

### ARMY CONFIRMATION CLASS INCLUDES MANY CONVERTS

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—Nearly 70 service men many of them converts, were confirmed by the Most Rev. Daniel F. Desmond, Bishop of Alexandria, in the post chapel. The Confirmation class included the convert wives of three officers. Lieut. Col. Thomas L. Hoban of the 25th Division, was sponsor for the service men.


"For the first time, after 26 years, I am speaking to service men in a cantonment," said the Bishop, who was a chaplain, with the rank of First Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1918-1919.

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### WON HONORS IN STATUE OF CHRIST CONTEST



Pictured are models submitted by entrants who were awarded third place in the competition for a statue of Christ the Light of the World, to be erected in the facade of the new headquarters building of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, in Washington. The works were submitted by: upper left, Leo Lentelli; upper right, Oronzo Malderelli; lower left, Brenda Putnam; lower right, Carl L. Schmitz. (N.C.W.C.)

### Christ Willingly Died On Cross For All Mankind.

By Linus Riordan

Christ became incarnate for one purpose: To save man by redeeming him from the bondage of sin and by reopening the gates of heaven. This He was to do by removing the evil that

man had brought down upon himself by his unfaithful conduct. Christ, freely undertaking this task, substituted Himself for us that God might be appeased and man might be restored to his pristine goods and blessings.

Man had sinned and therefore, under the economy demanded by God, it was man who must make reparation. But no mere man could make satisfaction proportionate to the dignity of the one offended, for the majesty of an infinite God had been transgressed and infinite reparation must be made. Neither did God will that He alone should save man. The task of saving the human race required a Savior who was both God and man. Accordingly the Son of God took flesh and became the Mediator between God and man.

Christ's mission was the redemption of man; the cross, in accordance with His will, became the instrument of His redemptive act. From the moment of His birth in Bethlehem He began His toilsome journey to that infamous gibbet on Golgotha that was to be the altar on which He was to die that all mankind might have life eternal.

In the Passion and death of Jesus is found the acme of suffering, physical and mental. So great was the pain of His soul in the Garden of Gethsemane as He envisioned the filth and contamination of the sins that had been and would be committed by men, many of whom would reject Him and

the sacrifice that He was about to make and set their souls back into the slavery of hell, that bloody sweat poured forth from every pore of His body and His human nature cried out for release: "Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from Me, yet not My will but Thine be done" (Luke 22:42).

Each succeeding act in the drama of the Passion added to the suffering of Christ. He was betrayed by a friend for 30 pieces of silver. He was accused by lying witnesses, scourged, jeered, crowned with thorns, mocked, spit upon, unjustly condemned to death. He was nailed to the cross like a common thief, and He was left to hang on the cross for three hours. So great was His agony. St. John Chrysostom says, that the sun hid its rays that it might not have to behold the sufferings of its maker. During the three hours that Christ was on the cross the sun was darkened over the earth, although an eclipse was impossible at the time.

At long last, His cup of sorrow overflowing and the time of the agonizing consummation of the redemption of man at hand, Jesus, bowing His head, "gave up the ghost" (John 19:30). Man's salvation was accomplished. He was no longer a slave of Satan; he was restored to the adopted sonship of God and the right to inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus was not a passive victim in His Passion and death. He willingly

died on the cross in obedience to the decree of God and for love of God and men. Love and obedience were the powerful motives that impelled Him to offer Himself up as an immolation on a gibbet.

Adam, by his act of disobedience, brought sin and death into the world. Christ, by His obedience, brought life and justification into the world and erased the disobedience of Adam. Submission to the will of His father and boundless love for man brought Christ to the cross there to give satisfaction to God and to restore man to the supernatural order that had been frustrated by Adam's transgression. Western Catholic.

### INDIA MISSION SUPERIOR DIES IN FALL FROM CLIFF

KARACHI, India. (NC) — The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Salesius Lemmens, O.F.M., Ecclesiastical Superior of Sind and Baluchistan met with a tragic death while on an outing at Oyster Rocks with a group of children from the local Don Bosco Institute. While walking near the edge of a cliff, Monsignor Lemmens missed his footing and fell into the water below.

Two hours later a diver found his body in a cleft in the sea. Monsignor Lemmens was born in Holland, May 24, 1904, and came to India in June, 1933. He was made Superior of the Mission in 1936.

As the first Ecclesiastical Superior of the Mission of Sind and Baluchistan, Monsignor Lemmens had to do much pioneer work both at Karachi, where he was parish priest, and in distant parts of the wide Mission Territory.

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### PLAN STATUE OF SAVIOUR FOR HILL IN CURACAO

WILLEMSTAD, Dutch West Indies.—Joep Niregina, Netherlands sculptor, has been commissioned by the Most Rev. Innocent Verriet, Vicar Apostolic of Curacao, to erect a 20-foot statue of the Saviour on a hill near Willemstad. The statue will be on a base 60 feet high.



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