

MISSION NEWS OUT

Fremin Unit Reports On Aid To Missionaries

Question: Why didn't the Israelites starve during their forty years in the desert? Answer: Because of the "sand which" is there.

This, at least, is the explanation given in the current issue of Mission News, published by the Fremin Mission Unit of Nazareth College.

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INCLUDED IN the current issue are a letter of gratitude for \$570 sent to the Selma Mission in Alabama by students of the women's college; a report on \$74.55 sent to Bishop Sheen by dormitory dwellers as the result of weekly collections; and news of a forthcoming Mother-Daughter Tea—admission, 75-cents; proceeds to go to the Missions.

One item supplies this definition of marriage: the time when a man gives up his bachelor's degree and a young lady acquires her master's; the next asks for prayers to help missionaries learn 197 dialects necessary for their work; and another points out that Our Lord praised the widow, not for the mite she contributed, but for what she retained for herself—nothing.

The Fremin Mission Unit is an all-student organization moderated by Sister M. Paulette, chairman of the Sociology department, and advisor to the staff of Mission News.

March 24, 1954, Feast of the Archangel Gabriel, will mark the official founding of the academy, which is to serve as an impetus to further research into little known facts in Church history and the biographies of lesser-known churchmen.

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Korea Mission Lists 1,017 Adult Converts

Makpo, Korea — (NC)—There will be more converts during the Marian Year in the Prefecture of Kwangju than in any previous year, reports Father Harold Henry, prefect and Columban from Minneapolis.

At Christmas, 1,017 adults were received into the Church in parishes throughout the prefecture. This figure is only a few hundred short of the total of 1,292 adult converts reported for the district in the year ending June, 1953, which was the best in its history.

In one parish it took three priests more than five hours to perform the baptisms. They had to baptize 120 each.

"The trend toward the Church is beginning to assume stable proportions," Father Henry said. "With more missionaries, funds and Catholic institutions, we could get results now that would certainly lead to mass conversions inside a decade. A few days ago, I received a petition signed by over 200 persons from a village 80 miles from here. All wanted to join the Catholic Church. I may not be able to send them a teacher, we have neither the priests nor the funds to accept all the opportunities offered.

CONTEST ENTRIES were made in three groups, giving students from the lower, middle and higher grades an equal chance to win. All three First Place winners will receive a \$50 bicycle and a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. Second Place winners will get a \$50 Savings Bond, and Third Place winners, a \$25 Bond.

Louis Brehm, St. Mary's School Buffalo won third place in Group III. National judges for the contest were: Rev. Louis A. Gales, Director of the Catechetical Guild Educational Society, Sister Marie Pierre, C.S.S., Editor of the Catholic Elementary Art Guide, and Dr. Hugo J. Remy, former Department Head of Psychology and Art, St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Maine Bishop Becomes Columnist

Portland, Me. — (NC)—Coadjutor Bishop Daniel J. Peeney of Portland, has joined the ranks of Catholic journalists.

The prelate has inaugurated a column, "The Bishop Speaks," in The Church World, newspaper of the Portland diocese. In his introduction column, the prelate drew a parallel between the custom of the apostles writing Epistles to newly-founded communities of the early Church and a Bishop writing a column today for the benefit of his clergy, Brothers, Sisters and laity.

"I shall be brief, but I hope by the frequency of my messages to bring myself more in contact with you," Bishop Peeney wrote. "For many the Bishop is a far-away person, seen at Confirmation, church or school blessing, or a convention. In the nervous times in which we live he ought to be better known for he is in truth our supreme teacher in the diocese and the director of our souls."

POSTER RECEIVING AWARD



REV. LOUIS A. GALES, Director of the Catechetical Guild, St. Paul, Minn., is shown with Carol D'Allesandro's Honorable Mention winning poster in the National "Christmas is Christ's Birthday" poster contest, sponsored by the Catechetical Guild. Carol is a student at St. Agnes Grammar School, Rochester.

National Honor Accorded St. Agnes' Girl's Poster

Carol D'Allesandro, student of St. Agnes Grammar School, 876 East Main Street, has been awarded Honorable Mention in Group II of the National "Christmas is Christ's Birthday" poster contest, announced this week by the Catechetical Guild of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Carol will receive a popular juvenile book.

Students from the first through eight grades in 42 states took part in the contest, part of the "Christmas is Christ's Birthday" project sponsored by the Catechetical Guild. More than 3,500 "Christmas is Christ's Birthday" publicity kits were requested by individuals and organizations in a campaign to restore the true meaning of Christmas.

me to be more patriotic, to be a better American, not to surrender easily what they paid for with their blood. Thinking of the passion during Lent is not going to stop the march to Calvary. But it should fill me with a burning love for Him who made that march, Cross-laden. It should put in me the courage to go on with the battle of salvation, that particular phase of it which God has picked out for me.

At this point, the spirit of Lent and the Sacred Heart devotion have mutual characteristics. In fact, Lent is a mighty Holy Hour. During Lent the Church not only gets us up on the table, but she also puts us on our knees; she urges us to think prayerfully, of the passion of Christ. In his revelation to Margaret Mary, the Sacred Heart asked her to spend an hour, on the Thursday before First Fridays, going over with Him the sufferings of His passion.

WHY ARE CHRIST and His Church so concerned to keep the agony alive in our thoughts, especially since our Lord no longer suffers these pains? Not for His sake, but for ours. Looking at the passion, St. Paul exclaims, "He loved me and He gave Himself up for me." Thinking of Valley Forge is not going to help the brave men who suffered there, but it helps

Fordham Sets 10-Year Plan For Finances

New York — (NC)—Fordham University has started a development program to increase its operating income by \$500,000 to one million dollars annually, and its capital resources over a ten year period by \$8,000,000 to \$11,000,000.

The plan of action announced to Father Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., president of the university, calls for urgently needed new construction, cost-of-living adjustments in the salaries of Fordham's lay teachers, increased aid to needy and deserving students, expanded research, and a general strengthening of the university's physical and academic structure.

"Primarily," said Father McGinley, "Fordham's problems arise from inflationary trends that have rocketed to costs of education out of all proportion to normal income."

"Even well-endowed colleges have felt the financial pinch," he said, both in reduced purchasing power and in shrinking returns from their investments.

Apostleship of Prayer

By THOMAS H. MOORE, S.J., National Secretary



Sexagesima

In the Epistle of Septuagesima Sunday, St. Paul spoke of the discipline of penance needed to bring the body under control of the will. In Sexagesima's Epistle, St. Paul does a little boasting—not without cause. As he adds up the things which happened to him in the course of his apostolate, we wonder that any human being could have the courage, let alone the physical strength, for such an ordeal. But it was the love of Christ which was driving him.

"The love of Christ impels us." If you have Paul's love, it will drive you to do anything. Our Lord asks of you for the salvation of souls. The penance of Lent is no exception. At this point, the spirit of Lent and the Sacred Heart devotion have mutual characteristics. In fact, Lent is a mighty Holy Hour. During Lent the Church not only gets us up on the table, but she also puts us on our knees; she urges us to think prayerfully, of the passion of Christ. In his revelation to Margaret Mary, the Sacred Heart asked her to spend an hour, on the Thursday before First Fridays, going over with Him the sufferings of His passion.

It is by haunting the slopes of the Mount of Olives, and the heights of Calvary, looking for the footsteps which the love of a God left in the sacred earth, that I learn to love Christ. Let the full measure of my heart, Lent is a good time to do this.

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