TEXT OF PONTIFF'S MESSAGE

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 28—Following is the text of Pope Pius XI's Christmas message broadcast to the world:

If, on the numberless occasions continually offered to us by Divine providence and by love, our venerable brothers, beloved sons and those from every corner of the world who come to us, our soul rejoices with exaltation of the Father, who embraces all in the heart of our Redeemer, today more than ever we feel near to and present with out beloved Sacred College, whose venerable dean, in an elevated address on behalf of his eminent colleagues, has expressed to us their greetings and good wishes which we value most highly.

We feel near and present also to our beloved Roman prelates and the great Catholic family in the radiant light of the star of Bethlehem in this annual recurrence of the sacred season of Christmas.

We are near and present to you and all the Catholic world in spirit—in thought which, transcending time and Alpine heights and the vast expanses of ocean, rises above the universe and its tempest, even unto God.

We are near His presence in our heart because the heart is not divided from the mind, but rather follows it and draws from it, as you know from daily experience, venerable brethren and beloved sons, ardor to conquer those obstacles of time and space, of the vicissitudes of human life which keep you from our presence.

We have spoken of the holy season of Christmas because the primary reason which makes us desire and sense so vividly your presence is precisely this, that we may give and exchange with you cordial good wishes for every spiritual grace, for every holy gift and for the most precious blessing upon the recurrence of this sacred season of Christmas which may resound throughout the ages, that hour of all graces, of all favors and all blessings so ardently looked for and so ardently prepared by the Divine goodness with so profound a plan of love and mercy.

Unfortunately, against the will of God, who came to bring peace to men of good will, there contends the malevolence of many misguided enemies of that Divine Child who desired to become a man and dwell among us, full of grace and truth, so that of His fullness we might all receive "grace for grace."—John, 1st chapter, xvi. verse.

Hence we, on the recurrence of these holy days and almost constantly on every occasion given us to open our heart, not only to you but to all the great Catholic family, we have desired to unite to our message of spiritual joy some expression of the bitter sorrow of our paternal heart caused by many great evils which in these days have fallen like a scourge on humanity, on civil society and on the Church; at the same time, pointing out to all the gravity of the perils that threaten us, exhorting all to vigilance and action and union of all men of good will against the propaganda of the enemy and his constantly renewed attempts to bring about the ruin of the most fundamental principles of human society, of the family and of the individual.

Above all, we have called attention to those real remedies of truth and justice and brotherly love of which the Catholic Church is the sole depository and the Divinely constituted teacher.

The sorrowful note which this year is mingled with the joys of Chirstmas is even more profound and distressing because of the fact that there still rages with all its horrors of hatred, of carnage and of destruction a civil war in Spain.

There, it seems that propaganda and those evil forces of which we have spoken above have wished to make a supreme experiment of all the destructive forces scattered throughout the world which they have at their command.

Here is a new menace, more pressing than ever before for the whole world and principally for Europe and its Christian civilization.

Here are signs of portents of terrifying reality of what is being prepared for Europe and the whole world if they do not hasten to adopt the necessary remedies of defence.

Among these moreover who pretend to be defenders of order against subversion, against the spread of an atheistic Communism, are many who in this defence claim for themselves leadership. We see with sorrow not a few allowing themselves to be dominated and guided by false and fatal ideas, both in their choice of remedies and in the appraisal of their adversaries.

False and fatal, we say: For, whosoever seeks to lessen or stamp out in the hearts of men, and especially in the hearts of the young, faith in Christ and His Divine revelation; whosoever seeks to betray the Church of Christ, custodian of the Divine Providence and by Divine mandate, teacher of peoples, as the avowed enemy of national prosperity and progress, such a one is not only no builder of a prosperous future for humanity and for his own country, on the contrary he is destroying the most effective and most decisive means of defence against the enemy, and even though he knows it not, is working with those against whom he believes and boasts he is fighting.

We have had several occasions, even recently, to explain what the Holy and Apostolic See has always believed, and what she according to her opportunities, has sought to accomplish and to contribute—up to yesterday and even up to this day—and with even greater dispositions for the future, to the welfare of all against the common enemy.

It is needless to say that in such conditions, there is nothing more for us to do but to renew more insistently, more paternally and imploringly the invitation and the pressing entreaty so frequently repeated to the faithful throughout the world, to all souls, particularly devoted to the Sacred Heart and to the interests of the Church, to all the bishops, to all the secular and regular clergy, to all the laity, especially to those who with such enightened faith and Christian charity labor for the interests of Christ and of souls by their active participation with the hierarchical apostolate in multiple forms of Catholic action.

Our thought, full particularly of confidence, goes out in a special way to those heroic souls who are making an apostolate out of their daily work, even of their suffering; and more especially still to those unsullied legions which from all corners of the world send up to heaven the perfume of their purity; we speak of these little ones who believe in Jesus and who belong to the Church in a special manner precisely because they are Christ's beloved.

