

"We want no martyrs!"

Exiled Mission Nun Tells Prison Ordeal

By ROBERT SMETT

Twenty-seven years in the mission, sentenced to death by the Chinese Reds, accused of being a Communist, forced to live for a year on a "boat" in the sea, Sister Dominic Marie sat in a parlour of Rochester's Holy Apostles Convent this week and smiled a lovely smile.

"We lose you now but in 10 years we'll have you back — when we take over the United States." This was the Red "bon voyage" to Sister in 1933 when the Communists expelled her after 18 years of mission work.

Sister Dominic Marie and her companion, Sister John Mary, are visiting Rochester during the month of October. Sister John Mary is the former Elaine Spillane of this city.

In an interview this week, Sister Dominic Marie related some of her mission experiences which include seven years in Honolulu and two in Formosa besides her China stay.

She was in Kwangsi Province when the Japanese war brought all China to its feet for the first time. She was in Formosa when the Japanese were only an hour behind us.

FORCED TO accompany another Sister who was ill, Sister was taken by plane "over the hump" to the Hawaiian Islands. She was in Hawaii for a year before she was asked the natives what they would do now that the end seemed so near. There was no answer, for them it was already the end of everything.

"But God's Providence and the Americans came to the rescue," Sister Dominic Marie said with a smile.

There can be no doubt, she said, that the story of a native town official who died, who thought he was dying, his people allowed the Peoples Government to take over.

The Reds promptly took him into custody, stripped him in public and led him through months long sessions of tortures, in which his own children were forced to take part.

During her last years in China, Sister Dominic Marie was in charge of a hospital in the town of Tsing-an, where she had three Maryknoll Sisters and three Sisters being trained as nurses, under her care.

Daily, for months, the Communists questioned and accused her of all sorts of crimes in an attempt to force her to obtain money from the U. S. for the Peoples Government.

She was finally sentenced to be shot and the date set for Christmas Day, 1952. Sister is now able to laugh at the perceived sense of humor that would pick this happiest day in a Christian's life for the date of her execution.

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Bishop Kearney 'Life' Slated For Screening

A pictorial review of Bishop Kearney's 20 year ministry in the Rochester Diocese will be one of the highlights of the silver jubilee ceremonies at the Rochester War Memorial Saturday afternoon, October 27.

Nearly seventy photographs which graphically depict the Bishop's varied activities have been selected for screening at the War Memorial. A descriptive commentary will accompany the showing of the photographs.

This phase of the program has been arranged by James Traynor with Homer Biss scheduled to do the commentary. Several other photographs will be used in connection with the screening.

Mayor Peter Barry of Rochester will deliver the official welcome at the ceremonies at which Dr. Leo LaPlante will preside. Speaking for the diocese and city of the Rochester Diocese will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Marvin A. Cornell, Ph.D., pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church.

THE CEREMONIES will be opened by His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey and conclude with a talk by His Excellency Bishop Kearney who is marking the silver jubilee of his consecration to the hierarchy, twenty years of which were spent in Rochester.

Mass will be celebrated by the St. Bernard Seminary choir and the glee clubs of Nazareth College and St. John Fisher College. Jerry Vingt will be at the War Memorial organ.

A Citizens Committee under the chairmanship of Carl S. Hallauer will take part in the procession prior to the opening of the ceremonies scheduled at 4:30 p.m.

Beaupre Expects 3 Million In 1958

Beaupre, Que. (NC) — More than 3 million pilgrims are expected to visit the world famous shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre here during 1958 when the 300th anniversary of the founding of the shrine will be observed.

The estimate was made by Redemptorist Father Eugene LeFebvre, the shrine's director of pilgrimages.

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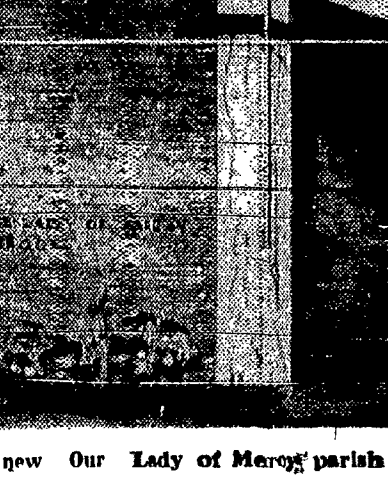
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Proposed school of new Our Lady of Mercy parish in the Town of Greece.



