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'Meet Sister Mary Catherine' Mercy Nun's Booklet In 2nd Printing

Sister Mary Estelle Martin, R.S.M., of the Sisters of Mercy in Rochester is witnessing the reprinting of her vocation booklet, "Meet Sister Mary Catherine." Following the complete sellout of 10,000 copies of the first edition, the second printing promises a wider distribution among third graders. The 32 page brochure illustrates and tells the story of Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy. COLOR HAS been added to the second addition printed by the Sheble Press in Rochester. The yellow and blue cover colors are continued through the booklet. Copies are available in schools taught by the Sisters of Mercy in the diocese and will soon be available in leading bookstores. Written in the language of a small child and printed in large type, the booklet is copyrighted by the Sisters of Mercy in Rochester.



SISTER MARY ESTELLE, R.S.M., author of "Meet Sister Mary Catherine", is seen with instructor and classmate in a serigraphy or silk-screen workshop at Studio Angelico, Sienna Heights College, Adrian, Mich. Student at left is Henrietta Nagle and the instructor is Sister M. Jeannine, O.P., Ph.D.

Sister Mary Estelle is spending her second year as an art major at Sienna Heights College, Adrian, Mich. THE BOOKLET is the result of a class assignment to letter and layout a small booklet. Remembering the difficulties of her early teaching experience trying to explain the religious life to the first grade at St. Andrew School, Rochester, Sister Estelle conceived the idea of reflecting the life of the founder of the order in simple language for youngsters. She places special emphasis on children's work in the booklet while stressing little points of courtesy and conduct. Sister Estelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R.

Theatre Guide

- Downtown Rochester: FABAMOUNT Peyton Place A-3 (Unobjectionable for adults); REGENT The Sad Sack (Unobjectionable) Raiders of Old California A-1; Bayou Palace (Unobjectionable for Adults and Adolescents); LOEWS Les Girls (Unobjectionable in part for all); The Hired Gun A-1; Perri; LITTLE How to Murder a Rich Uncle A-1

Martin of North Country Club Specializing in graphics, Sister Estelle's courses this year include lecture and discussion classes in history of art and theology as well as workshop sessions and demonstrations in serigraphy, painting, enameling and ceramics.

Famed Roman Basilicas On Rochester TV Sunday

New York — Ten of the great Roman basilicas, with their priceless Middle-Age mosaics and marble work, will be featured in part two of "Rome Eternal," on WROC-TV, Channel 5, Rochester on Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

"These examples of early church building have never before been so closely analyzed, by the motion picture camera," commented Pulitzer Prize-winner Paul Horgan, author of "Rome Eternal."

"ROME ETHERNAL," a four-part film series that began on The Catholic Hour last Sunday, presents for the first time on television a documentary portrait of Rome and Vatican City, past and present.

"The past seems to show itself to you in layers," Horgan explains in Sunday's film which illustrates how the Christian basilicas were built on the ruins of pagan temples and took their form from the classical Roman basilica.

Science Talks On Vatican Radio

Vatican City — (RNS) — The Vatican Radio inaugurated a series of broadcasts by eminent scientists entitled, "Science and the Church." The station said the series was designed to "clear away apparent, but unfounded, differences of between scientific and religious conceptions of the world."

Legion of Decency Listings

Table with columns for Class A, B, and C listings, including titles like 'Abominable Showman', 'Across the Bridge', 'Admirable Criticism', etc.

ANSWER TO HAL MARCH'S QUESTION Jesus Was Mary's One; Only Son

Here is the right answer — the Catholic, Scriptural, historical, traditional, linguistic answer — to the question put to Nigerian "Bible expert" Adepoju Aderonmu in the climatic round of the "\$64,000 Question" show on the Columbia Broadcasting TV network Nov. 26, by Hal March, master of ceremonies.

March at the beginning of the Dec. 3 show acknowledged protests and apologized briefly to all offended by the controversial query.

This Catholic answer is given here by Father John J. Castelot, S.S., M.A., S.T.D., S.S.L., Professor of Scripture at St. John's Provincial major seminary at Plymouth, Mich.

FATHER JOHN J. CASTELOT, S.S. CATHOLIC TELEVIEWERS were dismayed recently when "\$64,000 Question" master of ceremonies Hal March presented this question to Adepoju Aderonmu: "Jesus grew up in a family of five brothers, including Himself, identified in the 13th chapter of St. Mark. Name all four of Jesus' brothers."

Catholics looking in and listening were amazed by March's blithe assumption that the Virgin Mother had children other than Our Lord.

Most were aware that the wording of the question reflected of a not uncommon misunderstanding of the texts indicated and remained simply dismayed.

Others, however, perhaps not so well informed, went scurrying for their New Testaments and, sure enough, there it was in black and white, just as the question had suggested:

"Where did He get this wisdom and these miracles? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brethren James and Joseph and Simon and Jude? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Then where did he get all this?" (Matt. 13: 55-56).

"And many, when they heard him, were astonished at his doctrine, saying: 'Where did he get all this?' and 'What is this wisdom that is given to him?' and 'What mean such miracles wrought by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, Joseph, Jude, and Simon? And are not also his sisters here with us?'" (Mark 6:2-3).

