SERRA SPECIAL
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Because of the thorough and extensive coverage of the 23rd Annual Serra International Convention in Miami Beach, the Serra Publications Committee elected to send this reprint to all members.

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The Responsible Catholic Knowledgeable

The informed Catholic layman, if he really wishes to be esteemed by all, must be sensitive to history and obedient to the authentic voice of the Church teaching. Archbishop Paul Hallinan of Atlanta told opening sessions of the 23rd annual convention of Serra International at Miami Beach on Monday.

The Metropolitan of Atlanta was the keynote speaker during a breakfast attended by some 2,300 Serrans and their families, other members of the hierarchy who came to Miami from the Vatican for the three-day meeting of Serra International’s 23rd annual convention, told sessions of Serra members that it is the duty of Catholic laymen to bring Christ back into the world, which has lost interest in religion.

"Your duty is to act on this temporal world, so that the eternal may penetrate and transform it. Yet no one knows better than you, members of Serra, that the consecration of the world, the redemption prepared by you lay apostles, cannot be accomplished except through the consecration to the priesthood," Archbishop Staffa declared.

"The Spirit of God which shapes the destiny of men, and which with special providence guides the Church and her Supreme Pastor, has decreed that at this very time, when the Catholic laity is being promoted, many nations are reaching new heights of culture and civilization and independence, and reaching them under the guidance of your country, the United States of America.

"The United States are in fact like a great river," the Archbishop continued, "which groups from many nations join as tributaries. They come to form one single people marching toward its destiny. The peninsula of Florida is like an immense launching base which Divine Providence has provided for the start of the American people in this great adventure for the service of mankind.

"American Catholics, and especially the members of Serra, know that this special mission which falls to their nation is in full harmony with their religious faith. Indeed, they know that it is only through their Faith that the action can perfectly fulfill its vocation, for the history of mankind has its center, its climax, its divine champion in Christ, Our Lord, the Eternal High Priest," Archbishop Staffa said.

Archbishop Staffa noted that Serra is distinguished from every other association because of its profound awareness of the pressing need of priestly vocations.

"The Second Vatican Council will confirm the universality of this problem, and implicitly, the universality of your mission," the Archbishop continued.

"The United States are in fact a New York apartment, a Detroit factory, or a Carolina cross-road,' noted the Archbishop, as American laymen like Charles Carroll and the Catholic layman in the world is the problem of the world’s salvation - the most vital, the most urgent, the most immense of all problems. When you decide priestly vocations, you are safeguarding the continuation and vitality of Christ's work on earth. When you investigate the numbers, you increase also the numbers of Christians, and making them sons of God.

"With the present increase in the human population the human race is spreading constantly, and quickly every crisis is becoming more and more dangerous. A new world, a new race is coming into being: a humanity which does not recognize God nor Christ nor the Church. If the supply of priests does not increase in proportion to the growth of population," Archbishop Staffa said.

"What will Christianity mean to the billions of men who tomorrow will fill the earth.

"Where you have a Catholic layman, no matter what his job," the prelate pointed out, "there have you the Church. Wherever there is a Catholic layman, no matter at what part of the earth, there you have the Church working for Christ. Why is this? It is because every Catholic has a share in the mission of the Church of Christ. But a river must always have a source, and the same was the apostolate of the laity must derive from the apostolate of the priest and hierarchy," Archbishop Staffa said.

"The Archbishop offered two examples of lay apostolate in the United States and in Georgia when he pointed out to Serrans: "One state was not greatly populated, and it is certainly not today. But as in every part of America, restless, political leaders have either found in anti-Catholicism a handy tool for their own ambitions, or have been suspicious of them."

"Such a man was Senator Thomas Watson, the Sage of Hickory Hill."

"For a whole decade, he used a dirty pen and a false tongue to vilify the Church. The beadles cruelties of his newspaper. The Jeffersonians are all most incredible today. But they told his damage to the Church in the domain of the protests of fans."" Wochele News of the Augusta Chronicle and the Atlanta Constitution."

LAYMEN FIGHT BACK

"It was an organization of Catholic laymen who fought back with intelligence, vigor and courtesy, and over the years enhanced the Catholic Church throughout the world. Catholics make up less than a fraction of a per cent of the whole population. The Church, an organization of laymen, although it had the support of Bishop Bailey - a bishop keen enough to realize that official statements from him would be respected."

"The other significant southern contributions to lay Catholicism is the remarkable plan of administration introduced in the Diocese of Charleston by the equally remarkable Bishop John England. At that time, the diocese included both Carolina and Georgia. Briefly, the Bishop did this: he safeguarded the basic doctrines of the Church and upheld the authority of the Pope and the Church universal, and the Bishops and the successors of the apostles."

"Other powers, including the right to regulate temporal affairs, be respected by the Catholics of his diocese. Each parish had its own elected laymen and each year a new system of elected delegates and priests was held under the presidency of the Bishop."

KNOW HISTORY

Archbishop Staffa emphasized that Serrans to realize the vast responsibilities of that Church as well as they know the history of the nation and world will less valuable insights into the past, and added that the voice of God speaking the acceptances of Peter and the Apostles, the Pope and the bishops, inspire the papal, conciliar and episcopal teachings.

