

# Latin America To Get 100 Maryknollers

NEW YORK (NC) One hundred Maryknoll Missioners will be assigned to Latin American missions during the coming year, it is revealed in a letter written by the Most Rev. James Walsh, Superior General of Maryknoll, addressed to the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States.

Pearl Harbor created a situation which American Catholic missions in the Orient never had to face before. Bishop Walsh wrote: "Over eight Maryknoll missioners became enemy aliens in the Japanese Empire. They were immediately detained and interned. Practically all contact with their Catholic flocks was severed. Their very existence in the confines of Japanese territory was an embarrassment both to the Japanese army and Foreign Offices. Various schemes were put forward to influence the interned missioners to request or agree to repatriation. Each group returned substantially the same answer: 'We will remain here, as long as we can carry on our missionary work. Only the Holy See and our Superior can order us to leave.' However it was evident that their missionary work was at an end for the duration of the war.

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"Inasmuch as unauthorized reports have appeared in the secular press, we wish to state clearly that the repatriated missioners had no choice but to return home. This action was specifically approved by the Holy Father himself in the case of Japan, according to official information we received from our Apostolic Delegate in Washington. The deportation of the missioners by the Japanese in no way assumed the guise of religious persecution; it was simply a matter of international politics. The mission stations of our Maryknollers have been temporarily covered by native priests and missioners of neighboring Vicariates who are citizens of either Portugal or Axis countries.

"After hearing first hand the reports of the returned missioners, we are convinced that their repatriation was the only humane procedure, else most of them would have needlessly died in internment from malnutrition or from some kind of tropical disease. It would have been a criminal waste of missionary personnel without any commensurate spiritual or religious advantage.

"It is true that most of these repatriated missioners will need some months in which to regain their health and nervous stability after the experiences to which they have been subjected. Their return, however, does not mean that they will have nothing to do until after the war. Even before the outbreak of actual hostilities, our Society was discussing with the Holy See the possibility of undertaking some missionary work in South and Central America. The war consummated these plans.

"At the present time, we have been entrusted with one Vicariate Apostolic in the northern jungles of Bolivia, and 20 missioners have already embarked for their field of labor. We have assigned five others to assist Bishop Sweeney in the Hawaiian Islands and they are now enroute.

"Moreover, during the coming year, our Society will have to provide 100 missioners for the various new fields in South and Central America. To meet this need, we plan, with the proper approval, to ordain our 1943 class to the priesthood by early February so that they can reach their South American mission fields by this coming Easter.

"A fair proportion of our priests have become chaplains in the Army and Navy. Incidentally, one of our priests was wounded and taken prisoner of war on Bataan while serving as a chaplain. Three other Maryknoll priests are either in capacity or with the American and Filipino guerrilla forces in Cebu Island, acting as chaplains.

"Consequently, while our Society has suffered temporary obstacles in the Japanese Empire, our three South China Vicariates and one Prefecture Apostolic are not only continuing their work but taking every possible advantage of the distressful circumstance of war to extend their labors for their adopted peoples."

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## URGE MISSION SUNDAY OBSERVANCE



Urging prayer and sacrifice in support of Catholic missions everywhere, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is sponsoring a worldwide observance of Mission Sunday, October 18, at the call of His Holiness Pope Pius XII. Pictured are, Pope Pius XII, Monsignor Thomas J. McDonnell, National Director, Propagation of the Faith Society, who spoke over the CBS "Church of the Air Program," October 11, and Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, of New York, who will speak over the NBC "Red Network," Saturday, October 17, from 10:30 to 11 P. M., EWT.

# Pope Horrified By Growing Fury Of War Calls For United Prayer

LONDON (NC)—The Holy Father in a letter addressed to His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Hinsley and the other Bishops of England and Wales, acknowledges a letter sent to His Holiness on the occasion of his recent jubilee. The letter, signed by the Pope personally, says in its official English translation:

"In the midst of this world war with all its human misery and widespread ruin, let us as your good thought to bring calm to our sorely anxious hearts with your touching tribute of loving homage.

"Your letter has also proved a thing of which we were already convinced: that you highly prize and deeply take to heart any admonitions and recommendations which are sent forth from this Apostolic See for the benefit of Christendom and of humanity.

"As you truly observe, from the beginning of Our Pontificate we made every possible effort to avert this terrible conflict when it was imminent, and since it has unhappily broken out we have used all the means in Our power to alleviate the suffering and distress which it is causing and to hasten the end of the deadly conflagration. For we stand horrified before the spectacle of the growing violence and fury of this war, which is everywhere spreading devastation and adding incessantly to the long tale of its miseries and sorrows.

"All the more reason, therefore, why in our land, as in every country throughout the world, all good men should be united in will, so that God may at length be appeased by prayers and supplications and the offerings of good works, and that, with the establishment of those principles and solid foundations of true peace which we have recently enumerated and described, warring charity may thrive again and the broken harmony of mankind be restored.

"Beseeching God earnestly that He may grant these our common desires and prayers, as an augury of heaven's protection and in token of Our special affection, we most lovingly grant the Apostolic Benediction to you, Beloved Son, and to the other Archbishops and Bishops of England and Wales, and we extend the same to the flocks committed to your care."

## NATIONAL BIBLE CONGRESS ORGANIZED IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES - Argentina's first National Bible Congress will be held here next week has been organized by the Federation of Catholic Professors and Teachers as an act of filial homage to His Holiness Pope Pius XII. The Federation's initiative in centering attention upon the Sacred Scriptures at a time when the world is most urgently in need of "the enlightening words of the Master," is most heartily commended by His Eminence Santiago Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, and His Excellency the Most Rev. Giuseppe Pietta, Papal Nuncio to Argentina.

