



The Congregation of Rites is now examining the cause of beatification of two great Frenchmen who died 20 years ago: M. Philibert Vrau and M. Camille Feron, two brothers-in-law, the uncle and the father of M. Vrau, the present director of the French Catholic Daily "La Croix". The first was a manufacturer of a large textile plant at Lille and the promoter and organizer of the first Eucharistic Congresses. The second was a doctor of medicine. He became associated with his brother-in-law and aided him in his social works.

The difficulty of housing accommodation during the holy year is causing serious thought in Rome. For ecclesiastic visitors and pilgrims, the Holy See has resources in the numerous scholastic and other houses wherein arrangements may be made for the ordinary residents to give place temporarily, and "systematization" of pilgrimages, so that all do not come at once, is being thought out. Another matter which wants consideration is the variety of categories of pilgrims. One hears of the possible arrival of 600 good Catholics from China, deck passengers, who will certainly need special accommodation. In its turn the Municipality is thinking out projects: to pave, prepare and systematize all roads of approach to St. Peter's and the Vatican; to reorganize the tram service, and a Commission has been

appointed to organize all available lodging accommodation. It goes without saying that there will be communication and understanding between the civil and ecclesiastical authorities.

Abbé Viollet was arrested while slashing a music-hall poster depicting a nude woman. But he told a Paris police commissioner: "I will repeat my action whenever I see that poster."

A film life of St. Jeanne d'Arc is to be produced in France at a cost of 10,000,000 francs.

There were twenty-eight golden weddings in the small town of Nivelles, Belgium, on Ascension Thursday.

In the women's prison of Saint-Lazare, Paris, there is a nun, Sister Leonide, who entered the prison voluntarily 53 years ago, and has remained there ever since, attending to the welfare of the prisoners.

Over 30,000 people were present at the open-air Mass on June 1st in the Esplanade de la Pyramide, Alencon, France, where a solemn triduum has been held in honor of Blessed Teresa of Jesus.

Seven bishops, 84 priests, 8 brothers, 19 nuns were martyred in China during the nineteenth century. One bishop and 8 priests belonged to the Congre-

gation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

There are 300,000 Indians in the United States, of whom about one-third are Catholics.

Conversions in England are now approximately 12,000 a year.

The Catholic members of the London Police force have a Guild of their own, with a membership of 530. A drive is projected to raise the membership to a thousand.

Six Missionaries are expected from Belgium, next October, to join the other Fathers in the Mount. Province.

The Association of the Three Marys, founded in 1910 by the Bishop of Malaga, endeavors to furnish at least three adorers for each tabernacle in the land, to console Our Lord, as His three faithful followers consoled Him by their presence near the Cross on Calvary. Statistics show that in one year the united sections made 18,169, 662 Communion and 17,572,172 visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

In December 1922 Belgium numbered in the missions, according to the joint statistics of the Clergy: 1191 priests, 311 brothers, 1134 Nuns, in all: 2,686 missionaries.

The ignorance prevalent in certain American non-Catholic High Schools is revealed by a recent survey undertaken by Dr. G. R. Crissman, Superintendent of the States Teachers' College at Warrensburg.

Sixteen per cent of the High School students knew neither where Christ was born nor the name of His Mother. Sixty per cent, did not know what Christ said about loving one's neigh-

bor. Agrippa was given the peculiar ranking of "an apostle" by 70 per cent, whereas to 30 per cent, Jude was a "King." Nearly half of the students thought the Scriptures were "quotations." Thirty per cent, said Gethsemane was a city of Egypt.

Still others defined Caiphass and Herod as Apostles, "Amen" as applause, "Elders" as bushes, "Tithes" as things fastened together, or as missionary money.

According to official statistics the number of Catholics in Holland is over 2,000,000 or a third of the whole population. In 1815 Holland had 673 parishes with 925 priests. By 1910 there were 1,014 parishes with 2,310 priests. At the beginning of 1924 the numbers were 1,184 parishes, 2,736 priests.

The number of regular and secular seminaries training men for the priesthood in 1923 was: 41 Little Seminaries with 4,793 students, and 42 Great Seminaries with 1,708 students.

The Catholic schools are no less flourishing. At the beginning of 1923 there were 703 kindergartens with 71,889 pupils; 1,597 Primary Schools with 293,509 pupils and 33 Secondary schools with 8,121 students. To these must be added the technical, commercial, industrial and other special schools.

The German Chancellor, Dr. Marx, received Holy Communion from the hands of the Austrian Chancellor, Mgr. Seipel, at a unique little ceremony in Vienna.

Dr. Marx was paying an official visit to Mgr. Seipel and attended his Mass.

This remarkable incident was announced at Cologne by Father Esch, S. J., who said that those two great Catholic Chancellors are saving Central Europe from Bolshevism and ruin.