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New College

Louvain, Belgium — (NC) — A special college for seminarians and young priests willing to work in Latin America has been opened at the Catholic University of Louvain. Announcement of this step was made by Magr. Honore Van Waejenbergh, rector of the university.

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Pope Protests Arrest Of Polish Cardinal

Vatican City — (NC) — A solemn protest against the arrest of His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wysynski and the violation of the Church's rights in Poland was made by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a special Mission Sunday message.

Addressed to Bishops and priests everywhere, the Pope's message dealt chiefly with the sufferings and privations being endured today, especially in Red China, by missionaries who are "giving the world a heroic display of fidelity to Our Lord and to His Vicar on earth."

However, the Holy Father took occasion to refer in his message in a particular manner to the Polish Primate.

"WE TAKE THIS opportunity," he said, "to assure him once more of Our paternal affection, and to raise our own most sorrowful and most firm protest against this violation of the sacred rights of the Catholic Church."

The Pontiff added that "innumerable testimonies of protest against the treatment of Cardinal Wysynski are reaching him daily from all parts of the globe."

Pope Pius addressed as "dear sons" the Far East missionaries who have been "witnesses of the Faith, the bearers of light, and messengers of fraternal peace," but are "now being treated, as in the days of the worst persecutions, as enemies of the public good, banished from society, and delivered into prison and even unto death."

"As we recall these long-enduring sufferings of the churches of the Far East," the Pope declared, "Our thoughts cannot but turn also with sorrow — but with pride and gratitude as well — toward those Bishops, priests, Religious and faithful of various European countries — lords of ancient Christianity — who are united with you in the same trials, through the selfsame loosing of forces of evil to the same confession of Faith by the self same fidelity."

DECLARING that "there are no longer any regions today sheltered from the disguised or overt propaganda of atheistic Communism," the Pope commiserated especially with the missionaries in the Far East in their being forced to abandon their work.

"Even more painful than death itself for all you dear, exiled missionaries," he said, "is that

'COPTER' BRINGS BENEFACTOR



Notre Dame, Ind.—Frank J. Lewis, 26-year-old Chicago manufacturer, philanthropist and aviation enthusiast (center), arrived by helicopter to attend the dedication of a new bus terminal building he donated to the University of Notre Dame. Greeting him were the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame (left); and Edwin A. Lewis, a senior at Notre Dame and Mr. Lewis' son. The bus terminal, a \$40,000 structure, is located at the entrance to the Notre Dame Campus. (KNS Photo)

Order Of Sick Nuns Founders Visits U. S.

Washington — (NC) — A religious order of women all of whose members are chronic invalids or physically afflicted in some way, and whose motto is "Amen, Alleluia!" — such is the Congregation of Jesus Crucified.

According to the foundress and prioress-general of the small French community, Mother Marie of the Sorrows, the Sisters accept it as their special vocation to suffer in their bodies for the sake of the Body of Christ, His church. But the nuns' life is not one of mere Christian resignation; its prevalent mood is one of joy — a living exemplification of the motto "Amen, Alleluia!"

THE MOTHER General is making a three-week visit to the United States and Canada with the lauded purpose of making the

Sisterhood better known. In an interview with NC News Service, she said that the ultimate aim is to begin an American foundation of the order. While the first mistress of novices of the community was a Rhode Island woman, there have been no American members for some time. But Mother Marie said that during her brief stay in New York several young American girls asked to join, and added that the Sisters are hoping to open a house in the United States "in a few years."

The Mother General explained that when she gathered the first small band of women into the community in 1920 she had no previous experience in the religious life. But they decided to follow the Rule of St. Benedict as far as possible, she said, and no great changes have been needed in the community life since the founding.

The Sisters of Jesus Crucified are primarily a contemplative order, and the full office, except for Matins, is said daily. Exact observance of silence and obedience is required, and all must perform work according to their strength, if only for 15 minutes a day. Among the Sisters are paralytics, diabetics, eight blind, a number of tuberculosis victims, and two who lost their legs in train accidents. But no matter what their physical condition, all who enter the community are expected to "disregard their health entirely" — leaving it to God, the superiors and nurses. Thus a Sister asks no questions about the nature of her illness or its possible course, or the drugs or treatments received. In fact, she does not pray for a cure — for herself or for those around her.

IN THIS WAY, by never mentioning the state of their health, and by trying to conceal any suffering the community avoids the aspect of the sick room and carries on in a cheerful manner. "Instead of an atmosphere of mutual commiseration and self-pity," according to the Prioress, "we have one of contagious charity, and instead of habitual discouragement and inertia, a moral climate of initiative and enterprise."

Now 23 years old, the congregation numbers but 150 members. But its foundations in France include women from various parts of Europe, Canada and Japan. Sister Marie Agathe, who accompanied the Mother Prioress on the trip to act as her interpreter, is native of Singapore who learned of the community in England.

Asked how the community supports itself, especially with the cost of medicines and treatment so high, the Mother General smiled broadly and said she had no idea — only the Providence of God. The Sisters do whatever work they can, mostly knitting and embroidery among the bedridden, but including such things as individual tutoring and even raising chickens.

The blind Sisters do canting work and also issue braille publications. Most of the members are contemplatives and have no contact outside the convent, while the small number of Oblates does go out visiting the sick and acting as the link with the outside world.

Fatima Basilica Altars Consecrated

Fatima, Portugal — (NC) — The 15 altars of the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima were consecrated to the 15 mysteries of the Rosary at solemn ceremonies including the participation of almost the entire Portuguese Hierarchy. Each of the altars was consecrated by a different Bishop. His Eminence Manuel Cardinal Goncalves Carneiro, Patriarch of Lisbon, consecrated the main altar to the mystery of the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin.

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