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## Cardinal Hinsley Scores Inaccuracy In 'Collier's'

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—A statement that he had criticized American Catholics who "would not give all aid to Russia" was declared entirely inaccurate by His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster. In a cablegram in which he requested correction of an interview published in the Sept. 28 issue of Collier's magazine.



Identified: Reverend Joseph A. Mulry, S.J., of New York, for 17 years a professor at the Ateneo de Manila, Jesuit college in Manila, who has just been identified as the Jesuit priest who aided Lt. Col. Warren Clear to successfully evade the Japanese while returning to Manila on New Year's Day from a mission for the Army Intelligence.

### Enter Army

Cleveland Fathers Robert E. Murphy and Paul J. Hallinan, assistant at St. Aloysius Church here have been commissioned chaplains in the United States Army and will go to the Chaplains School at Harvard University.

## Holy Father Greet Latin-American Diplomats

VATICAN CITY - His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, this week accorded audiences to Ambassador Diomedeo Arias Schreiber of Peru, Ambassador Bailon Mercado of Bolivia and Miguel Figueras y Miranda, Charge d' Affaires of Cuba. The three Latin American diplomats have recently taken up permanent residence in Vatican City.

# Proposes No Borrowing for Church Building

(By N. C. W. News Service) Discussing the effects of war in destroying churches in England and elsewhere, and the burden that falls to the lot of pastors and parishioners in financing church building by means of interest bearing debt, C. J. Woodson, writing in The Downside Review, published by Downside Abbey in England, sets forth a plan for eliminating interest-bearing debt from the field of church building, by appealing concretely to the imaginations of parishioners in the collection of funds before the church is built. The author links his plan with the social teaching of the Church, declaring that Catholics everywhere, by refusing to contract parish debts, would be giving a valuable object-lesson and furthering the campaign for social justice.

The parish that secures a loan for church building, he writes, "borrows to sustain its life, just as the needy man borrows to sustain his life. The loan is used up for living, and cannot in any sense produce interest." The author indicates how interest-bearing debt increases the price of a church, saying it adds at least one-half to the original cost and usually more than half. He states that the difficulty in securing contributions for a new church before the church is actually built is one of the main reasons for the necessity of contracting parish debt. He suggests that this difficulty can be largely overcome by appealing to the imagination, as is now being

# Rota Issues 29 Nullity Decrees Only

VATICAN CITY - (NC) Decrees of nullity were issued in only 29 of the 47 matrimonial cases examined by the Sacred Tribunal of the Rota in the course of the last year. It was revealed when the Auditors of the tribunal were received by His Holiness Pope Pius XII this week. In a majority of the cases, it was announced, no fee was exacted.

The new juridical year of the Rota was opened with a Mass of the Holy Spirit in the Pauline Chapel. All of the Auditors, including the Rt. Rev. Magr Francis J. Brennan, a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the first American priest to hold the position, attended the Papal audience. The activities of the Rota were reviewed in an address delivered by the Rt. Rev. Magr Giulio Grazioli, Dean. Due to the war, Monsignor Grazioli stated, the majority of the cases were of Italian origin.

In a discourse pronounced on the occasion, the Holy Father emphasized that in the present times the world stands in greater need than ever of truth and justice. He congratulated the members of the Rota on their achievements and imparted the Apostolic Blessing.

The Sacred Tribunal of the Rota is a high court which judges, with full judicial procedure, all cases of litigation not reserved to some other dicastery. It is an ancient tribunal, famed for the solidarity of its decisions, which drew its origin from the Cancellaria Apostolica, the bureau of notaries of the Church of which there is trace as early as the fourth century. To these notaries was entrusted the work of compiling the Acts of the Roman Pontiffs. The name "Rota" may have been derived either from the revolving case in which were filed the rolled documents, or from the fact that the Auditors took turns, or rotated, in groups of three or more, in hearing cases.

Pope Pius X, when he reorganized the Roman Curia in 1908, re-established the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota, giving it a new charter whereby its jurisdiction and procedure were defined. The Auditors, or judges, are appointed by the Pope. In addition to the Italians who are members of the Rota, there are a Frenchman, an Englishman, a German, a Pole and an American.

## Men Overseas Miss Services of NCCS, Chaplain Writes

WASHINGTON - A V-mail letter from an American chaplain stationed in England has provided the National Catholic Community Service, member-agency of the USO, with its best proof of success: the fact that it is missed by the service men on overseas duty. The letter, which was received by the Rev. Thomas J. Murphy, moderator of the USO club operated by the National Catholic Community Service in Starke, Fla., reads in part:

"Your splendid USO would be extremely well patronized over here. In fact we haven't come across anything that can compare with the National Catholic Community Service-USOs since leaving the States. You may rest assured that our men sincerely appreciated your efforts in providing for their enjoyment and recreation."

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done in the drives for contributions to the war effort.

"The laying of one brick upon another," he writes, "if it be done by the contributor in person, is a labor of love. The contributing for brick upon brick may also be a labor of love, even though they be laid by proxy.

"In the parish, the larger church units and furnishings may be left to be purchased by wealthier members of the congregation, or may be paid for by a group clubbing together to provide a specific object. Given enthusiastic organizers of groups, collections under a system that does not allow of the provision of the object until the funds for it are forthcoming may be far more successful than collections to pay interest and debt."