

Nuns' Superior General From Rome Visits Auburn

Auburn—The Reverend Mother Maria Luisa Fernanda, R.J.M., the superior general of the Religious Order of Jesus and Mary, whose nuns form part of the staff of St. Francis Children of the school greeted the visiting officials at the corner of Clark St. and Brookfield Place. A reception was held in the school, during which a welcome, both in English and Italian, was addressed to the guests of honor.



MOTHER MARIA LUISA

IN ADDITION to gifts of flowers, a spiritual bouquet of 2,000 Rosaries, said over the public address system of the school, was presented to the Superior General, who, will soon return to the mother house of her order in Rome, Italy.

The Auburn convent is one of 14 establishments of the Religious Order of Jesus and Mary in the United States, and Reverend Mother M. Luisa Fernanda has completed her tour of visitations to all these houses of her order. These visits are made every six years, as ordered by Canon Law, and the Auburn visitors have already visited Spain, France, Switzerland, England, Ireland, Germany, Canada, Argentina, Mexico, Cuba, India, and Pakistan.

THE MEMBERS of the order stationed in Auburn at St. Francis School are: Mother St. Augustine, superior and principal; Mother St. Alphonsus Rodriguez; Mother St. Thomas More; and Mother St. Peter Julian. The members of the Religious Order of Jesus and Mary are addressed as "Mother" and not as "Sister" as is the case with most religious.

The Congregation of Jesus and Mary was founded in Lyons, France, in 1819 by Marie Claudine Thevenet and merited the approval of the Holy See in 1847. The Motherhouse of the group was moved from France to Rome, Italy, in 1902.

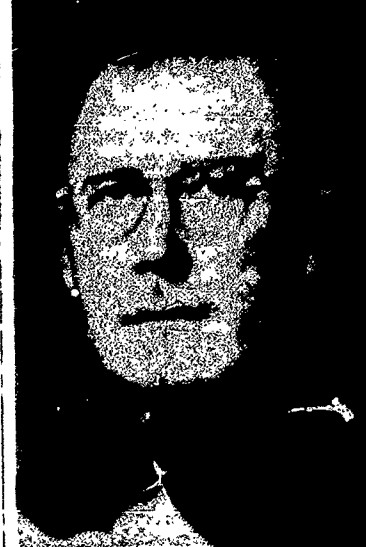
In the United States, there are three provinces of the Order: at Highland Mills, New York; Goffstown, New Hampshire; and El Paso, Texas. The Sisters conduct elementary and secondary schools, with private and parochial, as well as colleges, residences for ladies, and orphanages.

100 Columbus Ladies Attend Breakfast

Members of the Ladies of Columbus, Elmira, held their annual Communion breakfast last Sunday morning at the Mark Twain Hotel following reception of Holy Communion in their respective parishes. The Rev. Damascus Wirzen, O.S.B., Prior of the Mount Saviour Monastery, guest speaker, spoke on the feast of Christ the King.

Mrs. Frank Bellgott, president, presided at the breakfast. Mrs. Frederick D. Speckho and Miss Leonard Donahue were co-chairmen. Nearly 100 were in attendance.

Moderator



Rev. KIERAN HICKEY, O.Carm.

DCCW Deanery's New Moderator Is Noted Carmelite

Auburn - Appointed moderator of Auburn Deanery Council, National Council of Catholic Women by His Excellency Bishop of Kearney the Rev. Kieran J. Hickey, O. Carm. is professor of philosophy and history of philosophy at the Carmelite Monastery, Whitefriars.

Father Hickey, a native New Yorker, studied in this country and at various houses of study of the Carmelite Order in Europe. After his ordination to the holy priesthood in Rome in 1928, he returned to this country and continued his graduate studies at Fordham University. He holds the degrees of Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Theology.

AFTER COMPLETING his graduate work Father Hickey served for two years as one of the six Carmelite Fathers who are chaplains at Bellevue Hospital in New York.

Since his coming to Whitefriars, Father Hickey has been in great demand as a public speaker throughout Central New York.

As moderator for the Auburn Deanery chapter, Father Hickey will act as advisor to the Deanery Council which is composed of representatives of 16 parochial and inter-parochial organizations in this deanery.

Day's Devotion Set For Aquinas Mothers

The Mothers Club of Aquinas Institute has planned a day of recollection at the Grande 683 East Ave. Thursday, Nov. 8. The Rev. V. J. Fullerton, C.S.B., moderator will conduct the day's sessions. Reservations must be made with Mrs. Paul Romhaut, telephone 1940 R.

Priest, Victim of Red Brutality, Tells Kolping Society of Martyrdom of 2 Nuns

A missionary priest who bears the scars of a Red beating in Manchuria and who witnessed the death of two Missionary Sisters in Changfatu, Manchuria celebrated Mass for the Rochester Kolping Society at the Notre Dame Retreat House, here.