BUT HE IS another \$64,000 question: In view of the apparently unmistakable statements recorded by the Evangelists, how are we to explain the fact that, at the very time these statements were put into writing, Christians were convinced that Mary not only conceived and bore Jesus in virginal fashion, but also that she had remained a virgin forever after?

For this belief of the Church is not by any means new. It goes right back to the days of the Apostles themselves. In fact, it was not until the fourth century that anyone attacked this belief.

About the year 380, a man named Helvidius wrote that the "brothers of the Lord" were children of Mary and Joseph, born to them after the virginal birth of Jesus.

St. Jerome, foremost Scriptural scholar of the early Church, considered this opinion not even worth answering since, as he put it, it was "novel, wicked, and a bold insult to the faith of the whole world."

But in the end, Jerome yielded to the urgings of his friends and wrote a treatise in which he trounced Helvidius so roundly that the latter did not even attempt to defend himself.

St. Jerome was able to appeal to the testimony of "Ignatius, Polycarp, Irenaeus, Justin Martyr and all the other learned men going back to Apostolic times." He was also able to present convincing arguments from the Scriptures themselves.

HERE ARE some of those arguments: Saints Matthew and Mark were Jews, their native language was Aramaic, which had supplanted Hebrew as the language of the Jews of Palestine during their exile in Babylon in the sixth century B.C.

Now neither Aramaic nor Hebrew has a special word for "cousin." In Gen. 14:14, for instance, Lot is called the "brother" of his UNCLE Abraham, and in Gen. 29:15 Jacob is referred to as the "brother" of his UNCLE Laban.

In 1 Par. (Chron.) 23:21-22, the sons of Cis are described as the "brothers" of their COUSINS.

Now Matthew and Mark naturally thought in terms like this when they wrote their Gospels. As a matter of fact, St. Matthew wrote the first edition of his Gospel in Aramaic.

Consequently, it is not at all surprising that in referring to Our Lord's relatives, the Evangelists called them simply His "brothers."

Comedy Listed By Catholic Theatre Group

Catholic Theatre of Rochester has completed casting and rehearsals have started for the group's second production of the season, "The Lady's Not for Burning."

Performances are scheduled for Feb. 7, 8 and 9 at the auditorium at the corner of Hudson and Clifford Avenues. A matinee performance will also be given on Saturday, Feb. 8 for nuns in the Rochester area.

Directed by Wilford Scott, the principal roles will be filled by Jean Strachan and Ronald Pedrono. Also in the cast will be Lucy Hope Lyon, William White, Patricia Farrell, William Weider, Robert Napier and Ronald Clawson.

The romantic comedy by English playwright Christopher Fry was a hit of the 1950-51 Broadway season.

Tickets may be obtained by writing to Catholic Theatre, P.O. Box 1249, Rochester 3, N.Y.

Religious Orders Of Women In Our Diocese



Sister Rita, Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate

Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate came to Rochester 15 years ago to teach at St. Joseph School on Hudson Ave. Although the six Rochester nuns primarily teach elementary school children, the order also does nursing and conducts homes for the aged and orphanages. The sisters wear a dark habit with a scapular and cincture of dark blue. Their veil is white and they have a black veil. The sleeves of their habit are wide with black sleevelets. (One of a series)

Consequently, if James was the son of Mary and Alpheus (Cleophas), he was not the son of Mary and Joseph, and if he was a "brother" of Jesus, he was, at most, His cousin.

Jesus is known to His fellow townsmen as "THE son of Mary," not "A son of Mary," and when, at the age of 12, He remains behind in the Temple (Luke 2:41 ff.), it is apparent from the whole account that He is the only son of His anguished parents.

When He was dying on the cross, Jesus entrusted His Mother to the loving care of St. John. But if Mary had several other children, there would have been no need for Jesus to find someone to care for her after His death. As one distinguished non-Catholic scholar has written: "Is it conceivable that our Lord would thus have snapped asunder the most sacred ties of natural affection?"

It is sometimes objected that Jesus is called Mary's "firstborn" in Luke 2:7.

If He was the first, they say, someone must have been second, and third, and fourth. But all through the Bible (Exod. 13:2 and Num. 3:12, for instance) the firstborn is simply the child "which opens the womb," and there is not the slightest implication that there are subsequent births.

A child was called the "firstborn" immediately upon birth and was so called from that time on, even though he or she remained the only child.

An interesting inscription from the time of Our Lord was found in Egypt in 1922; it tells of a woman named Arsinoe who DIED in giving birth to her "firstborn."

THESE ARE just some of the many arguments that could be singled out for special attention. The whole New Testament presumes that Jesus was Mary's only child and the few texts that SEEM at first blush to suggest otherwise should be read in the light of the whole. That is how the first Christians read and understood them.

They held as an unassailable fact that Mary was a virgin before, during, and after the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem — and they were closer to the facts than we are. Every possible consideration — linguistic, contextual, historical — bears out the conclusion that Our Lord's "brothers" were nothing more than His near relatives.

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