

These are problems that have to be confronted on the high level of diplomacy. But there are other problems in these areas that can and must be faced on a lower level—though in a sense it is a very high level indeed—that of providing help for the human needs of the people. Mr. Brown ended his telecast with a plea for "thousands of missionaries" to succor these poor people on a person-to-person basis.

Herein lies the challenge to young American Catholics. There is little doubt that every year hundreds of our college graduates, who may not yet have settled on a career, have the time and feel the urge to give a year or so of their young lives to religious, educational and humanitarian work in underdeveloped areas.

As a matter of fact, dozens of young Catholics have already thus consecrated a few years of their lives. To mention but one example, Catholic Relief Services—NCWC, cooperating with the local hierarchy and with such organizations as the St. Vincent de Paul Society in

the areas, has a growing program of lay-missionary activity in Malaya and Singapore.

Suppose a young man or woman who reads these lines feels the desire thus to dedicate a year or so—what will he or she do, and where can information be had? We are informed that the following centers would be overjoyed to get requests for information:

Association for International Development,  
374 Grand St., Paterson, N. J.  
Grail Institute for Overseas Service,  
308 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn 5, N. Y.  
International Catholic Auxiliaries,  
1103 North Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.  
Mission Secretariat, N.C.W.C.  
1312 Massachusetts Ave., Washington 5, D. C.

The Grail Institute has an attractive pamphlet, "Lay Missionaries: New Horizons for the Laity," available on request from the Brooklyn address.

Naturally, the prime motive that will inspire a young Catholic to undertake such an adventure is an apostolic one. But it ought not be overlooked that a motive of true patriotism can be valid, too. Communist expansion into the soft areas of the world can be halted not only by economic and military aid but perhaps even more practically and immediately by growing proof of personal devotion and love. The Red rocket orbiting the sun will not have half so much "propaganda" value as hundreds of young American Catholics leavening the underprivileged world with the charity of Christ and the works of real democracy.