

NEW AREAS TO COVER



THE FOUR MISSION HELPERS of the Sacred Heart who work out of Ithaca, N.Y., on their work of teaching religion. Pointing to the maps is Sister Teresina, superior. With her are Sister Maurine, Sister Alberta and Sister Francis.

MISSION HELPERS IN ITHACA

An Appreciation

By MARY SCOLLAN SCOTT

Ithaca—We of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Ithaca are most fortunate to have in addition to the Sisters of St. Joseph another Order of Sisters of whom we know little or nothing. They are the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart. I thought you would like to know about them so I went down to their modest improvised convent of North Main St. to get some first-hand information. The Sisters were most appreciative of the opportunity for you to become better acquainted with the Mission Helpers.

Primarily they are missionaries who go to areas where others are not able to go and where others are not able to teach. They teach religion to Catholic children in public grade and high schools in certain religious centers. To further this special work they train and supervise lay catechists.

The Mission Helpers also conduct conversational classes and they take the parish census. They assist Catholics spiritually in their homes or in public institutions, such as hospitals and homes of correction.

THIS ORDER of Sisters is comparatively new having been founded only 84 years ago at Baltimore, Md. I asked one of the Sisters how it was that she knew like this and she answered that her answer was interesting.

A girl by the name of Mary Cunningham took it upon herself to teach religion to the colored children in the section of Maryland where she lived. She was not wanted to teach. She was told that she was a white girl teaching the children in that section and teaching them about God. Eventually she was sent to the convent.

They became so enthusiastic about their work they felt they would like to start an Order to carry on this kind of teaching. They all made a retreat and then approached Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore who gave them permission to start a house which became the first convent of the Mission Helpers.

At the present time, the entire order comprises about 250 Sisters, four of whom are stationed in Ithaca—Sister Teresina, Superior; Sister Maurine, Sister Alberta and Sister Francis. They have 31 convents in 16 U. S. and 3 in Puerto Rico. The first Order became a Pontifical Institute which means it is subject to the direction of the Holy Father.

THEIR AIMS of the Mission Helpers are to spread the faith and spread the Catholic life in the family or in the individual for the greater glory of the Sacred Heart.

A young girl is a postulant in the order for 8 months and a novice for 2 years after which she takes the temporary vows and receives a cross to wear on her habit. At the end of five or a half year she takes her

perpetual vows at which time she is given a gold ring like a wedding band on which is engraved a Heart with a crown of thorns around it. On the inside is the word Jesus. At the invitation of Monsignor William Byrne who realized the tremendous need for such an order in the vast extent of his parish, the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart came to Ithaca on the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, August 22, 1950. Their classes in religious instruction have grown through these few years to such an extent that at the present time they are teaching, with the help of lay catechists, 65 weekly classes comprising more than 700 Catholic children attending public grade and high schools.

THE WARM friendly approach of the Sisters, their humility and sincerity of purpose, their unflinching zeal and their high ideals have won for them countless friends in Tompkins County, but of greater importance has strengthened the religion of many a parishioner whose life will be richer, nobler and happier all because of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart.

We are most grateful to them and want them to know how much we appreciate the tremendous task they are so capably performing in our midst. We must pray with them and for them that the Sacred Heart under whose special guidance their lives are dedicated may continue to bless them in their work of winning souls to Christ.

Value Of Music Cited By Cardinal

Los Angeles—(NC)—Music can enrich and sanctify life. His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre told 600 guests at the Philharmonic Orchestra subscribers' dinner here this week.

"Music is the universal language of the soul," His Eminence said. "It is understood by all people. From the earliest ages religion has used and fostered music as a language for conversation with the Divine."

IN THE SACRED Scriptures, the Cardinal told the Billmore Hotel gathering, music is the language of the angels, and throughout the Old Testament as well as the New, "time and time again the language of prayer is found expression in chant and hymns—the psalms, the canticles, the chantings of David and the Prophets."

"Music may be a means of sanctification," the Cardinal said. "For it raises man from the dross of passing and earthly things unto the bright visions of the beyond, into the radiance and beauty and the charm that are the attributes of God and inspire our love of God."

New Catholic Books

This list of Catholic books published in October is prepared by the Catholic University of America Library.