This year, most beloved sons, the Divine goodness is granting us the opportunity to contribute to the prayers and works and sacrifices of all by a personal experience of suffering, until now marvelously spared us, and for which the same Divine goodness is most readily and generously recompensing us with a wondrous and touching union of prayer which lately from every corner of the Church is incessantly being offered up for the wellbeing of the common Father.

From the fullness of our heart we take this opportunity to thank all for this manifestation of fillial affection so loving, so devoted. And although what we have to suffer is very little indeed compared to that, which, so generously and painfully, people suffer in the world; and compared to that, above all, which He Himself, Founder and King of the Divine Church had to suffer for us both in soul and in body, may He nonetheless deign to accept our offering, which we wish always to be in conformity to His most holy will;

May He accept it, we repeat, for His own glory now more than ever so impiously attacked, and the conversation of all those who have gone astray, for peace and for the good of the entire Church, and in a particular manner for Spain, now so troubled and for that very reason so dear to us

With this fervent sentiment in our hearts, we make ours and we send out to the world the Heavenly message of Christmas: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men."

We gladly avail ourselves of this occasion, so happily offered to us by this annually recurring Christmas gathering, to turn our thoughts to all those other spiritual joys, the full enjoyment of which the Divine benignity has prepared for us.

It is for us today and nonetheless for all, a holy gratification and apostolic consolation to recall, with gratitude to God and with profound esteem which is due persons and events which impress on the pages of the year now drawing to a close special marks of greatness and holiness, of the faithful steadfast union of souls above the See of Peter.

Still present in our memory is the sight of the Senate of the Church with the entire Italian episcopate come to rejoice with us at the beginning of this year of our long life during which our Lord often makes us, in a sense, the companions "of work and sorrow."

We hear again in memory the filial homage of the Congress of Catholic journalists and artists of different degrees, and that solemn demonstration of faith and learning, of action and sacrifice, which is offered to the admiration of pilgrims by the Catholic press exhibition collected from the five points of the globe.

Our heart rejoices also because of two works which have taken on new form, one in stone, the other in thought: We mean the new Palace of Congregations and the Pontifical Academy of Science.

With these new events at the turn of the year are associated the centenaries of two great events of old, which are the glory of the Gospel and of the Church. We mean, as you have already anticipated, the 19th centenary of the conversion of St. Paul and the 16th centenary of the death of St. Sylvester, of the Apostle of the Gentiles, vessel of election, sublime and indefatigable teacher of Christian faith. Rome glories to have heard the message alongside her first Pontiff and to have felt the sword stroke of one of his epistles.

In Sylvester, Rome admires the oracle of sanctity which freely developed on earth under the standard of Constantine, and leaves in the magnificent Basilicas of the city testimony and the more open beginnings of our faith, which is victory over the world.

But more still, Paul the untiring herald of peace of the world who wrote to the Corinthians of this time these profound words, "God is not the God of dissension, but of peace."

And Sylvester, who after the long night of persecution could greet the aurora of liberty and peace, invites us in this year to direct to the rulers and peoples of the earth a new and still more fervent and pressing exhortation to peace, to its maintenance where it reigns, to its re-establishment where it is but a sorrowful memory, a tragic and up to this time, alas, unfulfilled yearning.

With this appeal to the world, we join today more fervently than ever our prayer to God for that tranquility of order in which alone peace can consist, for the execution of that individual and collective justice without which no order is possible.

This, our prayer, we reverently lay before the crib of the Prince of Peace And so we go back again in spirit and in heart to the cave of Bethlehem whence we behold the whole Catholic world, to give thanks to that Divine infant, to that all knowing Child, who became a Child to be more lovable and thus to draw the whole human race to Himself, to His cross, to His blood, to His Church, to His triumph.

He is today in the midst of us and in union with Him, His vicar extends his hand to bless you all, beloved sons, and to invoke on all the abundance of gifts and graces which He came to scatter as seeds of an eternal and imperishable triumph on the face of the earth for men of good will.

DUKE OF WINDSOR JOINS ANGLICAN CHURCH

VIENNA, Dec. 28—Edward, Duke of Windsor, read the story of the nativity from the lectern of Vienna's Anglican church yesterday.

The former King's part in the service was that of lay reader. He read the second Scripture lesson. Rev. C. H. D. Grimes, chaplain of the British legation, preached on 'Womankind.'

The Duke read verses one to twenty of the second chapter of St. Luke in a clear and assured tone. He listened attentively to the sermon and participated in the responses and other parts of the seryice.

At the conclusion, the congregation sang 'God Save the King' the former Sovereign joining.