New Atom Commissioner

Washington (NC) — John F. Lohberg, of Chicago and Bethesda, Md., takes the oath of office as Commissioner on the Atomic Energy Commission with Strive Hensel (left) administering the oath. Mr. Lohberg is former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air and is a graduate of Loyola University, Chicago, and Harvard University Law School.

Little Rock

Prayers To Ask Integration Peace

Little Rock (RNS) — Bishop Albert L. Fletcher of Little Rock called upon all Catholics in his diocese to pray at special services on Columbus Day, Oct. 12, for a "peaceful solution" to the school integration crisis here.

In a pastoral letter read at all Masses, the bishop exhorted his flock to observe and support law and order and "respect all personal and property rights."

The Catholic services will be part of the "ministry of reconciliation" previously launched at a meeting attended by 50 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergymen. They met in response to a letter from President Eisenhower asking the clergy to help ease tensions over integration.

The President's letter was sent to Protestant Episcopal Bishop Robert R. Bowd of Arkansas who invited the clergymen to a meeting immediately after receiving it.

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50,226 In Schools Of Diocese

Enrollments in Catholic elementary and high schools of the Rochester Diocese have hit a new record high total — 49,062, as announced today by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, diocesan superintendent of schools.

At school 141 students attended St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Seminary, Nazareth and St. John Fisher Colleges.

The total students now enrolled in Catholic schools of the Rochester Diocese has topped the 50,000 mark for the first time and stands at 50,226.

Monsignor Boyle's report indicates the next total shows an increase of 1,016 pupils over last year's elementary and high school registration figures.

ELEMENTARY schools have 91,400 more pupils than last year and high schools have gained 733 additional pupils. Monsignor Boyle states:

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He also added that "hundreds more" would be in Catholic schools "if we only had the facilities to accept them. Monsignor Boyle pointed out that many parishes have had to cancel kindergarten classes to accommodate increased numbers in higher grades.

This year's report includes four new elementary schools opened for the first time this year: Christ the King school, Irondequoit, 181 pupils; St. Thomas More school, Brighton, 186; Our Lady of Lourdes school, Elmira, 191; and Sacred Heart school, Owasso, 216.

McQuaid Jesuit High School, Rochester, has the highest of all increases (228) by adding its senior year to the course of studies there. The school began three years ago, beginning with a freshman class and adding a class each year.

Highest increase in elementary school enrollment is reported from Holy Cross school, Rochester, with 79 more pupils than last year.

The superintendent's report also notes the closing of one high school, Holy Family of Auburn, whose place has been taken by the larger Mt. Carmel high school with a current enrollment of 523 pupils, a gain of 162. Mt. Carmel, like McQuaid, has its first senior class this year.

Monsignor Boyle's report includes the number of teachers — 770 nuns and 215 lay teachers in the elementary schools. The number of lay teachers is also an all time record total.

In the high schools, 300 priests and nuns are reported as teaching along with 51 lay teachers.

THREE PARISH schools are reported as topping the 1,000 mark: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester, 1,274; St. Monica, Rochester, 1,254; and Holy Rosary, Rochester, 1,046.

In Auburn, St. Alphonsus is highest with 864, and St. Mary's in Elmira has the largest enrollment there with 722.

Nazareth Academy, Rochester, as last year, has the largest high school registration, 1,317.

Pope Says Church In 'Fight To End' With Communism

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII, in an address to delegates attending the Second World Congress of the Lay Apostolate in Rome, told laymen they must be unremitting in their zeal to "persevere and to conquer" in the fight against Communism.

"Let it be said quite clearly, the Church of Christ does not at all think of abandoning the field to her declared enemy, atheistic Communism," he said.

"This fight will be fought to the end, but with the arms of Christ."

The Pontiff came to St. Peter's Basilica from the papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo to address some 2,000 participants in the congress from about 90 countries, including the United States which sent 225 delegates. He spoke in French for more than half an hour.



