

## Medical Nuns' Head To Visit Rochester

The foundress of the Medical Missionaries of Mary will be in Rochester this week to say "thank you" for extensive aid given her mission nuns in Africa.

REV. MOTHER MARY MARTIN, one of the few living founders of a Catholic religious order, will also tour Rochester industrial plants world-famous for products used in hospitals and dental clinics.



MOTHER MARY MARTIN

She will also study hospital administration, nurse training, and dental training in Rochester.

Her week's stay will include visits to St. Mary's Hospital, Strong Memorial Hospital, and the new Northside Hospital as also the Rochester Dental Dispensary.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS of her visit here will be a tour of Eastman Kodak Company, noted for its x-ray film, Wilmot Castle Co., manufacturers of medical sterilizers, Bausch and Lomb Co., famed for its microscopes, and other Rochester area industries.

Arranging her visit to Rochester is Dr. Paul S. Lafonde who has spent three six-months periods with nuns of her order in Tanganyika. The Rochester dentist plans to return in January for another six-month tour to bring dental health to the natives of that east coast country of equatorial Africa.

MOTHER MARY established her medical sisterhood in 1937 after witnessing first-hand the poverty, misery, and chronic ill health of African natives. The Dublin nurse served in World War I and later visited Africa where she conceived her idea of "medical missionaries."

The energetic nun now counts 450 sisters in the order and a total of 21 hospitals in Africa.

DR. LALONDE "discovered" the nuns in Tanganyika while on a hunting safari in 1954. He has since collected supplies of medicines, clothes, and medical equipment from Rochester friends for the African mission outpost.

Mother Mary, in America for the dedication of an enlarged novitiate of her order at Boston, said she also had to come to say "thank you" to the people of the Rochester Diocese.

### Warning Given On 'Beggars'

Be wary of religious garbed people who go door-to-door asking donations, the Chancery warned this week.

Charlatans and fakery are known to pose as priests and nuns to obtain funds from generous people.

The Chancery gives authentic priests and nuns a written document signed by a Chancery official to permit them to seek contributions.

The Chancery does not give permission for door-to-door begging to be especially careful about contributing in such cases.

People of the Rochester Diocese area are advised to give their donations to reputable church and charitable groups rather than to unknown persons.

### CWV Announce '59 Convention

Pittsburgh—(NC)—The 1959 convention of the Catholic War Veterans and the CWV ladies auxiliary will be held here at the Penn Sheraton Hotel from August 12 to 15.

The convention will coincide with Pittsburgh's celebration of its bicentennial year.

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Sister Christine Francis of Nazareth College faculty conducts outdoor botany class for summer students including nuns of various orders attending the East Avenue school. (Other photo on Page 6.)

## Over Four Hundred Sisters Enrolled In Nazareth College Summer Courses

By FRANK KELLY

Summertime is anything but a rest period for Sisters—a visit to Nazareth College this week revealed.

Over 400 Nuns representing 25 religious communities from both inside and outside this country are enrolled at the East Avenue campus taking courses in Nazareth's six-week Summer session.

A visit to the campus will show the diversification of the different orders.

For instance, there are seven different kinds of Sisters of St. Joseph—from Rochester, Brooklyn, Boston, Vermont, Buffalo, Detroit and Hartford—studying at Nazareth this Summer.

Of course, the Sisters of Mercy and the School Sisters of Notre Dame, who conduct schools in Rochester are also here to study. But, one of the Notre Dame Sisters traveled from Puerto Rico to take the six-week course.

Other orders represented include the Ursulines, Dominicans, Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, Sisters of Charity of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Daughters of Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus from Canada, Sisters of the Resurrection and four different kinds of Franciscan Nuns.

Nuns are represented from such far away places as South Carolina and Wisconsin. Most of the Sisters come from the Northeastern states, however.

THE SISTERS came to Nazareth for many different courses. About 40 of them are doing graduate and undergraduate work in the music department with the rest taking courses in the education and library departments.

