

Religious Brothers Increase Ranks

TECHNY, Ill. — (NC) — The number of professed religious Brothers in the United States is growing two-and-a-half times faster than nuns and almost twice as fast as priests, a study by Divine Word mission ary Brothers here has disclosed.

BASIS FOR the study was the 1957 edition of the Official Catholic Directory. The statistics showed that there now are 9,300 Brothers in this country, a 20 per cent increase of 432 or 487 per cent. The statistics placed the number of nuns in this country at 162,637, an increase of 3112 or 1.95 per cent and the number of priests at 49,225, an increase of 1,376 or 2.84 per cent.

THE DIVINE Word Brothers who was her real sister, too, said that among the chief reasons for the increase are more intensive recruiting of Brother vocations and a greater understanding by the public of the long Brother vocation.

At the Divine Word Brothers headquarters here five Brothers took their last vows June 19 and 20. The candidates were: Brother Joseph, Brother Thomas, Brother James, Brother Robert and Brother John. They were admitted to the novitiate and chapel. That night she was 11 graduated from the Brother school which has an enrollment of 62.

Making Marriage Click Some Couples Talk But Don't Communicate

By MSGR. IRVING A. DeBLANC
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Education for a man seems to be more or less taken for granted and its continuance very often a matter of economic necessity. Everyone likes him, admires his abilities, his

depth of character, his humaneness. "But his wife, she is very sweet, but she hasn't kept up with him—she's really pitiful," everyone is saying.

In the early years of marriage, it is particularly easy to become lost in the frenzy of "doing the right thing." Someone has told us what we should do or we do the things we planned. It could be that we know all about people but do not know their needs, their loneliness, their weaknesses, their failures. Even strengths, their love. We have never learned how to communicate with them and so it is easy to quarrel and to put for days

One particular couple I heard of could talk and talk, but never communicate. Though married for years they were the amusement of all others who saw them speaking endlessly in public places and apparently enjoying it.

Alas, one day, their technique was discovered: the husband was saying thoughtfully to his charming wife, "2, 3, 4, 5," and she would gloriously respond "6, 7, 8, 9, 10." This, however, was not real communication.

Too often the physical is emphasized in marriage, because it is almost all some couples can share. When the physical fails the "marriage" fails.

WHEN COUPLES are stagnant, we are sometimes tempted to say that they married when they were too young, that she was stunted in her growth. Or when he was going to college she earned her degree, but it was only the same old P.H.D. "putting husband through," but we say she never grew. However, worthwhile people never stop growing. If they are able to grow at all. Couples must begin soon to get into the habit of developing their brain instead of letting it go to seed. It is the old story again, many die at 35, but are buried at 65.

MARRIAGE for some seems to be a truly feminine woman, next to the Blessed Sacrament, is the greatest cultural influence in the world if she continues to grow. Otherwise, she is an echo—not an answer. Often man is too absorbed in his work of subduing the earth, and often only woman can rescue him from his shallowness and idolatry. But woman will never do this if she is the clinging vine. She must have individuality, opinions, intelligence. Every eleventh person in the

U. S. is over 65; by 1960 it is estimated that every seventh person will be. Unless we prepare now for this period, the

ratio of mental patients can exceed the present 51:1 for our hospital beds. There is an established relationship between old age and mental collapse. Family situations permitting, women in their middle years will find it much more profitable to enroll in a university than to seek employment in a department store. A new course followed in college may be their best opportunity to rediscover themselves.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — (NC) — A Benedictine nun at Sacred Heart convent here had her long-time wish fulfilled. She died less than 24 hours after making a week-long retreat.

Sister Mary Aloysia, 70, who entered the convent when 14, often confided in another nun who was her real sister, too—Sister Mary Anastasia, that she hoped when she died it would happen after a retreat.

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Monsignor DeBlanc



New Sisters Of Mercy Receive Habit

Sixteen young women received the religious habit of the Sisters of Mercy at ceremonies Sunday in the Mercy Motherhouse. The new Sisters pictured here following the ceremonies are: (1st row, Sister Mary Joan, Sister Marilyn, Sister Ellen Marie, Sister Mary Foster; 2nd row, Sister Mary John Vianney, Sister M. Kateri, Sister Mary Joan, Sister Mary dePorres, Sister Mary Maura; 3rd row, Sister Mary Marena, Sister Marie David, Sister Marie Justin, Sister Mary Joan of Arc, Sister Marie Anthony, Sister Mary Rachel and Sister Mary Eustace.

Cebu University — (NC) — The University of San Carlos, Cebu's leading institution of higher learning run by the Divine Word missionaries, is expanding its technological and science courses.

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GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

The column today is written by Our Holy Father Pius XII and is made up of extracts from his recently published encyclical on the Missions.

"We feel the ardent desire to exhort you to support with your zeal the holy cause of the expansion of the Church in the world. The Pontiff goes on to say, 'Specifically we ask the faithful of the Church to understand their obligation to help more effectively and at once the missionaries of the Gospel, that they may announce the saving truth to about 85 millions of Africans of the black race who are still attached to pagan belief.'

And in his exhortation the Holy Father tells us how to accomplish the will of God which is the conversion of the pagans:

1) "Let us multiply Masses celebrated for the intention of the Missions."
2) "Give that which is superfluous to your needs, and sometimes that which is set aside for necessity. That which will be taken from vanity will be given to the Church and to the poor in Mercy."
3) "We have in mind particularly the national presidents of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith whose task you will render easier by sustaining their diocesan directors."
"The Sovereign Pontiff takes the place of Jesus Christ and final, in order not to be crushed by the weight of his pastoral duties, call upon many to share his anxieties."

All the sacrifices you make to the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith are sent to the Holy Father who makes the distribution to the missionaries himself. There is no better way to aid the Missions equitably than by allowing the Vicar of Christ to decide where your money will go.

GOD LOVE YOU TO T.H. "This \$1. is sent today because I was inspired by the sacrifices of others." ... to J.M.M. "Here's \$1. I put away for some little emergency and I think that the needs of the Missions are just that 'emergency'." ... to L.L. "Enclosed is \$1.4, left over from my travel allowance." ... to L.L. "Today I bought a new car but left off some of the extra conveniences in order to give this \$10 to those truly in need." ... to J.K. "Enclosed is \$7. half of my bingo winnings."

Our Lord told us to "Love thy neighbor," and He also told us that our neighbor is not just next door, but is anyone in need from America to distant Africa. Modern life and modern transportation can be commended for bringing this truth vividly before us, by shrinking the vast world so that we understand better than ever before, the real meaning of "neighbor" as God meant it. To love your neighbor pray and sacrifice for him. Do it on the WORLD MISSION ROSARY which is yours when you send us your request and a \$2 sacrifice.

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 18, N. Y. or your Diocesan Director, Rev. George S. Wood, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York

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