"In our times," he said, "it is essential that mature Catholics underscore what Leo said of law and knowledge of the social order. What St. Pius X said at the Sorberted and Modern, what Benedict said of war and peace and the Catholic Church in our times, is the task of education, marriage, the priesthood, social justice and".

"In our own times, the talks and writing of Pius XII touched every phase of modern life. It was he who spelled out the role of the layman in two significant addresses to the World Congress of the Lay Apostolate. In 1937 he stated that the consecration of the world in essentially the work of laymen. To have their rights, and priests, must respect them. But even earlier, in 1931 he told bishops of laymen to encourage laymen, suggesting entrance to them in broadened fields according to their opportunity," Archbishop Staffa recalled.

"Today the Church asks that you give yourselves, your concern, your questions, your will to speak up, to offer your own initiatives. As every married man knows, it is easy to give an anniversary gift or a last day remembrance, but it is the effort of love to give your own self," the Archbishop said.

"The Voice — Special Report — Serra International Convention"
Fostering Vocations Called Outstanding Apostolic Work

One of the highest forms of the lay apostolate, to which all are called by Christ, through baptism and confirmation, is the fostering of vocations to the priesthood. Bishop John J. Russell told pre-convention conferences of Serra International, "This involves the personal sanctification of those who engage in it, a self-education in their religion, their mutual assistance spiritually to one another by their assistance at Mass, together, reception of Holy Communion, their explanation of various points of Catholic doctrine, their maintenance of a speakers' bureau whereby they interest young people in a call to religious life and bring home to parents the teaching of the Church regarding the early acceptance in the following of a vocation which is given to a young man. Serra International requires the direction and maintenance of a Minor Seminary lest vocations be lost to the maintenance of a Minor Seminary than 200 guests.

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RECORD-BREAKING registration was expected by Serra International as convention opened and crowds assembled in the Gallery Room at the Hotel Fontainebleau where three-day sessions began Monday and concluded Wednesday.

HOST CHAPLAIN to the convention, Mgr. James J. Walsh, second from left, talks with Archbishop Dino Staffa, center; Serra's retiring president, Thomas Coughlan, K.S.G., right; and Father Luigi Ferrari, left, who accompanied Archbishop Staffa to the convention.

MIAMI SERRA Club president, C. Clyde Atkins, K.S.G., welcomed Serra delegations from 19 countries during opening breakfast held Monday at the Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach.

CHALICE IS ELEVATED by Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi during Concelebrated Mass. At right is Archbishop John P. Cody, recently appointed Archbishop of Chicago.


More Than 3,500 Priests, Religious, Seminarians, And Laity Assisted At Concelebrated Mass In Hotel Fontainebleau Grand Ballroom

500-Voice Choir Of Sisters, Seminarians, And Laity Sang

Large Assemblage Of Hierarchy Were Present For Mass

Apostolic Delegate Approaches Communion Rail

Archbishop Hallinan Was One Of Concelebrants

Archbishop Vagnozzi Gives Papal Blessing
Layman Described As Truly An Apostle

(Following is the text of the sermon delivered by Bishop Coleman F. Carroll at the Salem Postulate of the Congregation of the Serra Missions, of which he is chaplain, during the Serra International Convention at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach.)

BY BISHOP COLEMAN F. CARROLL

"THAT'S MY BOY!" Not the little one... the big one with the Roman collar. I remember when Jim first told me he wanted to be a priest. Golly, I thought: What a sad life, with no kids to be father to. I guess I just didn't realize, then, what "Father" really meant.

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The church, we read: "The laying on of hands by a priest puts the layman into the closest relationship with Christ, for in his hands is to be found the key to the kingdom of heaven." (Peter 2:9-10)

The theme of this gathering: "By Baptism and Confirmation the layman has meant the participation in the life of the priest, a holy nation, of Christ, the chosen people of God." (Peter 2:9-10)

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We are too close to the origin of Serra and to its present operations to judge accurately of its influence on the recruiting of priests. Historians of the future may be able to describe in more precise terms how successfully the priest and Serran work together in our time in union with Christ, just as we today with the benefit of hindsight can see in generations gone-by, the remarkable results of the spiritual, partnership of priests and laymen.

"I am reminded, in this connection, of the 400th anniversary of the landing of the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, 300 years before the American Revolution. Father Francisco Lopez De Mendions Gralieros was chaplain of the fleet of 19 ships commanded by Don Pedro Menendez De Aviles. When a landing was made, according to a recent biography, the Pope of that time, the late St. Augustine, was given notice that he was about to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on the beach. It was only after the Mass was finished that the admiral, in accordance with his prerogatives, took possession of the country, in the name of the king.

Here is a shining example of how a zealous layman and a dedicated priest lived out the conviction that they were co-laborers with Christ. In a letter to his king a few days after the landing, Don Pedro wrote: "I offered to Our Lord all that I may acquire and possess, in order to plant the Gospel in this land for the enlightenment of its natives."

Don Pedro brought to this partnership his extraordinary qualities of mind and body and combined his natural virtues of courage and foresight with the supernatural gifts of faith and love of neighbor. He looked to the priest for the holy word and the light of Christ's truth and the strength which can be found nowhere except in Christ.

Father Lopez in turn needed Don Pedro's amazing skill in the temporal order to find the missionary land, to make the Holy Sacrifice possible on this soil, to win a hearing for the faith through their example and reverence, to bring together with supernatural gifts of faith and love of neighbor.

