Exiled China Mission Bishop

Deplores 'Appalling Indifference' To Persecuted

Philadelphia — (NC) — A bishop imprisoned and then exiled by the Chinese Reds said here he has found "an appalling indifference" by Catholic organizations to the plight of the persecuted "suffering for justice sake."

Passionist Bishop Cuthbert M. O'Gara, exiled head of the Diocese of Yuanling, Hunan, China, delivered the sermon at a Mass offered by His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

It was attended by some 12,000 persons at the opening day of the mammoth, week-long Vistarama, an exhibit of Catholic missionary work, held in Philadelphia's vast convention hall.

Bishop O'Gara said that three years ago following his release from two years' imprisonment:

"I expected to discover Catholic organizations — our schools, our Catholic colleges and universities especially — all aroused to do battle for those who were suffering for justice sake.

"Instead I experienced an appalling indifference to, and even ignorance of, the desperate fight going on. I found a hardness of heart against the pitiable plight of our soldiers and civilians suffering the tortures of the damned in communist prison camps."

BISHOP O'GARA

The bishop, who now resides at St. Michael's Passionist Monastery, Union City, N. J., said that "even as I speak, some 400 of our American servicemen are held captive by the Reds while no one in authority . . . is doing anything to save them . . ."

(In Washington, a State Department spokesman said the Chinese Reds have repeatedly told U.S. representatives that they hold no prisoners of war taken in Korea.

(There are, he said, some 450 American servicemen missing in action. However, the Department of Defense, which makes a constant study of all information available on such cases, has presumed these men dead, he said.

("The Department of State knows of no facts controverting these findings," he stated. "The U.S. government has made and will continue to make every effort to secure from the communists a complete accounting for all otherwise unaccounted-for prisoners of war."

(The spokesman warned against a "tragic stirring up of th hope" of relatives of the men presumed dead.)

Bishop O'Gara said that "perhaps by far the most disquieting factor to me has been the miasma of pseudo-liberalism which seems to have gained acceptance in certain Catholic quarters — even in some of our Catholic classrooms among teachers and students where the well-springs of Catholic thought can be muddied so easily."

HE SAID also that he has seen it "reflected in print, in periodicals widely read by Catholics, and enjoying otherwise fine reputation for the defense of Catholic principles."

In these, he continued, "may be seen the same kind of fuzzy thinking, smart answers, the same kind of arrogance, smugness and intellectual pride, the same want of courage, the same lack of logic and the same absence of understanding of the principles of Catholic philosophy which I saw revealing itself in China before the Faith was betrayed to atheistic communists."

BISHOP O'GARA said the Church in the United States "holds in its hand the future of the church throughout the world."

Yet, he added, one contribution to the peril of infiltration and control by communists is "the conditioning of American Catholics to accept the evils of the day, and more specifically, to accept the persecution of the Church in foreign lands, without evidencing even the least of that apostolic reaction which was wont to distinguish our forefathers in times past when the Church anywhere was under attack."

Jesuits Offer Film On Formosa

San Francisco — (NC) — The American Jesuits in China, an organization which has headquarters here, has prepared a 30-minute, 16 millimeter color film entitled, "Formosa — Isle of Destiny."

It pictures what the organization calls "a story of the stronghold of the free world in the Far East," and the struggle of missionaries to bring Christ to the island's natives. The film is made available to interested groups.

U.S. Seminary Trains Priests For Mexico

Montezuma, N. M. — (NC) — A total of 293 students, representing 32 of the 35 dioceses in Mexico, were enrolled in the national Pontifical Seminary of Montezuma here during the past year.

When final ordinations are held this year, the total number of priests ordained from Montezuma seminary will exceed 900.

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RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Mission Sunday*	$ 81,969.25	Foreign Missions	$ 49,545.01
Wills	6,750.64	Home Missions	19,465.24
Rosaries	628.34	Catholic Near East	1,905.23
Medals	63.00	Rosaries	305.00
Statues	143.00	Medals	60.00
Miscellaneous Income	51.22	Statues	97.00
Designated Gifts	73,908.75	Donations Direct	10.00
Mass Stipends	33,519.76	Designated Gifts	73,908.75
Missionary Plan	67,776.93	Mass Stipends	33,519.76
Leper	9,793.59	Missionary Plan	67,776.93
Missionary Union	86.00	Leper	9,793.59
Holy Childhood Association	27,609.59	Missionary Union	86.00
		Holy Childhood Association	27,609.59
		Office and Promotion Expenses	18,217.97
TOTAL	$ 302,300.07	TOTAL	$ 302,300.07

*RECEIPTS: Mission Sunday receipts include Ordinary Memberships, $33,201.50; Special Memberships, $13,570.00; Perpetual Memberships, $7,291.00; Collections, $20,796.87; Donations, $7,109.88.