The priest, the Rev. Patrick Veil, S.M.E., a member of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of Bethlehem, while in Rochester, visited his brother, Michael Veil, 70 Vayo St., the first meeting of the two brothers in 27 years since leaving their homeland in Germany.

Father Veil recalled for the Kolping young men that on Passion Sunday, 1947, after giving a sermon to his people in Changfatu, he was betrayed to a gang of armed peasants by a man named Wu.

THE BEDS accused the priest of owning land and not cultivating it. Father Veil was sent to jail for three days.

With the New Year, 1948 Father Veil said, came a godless, bloody storm over all of North China. The land owners, sinners against the Communist code, were placed on trial. Father Veil's own study became a Red torture chamber, he related.

He heard all day and all night the screams of the victims and the silence when they fell unconscious, and then the screams again.

The first Christmas martyr was Paula, a catechist. When in a wholesale looting of all property in the town, called "redistribution" by the Reds, she was asked to produce the parish valuables, altar appointments and such, she refused in fear of betraying the others who were guarding the holy vessels.

SHE WAS BEATEN with straps, leather belts and knotted cords, the priest said. The ordeal lasted for hours and then she was thrown into a bare iron prison. She complained of pain in her abdomen and died the same night.

The next day, Martha and Elizabeth, native sisters, were beaten, stripped to the waist and beaten again.

Father Veil told how he was arrested and questioned. He was taken out into the snow and his arms were tied to a long pole inside and hung from the rafters and beaten. Then he was taken inside and hung from the rafters so that his toes barely touched the floor. The Reds wanted his "gold." They wanted him to give them his "triches."

16 Geneva Women At DCCW Convention

Geneva - Sixteen members of Geneva unit attended the Diocesan convention of the National Council of Catholic Women Wednesday of last week in Rochester.

Mrs. Arthur T. McAvoy, president of Geneva Deanery, was toastmaster at the luncheon in Hotel Seneca.

Present from Geneva were Mrs. McAvoy, Miss Elizabeth Kane, Mrs. Thomas A. Kane, Mrs. J. C. Marquardt, Mrs. Joseph McElroy, Mrs. William Van Nortwick, Mrs. Thomas Bolger, Mrs. Frank Foley, Mrs. Fred Burke, Mrs. Martin Lawler, Mrs. Thomas Hickey, Mrs. Charles LaNasa, Mrs. Howard Groden, Mrs. John F. Gleason, Mrs. Thomas Jennings, Mrs. Nora Cochrane, Mrs. Matthew Black and Mrs. Eugene Devaney.

Ousted Columbans Move To China

Tokyo (CN) - The Rev. James Doyle, Columban superior here, has announced the arrival of six more Columban missionaries from Hong Kong. They have been transferred from mission territory in China where Red persecution has made mission work impossible. Their arrival brings to 64 the number of Columbans working in Japan.

SISTER ELIZABETH was chained to a tree in the mission compound and stripped and lashed. The Sisters on the eve of their martyrdom comforted each other, Elizabeth, he recalled, said "It is a very special grace that the first Superior of the Sisters of St. Therese should die like this."

After they were shot, the sisters' bodies were laid in open graves and covered with snow. They died because they would not renounce their faith.

Father Veil, a shambling wreck, homeless, without clothes and bearing the marks of the beatings, left Changfatu for Harbin on Nov. 2, 1949.

His mission church was turned into a storehouse. The altar was broken up and used as firewood. On Easter Monday, 1949, the cross was knocked from the church. All crosses were removed from the cemetery and the church had no official existence any more in Changfatu.

After visiting his home in Wurtemberg, Germany, Father Veil visited the Bethlehem Mission province in Cheyenne, Wyo. Col. He also visited his sister, Sister M. Fidelis, a Benedictine.

2 Area Girls Active At Trinity College

Miss Eleanor Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo B. Harvey, 39 W. Main St., Lima, has been chosen chairman of Junior Class Day by members of her class at Trinity College, Washington, D.C.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Statt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Statt, 389 Rugby Ave., Rochester, will also participate in the class day activities. She will serve on the Well Committee.

Miss Harvey, an English major, has selected "Junior Eye-Full" as the theme for the traditional class celebration to be held Nov. 12. To honor the bicentennial of Paris, the class plans to "go French" for the day, with French decorations, menus, and dramatic presentation.

Both Miss Harvey and Miss Statt were graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Rochester, in June, 1949.

Priest Again Named India UN Delegate

New Delhi (RNS) - India's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly's Paris sessions beginning November 6 will include Jesuit Father Jerome d'Souza of Madras, for the second time. The priest was an Indian delegate for a previous term which ended in the middle of 1949.

First Roman Catholic priest to become an official delegate to the United Nations, Father d'Souza is no stranger to politics, having served both as a member of the Madras Provincial Legislature and the constituent Assembly of the Central Government of India.

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