



Lisieux Shrine Of Saint Therese

Pictures at left were obtained at Lisieux and show (left) statue above main altar of convent chapel and (right) St. Therese at work in cloistered laundry. With her in white veil of a novice is her sister Celine. Original photo at right was taken in 1895, two years before the Saint's death. Left photo represents shower of roses, favors St. Therese wins from our Lord for people on earth.

Six Weeks In Europe

This is the eighth in a series of articles describing a recently completed European pilgrimage made by the Courier-Journal's assistant editor. This article describes a visit to Lisieux. Next week's final article will be about Lourdes.

By REV. HENRY ATWELL

Oh, Je l'aimé mon Dieu! Je vous aime!

The gold mosaic letters set in a deep blue sanctuary back ground tell the story of the Saint of Lisieux, St. Therese the Little Flower of Jesus.

Her dying words were: "My life long thoughts and there can be no doubt that she speaks them now in eternity."

Oh, how I love God! My God, I love thee!

The vast cream-colored basilica will be packed with pilgrims this Monday, Sept. 30, for a visit to St. Therese. Thousands of people, silk and brocade of vestments, organ and carillon will be stirring contrasts to the serene honored on that day. Her life was spent in the silence of a Carmelite cloister cut off from the world.

Today, 60 years after her death St. Therese is one of the Church's best known saints and her autobiography has

been read by thousands throughout the world. This obscure nun who preferred, in her own words, to be merely a "little flower" in the garden of the Lord's chosen souls, has shaped by her life a whole generation of devout Catholics who have imitated her "little way" of serving God.

This "little way" consists simply in doing the duty of the current moment for the love and praise of God. St. Therese, bound by her vows within the walls of a village convent, achieved her sanctity by scrubbing floors, mending clothes, cooking meals, doing the laundry—the same tasks done in any household or convent anywhere—but she did each task with a love for God which made her a saint.

Her sanctity was so inconspicuous that at her death in 1897 a companion nun could think of nothing to write in the convent history to describe St. Therese's life. Since then other authors have written an endless stream of books and articles about her.

Within 28 years of her death, the Little Flower's inner fame of soul won the Church's official recognition and she was canonized in rites which the people of Rome still insist were the most magnificent of Vatican ceremonies so far this century.

Our Courier Journal's seventeen pilgrims took the 60 mile trip from Paris to Lisieux, arriving in time for a late morning Mass in the chapel of the convent. The convent where St. Therese brought heaven to earth is a rather drab building, right up to the sidewalk of a narrow street.

Attached to the convent is a T-shaped chapel. The "stem" connects to the convent and serves as the nuns' portion. There in a glass coffin rest the mortal remains of St. Therese.

The "top of the T" portion of the chapel is for the public.

Monks In Overalls Build Homes For Poor

Zaragoza, Spain — (NC) — Forty-five Belgians, members of Norbertine Father Weverfied van Straaten's Building Order, have been working here in exchange for a month of work in Belgium by 40 Spanish seminarians.

The Belgian workers joined a group of parishioners from the suburban and rural districts of this area in a construction program sponsored by the Suburban Guild, an organization of laymen founded by Archbishop Casimir Morello Gonzalez of Zaragoza.

The seminarians will serve as masons working with members of the Building Order in Belgium.

The Building Order is a religious society dedicated to the building of homes for the homeless and poverty-stricken.

It also erects churches, parish houses and helps to restore war-damaged areas. Its members undergo a period of strict religious discipline in preparation for the taking of solemn vows. The order also has lay associates who work without pay and share the spiritual life of the group.

ZARAGOZA'S Suburban Guild has been able to carry out the entire program it had

Decorations are typical of the lavish ornamentation of the early 1900's.

Above the chapel's main altar is the all-white statue representing St. Therese's showering the world with roses; the favors she obtains by her prayers at the throne of God.

NOT FAR from the Carmelite convent is the great, red brick home where the rose Martin lived until she became a nun at the age of 18. A garden statue shows the child appealing to her father for permission to enter the strict Carmelite order.

The village of Lisieux, severely damaged by both Allied and Nazi bombs, rises at the foot of the hill now crowned by the basilica just completed as a monument to the saint. In size it is second only to St. Peter's as one of the largest churches on the continent of Europe.

In July, 1937, French Cardinal Verdier, Lemaire and Suard participated in the dedication of the basilica.

CLIMAXING the week long program was the official blessing of the edifice by His Eminence Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli later to become Pope Pius XII. When World War I shattered the village of Lisieux and wrecked portions of the new basilica, Pope Pius XII appealed to the "Saint of Lisieux to win the precious gift from God uniting the minds and hearts of men."