The personal relationship of priests and laymen: "carried the twin torches of Charity and Civilization into the trackless continent" 400 years ago.

If it is true that "Christians must be to the world what the soul is to the body," the lay apostle of charity, according to the dictate of the Vatican Council II will be responsible for much of the secular and regular clergy can the layly really participate in the high dignity of the 'kingly priesthood,' which the Prince of the Apostles attributed to the whole body of the redeemed.

Obviously the priest and the Serran have reason to face the future confidently as co-laborers with Christ. May our Blessed Lord use these days of grace to enlighten your minds with a keener knowledge of His Holy priesthood. May He increase your love and zeal so that your prayerful efforts to provide priests for the Kingdom of God earth may never lessen.
Many At Concelebrated Mass

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MSR. TANNER CITES ERA OF GENERAL CHANGE

Causes Of Church Criticism

The general secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference pinpointed the sources for criticism by some Catholics of the authority in the Church today.

In an address at the 23rd annual Serra International convention, Mgr. Paul F. Tanner de-clared: "Perhaps the basic ex-

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THE GREAT CHALLENGE TO THE LAYMEN

New Serra President Speaks

(The following is the first address to Serrans by Joseph M. Fitzgerald, K.S.G., following his election as president of Serra International during the 23rd annual convention at Miami Beach.)

Never before in Christian history has a lay organization met with the benefit of so clear an image of the lay apostolate in the salvific mission of the Church.

This concept suggests two reactions: one is a legitimate pride or gratitude for the great responsibility which has been revealed as an essential characteristic of the Catholic layman; secondly, a sense of humility and an awareness of responsibility, greater than ever before, which faces an apostle, as the decree, "De Ecclesia," spells out in fascinating detail.

AGE OF PARADOX

Yet, historians of the future, may justly look upon our age as being one with paradoxi-cal extremes. On the one hand, men have made sacrifices and achieved perfection and practiced virtue both in the temporal and spiritual order which have been nothing less than heroic. On the other hand, great masses of people, again in both the temporal and spiritual order, have evidenced nothing but a devastating weakness of our time.

Ours is not the only age, however, where this has prevailed. Have we not been told in the Gospel story how the people on their way from Jerusalem to Jericho passed by the young man who had fallen in among robbers and lay wounded and bleeding on the side of the road? He was seen by a priest and a Levite, but they passed him by. No one came to his aid until the good Samaritan, who, seeing him, was moved to compassion. He went up to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. The others were indifferent. Only the Samaritan became involved.

Did not Christ's friends, when He was crucified, pretend not to see His disciples and left Him nailed to the Cross, lest they become involved? It was Joseph of Arimathea who was not indifferent and had the courage to ask Pilate for leave to take Christ down from the Cross and bury Him. It was Nicodemus who was not indifferent and came with a mixture of myrrh and aloes to assist the body of Christ. This was the same Nicodemus, who, a few months before, had with his old Christ in the darkness of night lest in the glaring light of day he be identified with Him. In a few short months he was moved by the grace of the Holy Spirit from an attitude of cowardice and indifference to one of involvement and heroic purpose.

There may be some mitigating circumstances which compelled those people of that day in history to act as they did, but there can be none for us. Now that the mission of the Laity has been proclaimed, together with its rights and com-mitment duties, we can no longer remain indifferent. We have heard from several speakers in the past three days, in wonderful and graphic words, that the laity are characterized by their secular nature. By our own vocations in the secular life we seek the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God. The chapter on "The Laity" taken from the "Constitutions on the Nature of the Church" proclaimed by the Second Vatican Council, brilliantly spells out the part of the layman in the Mystical Body and reminds us that in our duty as well as that of the priest, according to our proper rule, to pursue the salvific mission of the Church.

Although we do not all proceed by the same path, nevertheless we are all called to sanctity and have received an equal privilege of Faith through the justice of God.

Together with the priest, the layman has the noble duty of working to extend the Divine Plan of Salvation to all men of each epoch and in every land.

This extraordinary document goes on to say, "Let the laity also by their combined efforts remedy the customs and conditions of the world, if they are an inducement to sin, so that they may all be conformed to the norms of justice and may favor the practice of virtue rather than hinder it. By so doing they will imbue culture and human activity with genuine moral beauty; they will better prepare the field of the world for the seed of the Word of God; and at the same time they will open wider the doors of the Church by which the message of peace may enter the world."

BECOME INVOLVED

In other words, we are being asked to become involved — no longer to be indifferent. We, in view of our special vocation, cannot love God "apart from the stock exchange, courts of justice, the factories, officers, or parts of trade that traffic in mundane and often sordid deeds." We are being asked to be indifferent no longer to the social, economic, racial, and, yes, even spiritual injustices that surround us. We are being asked to Christianize the temporal order. The admonition to go forth and teach is no less directed to us than the priest, for we are all part of the Church and all Co-Workers with Christ.

The challenge which faces us is here and now. We, together with the priest, by our deeds as well as words, must bring to those outside, the word of God, so that they may finally be led, as St. Augustine said, "Ex umbris et imaginibus in veritatem" — "Out of the shadows and the fantasies into the truth" — to God, the ultimate and eternal truth. This is the vocation which we must pursue today — tomorrow may be too late.
Coughlan Asks Great Effort In Latin America

The retiring president of Serra International, who toured the world during his one-year term, told Serrans that "we have talked too long, prayed too little, and worked hardly at all for victory in Latin America."

