

Lost India Catholics Found In Forests

Moradabad, India — (NC) — A "lost" group of 25 Catholic families has been found in the Bhabrar forests of the Terai region in northern India by an intrepid Capuchin priest.



Fellowship

Madison, Wis. — (NC) — Sister M. Elaine Feldhake, O.P., Head of the Department of Biology, Edgewood College of the Sacred Heart, here, has been awarded a National Science Foundation Faculty Fellowship. The award will provide the means of Sister's completing doctoral work at the University of Wisconsin, where she is majoring in endocrinology, a branch of Zoology.

Soviet Women Go To Church

Moscow — (RNS) — A leading anti-religious publication here complained that despite their "emancipation" Russian women still persist in going to church.

Acting on a casual remark by a parishioner, Father Pius, O.F.M. Cap., pastor of the mission church in this city 100 miles east of New Delhi, set out to find the community of faithful which disappeared seven years ago.

Going 37 miles through a thick forest, Father Pius found the families in the isolated village of Milakanam just below the southern foothills of the Himalayan mountains.

THE "LOST" Catholics settled there in 1931 after they were forced to abandon their original village of Kojepur on the border between India and Pakistan. They traversed nearly half of India in the company of their pastor, Father Francis Frank, O.F.M. Cap.

On their arrival at Milakanam, these Catholic families built a small church with their scanty resources and resumed their pastoral life.

In 1933, Father Frank was murdered in the church by a personal enemy. Since then, the group has been without a priest, although they continued their private devotions.

LAST CHRISTMAS, however, some members of the community came here and attended midnight services at Father Pius' church.

When Father Pius located the community in the forest not long ago, he was welcomed with open arms by these simple people, most of whom had not seen a priest for more than four years.

Next morning all the Catholics among the villagers flocked to the tiny church, now rather dilapidated. Father Pius offered Mass on an altar improvised of bags of wheat.



'Bernadette' To Tour Latin America

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Members of the Drama Department of Catholic University of America will take their production, "The Song of Bernadette," on a summer tour of Latin America as part of the President's Special International Program for Cultural Presentations. Here Father Gilbert V. Hartke, O.P., coaches key figures, Bernard Coyne at left, of Baltimore, and Miss Jane Reilly of New York, who plays St. Bernadette, girl who saw the apparition of Our Lady at Lourdes 100 years ago.

Los Angeles Cardinal

Apaches Of Arizona Have New Chief

Los Angeles — (NC) — The Apaches of Arizona have a new chief. His name is Red Robe Friend of the Red Indians. In his own territory, he is better known as His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre.

Six rugged, young braves in feathers and war paint surrounded him after a whirlwind ceremonial dance and placed on him the brightly feathered headpiece of a chief.

THE EVENT took place in the Statler Hotel before 1,000 members of the 114 Mission Circles of this archdiocese assembled for their first get-together since being founded eight years ago.

The Apaches were from St. John's Mission, Komatke Village, Laveen, Arizona. They came to express their appreciation for the growing mission-consciousness of this archdiocese and for the Cardinal's aid to Indian missions.

They said it in actions by their spirited dancing and in words by making Cardinal McIntyre a chief of their tribe.

THE CHIEF'S headpiece, tall and becoming on the Cardinal, was placed on his head by a young Indian who announced the Cardinal's Indian name in the Apache language and then translated it as "Red Robe Friend of the Red Indians."

Cardinal McIntyre complimented the Indians for their dancing and thanked them for the honor bestowed on him.



CARDINAL MCINTYRE 'Red Robe Friend'

He said the young Indian had placed the headpiece "as artfully as Msgr. Hawkes puts the mitre on my head." Msgr. Hawkes is the Cardinal's secretary and is master of ceremonies at many functions.

How Should I Explain Facts Of Life To A Curious Seven Year Old Child?

By FATHER JOHN I. THOMAS, S.J.

What should you tell your seven year old daughter when she asks why "mommy's tummy" is getting big? I'm carrying our sixth and it's becoming noticeable. We know she has talked with the neighbor's children about other women in my condition. We want to do what's right, but don't know how much to tell or how to tell it.

According to experts, Nina, little girls, like their mothers, notice everything!

As you say, she has already discussed the subject of pregnancy with her friends and has undoubtedly received considerable information or misinformation by now. This means that you are starting your instructions a little late.

I don't think there's much cause for worry, however, because your little daughter apparently feels free to ask you questions. As long as she keeps coming to you for the right answers, you have no reason to feel concern.

But you want to know when, how much, and how to tell her the things that she ought to know. Since you have other children who must be instructed, and many other couples have raised these same questions, let's start out by stating a few broad principles covering this area of parental instruction.

IN THE CHILD'S early years, parents are regarded as the chief source of knowledge.

The child thinks of parents as people who have all the answers. If they don't answer his routine question concerning sex, his curiosity will be aroused and he'll seek information elsewhere.

Don't project your adult feelings and attitudes into the child's questions.

During the early years, the child asks innumerable, random, superficial questions about everything. If his curiosity isn't specially alerted by your reaction to his questions, he doesn't stay at any one subject very long. Hence, questions should be answered truthfully, but in the broadest, most superficial way they are asked. As someone has remarked, you can tell your children are asking questions that really make sense.

YOUR LITTLE girl is old enough to start asking questions that make sense, and she had best get the answers from you.



Remember, sex is not yet a personal matter to her. She wants information, both because her mind is made to know, and she doesn't like to appear dumb to her little playmates. Tell her simply in your own words that God has blessed you, and you are carrying a baby. What details you give her will depend upon how much she already knows. She'll probably come back to the subject frequently, and you can extend her knowledge as you see fit.

Proper attitudes rather than detailed facts are important: joy, wonder, and gratitude at the way that God and her parents are cooperating in the "miracle" of producing a new baby sister or brother.

Boys and girls develop differently, ask different questions, and tend to have different needs for instruction in this as in all other matters. You will learn this from the different questions they ask.

There are two broad, closely related but distinct stages in acquiring mature attitudes toward sex.

During the first stage, emphasis is on facts, not feelings. The whole matter is impersonal.

At puberty, however, sex is recognized as an intimately personal quality. Curiosity and the desire for information are still operative, but since sex now becomes a highly personal affair, parents should take it for granted that the adolescent also needs the counsel of a spiritual director.

I recognize, Nina, that many parents like yourself seek more than general directives.

AN EXCELLENT book designed for your needs has been written by Father Henry Sator, "Parents, Children, and the Facts of Life" (St. Anthony Guild Press, Paterson, N.J. It also appears in a popular, paper-back edition).

This work discusses the what, how, and the when in a way that all parents can understand.

Although parents should be conversant about the instruction and guidance of their children in this matter, there is no cause for undue anxiety. Rely on your common sense, the sacramental grace of your parental vocation, and prayer.

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