

Jacobite Clergyman Received Into Church

Muvattupuzha—(NC)—Many prelates and other members of the clergy attended the admittance into the Church of Father C. A. Abraham, a member of the clergy of the schismatic Jacobite church.

Father Abraham was received into the Church by Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios, O.I.C., of Trivandrum. The Archbishop himself became a convert in 1933 from the Jacobite church.

A graduate of Oxford University, Father Abraham relinquished a teaching position at the Jacobite-operated Union Christian College at Alwaye. He will take a teaching post at the Catholic Nirmala College here.

The Jacobites who have been united with Rome form the Syro-Malankarese Rite, which uses Malayalam, the vernacular, in much of its liturgy.

Record Enrollment Set At Camp Stella Maris

Camp Stella Maris set an all-time high registration when it opened its doors to 135 girls for a two week encampment on Sunday, Aug. 4. The camp is the largest Catholic girls' camp in western New York.

Prelate Says Mass For Quake Victims

Mexico City—(RNS)—Roman Catholic Archbishop Miguel Dario Miranda of Mexico offered a Solemn Requiem Mass here for those who died in the earthquake that rocked the capital on July 28. The number of reported dead is about 70.

The archbishop cut short a visit to the Vatican to return to the quake-damaged city. He asked all parish priests to offer similar Masses of requiem on the same day.

Collections of money, clothing and medicines for quake victims were taken up by Catholic parishes throughout the country. The money and gifts are being distributed by Catholic Action organizations.

SWIMMING, boating, athletics, dancing, arts and crafts and camp-fire will highlight the activities for the girls. Plans are also made for a cook-out and an overnight for the older campers and counselors.

The Rev. Eugene H. McFarland is executive director of the camp with Joanne P. Biegler, a faculty member of Webster school, serving as director for the third year.

Mary A. Burkett of Our Lady of Mercy High School faculty, is assistant director and Barbara Harzman is waterfront director. Rita Zaunegger from Villa Maria College, Erie, Pa., is in charge of athletics.

Dance instruction is under the direction of Joanne Kuchman of the Sob and Joanne Kuchman School of Dance, Joan Welte, Villa Maria College is in charge of crafts and Ann Bowmann of Mercyhurst College, is in charge of campfire.

EACH CABIN has a senior and junior counselor in charge. Senior counselors are Polly Brennan, Mercedes Goodwill, Nancy Plunkett, Rosemary Wiessen, all of Mercyhurst College; Marie



COUNSELORS at the girls' encampment at Camp Stella Maris, diocesan camp at Conesus Lake are shown with the Southward, Villa Maria; and Dame High School, Elmira; Carol Joan Marshall and Pat Norton, Carson, Marilyn Farrell, Margaret Geiger, Anne Michalek, Mercy High; Stephany Joy, Mary Ann

Junior counselors include Clara, Mayer, Nazareth Academy; Betty Cain and Ginny Jospino, Notre de Schnacky, Barbara Sells and

Rev. Eugene H. McFarland, director of youth activities and camp director. Boys aid in kitchen. (Photo by Martin Wahl). Jean Rodman, St. Agnes High School, and Carolyn Marcella, CYO director. Florida, superior, Sister Marie Raymond R.N. is camp nurse and Dr. Richard Collins, Avon, physician. Bill Turner, Mike Abbey, Pete Lusky and Pat Doyle are cook boys.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

WHILE RUMMAGING THROUGH OLD BOOKS in a second hand store, the other day, we discovered a post card that had been sent out by one of the smaller Protestant bodies in the United States. The first line read: "In the year 1913 the contribution of our churches . . . to the foreign missions amounted to \$1.89 per member." Should we mention it? Yes. Last year, that is in the year 1956, the Catholics of the United States, in times of higher salaries and incomes and greater prosperity than 1913, contributed to the Holy Father for all the foreign missions of the Church, only 30c per member. The average donation of the Protestant group in 1913 was three and a half cents a week; the average of the Catholic group in 1956 was about half a cent a week.

