

**Holy See Approves Indian Nuns Group**

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The Holy See gave the former Jacobite schismatic congregation of Imitation of Christ the status of a pontifical right community. Called Bethany Sisters, the congregation was founded by Mar Ivanlos as the first religious community for women in the ecclesiastical recognition to a community of Malankara Rite Catholic nuns founded more than 30 years ago by the late Archbishop Mar Ivanlos of Trivandrum.

**BOOK SHELF**

**Lady Of Guadalupe**

By Sister Margaret Teresa Nazareth College

**THE DARK VIRGIN: THE BOOK OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**, a Documentary Anthology. Donald Demarest & Goley Taylor, eds. Taylor, Inc., Publishers, '56. 356 pp., several illustrations. \$5.00. At Trant's and Tuckers.

"On the shores of Lake Texcoco flowered the miracle," said Plus XII, "and on the cloak of humble Juan Diego was painted a most lovely portrait, by brushes not of this earth, a painting which the corrosive work of the centuries was marvelously to respect... Hall, O' Virgin of Guadalupe, Empress of America and Queen of Mexico."

These words of the Holy Father's 1945 broadcast to the international convocation of Catholics at Guadalupe perfectly sum up in their tenderness and beauty the whole tone and message of THE DARK VIRGIN.

This book, which presents all the earliest accounts of Our Lady's appearance to the humble Indian Diego in 1531, enables the reader to grow into an understanding and relish of the special providence that hovers ceaselessly over the Americas.

**THE STORY HILLS** one with hope. The principals were so saintly—Juan Diego and the remarkable Bishop Zumarragas—and the response of the nation, both Indians and Spaniards, so wholehearted and continuous to this very day, that one cannot doubt longer that we live under the special protection of the Queen of the Americas, that she adopted us all long ago.

I am glad to learn that our flag is there among the others; I like knowing that our Vice-President Nixon has paid his official respects to Her.

Four early narratives are given (those of la Vega, Pubiete, Sanchez, and Becerra), and four character analyses, one of Diego and three of the Bishop; then the painting itself (a lovely color reprint) and the testimony of artists and scientists as to its miraculous nature; then the Indian traditions, maps (figure-writings), songs, poems, connected with it, and finally a formal chronology running from 1531 to 1956 that shows beyond all doubt that Mexico has been made and preserved a country by Our Lady, and that She will forever be acknowledged or unacknowledged, the bond and link of the Americas.

**THE REASON** why most religious prefer not to read such autobiographies as the September Book-of-the-Month THE NUN'S STORY and that favorite of two years ago, I LEAPED OVER THE WALL, is simply that the Silent Partner in the religious betrothal and in the religious life receives no justice, has no play in the story—and He is all that matters in the story.

James Powers, he it said, even at his "grumblings" gives a better sense of the living mystery of Christ than does the finest rationalizing of the finest personalities.

When a mature religious leaves the religious life, One Person has not failed, has not sought that divorce—Christ.

In the thousands of NUN'S STORIES that begin today, in this lovely September of '56, He will begin to tell that fall of ceivable Himalayan waterfalls of grace that is the true bridal veil, worn throughout life. The ground of separation from consecrated life with Him cannot be incompatibility; there is no richer fulfillment of the human soul than abandonment to Christ.

**NO—THE HABIT** of looking the other way. Instead of at Him, the habit of looking at the circumstances, the people, the difficulties, one's self, the times, the injustices, the "values" (!!!) instead of the One toward Whom we started so ardently across the waters—this makes the poor human swim blindly for shore, alas.

The Silent Partner never changes; and our Mother-in-Love, let us confess, is such a sweet heart!

Do not George Bernard Shaw's letters to Dame Laurencia show what the religious can do even for the ultimate skeptic if she stays in her vowed relationship? Those surprising, uplifting letters that have been running in the Atlantic (and Time for August 20 gives photos and a brief account) show that this "most unreasonable woman I ever knew" (as Shaw in affectionate argument labels her) helped the brightest maverick of our day to make himself at home in the love of Mary.

"I AM ALWAYS saying, Hall, Mary! on my travels," says Brother Bernard (Shaw). "For you really cannot get away from Her" (and he capitalizes). "She jogs my elbow at the right moment and whispers 'Now Brother B, don't forget me! And I don't"



**Retreat Men Change Officers**

Hartford, Conn. — (NC) — Retiring president of the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference Charles L. Eplinghoff of Cincinnati (left), turns over the gavel to his successor, William J. Halloran of Fayetteville, E. I., at the organization's national convention here in Hartford. Looking on are Msgr. William H. Schulte, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, re-elected secretary, and Gregory P. Deek of Buffalo, N. Y., elected treasurer.

**'Over There, They Ain't Got It So Good'**

**Doctor Volunteers Service In Far East**

San Francisco — (NC) — Dr. Thomas A. Dooley, an ex-Navy physician who aided refugees fleeing from Communism in northern Vietnam, has left for a year's medical mission in the tiny Far East kingdom of Laos.

He says that his purpose in planning to spend a year in the 110-degree heat at Laos is to show Asians "that the Communist leaflets and Communist whisperings that Americans are capitalist Imperialists is so much malarky."

Dr. Dooley and his four assistants will set up medical stations and help improve health conditions in various parts of the country.

**THE NOTRE DAME** and St. Louis University Medical School graduate said that he was taking more than \$250,000 worth of medicine given him by a pharmaceutical company. He has been given two jeeps by an automobile concern. A battery-run portable movie projector was presented to him, with a set of 16-millimeter copies of Fantasia, Bambi and Snow White.

