A Christian Chip On Your Shoulder, Lady?

Grailville's Women Apostles

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Loveland, O. — Are you a ... maybe a ... Christian chip on your shoulder?

... your part ... the great ... of all things in ...

... can't be a bishop ... be a priest and you ... to be a Sister?

... to go on being ... you are a laywoman ... you are convinced that ... that ought to mean more ... it does in terms of the apostolate?

... place ... right here 20 miles northeast of Cincinnati.

The place is Grailville, Loveland, O.

GRAILVILLE HAS ... swer to the things that have been stirring in the minds of laywomen.

Something new? Well, yes. There are a thousand new things at Grailville but Grailville isn't new. Above all, the Grail movement of which Grailville is the American center isn't new.

The Grail has been tried and proved over a period of more than 35 years. It has demonstrated that there is a magnificent place in the apostolate for the dedicated laywoman.

Women of the Grail are working for Christ today in 15 nations on all the six continents.

WHAT ARE THEY doing? Chicago's Mary Alice Duddy is doing social service work in Brazil.

Brooklyn's Alice McCarthy is teaching in Central Africa.

Rochester's Francine Wickes is a teacher in Indonesia, supervises a Moslem Girl Scout Troop. (Miss Wickes is an alumnus of Nazareth Academy in Rochester and the daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Francis Wickes of 115 Deerfield Drive.)

Pennsylvania's Marie Therese McDermit heads the nursing staff in an African hospital.

St. Paul's Betty Jean Schak runs a hostel in Hong Kong for refugee girls escaping from Red China.

IN THIS country, the run libraries and book stores, work among students, serve in the interracial apostolate, carry on the works of mercy, take leadership in family movements, spread Christian culture through the drama, literature, publishing, art and so on, direct choirs, act as youth leaders, are teachers, nurses, social workers and so on.

Grail women run Gabriel House, a Family Service center in Cincinnati. Their job: when a mother is ill, or some other family crisis bobs up, they take over and see the thing through.

Grail women are doctors, technicians, midwives, editors, artists, skilled office workers —et cetera, et cetera.

THE GRAIL takes a woman and finds out where and how she best fits into the work of "restoring all things in Christ."

That, essentially, is what Grailville, Loveland, O., is all about.

One of the active members of Grailville, a lay woman's missionary organization, is Rochester's Rene Welch (left in photo), daughter of Mrs. James J. Welch of Linden Street and graduate of Nazareth College. Here Miss Welch chats at Grailville's American headquarters in Loveland, Ohio, with Fusako Holthaus of Tokyo and Father Nicholas Maestrini, superior of the SS. Peter and Paul Missionaries and former Asian missioner. (NC Photo)

At Grailville this summer are some 400 young women from all over America and from other countries.

They come to Grailville to work out answers to the question, "Where is modern woman going?"

They ferret out the principles of woman's role in society.

THEY FIND CLUES in Scripture, in Christian teaching and tradition, in Our Lady, in the great modern woman saints and in their own thinking on the subject.

One week last month, for instance, was devoted to "The Meaning of Woman." Last week, the topic was "Your World Needs You."

From Aug. 10 to 18, Grailville will study "The Saint in You."

Aug. 24-Sept. 1 is "Woman and Love Made Visible."

Some of the best minds in the Church are glad to go to Grailville as speakers for summer sessions. The famed Archbishop Paul Yu-pin of China has been among them.

Others have included Father John Oesterreicher, the Jewish convert priest who heads the Institute of Judeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University in New Jersey; Hong Kong's Bishop Lawrence Bianchi; Msgr. L. G. Ligutti of rural life fame; Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc of NCWC's Family Life Bureau in Washington, and so on.

THE "SCHOOL" of Grailville is operated by the students themselves. The young women take turns at the dish pan, at leading discussions or songs.

The pattern of life at Grailville is centered in the female psychology and the woman's way of learning. The students share worship, work, recreation.

From Grailville, in comparatively few years, have gone forth women to establish five other Grail centers—in Detroit, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, New York and Cincinnati.

THE WHOLE THING started several decades ago when Lydwine van Kersbergen and four other young women, graduates of the University of Nijmegen, Holland, went to see their bishop.