Bishop Sheen Talk On TV

The annual Mission Sunday message of His Excellency, Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, will be televised over Rochester Station WHEC on Tuesday, October 16, from 10:30 to 11 p.m. His topic will be "Missions to the World."

Missionaries To Start Lay Apostolate Role

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Plans for a lay apostolate program which will send young Catholic laymen to the mission field abroad for three-year terms to assist religious missionaries were approved at the seventh annual meeting of the Mission Secretariate here.

The Rev. Frederick A. McGuire, C.M., executive secretary of the Secretariate, said a board of five priests will be named by mission-sending congregations in the United States to screen applicants for the lay positions.

Young men with special preparation in technical fields will be given priority, Father McGuire explained. They will principally engage in educational work, freeing priests and brothers to pursue religious duties at the mission stations.

THE MISSION Secretariate, with headquarters here, was inaugurated in 1950 to provide assistance to all U.S. Catholic societies sending missionaries abroad and to help various mission aid groups.

Father McGuire said the Mission Secretariate has many applications on hand from young Catholic laymen who are interested in participating in such a program. He said the work of the selection board will be to screen the applicants and determine how many can be sent within the limit of funds available for transportation.

Those chosen for the three-year assignments, he said, will receive maintenance and travel expenses, but no salaries. They will live and work with the missionary priests.

HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, MISSION GROUPS
(1955 Report)

	Mission Sunday	Designated Gifts	Total
St. Anne's Home	$376.50	$	$376.50
St. Mary's Hospital	169.00	.....	269.00
Mass Stipends	98.00	.....	.....
Missionary Union	1.00	.....	.....
Veterans' Hospital, Batavia	.....	50.00	50.00
Veterans' Administration, Bath	212.50	.....	212.50
Catholic Mission Guild	.....	648.00	648.00
Little Flower Mission Guild	.....	66.00	338.00
Mass Stipends	272.00	.....	.....
Cenacle Retreat House	.....	.....	.....
Mass Stipends	128.00	.....	128.00
Sacred Heart League, E. Roch.	.....	100.00	100.00
Catholic Daughters of America	.....	.....	.....
Rosaries	6.00	.....	6.00
Gleasons' Knights of Columbus	40.00	.....	40.00
Federation of Catholic Alumni	.....	425.00	425.00

