

Nuns Open Center in 'Newspaper Row'

Boston — (NC) — Boston's "Newspaper Row" boasts a new distribution center for books and motion pictures — staffed by nuns. Sisters of the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Paul have opened the center on Washington Street in downtown Boston.

The Congregation, founded in 1915 at Alba, Italy, and devoted to spreading the "Word of God" through books, radio and motion pictures, maintains reading centers and visits homes, hospitals, prisons and business establishments. At the provincial motherhouse in Rome, the Daughters of St. Paul print and bind their own books and distribute them to more than 120 book centers throughout the world.



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She is a novice with the Franciscan missionaries of the Immaculate Heart at Alexandria, Egypt. We must find a good soul who will "adopt" her by giving her the yearly cost (\$10) of her training for each of her two years training. Won't you help her? Give weekly \$3, monthly \$12.50, or any way you choose. Think of your rich share in her future good works and endless prayers.

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YOU'LL BE IN GOD'S WILL, IF HE IS IN YOUR WILL. REMEMBER HIS MISSIONS.

POVERTY IN HIGH GEAR

"Out of 120 families not even four have the means for a daily full meal," writes Fr. Koutour about his parishioners at Kaitchira, India. Too poor to build a school, they conducted classes in the church by putting a wooden wall between the Sanctuary and the body of the church until the government forbade it in 1949. "With extreme hardships they gathered miles and with their own tree in box built a poor school. Although it has no floor, it is in use." Now the old church is falling apart and the roof leaks freely. We need \$1000 to finish the school and \$3000 to restore the church. If one person in every parish gave \$1 to our CHAPEL-OF-THE-MONTH, we'd have no problem. Won't you be the one in your parish?

Remember Our Lady's FATIMA CHAPEL in JORDAN with an altar today. Ask for "Our Lady's Kerenin" when you send yours. Perhaps you'd like to pay for a block, \$10.

WILLIAM, a student at the seminary at Karmasside, Lebanon, is without means to pay the cost of his last three years of training for the priesthood. He needs \$100 each year. Would you be able to sacrifice to give him this yearly sum in any payments. Words will never describe his undying gratitude.

Near East Missions

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Paris and Lourdes

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(Sister Margaret Teresa is in Europe for the summer. Jottings and impressions of the highlights in her travels are being forwarded to the Courier-Journal for her readers.—Ed.)

France speaking—but would we understand? From Le Havre, little rows or long rows of trees, domesticated, clipped bare to their tops and daintily flourishing, escorting their roads and paths through land patterned and allotted since time immemorial, not a square foot unused.

The sweep of the land gentle and everywhere visible, grove or forest neatly within boundaries—old land. House little, but full of dignity.

Afternoon in Paris—surrender to an eager little tour-guide with a heart-shaped face and a gamine smile, and long brown eyes deep with faith as she showed us Notre Dame and told the story of headless St. Denis, an American of the group scoffing as she spoke.

THE LOOK OF PARIS from the top of Montmartre—old, old and so beautiful, a great lady motionless and wise, thinking over an illimitable past, wearing her age like lace.

The heart of Paris, our Lord on the priceless, shabby little altar of Notre Dame de Paris in the great cathedral, loved by a few kneeling in tiny reserved space, unknown to the gaping crowds who toured about Him, heads lifted to the lesser wonders of walls and windows.

Evening—the beautiful Eglise de la Madeleine, massive, closed cold; small notices telling the initiate that somewhere in the great edifice the life of faith would wake at morning.

THE GREAT LADY, Paris, as housewife and hostess, thrifty, excited—waiters in an absorbed hierarchy of age and division of service, transformed as their task was completed into princes delighted with their own beneficence. There may be a bored waiter in Paris, there may be a needle in some haystack or other—but how unlikely!

Down through the center of France to Lourdes, the country ought to vouchsafe some permanent comment on it all—and yes, it told something.

A more expanded grandeur, greater forests sometimes; little houses again with distinct personalities, and always the gay brick-work, the Gallic fling, a window an occasion, not a mere function; then great chateaux, in a warm unity with the land, and lacy church towers in a deeper unity with their towns.