Thomas P. Coughlan, President of the Mankato (Minnesota) Stone Company, urged Serrans to help the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, Archbishop Vagnozzi, center, and other members of the hierarchy give their Episcopal Blessings to Serrans and guests during the closing banquet of the 23rd annual Serra International convention. At left are Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, and Serra president, Thomas Coughlan, Archbishop Dino Staffo, of the Vatican; and Archbishop John P. Cody.

"Cardinal Cushing calls for victory in Latin America, but there is no victory — though the bishops, clergy, and laity in Latin America have come to be known as the most dynamic, inventive, in the world."

"Pope John asked us to take our religious manpower to aid Latin America. We haven't for the most part. We talk about it, while thousands of priests stand eager to meet the challenge," Coughlan said.

"Major projects of economic, social, and cultural reform, endorsed or sponsored by outstanding bishops, are stalled because money from well-to-do Catholics in Latin America and many in this country, as well as others, becomes available only if we are emotionally shocked by the sight of a starving baby," Coughlan suggested.

Coughlan called for a carefully planned crash program to increase the 15 Latin American Serra Clubs and the 31 information, to 100 clubs within the next five years.

Coughlan, who visited 24 nations outside of the United States and met with 60 different groups of dedicated Catholic laymen, said that "there are differences in language, in culture, in color of skin; but, everywhere I have been I have found the ideals and the ideas of Serra appeal strongly, to apostolic Catholic laymen." The outgoing Serra president related the reaction of Pope Paul VI in an audience with Coughlan, when the Holy Father said "Ah, Serra! I know your efforts. Wonderful! I pray that God will recompense — will repay you and all of your members and their families for what you are doing for vocations. I pray God and send my special Apostolic Blessing to all of the members of Serra and to their families for the marvelous work they are doing."
Serra's New First Lady: Main Job's Her Home

CoraL GABLES — The new First Lady of Serra, Mrs. Grace Fitzgerald, will "keep things going at home" while her Serra president-husband, Joseph M. Fitzgerald travels thousands of miles during the next year as head of the 10,000 member organization.

"I'm very proud of Joe and think he's doing a wonderful job," Grace Fitzgerald said following her husband's election during this week's convention of Serra International.

"He depends upon me to keep things going while he's away. After all three of our five children are still very young," she said.

Although she serves as vice president of St. Vincent Hall Auxiliary and is an active member of the Marian Center Auxiliary, Mrs. Fitzgerald feels that her first obligation is to her family. For that reason she has been given "special permission" following her husband's election to be at home while her Serra duties are taking her away.

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Lawrence Cardinal Shehan Addresses Serrans At Convention Banquet

A presentation from Lyndon B. Johnson was received by members of Serra International during their 23rd annual convention at Miami Beach.

In a telegram to Bishop Coleman P. Carroll of Miami, convention host, President Johnson said:

"Your organization has, through both individual and collective efforts, encouraged the practice of human charity and brotherhood, and the tireless work of your members in behalf of man's progress and individual dignity has met with rewarding success both in our nation and throughout Latin America. May you always sustain your noble tradition of service to God and your fellowmen."

The Archbishop of Baltimore suggested that Serra Clubs take as part of their program this feature of vocational development among Catholic parents and Catholics in general.

In your particular dedication to the task of discovering and cultivating vocations, your work cannot be confined to any one area," Cardinal Shehan reminded Serrans. "You must dedicate yourselves to vocations to the religious life wherever and under whatever circum stances you find them. No need of your self should keep you from that commitment to the Serran purpose and ideal that is so comprehensively expressed in the promotion of the general program of vocational development, adopted by his own unit."

Serra President And Mrs. Joseph Fitzgerald

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Laymen Urged To Act In 'Church's Desperate Need'

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His Holiness beseeches the efforts of all those who nourish vocations to the clerical and religious life, and the collaboration of Catholic laymen in promoting this work, which epitomizes by Serra International, is a source of satisfaction and joy to His personal heart.

Encouraging God's help and illumination upon the officers and members of the movement, and praying that they may ever more consciously and freely give of their time and interest for the furtherance of ecclesiastical vocations, the Holy Father gladly bestows upon them, their families and associates, and imports to the students whom they assist, His particular apostolic blessing.

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Telegram of Praise From LBJ

DALLAS — June 20, 1965

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The main features of the lay apostolate in the future," the Cardinal pointed out, adding that parents must become more actively engaged in the important work of developing vocations and emphasizing that parents must be carefully prepared for the "task of discovering and cultivating vocations."

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Conditions In Dominican Republic Were Described For Serrans By Archbishop Emmanuele Clarizio

Dominican Crisis Solution Likely, Nuncio Declares

The Apostolic Nuncio to the Dominican Republic expressed confidence here that a peaceful solution will be found to the strife in the battle-torn island republic.

Archbishop Emmanuele Clarizio, speaking at a press conference and during the annual Governors’ Luncheon Tuesday of the Serra International convention, pointed out that both the rebel and junta forces recognize that social reforms are urgently needed on the island.