- Adams, Karl. The Spirit of Catholicism. (Doubleday, 75c). An Image Book reprint.
- Arciniegas, Marcello. The Little Friends of Jesus. (Regnery, 2.00). A retelling of New Testament stories.
- Baltimore Catechism. This We Believe. By This We Live. (St. Anthony Guild, 1.00). A revised edition of the Baltimore Catechism with approximately 200 changes.
- Bonavides, Alonzo de. Memorial of 1630. (Washington, D.C.: Academy of American Franciscan History, 3.00). A report on Franciscan missionary progress in the New Mexico area.
- Bernagodo, Georges. The Diary of a Country Priest. (Doubleday, 85c). An Image Book reprint.
- Boscares, Timothy L. The Canon Law Digest. (Bruce, 21.00). Volume 3 in a basic reference set.
- Burke, Thomas. Mary and Modern Man. (Aquatic, 3.50). Essays illustrating the cultural values for which Mary stands.
- Burton, Katherine. Children's Shepherd. (Kenedy, 3.75). The life of Father John Christopher Drumgoole, a pioneer social worker.
- Cecilia, Mary (Sister). Companion to the Mass. (Bruce, 3.75). An introductory manual.
- Chapl, Joseph. The Poetic Drama of Paul Claudel. (Kenedy, 3.75). An appraisal.
- Connelly, Marie. Mr. Image. (Doubleday, 50c). An Image Book reprint.
- Day, Helen Caldwell. Not With Out Tears. (Sheed and Ward, 3.50). An account of the Memphis, Tennessee, Blessed Martin House of Hospitality.
- Dobbs, Helen. Herman. Psychiatry for Priests. (Kenedy, 3.00). A prognostic manual.
- Homerich, Anne. The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Temples, 3.75). Revelations supplementing those on the Passion of Our Lord.
- McCarthy, Eugene. The Priest at Prayer. (Newman, 3.75). A translation from the Spanish.
- Parrow, John. Damien the Leprosy. (Doubleday, 50c). An Image Book reprint.
- Parrow, John. The Story of Thomas More. (Sheed and Ward, 3.50). An illustrated popular biography based on original sources.
- Frieberger, Karl. Flight of Men. (Appleton-Century-Crofts, 3.75). A novel of Simon Peter.
- Gay, Jean. The Spirit of Venerable Libermann. (Society of St. Paul, 21st Victory Blvd., Staten Island 14, N.Y., 3.00). A brief biography and analysis of the spiritual doctrine of abandonment.
- Hughes, Philip. A Popular History of the Catholic Church. (Doubleday, 50c). An Image Book reprint.
- James, Anne Marie. Legends of saints and beasts. (Aladdin, 2.50). A retelling of four legends for small children.
- Kieber, Albert. History of St. Meinrad Archabbey, 184-184. (Grail, 7.50). An illustrated, documented historical study sponsored by the American Benedictine Academy.
- Knox, Ronald. A New Testament Commentary for English Readers. Vol. Two. (Sheed & Ward, 3.75). A continuation of the Commentary on the Gospels.
- Leo XIII, Pope. The Church Speaks to the Modern World. (Doubleday, 95c). Elinore Gilson has edited this Image Book original edition of Social Teachings of Pope Leo XIII.
- Lecky, Shaw. Cardinal Manning. (Kenedy, 3.75). An abridgment and revision of his longer biography.
- Levatic, Sigmund. Guillaume de Machaut. (Sheed & Ward, 2.25). A volume in the series of Great Religious Composers.
- Lynn, Jeanette. An Alternative Classification for Catholic Books. (Catholic University of America Press, 3.00). A second edition revised by Gilbert Peterson '53.
- McCreeley, Joseph. Outline History of the Church by Centuries. (Herter, 3.00). A greatly enlarged and revised ninth edition of a standard survey.
- Mannin, Ethel. Two Studies in Integrity. (Putman, 4.00). Biographies of Gerald Griffin and Rev. Francis Mahony ("Father Prout").
- Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Letters: trans. from the French by Clarence Herbet. (Regnery, 5.00). A volume in the Library of Living Catholic Thought.
- Martinez, Jacques. Approaches to God. (Harper, 2.50). First volume in a new series entitled World Perspectives.
- Mary Just, Sister. Rome and Russia. (Newman, 3.00). A history of religious relationships during a thousand years.
- Mary Laurence, Sister. The Convent and the World. (Newman, 2.75). An interpretation.
- Mary Marguerite, Sister. Martin's Mice. (Follett, 2.00). A legend about St. Martin de Porres.
- Newark (Archdiocese). Caritas Committee. A Handbook of Caritas Family Action. (Society of St. Paul, 50c). An organization plan for Caritas Club meetings throughout one year.
- Newman, Mary. We and Our Children. (Kenedy, 3.50). A mother of seven children discusses "Moulding the Child in Christian Living."
- O'Hanlon, M. Assumption. (Sister), Year.
- St. Dominic Servant But Friend. (Herter, 3.50). A popular life written by an Australian religious.
- Faust, Mark. Belief in the Trinity. (Harper, 3.50). An introduction to theology.
- Ross, H. Sren-Kierkegaard and Catholicism. (Newman, 1.25). Paper.
- Rosage, David Hall. The Altar Boy. (Bruce, 3.25). Pep talks by thirteen distinguished Catholics.
- Roscoe, T. The Eternal Galleon. (Poplar Library, 25c). A paper covered reprint.
- Sheen, Fulton. Peace of Soul. (Doubleday, 75c). An Image Book reprint.
- Sheen, Fulton. Three to Get Married. (Dell, 35c). A pocket-size reprint.
- Sheen, Fulton. Way to Inner Peace. (Macoe, 50c). Brief meditative essays. Paper-covered format.
- Sheen, Fulton. The Human Element in the Church in Christ. (Newman, 2.75). A translation from the German.
- Stern, Karl. The Third Revolution. (Harcourt, 4.00). A study of Psychiatry and Religion.
- Sullivan, Aloysius. Psalms of the Prodigal and Other Poems. (Kenedy, 3.00). A collection of religious poetry.
- Thomas, Mary Patrice. Man and Moral of the 1920's. (Bookman, 4.75). Editorial comments in the religious press on current topics.
- Thomas Aquinas, St. Truth. (Regnery, 4.50). This third volume completes the translation of De Veritate.
- Van, Joseph. Lives of Saints with Excerpts from their Writings. (Crawley, 3.50 and 1.95). A one volume reference book with full colored illustrations.
- Walden, Henry. St. Basil and Nominalism Revisited. (Aladdin, 2.00). The 1954 Aquinas Lecture.
- Waltke, Maurice. Take Your Choice. (Clippcott, 3.00). A collection of short stories.
- Waltke, William Thomas. Our Lady of Fatima. (Doubleday, 60c). An Image Book reprint with a new introduction by Magr. William McGrath.
- Waltke, William Thomas. A Survey of Protestant Theology in Our Day. (Newman, 90c). Paper.
- White, Oscar. The Selfish Giant. (Kenedy, 2.00). A classic fairy tale dealing with the Christ Child.
- William of St. Thierry. Meditations. (Harper, 1.50). Thirteen meditations newly translated from the Latin.
- Woods, Ralph L. The Consolation of Catholicism. (Appleton-Century-Crofts, 3.00). A contemporary volume to A Theology of Catholic Thinking including selections from 138 writers on how Catholicism enriches spiritual life.