They had prepared themselves for the foreign missions. Their studies had been aimed at fitting them to establish a university for Javanese women in Indonesia.

The bishop yanked the rug from under them. He told them, "Your missions are at home."

They could have quit. Instead, they decided to shoulder their sudden cross. They initiated the Grail movement. It spread across Holland, into Germany, to England and Australia, to Scotland, to America, to Africa.

LYDWINE VAN Kersbergen came to America in 1940 at the invitation of the late Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago.

In four years she got the feel of America and gathered a staff of lay apostles. Then she opened Grailville as the training center.

Today, it is affiliated with the Catholic University of America and has the strong approval of Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati and other American bishops.

Grailville has — or is — three schools. The Mission School is for those who want to enter the foreign apostolate. The Oriental Institute prepares Far East students to go back home and establish apostolates. **And Grailville also gives young women the formation needed for the American apostolate. This section is called the School of Apostolate.**

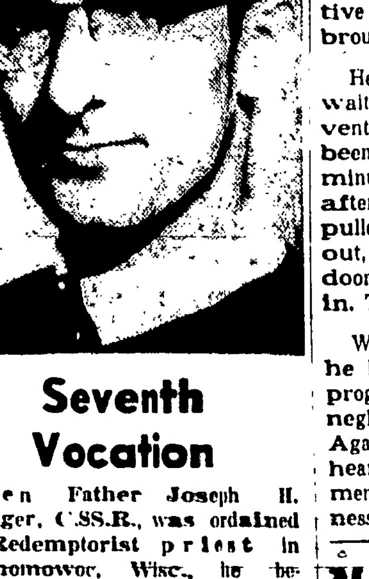
YOUNG WOMEN can go for summer sessions, or for a year or more of formation. In addition, brief introductory courses are given at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

The Women of the Grail sum up the whole thing in a three-fold work of preparation: study, spiritual growth, and practical know-how.

Who qualifies for Grailville? Women between 18 and 30, with good health, "intelligence and common sense, a cooperative, adaptable personality, generosity and a sense of humor, and the right reason—love for God."

Youngest President

One of the nation's youngest university presidents is 30-year-old Brother Raymond Fleck, C.S.C., new head of St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. A chemistry researchist, he is a native of Brooklyn, and studied at Manhattan College and New York University. He entered the Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, completing his studies at Notre Dame University. (NC Photos)



Seventh Vocation

When Father Joseph H. Stenger, C.SS.R., was ordained a Redemptorist priest in Oconomowoc, Wisc., he became the seventh member of his family to embrace religious life. Six of his sisters are Sisters of St. Mary, stationed at hospitals in Missouri. They are among 16 children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Stenger of Glenmonville, in Southeastern Missouri. (NC Photos)

Notre Dame Starts Fund For Faculty

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — The establishment of a $5-million fund to be used for faculty development at the University of Notre Dame has been announced by Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., university president.

The fund is built around the $3,0074,000 grant made to the university by the Ford Foundation as part of its $260-million grant to help raise faculty salaries at private colleges and universities.

Income from the faculty development fund will be used to increase professors' salaries, to finance their further study, and to support publication of their research and writings, Father Hesburgh said.

Cornerstone Set For Shadowbrook

Lenox, Mass. — (NC) — The cornerstone for a new Shadowbrook novitiate will be laid here July 31, marking the rebuilding of New England's primary training center for Jesuits.

To be completed by September, 1958, it will replace the building destroyed by a tragic fire in March, 1956, when three Jesuit priests and a Brother lost their lives.

BOOK SHELF — The White Fathers

THE WHITE FATHERS, by Glenn D. Kittler. Introduction by Bishop Laurian Rugambwa. Harper '57. 300 pp. $5.00.

"What the missionaries have done for the material progress of the African can only be surpassed in importance by what they have done for his soul. And what they have done for his soul has stirred a nobility of the mind and purity of the heart which will produce **a continent of just men dedicated to God and the welfare of all."** So speaks Bishop Rugambwa.

It is the accent of youth. It is a young continent speaking, an awakening giant—a well-intentioned giant, eager to make return for "the cherished gift of Christianity." May the giant carry out the holy will of his heart.