On our bus ride back to Paris, as we sped along the new highway quite like our own New York State Thruway and saw the rich countryside in the valley of the Seine, we knew we had experienced at Lisieux some of that peace which comes only from God and from His holy ones.

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Nebraska Busses Bar Catholic Pupils

Papillon — (RNS) — Parochial school students here henceforth will not be able to ride to classes in publicly owned busses under a new policy set by the local school board.

The board said a 1953 ruling by the state's attorney general makes it illegal for parochial and private school pupils to be transported in public busses.

Father John Sears, superintendent of St. Columbkille Catholic School here, said the new policy "upsets some 30 years' precedent in the school district."

The school board acted following a complaint by E. A. Erick, chief rappan of the Omaha unit of Tangier Shrine.

Papillon, situated ten miles south of Omaha, has a population of 1,084.

Million Pupils Jam Congo Schools

Leopoldville — (NC) — Catholic schools in the Belgian Congo report a record enrollment of 1,200,000 students.

Like their American counterparts the Catholic elementary school system here is taxed to capacity, with 30,000 students enrolled in Leopoldville.

Laymen Prepare For Mission Work

Paterson, N. J. — (NC) — Ten dedicated men with varied backgrounds and skills have begun a nine-month study course here to prepare themselves for service as lay missionaries overseas.

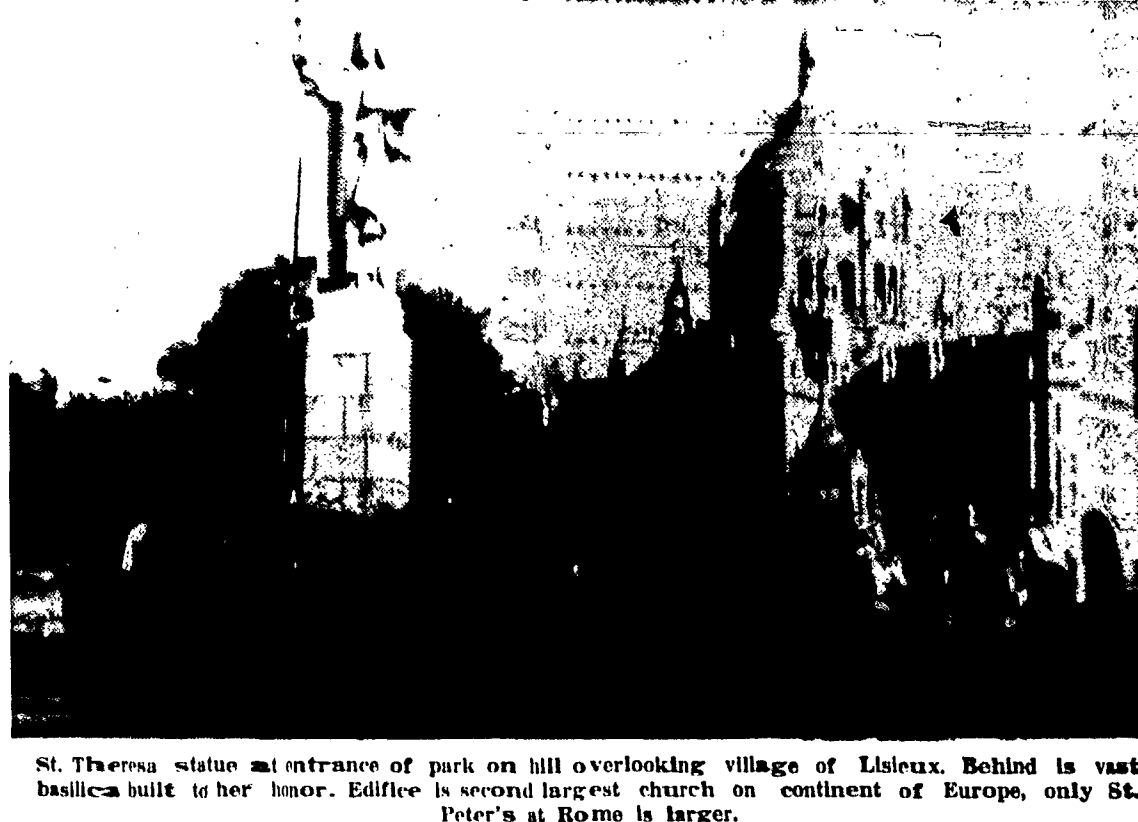
They are members of the Association for International Development (AID), recently established organization for Catholic laymen, that opened its first training program here.

THE ORGANIZATION will train laymen to give at least two years of overseas service on behalf of the Church. Once overseas in mission lands, their job will be to help develop native leaders in the professional and trade fields that are growing in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The program consists of lectures and discussion sessions three evenings each week, supplemented by week-end projects enabling the men to continue work in their specialized fields during the day.