Work in the school is not strictly done on the college campus, however.

The Nuns taking Sister Christine Francis' Botany course can be found almost daily examining trees, bushes—even weeds—on the campus, but field-trips have also been included in the curriculum.

Last week, members of this department took a trip to Letchworth State Park and further trips are to be taken to Mendon Ponds Park and the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva.

Conducting the Summer school are members of the

Flowers are God's creations. Their silent eloquence is the fitting tribute in the hour of sorrow. Blanchard Florist, 58 Lake Avenue, open daily from 3 A.M. to 6 P.M. BA 4-9444—Adv.

Dame while Sister Christine Francis—after she completes her Summer teaching assignment—will attend a botany workshop at Bucknell University in Meadville, Pa.

THIS SUMMER "rest period" also means a heavy work schedule for the college's administrative staff. After completing the registration for all those taking the Summer course, the staff immediately started work on the Fall semester.

This fall, Nazareth expects to have the largest freshman class in its history. Naturally, they are trying to get every student in that they can, which will mean some overcrowding until the new dormitory is finished in January, 1959.

In their spare time—what little they have—the Sisters try to catch up on their sewing and patch up work. For recreation, they plan picnics, do some favorite reading and, once in a great while, use the campus' tennis facilities.

## Rome Permits Vernacular Mass Rite In Formosa

Taipei—(RNS)—Maryknoll missionaries in Taichung have been responsible for High Mass being sung in the vernacular for the first time in the history of the Catholic Church in Formosa.

Some months ago Father William Kupfer, M.M., Prefect Apostolic of Taichung, obtained permission from the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome to use Taiwanese, the language spoken by some seven million Formosan natives.

The initial difficulty was to provide suitable melodies. This was overcome, however, by Father James A. Collignon, M.M., who set to work on a composition based on the Gregorian Eighth Mass, simplifying the melody so that it could readily be learned by the people.

## Dead At 17, Nun Now 99

Dublin—(RNS)—An American-born girl who was medically certified as "dead" when she was 17 is now celebrating her, at 99, the 75th anniversary of her profession in the Order of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

SISTER DELPHINE de St. Paul Keusch was born of German and Swiss parents in Detroit on March 6, 1859, and is the oldest member of her order.

She owes her life to a sister who insisted on her coffin being

## Pope Pius Tells Girls

# World Needs More Nuns

Vatican City—(RNS)—A call for more young women to enter the religious life was sounded by Pope Pius XII at an audience to some 50,000 teen-age girls from all parts of Italy.

The visitors represented the feminine youth section of the Italian Catholic Action which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Carried from the bronze door of the Apostolic Palace on his portable throne, the Pope, clad in gleaming white, told the cheering thousands that with their presence "this square seems marvelously transformed into a stupendous flower garden."

He said that some of the young people would become wives and mothers, but others would, and should, dedicate themselves as virgins in the service of Christ.

"If the Lord calls," the Pope exhorted, "answer joyfully, 'yes.'"

"We have often deplored the mistakes of those who believe that the Christian virgin is someone incomplete, someone who cannot reach a perfection of life.

"Rather, virginity is the possibility to love an angelic life and is a state superior to the matrimonial state. At the same time, of course, this does not deprive married life of its beauty and grandeur."

Pointing to the work of nuns in many fields, the Pope extolled in particular the activities of nuns among "orphans who want a mother, the sick who need those who will help them with love, the aged who implore filial aid," as well as in Church-run schools and Catholic mission fields.

CONVENT LIFE, the Pope reminded the young women, means poverty, self-sacrifice and the renunciation of family ties.

But it also, he added, means "profound, unspeakable joy even on earth, while in heaven special glory awaits you."

The Pontiff concluded by telling those among his hearers who would some day be married that besides becoming "cooperators of God in the transmission of life, it is necessary for you to have a strong desire to become saints." He told them they should inspire themselves with the example of the Virgin Mary who received from God "the crown of a spouse and the dignity of a mother."