One of the principal negotiators for peace between the warring parties, the Apostolic Nuncio recently returned from the Vatican, bringing with him an appeal from Pope Paul VI for a peaceful settlement in the crisis. The Holy Father's letter, he said, was delivered to leaders of both forces and was well received.

He emphasized that the Church desires peace and social justice and is definitely “not taking sides” in the struggle.

“From the beginning, it has been the Church,” he said, “to ask and to call for social justice. The Church wants everyone to have a decent house and a possibility to work and to make enough money to educate their family.”

Archbishop Clarizio emphasized that the need for technical assistance and peace in the country is great in order that the island republic may fulfill its potential. The Dominican Republic “has natural resources at least 10 times more than Puerto Rico. Yet unfortunately, people are starving,” he said.

He told Serrans that he is looking forward to the inauguration of a Serra Club in the Dominican Republic where he said some of the problems facing the Church would be of no existent if Serra was actively represented.

The Dominican people, Archbishop Clarizio added, have a “great respect” for priests and religious, and pointed out that there is not a lack of vocations to the priesthood, “only a lack of financial support for the seminary.”

NEWEST MEMBER of the hierarchy attending the Serra convention was Bishop Mariano G. Gavia, left, appointed head of the Diocese of Cabanas, Philippines, a week before he came to Miami Beach. He and the Vicar General, Msgr. James Walsh, Miami Serra Club chaplain, center.

‘Lay Apostle Must Be Guided By God-Given Vision’

Father Bernard Cooke, S.J., of Marquette University, told the Serra International convention at the Fontainebleau Hotel that laymen who wish to Christianize the world must be “guided by a vision which far transcends the greatest insight that man by his own powers of intellect can attain... given to us by God Himself.”

Father Cooke said, “It is not for you and me here today to decide what it means to be Christian; to decide what our vocation as Christians is. It is not for us, by our own imagination and prudence, to assemble in Miami and by consultation work out a plan for the betterment of humanity.”

UNIQUE SITUATION

“We are in a unique situation, because our task is one committed to us by a God who has called us into His service. And He has told us... we are to do His will, to perform.”

In Scripture alone, he said, “is found the wisdom that will ultimately give sense to our human existence and the guidance that will bring us to our one and only destiny.” Despite differences between today’s society and that of earlier times, “there is not a key situation of human experience, of human tension, not a basic human problem or human aspiration which was not known to the people who experienced the action of God in those centuries that stretched from Abraham to the death of the Apostles.”

ELECTED AT CONVENTION

Fitzgerald Of Miami Named Head Of Serra International

Joseph M. Fitzgerald, K.S.G., Miami attorney and member of St. Hugh parish, Coconut Grove, was elected president of Serra International during closing sessions of the 23rd annual convention held Monday through Wednesday at Miami Beach.

The new head of the 11,000 member organization now represented in 19 countries of the world was installed by retiring president, Thomas Coughlan, K. S. G., during a banquet Wednesday evening.

Principal speaker at the banquet was Lawrence Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore, who spoke on the subject, “The ChristianVocation,” to more than 2,500 guests.

MIAMI LAW GRADUATE

A resident of South Florida for the past 25 years, Mr. Fitzgerald is a graduate of Mt. St. Mary College and the University of Miami Law School.

He served as first president of the Miami Serra Club and first District Governor of Serra in this area, and for two years was president of the national alumni association of Mt. St. Mary College.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and serves on the Bishop’s Advisory Council and the Board of Directors of Diocesan Catholic Charities.

In January of this year, Mr. Fitzgerald was named a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope Paul VI.

BISHOP, SOCIOLOGIST GIVE VIEWS

Marxism Said To Be Losing Strength In Latin America

A member of the Latin American hierarchy and a Jesuit priest who is a prominent sociologist said Tuesday that Marxism has lost much of its strength in South American nations, but warned that it is still a threat.

Bishop Mark McGrath, C.S.C., of Santiago de Veraguas in Panama and Father Roger Vekeman, S.J., director, Centro Belen, Chile, and a consultant of the Economic and Social Department of the Pan American Union, discussed Marxism during a press conference at the 23rd annual convention of Serra International.

Although Marxism is divided and has lost impact in Latin America, Bishop McGrath emphasized, “the danger is still great as long as the economic conditions remain the same.”

Bishop McGrath, a native of the Canal Zone, stated that the communists have appeal especially among university students because they offer immediate promises of action and set forth hopes of a better world.

Father Vekeman declared that “Marxism is strong only because of our weakness—what is needed is to offer all natives. If we don’t try to help them.”

“In it is not enough,” the Jesuit sociologist continued, “to have a sound concept of reforms that are needed within the country, explaining that much depends on someone outside the country that may interest about them.

“The danger is still great as long as the economic inequalities continue to exist,” he said, adding that the answer to communism is to carry out social reforms” in an intelligent way to meet each situation. These reforms, he said, must be acceptable and be presented by a new outlook in correcting the disparity between developed and underdeveloped nations.
Throngs Crowded Hotel Fontainebleau For Sessions Of Serra International Convention Last Week

MIAMI'S BISHOP Coleman F. Carroll, convention host, expressed the gratitude of the Miami Serra Club to members of hierarchy.

