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time the foundress of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, and her story, touching and indeed thrilling, is well told by Anne Cawley Boardman in a new biography entitled *Such Love Is Seldom*.

**THE SEED AND THE GLORY** by Mary Ellen Evans depicts the strenuous career of Father Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.P., deservedly called the Apostle of the Mid-American frontier. Born in Italy in 1808, Father Mazzuchelli came to this country in 1828, and began a series of travels and travails which was to last for more than three decades.

He ministered to whites and Indians, in Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Iowa, Illinois. Up and down the countryside he went, dealing with a flock of problems, building churches galore, founding a college, instituting a new Dominican province, organizing a new community of nuns. He died in 1884, at the age of 76, having compiled such a record of apostolic activity as perhaps has no peer in the history of the Church in this country, a man afire to sow the seed of Christ.



**New Bishop**

Mr. Lawrence Macy, pastor of the Holy Cross Armenian Catholic parish in Watertown, Mass., who has been appointed Titular Bishop of Comana of the Armenians, according to a decree of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Churches, signed by Pope Pius XII. The Bishop-elect, who has been in the United States since 1898, was born in Georgia, western Transcaucasia, U.S.S.R. There are only six parishes of the Armenian Rite in the United States, and no Bishopric.

Rossellini 'Miracle' Film Condemned; Banned in N.Y.

New York — (NC) — An Italian picture, "The Miracle," directed by Roberto Rossellini, has been placed in the condemnation classification by the National Legion of Decency.

The movie is one of three foreign films under the restrictive title, "Ways of Love." The other two films, which are in French, are described as "objectionable" but not meriting unusual attention.

The Legion listed the following objection to "The Miracle": "Presents a sacrilegious and blasphemous picture of the life of Christ."

Described by the Legion as "most disgraceful," the picture presents a marriage between a girl given in betrothal to a man who is seduced by a woman who she thinks is St. Joseph. She receives a child and considers it to be the Christ Child.

SHOWINGS OF "The Miracle" were stopped in a New York City theatre Dec. 25 at the direction of the city's Department of Licenses.

The film, distributed in this country by Joseph Burtons, had been passed by the New York Board of Censors and the U.S. Customs, and received the approval from the National Board of Review.

In his review of "The Miracle," Dudley Crowther of "The New York Times" said that the character played by Anne Magallon could be interpreted in two ways: as a woman who is seduced by a man who she thinks is St. Joseph, or as a woman who is seduced by a man who she thinks is the Christ Child.

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Introductory verses to the Rosary mysteries were written by Eleanor Castendyke Struve, convert poetess from Honolulu. Mrs. Struve first heard this novel procedure when visiting a Benedictine convent in Heidelberg, Germany.

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Magr. Sheen Radio Series Begins on WHAM January 1

Washington — (NC) — Magr. Fulton J. Sheen, noted writer and orator, will begin his first series of radio talks on the Catholic Faith on the program of WHAM, N.Y., Jan. 1.

The "Catholic Hour" is broadcast each Sunday from 8 to 9:30 p.m. over Rochester's Station WHAM.

Under the general heading "The Word," MAGR. SHEEN'S new series will continue through Easter.

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this age of Lourdes and Fatima, a biography of a saint so utterly convinced of the power and persistence of Mary has particular point.

Of these three books, Mrs. Boardman's is the best fashioned. Miss Evans's is carefully done, but tends now and then to "one writing." Miss Windett's is clear and competent.

*Such Love Is Seldom* by Anne Cawley Boardman, 234 pages. New York: Harper, \$3.00.

*The Seed and The Glory* by Mary Ellen Evans, 250 pages. New York: McMillan, \$3.00.

*Our Lady's Slave* by Mary Fabian Windett, 201 pages. Illustrated. St. Meinrad, Indiana: The Grail, \$2.50.

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**Otto Kruger To Star On 'Family Theater'**

Hollywood, Calif. — Film Star Otto Kruger will be featured in Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man" on the "Family Theater" program over the Mutual Broadcasting System from 9:30 to 10 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 3.

(The "Family Theater" program is broadcast regularly over Rochester's Station WVET on Wednesday nights.)

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