THE POPE'S TALK, heard by cardinals, archbishops, bishops and lay leaders from every part of the globe, was generally regarded as one of his most specific and far-reaching utterances on the lay apostolate. It dealt in detail with the theme of the world gathering: "The Laity in the Crisis of the Modern World — Responsibilities and Formation."

Pope Pius, speaking in loud and ringing tones, said the collaboration of the laity in the apostolic mission of the Church is particularly necessary today because the Christian spirit must be infused into every sphere of life — family, social, economic and spiritual.

He stressed the importance of training and educating more lay apostles, the special need for such dedicated laymen in the field of labor, in the mission world, and in Latin America where the Church is handicapped by the shortage of priests.

The Pontiff also said Catholic laymen are called to play an active role in radio and television, especially for the moral education of youth. He said laymen and women, as teachers in universities and schools, can make a decisive contribution to religious teaching.

Furthermore, Pope Pius said, laymen who are engaged in administrative, professional, economic and social and political work, and have a sound knowledge of the Church's social doctrine, can give valuable aid in spreading the message of the Gospel.

"The important thing," the Pontiff commented, "is that bishops and priests may choose laymen as collaborators whenever they find individuals able and ready to give them help."

He said a difficult situation exists in Latin America where the population has grown from 92 million to nearly 200 million since 1920, while the number of priests remains at 30,000 whereas it should now be 160,000.

Singing out Catholic schools in the United States for particular praise, Pope Pius said: "The Church is grateful to them; for they are a necessary complement to the clergy's work."

Pope Pius said it gave him deep satisfaction to know that the great majority of Catholic editors and booksellers regard their profession as a service to the Church. Referring to the Catholic press, he said a Catholic journalist who works with a spirit of faith is "most certainly a lay apostle."

CATHOLICS EVERYWHERE should take a more active part in raising the moral, Christian and cultural level of the films, radio and television, the Pope asserted.

He said that films seen by billions annually "don't attain the cultural and moral levels they should and most regrettably often portray the world — where men live and die — as if God did not exist." We appreciate, however, the initiative being made by some in radio, cinema, and TV to improve these conditions.

The Pontiff said an apostolic spirit should be formed in Catholics even when they are young. He praised "truly Christian mothers" who have implanted "this spirit among their children, as well as Catholic publications and institutions which likewise inspire the young.

The American delegates were from all 48 states. They were led by David A. McMullen of St. Louis, Mo., president of the National Council of Catholic Men, and Mrs. Robert H. Mahoney of Hartford, Conn., president of the National Council of Catholic Women.

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BISHOP FLETCHER 'day of prayer'

Pope Receives Hebrew Scholar

Castel Gandolfo — (RNS) — Dr. Benjamin Mazar, president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was received in private audience by Pope Pius XII at the papal summer residence here.

He presented the Pontiff with a copy of a book on the Dead Sea scrolls recently published by the university.

Catholics 'Compartmentalize' Too Much

Rome — (RNS) — An international student leader told the Second World Congress of the Lay Apostolate here that "spiritual compartmentalism" is keeping many Catholics from joining in efforts for social betterment.

He was referring to Catholics who lead pious lives but keep aloof from the problems of the world around them.

Thom Kerstiens, secretary general of the International Movement of Catholic Students, the undergraduate section of Pax Romana, said every effort should be made to overcome such attitudes "because Catholics, in the full sense, should be concerned with all aspects of international life."

He said a responsibility of the Catholic layman is to "unite, within the framework of international organizations, with all

men of goodwill for common action for the good of society at large.

"WE MUST conquer spiritual compartmentalism," Mr. Kerstiens said, "because the Catholic Faith has no room for racial differences, cultural barriers or national prejudice. Only by playing a role in international life can Catholics overcome the problems of Communism and social injustice.

"The only possible answer to Communism is a Christianity applied to the actual needs of society. For this reason it is absolutely necessary that international Catholic bodies should be able to count on the active collaboration of the laity. They will then start to act as a true leaven and make an effective contribution to mankind and the world."

Another speaker told the congress, attended by some 2,000 delegates from about 90 countries, that "Communism is an itch in our flesh which reminds us constantly of our fallure in the social field."

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