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LETTERS

St. Thomas More Society of New Zealand

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

To the Editor:

This is to introduce an Irish Dominican who is working in the Australasian Province of the Order. While conducting a retreat at the Auckland Cenacle I happened on the June number of our own American publication of "Cross and Crown." The editor welcomed the new publication THE CATHOLIC LAWYER. For the past seven years my confrere and I have worked with the Auckland Catholic lawyers who form the only branch of the Thomas More Society in the Dominion. Our Archbishop Dr. Liston has taken a keen interest in the said body for many years, and when we made a foundation in Auckland he handed over this work to us. We have an excellent group of men, and our meeting takes place in the Bishop's House on the second Monday of each month. In the beginning the meetings took the form of lectures on *De Lege* with the *Summa* as text book. When that matter was completed we went on the various moral problems which touch the legal man. One of our difficulties in this far corner of the earth is getting topics, and we seem to be so cut off from literature with a vital bearing on our work.

I look forward to receiving much helpful information and guidance for the coming year with our very devoted group. We had the entire group here in our humble residence for an end of the year get-together. They certainly provide the bulk of the consolations in our many sided apostolate in the land-of-the-long-white-cloud.

(Rev.) G. Butler, O.P.

Commonwealth Conference

LONDON, ENGLAND

To the Editor:

The October 1955 issue of THE CATHOLIC LAWYER mentions (at page 297) the opening session of the Commonwealth and Empire Law Conference in the Great Hall at Westminster.

The program of the meeting describes the history of the Hall in the following terms:

"Westminster Hall was originally built by William I in 1097 but was altered and enlarged by his successors, principally by Richard II who installed the oaken roof, dating from 1399. The chief English law courts sat at Westminster from the 13th century until 1882 when they moved to their present building in the Strand. Here Charles I was tried and condemned in 1649 and the Hall has been the scene of many other State trials, including those of William Wallace, Sir Thomas More, Guy Fawkes, the Seven Bishops and Warren Hastings."

Oddly enough, the first speaker quoted the catalogue description in his introductory remarks but omitted the name of Sir Thomas More.

A. E. C.

International Secretariate of Catholic Lawyers

UTRECHT, NEDERLAND

To the Editor:

The International Secretariate of Catholic Lawyers will have a second congress in the neighborhood of Rome in the first days of October of 1956. The subject will be: *The Respect of the Human Person in the Application of Penal Law.*

We should be very glad indeed if several Catholic lawyers from the United States could be present at the congress!

Professor W. P. J. Pompe

The Red Mass

PORTLAND, OREGON

To the Editor:

Our Vicar General, Monsignor Tobin, advises me that you are pleased to learn of those dioceses where an annual Red Mass is celebrated for the members of the legal profession.

On December 10, 1955, members of the Archdiocesan Tribunal and Catholic members of the legal profession, joined in the observance of the annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit.

Following the Mass, a luncheon was served in the Jeanne d'Arc dining room. In the discussion at luncheon, it was decided to call quarterly meetings of the group, which meetings would consist of Mass, luncheon, and discussion of some topic which concerned the Catholic lawyer.

Attendance on December 10 was the largest in the six-year history of the observance.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Martin Thielen
Director of Education

Lawyer-Priests

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

To the Editor:

I notice that in the previous issues you carried the names of priests who are lawyers. I know of two such priests in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Rev. Eustace F. Brennan, who is Chaplain of the Veterans Administration Center at Wood, Wisconsin, was a student at Marquette University and was admitted to the bar in 1924. He subsequently attended St. Francis

Seminary and was ordained in 1936.

Reverend Gerald A. Brielmaier, who is presently the administrator of Our Lady of the Angels Congregation, Armstrong, Wisconsin, attended Marquette University and was admitted to the Bar. Father Brielmaier subsequently attended St. Francis Seminary and was ordained in 1937.

Alfred W. Ecks

Other Lawyer-Priests are:

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Congratulations

BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA

To the Editor:

I want to tell you how much we appreciate THE CATHOLIC LAWYER. It is a fine magazine and especially appreciated here where my brother and I are the only Catholic lawyers in the county. It serves to let us know that our views on the natural law and justice are shared by others.

John P. Kelly

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

To the Editor:

I cannot tell you how pleased I have been with your first year — a cumulative pleasure, at that. I have ventured to predict that you will open up new fields in legal writing in this country. Certainly you have begun to fill what has been a void. At last we Catholic attorneys can find a legal periodical pointed at us—not merely a legal periodical which happens to be published by a Catholic Law School. You deserve our gratitude. I wish you success.

Joseph R. Nacy