

IT WAS A REPOSITORY

By Margaret B. Gerald

One more Church to visit and I was so weary, that I found myself saying, "Do you mind, dear Jesus, if I do not make another visit tonight." Close on that thought came many other thoughts, a long busy day at the office, unexpected guests at home, the early Mass in our own little village Church and then almost simultaneously remorse of conscience. The morrow was Good Friday, and an anguished God-Man, human in His intense suffering had not slackened His foot steps during that weary long journey to Calvary. He had not forgotten me and the rest of my fellow human beings, nor had He rebelled at the price He was to pay for our sins. The protest in my whispered prayer, gave way to an apology, and I went on to make my last visit, that day in the repository in St. John's in Dublin.

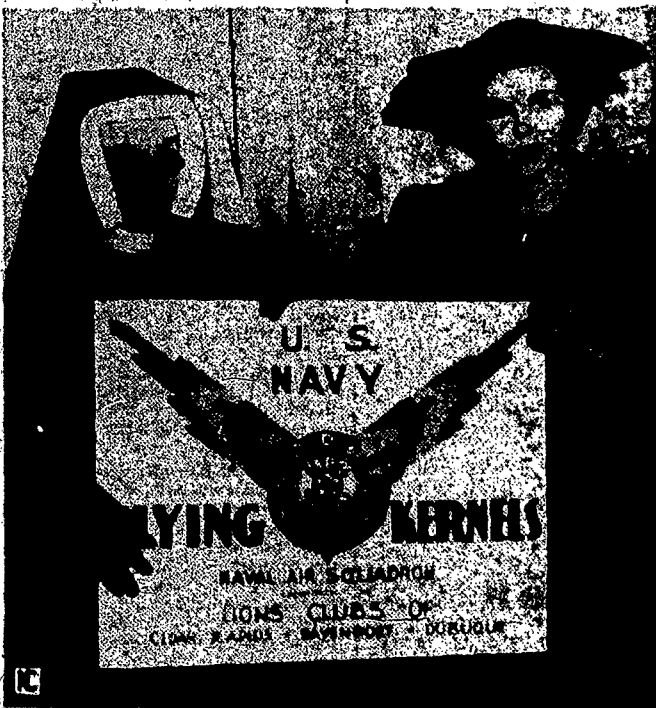
It was late afternoon and the light was darkened, so that the interior of the church was enveloped in the friendly darkness of early twilight. I knelt for a few moments, with head bowed, as I repeated the words of apology to a Saviour, who had died for me and other thoughtless humans. Then, I raised my eyes to the golden repository, that glistened like a shining drop of dew in the midst of a scene, that was quite like a beautiful flower, of which that temporary home for my Sacramental God was the center. A Repository is usually white, and I had marveled at the array of snowy blossoms against white satin drapes in other churches. I had admired the pink flowers, combined with the white in one church and thought of the many hours of thoughtful planning that had resulted in such a fitting frame for a precious living picture.

But this was different! Words can not describe the beauty of it. Cardinal red velvet fell in graceful folds from the ceiling to the floor, with a center panel of white, in vivid contrast to the deep color of red, which reminded me instantly of that Sacred Heart that had so loved men. Tall, stately vases of bright gold were filled with long stemmed call lilies, with snowy faces turned toward the repository, as though in silent adoration of the God, who had made them.

Have you ever known someone who was the proud possessor of a priceless painting, who sought far and wide, for a frame, that would appropriately grace his treasure. Time, effort and wealth lavishly expended, that he might find the best, for a material gem, that could be destroyed by one thoughtless stroke of a knife, in the hands of a vandal.

So often, however, we remember a stable in Bethlehem, and excuse the poverty of some of our churches and the lack of beauty in our decorations for His altar home. Here, however in St. John's, I saw our Sacramental God enthroned in all the glorious beauty of the Transfiguration, a golden resting place before the agony of another Good Friday. Like a precious gem, on a cushion of silken velvet, of deep, living red, like the Sacred Blood, which was shed that man might live again, such was the repository at St. John's in Dublin.

NUN MADE A 'FLYING KERNEL'



Sister Mary Gabriel, B. V. M., of Clarke College, Dubuque, holds the poster which she designed, bearing the best insignia suggestion for the new "Flying Kernels" squadron. Pictured with her is Mrs. Jack Keller, of Cedar Rapids, who submitted the best name for the squadron, in a contest sponsored by newspapers in the area. They are the only two women to receive honorary memberships in the "Flying Kernels" naval air squadron. Photo by Telegraph-Herald, Dubuque. (N.C.W.C.)

One Vocation In Every 100 Catholic Families, Survey In U.S. Shows

WASHINGTON — About one in every 100 Catholic families in the United States is a "vocation family"—one in which immediate members or uncles or aunts are religious—according to a survey recently made and reported in the current issue of *The Catholic Family Monthly*.

The report is made by Sister M. Christina, of Marygrove College, Detroit. She writes that the survey covered a group of families represented by 1,511 Sisters ranging in age from 18 to 70. The Sisters were from ten religious communities and engaged for the most part in teaching or nursing.