WELCOME TO MIAMI is extended by Bishop Coleman F. Carroll, left, to Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, Archbishop of Baltimore, center; and Msgr. Paul Tanner, general secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. More than 20 prelates attended sessions.

ROME SERRA Club president, Remo Schiavetti, center, and Mrs. Schiavetti, talk with Archbishop John P. Cody at the conclusion of the closing banquet of the 23rd annual Serra International convention which convened at Miami Beach, June 28-30.

BANQUET GUESTS included Episcopal Bishop James Duncan of the Diocese of South Florida, left, and Rabbi Joseph Narot, of the Temple Israel of Greater Miami, right. Also present was Luther Pierce of the Greater Miami Council of Churches.

"THE LAYMAN in the Church" was the topic of Bishop Charles H. Bultman of Kansas City-St. Joseph when he spoke to a general meeting of Serra International delegates. Clergy, religious and laity in the Diocese of Miami also attended the three-day sessions.

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More Than 2,300 Clergy And Laymen Attended Serra Convention Banquet Served In The Grand Ballroom Of The Hotel Fontainebleau

NCWC GENERAL Secretary, Msgr. Paul Tanner, spoke during a general session of Serra International convention on the topic "Authority and Obedience in the Church Today."

ARCHBISHOP - DESIGNATE of Chicago, Archbishop John P. Cody, left, talks with Bishop Coleman F. Carroll, right, host to the Serra International 23rd annual convention, and Serra International vice president, Marvin J. Evans, Evansville, Ind.

SERRA WIVES served as hostesses during the largest convention ever held by Serra International. Mrs. Ray Fogarty and Mrs. Joseph Myrieux, seated, welcome Mrs. David McGil and Mrs. William J. Long of Philadelphia, whose husbands participated in the meeting.

SERRA PRESIDENTS family were present for his installation. Mrs. Joseph M. Fitzgerald, is shown with three of their five children, Patrick, Kathleen, and Michael; their pastor, Father Anthony Navarrete, St. Hugh Church, right; and Msgr. Hugh Phillips.

PRINCE OF THE CHURCH, Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, of Baltimore, offered Mass in the Hotel Fontainebleau for members of Serra International and their families before they left Miami.

PONTIFICAL MASS offered by Cardinal Shehan in convention headquarters was attended by Serraans from various countries who had participated in three-day convention sessions.

SERRANS RECEIVE Holy Communion from Lawrence Cardinal Shehan during final Mass at convention. Masses were celebrated daily during the sessions which attracted some 2,300 delegates.
BISHOP McGRATH SAYS PROBLEMS ARE DIFFERENT

'Latin America Not The USA'

North Americans must overcome the unconscious tendency to judge situations in Latin America primarily or solely on a not, from points of reference familiar to them but not valid, or only partially valid, for Latin America, a member of the Latin American hierarchy in a different sense, than to the Serra International convention.

Bishop Mark McGrath, C.S.C., of Santiago de Veraguas, Panama, spoke during the 23rd annual Governor's function during which Philip M. Lewis, R.S.G., of St. Juliana parish, West Palm Beach, received a platoon of serv- ices as Governor of Serra District 30. Newly elected Governor of the area & Otto Trost, a member of the Broward County Serra Club.

ADAPTATIONS NEEDED

"We cannot apply economic, social and political formulas made in the USA to Latin America without serious consideration and adaptations," the Panamanian-born prelate told more than 2,000 Serrans. "We desire universal anguish. But it is one thing in New York City and quite another in rural areas of Bolivia, Paraguay and Panama, where irritability rates may run well over 70 percent."

Bishop McGrath emphasized that universal anguish, to be democratically effective, requires universal education—not only or principally in reading and writing, but also and more so in the meaning of civic and community responsibility.

He added that we cannot expect to find the same community initiative as was born in communist effort in the United States, in the large masses for centuries "acquiescent to the pas- sive acceptance of dictates dictated from above."

"The very concept of politics and its function of service to the people is only known in a centuries-long aristocratic society where the cultured few have considered it their sacred and right to rule — with more or less enlightened paternalism: which a skilled interpreter means a greater or lesser dedi- cation to helping the masses, without however, endangering the privilege of a few, Bishop McGrath stated.

Bishop McGrath told Serrans that a combination of factors, which are said are mostly pro- ducted by the United States and Western Europe, are forcing Latin America in few generations to "rush through social, economic, and political chang- es which required centuries in Europe."

MORE DIFFICULT

"At the same time," he pointed out, "these same factors often render these changes tremendously more difficult. The very fact of technological progress and well-being in the world, widely publicized and even romanticized by every means of modern communica- tion, is a constant stimulus in the South to seek the same.""Some few obtain it; the many are restless for it. The supply we speak of and without which cannot be satisfied create a kind of unrest which strike the masses in the form of quick solution of social justice — from Peronism to Maoism, and all the other forms of unrest into which stride these countries and the poor of the world," Bishop McGrath concluded.

The prelate emphasized that many Americans have the im- pression that the U.S. is pouring untold billions into thankless Latin American schemes. "They are wrong," he explained, "of the unfavorable ec- onomic balance these nations experience in their relations with the U.S. commercial inter- ests; and that the economic aid given the Latin American na- tions since World War II is very small when compared to what went into Europe in the form of outright grants, whereas most of what goes to Latin America is in the form of loans, whose interest some- times almost equals whatever additional help may be expect- ed from year to year."