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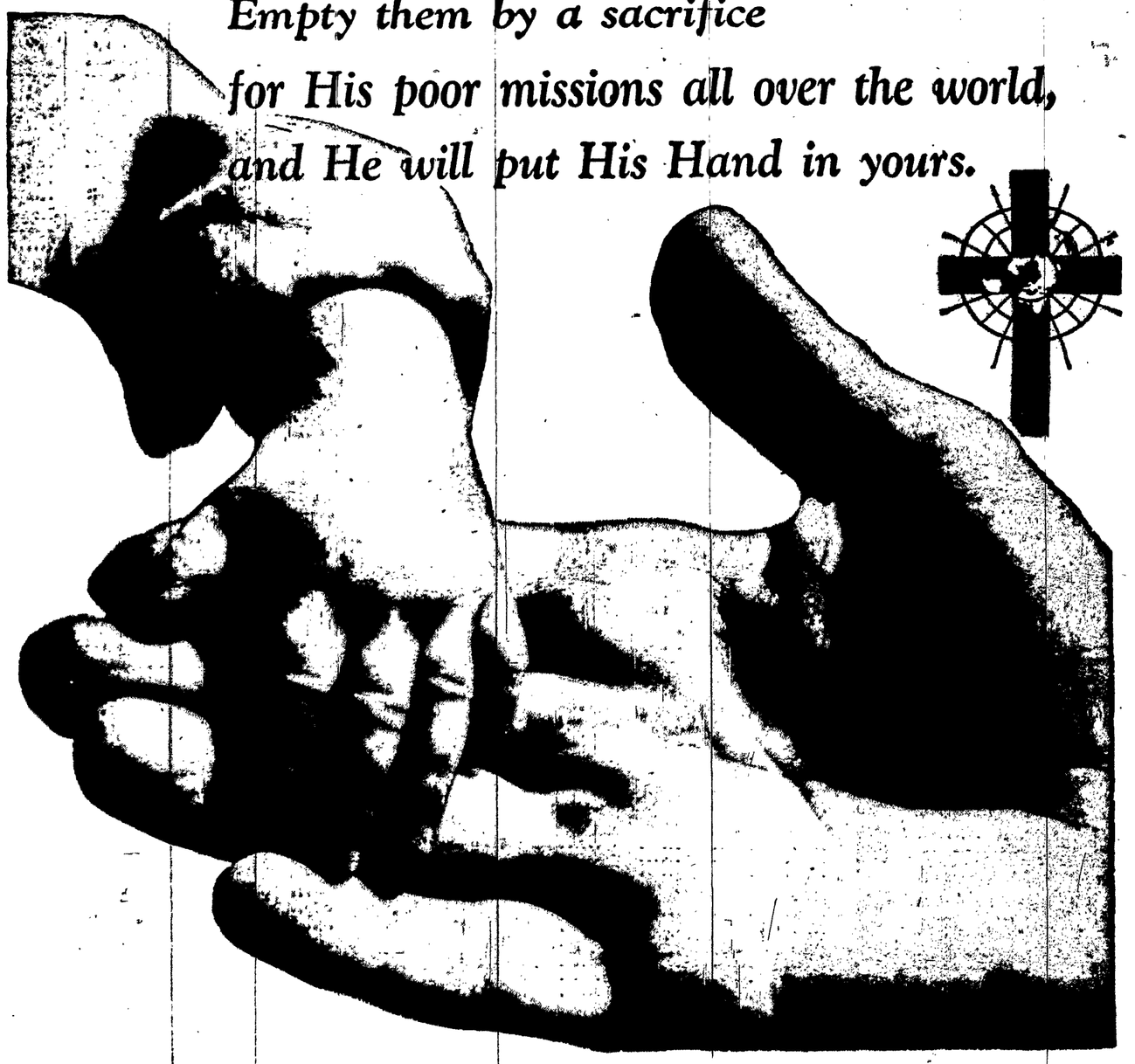
	Designated Gifts	Holy Childhood	Total
St. Andrews Seminary	$ 148.50	$	$ 280.50
Mission Sunday	97.00	.....	.....
Mass Stipends	33.00	.....	.....
St. Bernard's Seminary	6,597.55	.....	7,233.01
Mission Sunday	33.46	.....	.....
Mass Stipends	562.00	.....	.....
Missionary Union	40.00	.....	.....
Cornell Newman Club	.....	.....	.....
Mass Stipends	118.00	.....	.....
Nazareth College	3,987.44	.....	4,081.44
Mass Stipends	10.00	.....	.....
Leper	25.00	.....	.....
Rosary, Medals & Statues	62.00	.....	.....
St. John Fisher College	2,200.00	.....	2,200.00
Academy of the Sacred Heart	119.12	55.00	175.12
Mass stipends	118.00	.....	118.00
Aquinas Institute	10,500.00	.....	10,574.00
Mission Sunday	36.00	.....	.....
Missionary Union	38.00	.....	.....
Nazareth Academy	8,788.79	.....	9,522.29
Mission Sunday	414.50	.....	.....
Mass Stipends	319.00	.....	.....
Our Lady of Mercy High School	3,905.00	.....	3,906.00
Mission Sunday	1.00	.....	.....
St. Joseph Commercial	30.14	10.00	40.14
DeSales High School, Geneva	256.25	125.00	381.25
Nazareth Hall Cadet School	.....	240.85	240.85
St. Agnes Convent School	.....	133.45	133.45
St. Joseph Villa	.....	90.00	90.00

† GIVE Generously On MISSION SUNDAY October 21

THE DIVINE CHILD

wants to give you something,
but He cannot if your hands are filled.
Empty them by a sacrifice
for His poor missions all over the world,
and He will put His Hand in yours.



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