HISTORY EVERYWHERE; Joan's cities, and towns named St. This and St. That from holy lives centuries before hers. But the country is silent about how the people and the Faith were separated.

Lourdes! O my Mother—Heaven taught you that the Pyrenees are the setting for the great Sapphire (Dante's name for you). Or was it the saints upon saints that have come out of these mountains of meditation that drew you down again?

We discovered that Mary has come often and often, over many centuries, to many a town and chapel in the Lourdes region; to hermits, to Franks fighting the Moors, to traveling saints like Dominic and Ignatius.

O Mary—that protol Who shall name the feeling? No one ever wants to rise and leave it even to walk in the procession of open love which is so like Heaven, following the Lamb and singing—even to let another Holy Mass be heard by another spellbound group.

PEOPLE TURN and linger, and drink the water, and kneel where Bernadette knelt, and stay, even though the Basilica has a Mary of its own with arms flung wide that takes your breath away. There is a Way of the Cross to Lift you up where your thoughts are going, a Way that climbs a Pyrene of its own and reveals the power of all the mountains and their loveliness.

A Soundness troop climbed its Scala Sancta on their knees, slowly, penitentially. The very farm out in the country where Bernadette grew up, the roads and paths she followed to bring her sheep to good pasture, the handsome boy-cheeked girl who is daughter of the grand-daughter of Bernadette's foster-mother—

THEY ARE THE perfect documentation of a story that will not grow old, that is as true as Mary and as permanent as her beautiful Pyrenees. All nations were at Lourdes, all languages blended into one cry. Maybe there is no need to understand more fully the secrets of the sad past, if Heaven so willingly will make us a Christian future.

East Zone Reds Release Priest

Berlin—(RNS)—East German East German authorities signed authorities have freed Father a peace pact with Evangelical Franz Busch of Veltien, a Roman Church leader agreeing to end Catholic priest who was sent the anti-Church campaign in the tented to five years in prison by Soviet Zone. Father Hildebrand, a Soviet Zone court at Potsdam brand's sentence was reduced last April.

Father Busch was the first of two Catholic priests to be sentenced by Communist courts at Rome—(RNS)—Archbishop Potsdam during April. The other David Mathew, Apostolic Delegate was Father Friedrich Hildebrand to British East and West brand of Kirchmooser, near Africa, has resigned his post because of poor health. It was announced here.

Notre Dame Challenged On Television Bid

Washington—(NC)—The right of the University of Notre Dame to operate a commercial television station has been challenged before the Federal Communications Commission on the grounds that some provincials of the Congregation of Holy Cross which conducts the university, may not be American citizens.

Michigan Corporation, described here as a subsidiary of Notre Dame, is seeking a Federal license to operate a TV station in South Bend, Ind. Competing for the station license is the South Bend Broadcasting Corporation.

The South Bend corporation has told the FCC that the Congregation of Holy Cross, which conducts Notre Dame University, is governed by six provincials and that there is one each for France, India and Canada.

The petition raises the question whether these three provincials are American citizens, as required by law to operate a TV station in this country.

Newmen Pray For Ill Prelate

Boston — (NC) — A resolution J. Haas of Grand Rapids was tendering the hopes and prayers adopted at the organization's 20th annual convention here. The resolution stated the Guild Haas in behalf of working men and women.



'Little Mo' Wins At Wimbledon

Wimbledon, England—(NC) —Eighteen-year-old Maureen Connolly of San Diego, Calif., won her second straight women's singles tennis championship at Wimbledon—the equivalent of the world title—in all-American, all-Catholic U. S. Independence Day finals here. Miss Connolly, a part-time student at the Sacred Heart nuns' San Diego College for Women, defeated another Catholic, Doris Hart of Coral Gables, Fla., 6-4, 7-5.

In a hard match before a crowd of 18,000, "Little Mo" had to play her best tennis to whip Miss Hart, winner of the title in 1951. The journey marked the fourth time in less than a year that the pair had met in a national championship. While Miss Hart had defeated the all-England winner in the Italian finals last April, the San Diego ace had previously won out in the United States and French championships. "Little Mo" is the first woman ever to hold the American, Australian, British and French titles at the same time.

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