Family Background
The survey disclosed, says Sister Christina, that the vocation family is one "living in frugal comfort, in which both parents know the meaning of work and the value of money; where religious education has moulded the hearts and minds of the parents, probably, and of the children certainly; where non-Catholic influence is slight, even though it is on the increase." "The vocation family is usually a large family," she adds, "and tends to give more than one of its members to religion. In general, we may say that the vocation family is a truly Catholic family."

The results of the survey showed that in one of three vocation families the breadwinner is engaged in trade and in one of five he is in industry, while he is a professional person in one of 20. One of every two Sisters surveyed was born in a large city, one in five came from a small city, and one in six from a small town. Only one Sister in five was born on a farm. Nine vocation families out of ten schools, Sister Christina says, and send their children to parochial it was further found that three fourths of the mothers of the Sisters do not work and have not worked since marriage.

Non-Catholic parents in vocation families, the survey showed, are rare—one in 35 families while convert parents occur in about one out of ten. The Sisters included in the survey came from large families. Five in ten came from families having more than seven children; four in ten from families with four to seven children, and one in ten from families having three to fewer children.

Elmira Women Welcome NCCW

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Philip Collins, Edward McGarrell, Justin McCarthy, John Gunn, Daniel O'Neill, Martin Shannon, John French, Edward Hennessy, Edward Myers, Nicholas Coletta, Fred Battersby, Wilfred Underwood, Charles MacNamara.

Also Mesdames John B. Sheehy, William C. Gill, William Phair, John Clark, Fred W. Casper, Anthony Ross, Samuel LaMark, John E. Ronan, Joseph A. O'Brien, A. J. Carroll, Paul M. Stone, John Gough, Anthony B. Cieri, Marvin E. Johnson, Joseph M. Dailey, Catherine Myers, Faustina Clune, Charles Kaspar, H. A. Elias, Rodrick Precht, John Buson, Rose Geloss.

Decorations - Miss Jane Wipfler, chairman; Mrs. Honor Gill, Mrs. Thomas Hassett, Mrs. H. C. Miller, Miss Mary McCanna, Miss Kathryn McNamara, Mrs. M. W. Wipfler, Mrs. Charles P. Lynch.

Mrs. Edmund McInerney is chairman of the hostess committee.

Seek To Notify Nun Of Father's Death

CLAREMONT, N. H.—Local relatives fear for the safety of Sister St. Louis de Gonzague of the Order of the Immaculate Conception, who was stationed at Manila, P. I., as a missionary, and has not communicated with anyone here since the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor.

Relatives have attempted to communicate with Sister St. Louis to inform her of the death of her father, Frederick N. Girard, of this city.

Hitler's latest "Aryan" brother is the Jan.

Prepare To 'Adopt' Parishes In Wales

LONDON.—A "parish adoption" plan has been started in Liverpool. Parishes in England are to be asked to adopt parishes in Wales, where, outside a few large towns, Catholics are few and scattered. Catholics here will pray for the success of the work in their adopted parishes and will make small money gifts.

This idea is a direct result of the scattering of city children who have found shelter in the country. Liverpool Catholics have realized for the first time the hardship endured by the priests who are struggling to build up parishes in Wales.

Let freedom ring on Uncle Sam's cash register! Buy U. S. War Bonds and Stamps.

How Young Men Enter Community Of Nursing Brothers of Mercy

BUFFALO — Young men, candidates for The Brothers of Mercy for Nursing, having attained the age of sixteen years, remain for a period of six months at Postulants in the Novitiate, 49 Cottage Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

While they continue to wear their civilian dress they are privileged to participate in most of the community exercises. The main purpose is to acquaint them with the rules and regulations of the con-

gregation and to learn the main duties of the religious life. They are trained to accustom themselves to conscientious observance of the same.

If the Postulant has given sufficient proof of his vocation, he is then, upon recommendation of the Noviciate, accepted by the Provincial for Investiture with the religious Habit and membership to the Novitiate.

Instructions as a preparation for the Candidates are those approved by ecclesiastical authorities. During this time they are under the guidance of both the Noviciate and a medical Doctor in order to become acquainted with the duties of a nurse of the sick. In spiritual matters, a Priest of experience instructs the Candidates regarding the principles of religious life, thereby forming a foundation for success and happiness. The Priest also teaches Christian Doctrine in order to instill a deeper appreciation of the faith.

Should the Novice at the expiration of two years have given proof of his fitness, he is then permitted to make the Vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience for the period of one year. Then the Vows are renewed annually for three years, followed by a term of another three years. At the expiration of these six years, for preparation, the Perpetual Vows are made. The daily routine of a Brother is arranged in such a manner that he finds occupation, either in manual labors or spiritual exercises. However, provision is also made for recreation, and necessary rest.

The rules and regulations, which have received the approbation of the Holy See, can be observed by anyone without difficulties, and benefit both the corporal and spiritual welfare of the subject. The Religious is encouraged in the conscientious observance of his rules by the mere fact that many have been canonized a Saint because of fidelity to their community.

1,000 Men Attend Mexico City Rites

MEXICO CITY.—More than 1,000 men attended the spiritual exercises held in the Cathedral here under the auspices of the Diocesan Union of Catholic Men. There has been too little spirituality among the men of this century, the Most Rev. Luis M. Martinez, Archbishop of Mexico, said when he addressed the retreatants.

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