CHURCH'S CONTRIBUTION

Bishop McGrath noted that the Church's recent contribu- tion toward a healthy, decided and pacific social revolution in Latin America has been surprisingly great." He cited the end of World War II as a starting point, the prelate cited several outstanding adjustments which have taken shape in the Church of Latin America in a span of years. "Our clergy, bishops, priests and let us also include the religi- ous," he said, "have display- ed an amazing ability to meet a new form of social problem. This does not surprise us now. But we are perhaps back very far to find an almost universal atti- tude which considered the clery's role to be purely devotion- al and sacramental, with some attention to works of charity but only as works of almsgiv- ing."

The moral urgency of devel- opment, community and national; the direct encouragement of structural changes in society through tax and land reforms by cooperatives and social and civic organizations, through the creation of more vocational schools and programs of adult education; that some of these goals are planned and executed even by many of them along with our long march toward the next great religious," Bishop McGrath continued.

LAIETY'S ROLE GROWS

Be also cited the expanding action of the laity in the Church of Latin America, pointing out that "political and impact of Christian-inspired political par- ties and labor unions is certain."

"We also find a rapidly growing number of laity groups or active in many movements of social pro- motion."

The mission of Christianity and of Christians in Latin Amer- ica," Bishop McGrath concluded, "is not solely or even primar- ily to fight communism or other forms of atheism. It is primarily to speak again Christ's message of hope in modern terms, or, if you will, in the terms of our people, who are or are called to be the paper of God, building a better world here and now, as brothers, help- ing us to find the Church did, healing one another's ills, bear- ing another another's burdens, in our long march toward the last- ing City of God."
Men Who Pray Daily For More Priests

By Mag. JAMES J. WALSH

With members of Serra Clubs arriving in Miami from many nations, someone ought to tell the truth about them. It’s about time they were told the truth by those who understand their true colors. Provide them provocative answers. If a diocese needs large sums of money — isn’t it time to pick up some learning, is this not what the Church is for? — isn’t it time to give or get others to give to worthy causes, such as every diocese has a Serra Club in parish life and help hold up standards of morality. In short, by inviting into burses and keeping their true colors, they are lighting other candles from their own pockets, for it is inevitable they will in some way enter into burses and bring in their minds more according to the mind of Christ. She is most anxious to have them formed into virile, uncompromising Christians with a sense of responsibility to all men. She wants to renew in them the kind of Christian spirit which will enable them to bring the convictions of Christ into their lives, their homes and into the lives of their friends and acquaintances.

So they are not fund raisers. At least not so far as Serra is concerned. The Serrans from the clubs of the Diocese of Miami who have to be more or less in the image that they are in a priest. It seems a challenging idea on paper, as every diocese has a Serra Club men speaking to others, as every diocese has a Serra Club men the following is rated highly because the USCCB has been reporting and appraising conventions throughout the United States for many years.

The Miami Herald, the morning newspaper, carried a 16-page tabloid insert on Monday, devoted to the Serra Club, carrying an essay contest, or to give an excellent example of how things are done for the love of God we fail to take into account the action of the Holy Spirit and Good Serra.
Serrans Of 20 Countries Convene Here Monday

Miami Club Will Be Host To Three-Day Convention

Delegates Count On Serra Foundation To Meet Costs

Deficit Budget For 1965-66 Approved

U.S. Bishops Set Up Rules For Interfaith Activities
Contribución de la Iglesia al Cambio Social en Latinoamérica

El Obispo Mark McGrath, C.S.C. de Santiago de Veraguas, Panamá, hablando al comenzar el anual del Club Internacional de Serra que se realizó en Miami del 28 de enero al 3 de febrero de 1978.

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El Padre Poblete Habla con el Presidente de Serra Internacional, José Fitzgerald

**DISCIPURO DEL PADRE POBLETE**

Nueva Imagen de la Iglesia y del Sacerdote: Urgente Para el Fomento de las Vocaciones

Haciendo notar que en la época en que América Latina, y especialmente de España, el emperador no presionó la vocación religiosa a la juventud como un ideal atrayente, el Padre Poblete señaló que "muchos de los líderes de las nuevas naciones no eran parientes entusiastas de la Iglesia ni del mundo de la vocación religiosa. Saturados de un ateísmo disfrazado de racionalismo científico, disimularon entre la juventud el desasosiego, el desarrazón y las leyendas negras de la vocación religiosa. Por el contrario, en el apostolado de los obispos, en el de sus delegados y sacerdotes, es donde la Iglesia en América Latina, se conviertan en 100 vocaciones y los 21 en formación que los 15 Clubes Serra constituyen, en los próximos 5 años. Es un gran esfuerzo por la extensión de la vocación religiosa." Continuó el Padre Poblete que "hay que atraer a los laicos católicos con ansias de servicio y su consecuencia de cambios sociales, culturales, que han modificado las estructuras existentes e influenciado todos los aspectos de la vida social, al nivel de grupos, al nivel individual. Las aglomeraciones urbanas y los indios cambian, la Iglesia contemporánea ha tenido la intención de relacionarse con las sociedades de hoy en día, en el mundo de la vida urbana, no se ha compuesto el ideal del sacerdocio, ni en contacto con un mundo que vive de la actividad, audaz y fuerte mano del sacerdocio. Los sacerdotes, en la construcción de una nueva sociedad.