Hollywood Films Give Propagation Aid To India Reds

Washington, D.C.—(NC)—Hollywood films by their over-insistence on crime and sex are "providing a great aid to the communist propaganda mill in India." This opinion is expressed by The Examiner, 104-year-old Catholic paper of this archdiocese.

The paper said that while Russia is careful to hide all its ugly features of poverty and communist cruelty, American openly shows its bad characteristics. Sharp comparisons are being made between the "virtuous" people's films that come out of Russia and the murder and sex that is spewed out of Hollywood, the Catholic paper declared.

Communist fellow-travelers in India, the paper added, are quick to capitalize on the comparison in order to make political propaganda against America.

1st Railroad Chapel Planned In Boston

Boston, Mass.—(RNS)—The nation's first railroad station chapel will be opened at South Station here before Christmas, Roman Catholic Archbishop Richard J. Cushing announced.

A renovated movie-theatre adjoining the main concourse of the station will house the new unit, to be known as "Our Lady of the Railways Chapel."

The name was selected to correlate with the title of the world's first permanent airport chapel here, "Our Lady of the Airways." A third travelers' chapel is located here at Commonwealth pier and is called "Our Lady of Good Voyage Chapel."

Archbishop Cushing said that redecoration of the South Station theatre would begin immediately so that pre-Christmas services may be held there.

Named Legate
Vatican City—(RNS)—His Eminence Paul Emile Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal, has been named by Pope Pius XII as Papal Legate to ceremonies at the famed Lourdes Shrine in France on Dec. 8, marking the close of the Marian Year.

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