**SO SHAKY** is the southeast Asia situation that Dr. Dooley had a difficult time getting insurance for the other three members of his expedition. Only Lloyds of London would insure the man — at a 15 per cent premium.

The reasons the physician gives for going to Laos is, "I figure God holds us responsible for helping people less well off than we are. In Laos they need our help. As one of my lads, Pete Kessey, put it: 'Over there, they ain't got it so good.'"

**Daily Mass Calendar**

- Sunday, September 9—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green). Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Peter Claver, Creed, Trinity Preface.
- Monday, September 10—St. Nicholas of Tolentino (white). Gloria.
- Tuesday, September 11—St. Protus and Hyacinth, martyrs (red). Gloria, 2nd prayer from Sunday; or Mass as Sunday except no Gloria, 2nd prayer of martyrs, no Creed, Common Preface; VR.
- Wednesday, September 12—Holy Name of Mary (white). Gloria, Creed, Preface of Our Lady.
- Thursday, September 13—Mass Sunday except no Gloria, no second prayer, no Creed, Common Preface; VR.
- Friday, September 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross (red). Gloria, Creed, Preface of the Cross.
- Saturday, September 15—Seven Sorrows of our Lady (white). Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Nicholas. Creed, Preface of our Lady.

**Red Dean Visits Communist Church**

London—(RNS)—Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the "Red Dean" of Canterbury, has arrived in Communist China to gather material for a new book, the Peiping Radio reported.

The station said he was given a formal reception by Communist notables and representatives of the China Peace Committee on his arrival at the Urumchi airport. It said he had flown there from Alma Ata in the Soviet Union.

According to the Peiping Radio, Dr. Johnson was accompanied by his wife and two daughters. The broadcast said his new book will be the second volume of his work, "China's Creative Age" and incorporate material written by his wife and daughters.

Next time you buy a pack of cigarettes or a soft drink through a machine, a voice may say, "Thank you." Latest in vending machines are ones with voices. Some not only thank you but also remind you to come back and buy again.

**Spanish Catechism Popular In U.S.**

Maryknoll, N. Y. — (NC) — A Spanish catechism, written by an American missionary for his parishioners in Central America, has found widespread use here in the United States.

Since June, ten thousand copies of this Spanish language text written by Father Edward Kochel, Maryknoll missionary from Brooklyn, N. Y., have been sold and distributed in areas of the United States where there is a large Spanish-speaking population.

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**GOD LOVE YOU!**

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

The number of conversions in the United States is only 2.5% per priest per year. San Diego has the highest with 22 conversions per priest, but some of the largest cities fall below the national average. We know and we condemn Birth Control because it is the deliberate frustration of the fruits of Human Love.

The marriage of earth and tree must produce fruit. But there can also be such a thing as spiritual birth control which is sterility in giving birth to converts as the fruit of Divine Love. There are two great wombs in the Universe: the portals of the flesh and the womb of the Baptismal Font. Life begins with each; Human in one case, Divine in the other.

It is not for us to say that those who receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders and those who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are shrinking from their duty to beget children in Christ. We do know that God hates barrenness. God has an Eternal Son and billions of begotten sons in His Image. When we go before His Judgment Seat He will ask: "Where are your children? Have you never made a convert to which the Sacrament of Confirmation binds you? Then take steps immediately to assist those who have the will to do so."

Just take one mission in Africa, the French Cameroons. In 1952 there were 30,000 Catholics. Today there are 587,882 Catholics. If you help those missionaries build a chapel, or a school, or hire a catechist, then you share in those conversions. But since the fall of man every human birth is associated with labor, "Thou should bring forth thy children in sorrow." But every spiritual birth also involves "labor" which is called sacrifice. The most equitable way to aid all missionaries in making conversions is to send your sacrifice to the Holy Father and allow Him to make the distribution. This is done through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith which he organized for that purpose. Help save a soul and save your own.

**GOLD LOVE YOU TO M.G. for \$5.00.** "Enclosed is a money order for five dollars, extra pay earned for working a night shift. I hate working nights, but doing it for God lightens the burden." To Mrs. P.C. for \$5.00. "When I treat my children to goodies I put the same amount aside for the child that was taken from us last year. When I get another \$5.00 I shall send it to you to give another child a treat! ... to W.C. for \$100.00. "For help to the Missions." ... to J.A.K. for \$5.00. "I made pot holders by hand at home and sold them for 20 cents each. I am sending five dollars to you for the missions. I am nine years old." ... to P.V. for \$2.00. "This represents a five cent cold drink I used to take most every day during the summer months. I gave it up in the middle part of June, thinking of the poor who go hungry and thirsty." ... to Mrs. G.B. for \$10.00. "I received this for being a unit leader at a Day Camp. After watching the fun and enjoyment of these children for two weeks, it started me to thinking of children who are less fortunate."

True there are millions of barren souls at home and in foreign lands who have not yet heard the word of God and missionaries are surely needed to labor in the field. But also needed for the cultivation of these souls are the prayers and sacrifices of those who have heard the word. Pray the WORLD-MISSION ROSARY and your prayers will unite with the efforts of our Holy Father's missionaries to beget children in Christ. This Rosary is designed so that each decade has beads of a different color representing each of the five continents of the world. For an offering of \$2 and your request we will send you this WORLD-MISSION ROSARY.

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to the Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N. Y., or your Diocesan Director, Rev. George S. Wood, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

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