Pope Speaks To Leather Chemists

Castle Gandolfo — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII gave an audience at the papal summer residence here to delegates attending the 30th world congress of the International Society of Leather Chemists in Rome. The delegates were headed by Harold G. Turley of Philadelphia, Pa., president of the society.



St. Theresa statue at entrance of park on hill overlooking village of Lisieux. Behind is vast basilica built to her honor. Edifice is second largest church on continent of Europe, only St. Peter's at Rome is larger.

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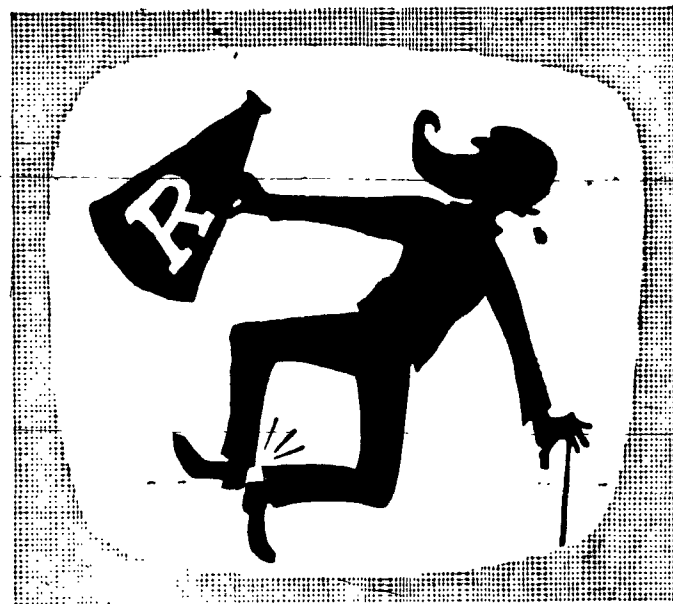
SPIRITUAL EXERCISES AT THE CENACLE

Spiritual exercises will be conducted at the Convent of Our Lady of the Cenacle, 693 East Ave., Rochester 7, during the month of October as follows:

- RETREATS:
- October 4-6—Rochester Council of Catholic Nurses—Rev. Edwin C. Haungs, S.J.
 - October 11-13—Legion of Mary—Rev. James S. Foley, S.J.
 - October 18-20—General—Rev. John Havas, S.J.
 - October 25-27—Our Lady of the Cenacle Guild & Business Women—Rev. John A. Hughes, S.J.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION:
October 24—St. Margaret Mary's Altar Society—Rev. John A. Hughes, S.J.

- GUILD MEETINGS:
- 1st Tuesday—Oct. 1—St. Raphael's Guild—7:15 p.m.—Teachers & Professional Women—Rev. Joseph L. Hogan
 - 1st Thursday—Oct. 3—Eucharistic Guild—9:15 a.m.—Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B.
 - 2nd Monday—Oct. 11—Cordero Guild—7:15 p.m.—Young Business Girls—Rev. Richard Torney
 - 2nd Wednesday—Oct. 9—St. Regis Guild—3:45 p.m.—High School Girls—Rev. Richard Murphy
 - 3rd Wednesday—Oct. 16—St. Lucy Guild—7:30 p.m.—For Blind
 - 3rd Monday—Oct. 21—Our Lady of the Cenacle Guild—7:15 p.m.—Business Women—Rev. John Havas, S.J.
 - October 24 at 7:00 a.m.—Mass in honor of St. Raphael for Members of St. Raphael's Guild—Most Rev. James E. Kearney



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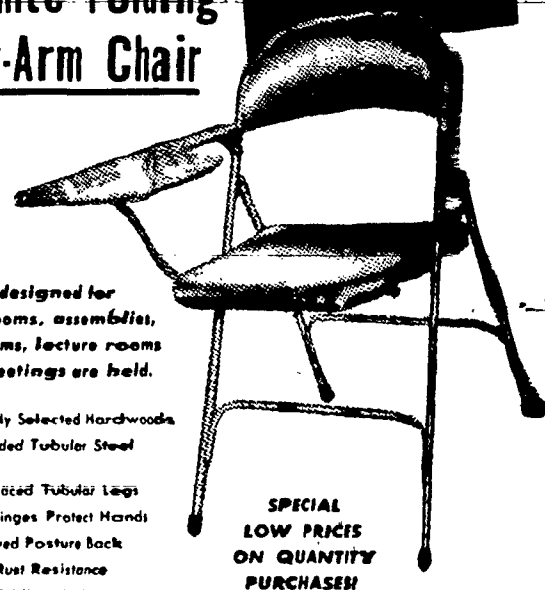
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