La imagen positiva que la Iglesia desea tener está en las actitudes de los sacerdotes; en las actitudes de los sacerdotes, está la imagen que la juventud quiere encontrar es la del sacerdote que está al día, es profundamente espiritual, comprensivo y al tanto de los problemas de hoy.

Declara el Obispo que "la imagen que impartimos la Iglesia, es la imagen que la Juventud quiere, es la de un hombre que la ayuda a encontrar el camino hacia la Cristiandad". Continuó el Obispo que "hay que atraer a los jóvenes a la sociedad, a la Iglesia, a la vida activa, audaz y fuerte mano del sacerdocio. Los sacerdotes, en la construcción de una nueva sociedad.

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**EL OBISPO DE ARECIBO EN LA CONVENCION SERRA**

Prepararán en Puerto Rico Diáconos Seglares

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Expresa Mons. Clarizio Esperanza de Paz Para República Dominicana

La Vigésima Tercera Convención Anual del Serra Internacional que se reunió esta semana en Miami Beach, pudo contar, entre los prelados asistentes, con la presencia del Nuncio Apostólico de la República Dominicana, Arzobispo Emmanuele Clarizio.

El Nuncio Clarizio desde el comienzo de la crisis dominicana ha desempeñado un activo papel en las gestiones de conciliación desarrolladas en busca de una solución sin sangre al conflicto que desde hace diez semanas mantienen dividido al pueblo del hermano país.

En conferencia de prensa, donde informó personalmente el Mons. Palmez, de los acuerdos y del estado de las conversaciones de paz, trajo con él, un mensaje de Paolo Emmanuele Clarizio, el Nuncio Apostólico de la República Dominicana, a la Convención Internacional del Serra, el que se reunió esta semana en Miami Beach.

Declinando discurrir el aspecto político de la crisis dominicana, al señalar que no es el papel de la Iglesia, expresó que "queremos formas, pero las deseamos a través del entendimiento, no de la matanza. No estamos por la revolución, sino por la evolución, para alcanzar justicia y progreso. Existe una gran necesidad de asistencia técnica y de paz en el país, para que este pueda alcanzar la plenitud de sus potencialidades. La República Dominicana es un país muy rico. Cuenta con recursos naturales por lo menos, diez veces mayores que Puerto Rico, y a pesar de esto, desgraciadamente el pueblo padece hambre.

En un discurso que pronunció ante los 2200 delegados de la Convención Internacional del Serra, el Arzobispo Clarizio planteó también los problemas y la necesidad de obrar hombres jóvenes para el sacerdocio en la República Dominicana.

Una marcada atención a los problemas religiosos, sociales y económicos de Latinoamérica fue posta por la Vigésima Tercera Convención Anual del Serra Internacional, que se realizó esta semana en Miami Beach.

Con la presencia de varios prelados y sacerdotes así como con un crecido número de delegados del Serra de distintos países de Latinoamérica, en distintos pueblos se discutieron a fondo los problemas de esta parte del mundo.

Entre los oradores figuraron el Obispo Marcos Mejía, de Chile, el Arzobispo Clarizio, de Argentina, el Obispo Carroll, de Santiago, Panamá, y los Padres Benito Poblete y Roger Vokomana, ambos de Chile, los que expusieron la forma en que los cambios sociales y económicos de Latinoamérica están afectando a la pastoral de la Iglesia, y como ésta está contribuyendo a la solución de los agudos problemas de hambre, falta de viviendas, educación, así como planificando la necesidad de una ayuda a la Iglesia Latinoamericana en estos aspectos y en los del mantenimiento e incremento de vocaciones sacerdotales.

Por su parte, el Obispo Coleman F. Carroll resaltó las facetas del genuino apostolado de entablar el diálogo en los episodios de la colonización española de la Florida, de los que este año se conmemora el 400 aniversario.

Habiendo en la misa conmemorada en Miami por el Delegado Apostólico en Estados Unidos, Mons. Rigido Vagnozzi, con otros prelados y delegados a la Convención, el Obispo Carroll recordó la celebración de la primera misa en Estados Unidos, en la que ahora se llama San Agustín, como "brillante ejemplo del celo y la dedicación de seglares y sacerdotes como colaboradores en la obra de Cristo".

Recordó la forma estrecha en que sacerdote y seglar trabajaron en el establecimiento de la primordial ciudad cristiana permanente en Estados Unidos y cómo el primer acto del sacerdote y los seglares después del asentamiento fue el ofrecimiento de la misa de Acción de Gracias, así como el ofrecimiento de implantar el Evangelio en esta tierra para llevar la luz a sus nativos.

El Obispo Carroll hizo un llamado en la importancia del apostolado seglar en la renovación de la vida cristiana en el mundo.

Para servicio de los múltiples delegados de habla hispana de Latinoamérica, un sistema de traducción simultánea funcionó durante todas las sesiones del evento que congregó en Miami a más de 3,000 personas de distintas partes del mundo.

En otra parte de esta edición aparece un amplio informe de las palabras pronunciadas por el Padre Poblete y en la próxima edición informes similares sobre las intervenciones de los otros especialistas latinoamericanos que hablaron en la Convención.}

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