## Pope Asks Novena For Persecuted

Vatican City—(NC)—Pope Pius XII has called Catholics of the world to join in a novena of prayer for the persecuted Church before the August 15 feast of the Blessed Virgin's Assumption into heaven.

He made the appeal in an encyclical issued this week titled "Memento Juvat—Mindfully Recalling."

The Pope also made a strong plea for world peace warning nations that modern weapons threaten the "universal extermination of mankind."

## 'Day Of Hunger' To Help Hungry

Lucerne—(NC)—A "Day of Hunger" will be held November 19 under the auspices of the Swiss League of Catholic Women.

On that day the League is asking all Swiss people to deprive themselves of something and offer the money saved to the hungry millions in the world. The League will handle the collection, sending the proceeds to Swiss Missionaries working in India.

## Midnight Emergency



WHAT'S GOING ON? ask Mr. and Mrs. John Gallipau of 75 Elm St., Geneva, subscribers for over 25 years to the Courier Journal, as they watch the diocesan paper come off the press of the Geneva Times.

## Geneva

# Good Neighbor Prints Courier

The dean of New York State's newspaper publishers has rescued the Catholic Courier Journal as the diocesan paper viewed its own smashed up presses.

Folding equipment for the Courier at the Christopher Press, Rochester, jammed and smashed after only 17,000 of last week's issue were off the presses.

Mechanics announced the bleak news that repair work would take about two weeks.

Martin Q. Moll, Christopher Press head, phoned an emergency plea for help to the Geneva Times which has a similar model press.

Mr. George E. Williams, president and editor of the Geneva paper, gave his approval to run the remaining 40,000 Couriers on his press.

Then began the task of switching the whole complicated and closely coordinated process of printing and mailing last week's Courier.

Frank Brown, mechanical superintendent of the Christopher Press, trucked the 16 heavy, lead press plants in his station wagon to Geneva.

John F. Bertram, general manager and treasurer of the Geneva paper, cleared the way here for the night long printing job.

Harry Horton, foreman of the Geneva press room, was called back from his vacation for the emergency. A six man crew of printers and bundlers came back after a day long job of getting out the Geneva paper and readied the presses for the Courier.

As the shop lights glared across Geneva's Elm Street and the presses roared in the usual quiet night time, curious Genevans stopped to ask, "What's going on?"

The press run was completed at 1 a.m. and then the 40,000 copies were rushed to Rochester where waiting mailers started addressing them.

As delivery deadlines neared, post office officials speeded all

available copies off to subscribers. Only about 5,000 copies out of a 56,000 total were not ready in time for Friday delivery.

THIS WEEK'S 56,235 copies of the Courier are also being printed in Geneva, the largest press run in this city's history.

Monsignor John S. Randall, managing editor of the Courier Journal, voiced the diocesan paper's gratitude to Mr. Williams and all who cooperated in aiding the Courier Journal in its urgent hour of need.



## Richmond Bishop

Richmond—(NC)—Bishop John J. Russell, Ordinary of the Diocese of Charleston the past eight years has been named Bishop of the Diocese of Richmond, Va., which has been vacant since the death of Bishop Peter I. Ireton in April, 1952. The Richmond See comprises most of the state of Virginia and eight counties of West Virginia.

## Villanova Gets Chemistry Grant

Villanova—(NC)—A grant of \$15,500 has been awarded to Villanova University by the National Science Foundation for a basic research project in chemistry.

## 'Untouchables' Made Citizens

Bombay, India—(NC)—Reversing its former policy of discrimination, the government of Bombay state has extended full rights to members of the Harijan classes who have been converted to Christianity.

Harijans belong to the former untouchable caste of the Hindu religion. When the caste system was abolished by the Indian Constitution of 1950, certain concessions were made to the Harijans, who were economically and socially behind most Indians.