Through the book is the whole story of the White Fathers, who are now 2,253 strong, and of the White Sisters, numbering 1,200, it is unforgettably the biography of the whirlwind bishop, Lavigerie, later Cardinal Lavigerie, their founder. A man great in body, mind, and soul (and temperament, revealed in not-quite-irresponsible anger), he needed a continent, says the author, to work in.

A PARISH WAS not enough, nor any existing institution; the people of his first bishopric, the city of Nancy, felt for a time that they were enough and he perhaps too much. But they learned to love him. He wanted live Catholics, and made them that. Then he wanted an evident and visible and preeminently active Catholic church, and he brought it about.

He worked simply—twice he waited outside the door of a convent wherein no portress had been appointed, waited fifteen minutes each time, said nothing afterward. The third time, he pulled the bell-cord completely out, then set his shoulders to the door-panel, and heaved himself in. They improved.

When the call to Africa came, he began at once a purposeful program of charity toward the neglected and ostracized Arab. Against all obstacles, against the heartbreak and tears of lesser men and the anger and cleverness of politicians, against inveterate distrust and hatred, this man strove without despairing.

HE TAUGHT Arabs to trust Christians. He is the bright parallel to Charles de Foucauld, saint of the desert—the two together are the banner of Christ in Africa, the humble background and the brilliant stripe of love.

Cardinal Lavigerie satisfies the most avid craving for spectacular heroism—he deserves to be better known.

America for July 6 gives a comment from an outstanding literary critic in the Netherlands, homeland of The Nun's Story, Rev. J. van Heugten, S.J.:

"This is indeed a remarkable case. The story captivates and charms from start to finish by its subtle psychological observation, its remarkable style and the intense empathy of the author. As a work of fiction, it is therefore a book of value.

BUT IF WE consider it from another point of view it looks like a libel, a low kind of libel, whose venom is increased by the fact that Kathryn Hulme seems to treat the high representatives of religion, at least of this kind of religious life, with all due respect and consideration.

We say 'she seems', for through a sudden injection, all these high-minded nuns are transformed almost into poisonous spiders. The final impression of this book—an impression which is not only suggested but poured out with full spoons—is this: the life of a nun is an antinatural, distorted existence, in which no lung can breathe and no heart beat freely."

There is more—but many will remain content with the book, ignoring the fact that such a picture libels Christ and libels the Church.

Perhaps the fact that the book has been given to some girls as a deterrent from their beautiful vocation to live as Christ's own, is sufficient testimony to its total effect.

Mother Cabrini Shrine Planned

New York — (NC) — Contracts have been signed for a new chapel to enshrine the body of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, first U.S. citizen-saint.

The $1,500,000 structure will be a two-story brick building directly connected, by means of a passageway, with the existing Mother Cabrini High School in upper Manhattan.

Plans call for the building to enclose the chapel on the upper level, with seating arrangements for the 600 worshippers whose daily and weekly pilgrimages necessitated enlarged facilities.

Archdiocese Opens Three High Schools

Philadelphia — (NC) — Three new high schools will be opened in the Philadelphia archdiocese in September, it has been announced.

At Levittown, the Bishop Egan High School will open under administration of the Franciscan Fathers.

At West Chester, the Bishop Shanahan High School will commence its first year.

At Green Pond, Notre Dame High School will welcome its first students. Green Pond is near Easton, Pa.

All three schools will be operated by the archdiocese for both boys and girls and will be staffed by priests, Sisters and lay instructors.

American Named Bishop In Africa

Maryknoll, N. Y. — (NC) — Father John J. Rudin, M.M., a Massachusetts native, has been named first bishop of the newly created diocese of Musoma in Tanganyika, Africa, according to word received from Rome at Maryknoll headquarters here.

Bishop-designate Rudin, who was assigned to Africa in 1954, is stationed in Nairobi, Kenya, as regional superior of Maryknoll Missioners in Africa.

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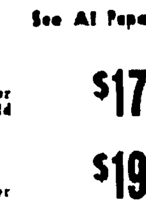

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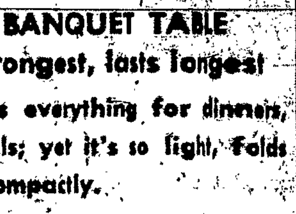

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