WHY ARE WE SO LITTLE CONSCIOUS of our duty to the Missions? Probably for no other reason than that we have not yet become conscious of them in a spiritual way. Proof of this is shown in what our servicemen do for the missions once they have entered the armed forces and served in a foreign land. There they see missionaries in action, nursing lepers, caring for the poor, spending themselves and being spent to heal mental and physical wounds and they immediately become sympathetic.

WE CANNOT TAKE YOU TO THE FOREIGN MISSIONS of Burma, Africa, or India, but we can beg you to imitate in your life the sacrifice of Christ and make a sacrifice for these missions. Why not send the missions an amount equal to what you spend on cigarettes. In His most recent encyclical, the Holy Father asked the faithful: are you grateful for the gift of your Faith? The test that proves your gratitude comes when you are ready to make a sacrifice in order that others throughout the world may share the Faith. Only to the extent that we make Our Lord and His Blessed Mother known in foreign lands shall we receive blessings at home.

THIS PROTESTANT NOTICE ALSO STATED that in 1914 they expected an increase in donations of 60c per member. This year the Holy Father received an increase of 64c per Catholic. Please form the good habit of making a sacrifice every day and sending the money to the Holy Father through the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

GOD LOVE YOU TO L.S. "This \$7.63 will buy more for the missions than it could possibly buy for me." to M.M.C. "I don't smoke or own a car, so I didn't spend this \$6 on cigarettes or gas so here it is." to A.B. "I promised to send this \$1 to the missions. I found all the information necessary for a term paper. I found it and got an A—I'm happy and I hope that the missions will be a bit happier by reason of my tiny donation."

ONE OF OUR READERS SENT US A DONATION which was to have been her first deposit on a new TV set. She realized that she needed the sacrifice more than she needed the set. For part of the sacrifice money she requested a statue of Our Lady of Television saying that her old TV set will look beautiful with Our Lady's statue adorning it. You too can give Our Lady a place of honor atop your TV if you send us your request and a \$3 sacrifice for the poor and suffering people of the missions. Address: Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Faith Avenue, New York 17, N.Y. or your own Diocesan Director.

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 Faith Avenue, New York 17, N.Y., or your Diocesan Director; Rev. Geo. S. Wood, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

'Tomboy' Nun Marks 50 Years In Convent

Carmegie, Pa.—(NC)—A former Kansas farm girl, who neighbors said was "too much a tomboy" to become a Sister, will observe the golden jubilee of her profession in August.

She is Sister M. Alexia, a sister of St. Agnes, stationed at Holy Souls Church here.

Sister Alexia says with a laugh that "with 340 acres of farm to move about, and with six brothers in the family, I had to play baseball and learn to shoot and ride horseback."

She was one of a family of 13, seven of whom are still living. She was born in 1889 in the prairie region of Catherine, Kansas.

Sister explains that she left for the convent with the approval of her parents, determined to find out "why God gave me this feeling of wanting to be a sister."

In 50 years she has taught in grade and high schools in nine states. She has done missionary work in Nicaragua and in remote areas of Montana.

In a barren section of Montana, where Sister Alexia was working alone, she once got decorations for her altar via airplane. Flowers and candles were dropped from the sky on the occasion of the first Holy Communion of a young boy whom Sister Alexia had instructed.

Other years in the community, Sister Alexia says, "All 50 years have been one great joy, in meeting wonderful children and wonderful people. I have come across so many good people and good souls who are all a glory to God. I thank God who selected me for this work."

Indians Offer Site For Catholic Chapel

Washington—(RNS)—A bill to authorize the transfer by the Secretary of the Interior of a tract of land in the Lake Superior Chippewa Indian Reservation to a Franciscan mission was introduced in Congress by Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.).

He said the Chippewa tribe, by referendum, had asked for authority to transfer the land to St. Anthony's Mission of Flambeau, Wis., which will erect a chapel on the site. Permission of Congress is required however, before the reservation land can be donated to the Franciscans.

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Cardinal Stepanac Reported Seriously Ill

Vatican City—(NC)—Vatican authorities stated today they have no direct confirmation of a report that His Eminence, Archbishop of Zagreb, is seriously ill.

The report said that the Cardinal, who is confined to his native village of Krize, by Marshal Tito's communist regime, is suffering from a gland ailment and may need an operation to save his life.

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