Xmas Activities at Cathedral

A Christmas party will be held in the Cathedral Memorial Hall, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the primary department of the Christchurch Sunday School, and at 7 o'clock for the main Sunday School. Santa Claus will be present to offer treats to the children from the Christmas tree and supper will be served in the evening.

Carol Service

A carol service was held last evening at Christchurch Cathedral. An exceptionally large choir was present. The boys' choir sang three carols and their voices showed up to good advantage.

FUEL OIL EXPORT

Fuel oil exports amounted to 2,345,480 gallons valued at $87,727 in November compared with 2,513,932 at $58,807 a year ago. The United States was the chief purchaser with 2,294,900 gallons, Newfoundland 25,977, St. Pierre 23,883 and a small amount to the United Kingdom.

EXPORT OF MEATS

The November export of meats continued the high level of recent months amounting to $3,195,860 compared with $2,423,639 in the same month last year. The value of the export to the United Kingdom was $2,824,449 and to the United States $219,531. Bacon and hams led, valued at $2,565,036, the value to the United Kingdom being $2,499,436.

CONTROLLED CHILDREN, TEACHER TELLS PARENTS ARE BEST AND HAPPIEST

Home, School Council Urged to Consider Child Before Selves --- Gentle But Firm

TORONTO, Dec. 28—"I have no use whatever for the modern idea of children bringing themselves up, expressing themselves whenever they feel like it, in season and out of season," Miss Gordon Waugh, Principal of St. Clement's School, declared, amid loud applause, at a meeting of the Toronto Home and School Council on Wednesday at the Y. W. C. A., when she dealt with the subject of character-building.

Children need to be controlled, but they require a gentle environment, Miss Waugh affirmed, questioning if there is any gentleness left in present-day living. Small children need a sense of security and sureness in which to develop character, and today we find children not even very sure of their parents. Both the young and the older children need stability and something to respect.

"They hear us criticizing everything on earth, from the King to Premier Hepburn. Respect seems to be a word that has become obsolete," the speaker claimed.

"Children need, tremendously, training in principle. Tendency today is to be guided by expediency rather than whether the thing is right or wrong in itself. If we are going to train character we need parents and teachers who put first things first. We need religious background. The only stable force is God," Miss Waugh affirmed, stressing too, the importance of honest thinking, teaching of obedience, generosity and respect for the property of others.

"What is it that enables individuals and nations to get through anxious moments such as are being experienced at the moment? It isn't brilliance, it isn't luck, or it isn't learning. It's character," Miss Waugh stated. "What we are banking on in the present crisis is not character of wisdom of any one man It is British character. Stupid as it seems sometimes, it is something we can bank on, character formed primarily in the home, that something which, if lacking in the home, leaves the school almost helpless," Miss Waugh felt from her long teaching experience.

Advising mothers not to be overanxious about adolescent boy and girl affairs, the speaker stated that, owing to changed conditions of living, children are maturing much younger. Girls twenty years ago showed little interest in boys before the age of 14. Today they are maturing at 11. It isn't a sign of sin. It's perfectly natural. Encourage them to talk about it and treat it as perfectly natural, she advised.

That the largest number of pupils in the history of Toronto public schools passed examinations last June owing not to lowering of standards, but to intense organized effort in teaching, was the encouraging statement made by Dr. C. C. Goldring, Superintendent of Schools, who addressed the conference luncheon. Last year 80 per cent. were promoted, 21-2 per cent. more than in any former year, saving the city thousands of dollars, Dr. Goldring affirmed. Study of student failures is being made with a view to saving money as well as improving the record of this year.

Confirming his statement with figures, Dr. Goldring stated it was untrue that Toronto teachers are not given the greatest consideration when staff appointments are being made.

Food budgets always balance, what you reap you sow in food habits, Miss Muriel Redman, supervisor of the Visiting Home-makers' Association, told the conference at the morning session in an address on nutrition. Results of poor nutrition are not immediate but may take thirty years or more to manifest themselves. Miss Redman pointed out. The great prevalence of dental needs and Caesarian births due to improper bone structure are evidence of the great general malnutrition, she stated, advising the Home and School Council to add to its libraries authoritative books on nutrition.

The importance of proper artificial lighting in sight saving was cleverly demonstrated by Miss Ann Hickson, home lighting supervisor of the Hydro Power Commission. A meter for measuring the amount of light from various types of lamps was introduced. It showed how white lined shades increase candle power without adding cost of electricity among other features.

Mrs. John Long, child psychology teacher, and Mrs. J. Bartlett staged a demonstration of a parent-teacher get-together on mental hygiene problems. Announcement was made by the President, Mrs. Peter Sandiford, of plans for the Twenty-first Founder's Day reception of the Home and School Council in February. The annual trustee dinner in January was also announced.



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