

Prelate Asks 'More Priests' From America

La Paz, Bolivia (NC)—What the Church needs in Bolivia is more and more North American priests and religious. Archbishop Umberto Mozzoni declared here.

THE ARCHBISHOP spoke as he left here for Buenos Aires to take up his new post, as Apostolic Nuncio of Argentina, after serving as Nuncio to this country for the past four years.

Shortly before his departure he was awarded Bolivia's highest decoration, the Order of the Condor, by President Hernan Siles Zuazo.

During his years of service here Archbishop Mozzoni was responsible for encouraging priests from St. Louis archdiocese to come to Bolivia. They are the first group of diocesan priests from the U.S. to work as a team in South America.

During that time he welcomed more than a dozen Franciscan priests and Brothers who undertook work among the Indians.

Among others coming to Bolivia at the behest of the Nuncio were Dominican Fathers of the Chicago province and two priests were sent by Bishop John P. Treacy of La Crosse, Wis., to Bishop Augustin Arce Mestizo of Santa Cruz.

Priest Becomes Top Court Lawyer

Washington (RNS)—A lawyer since 1955, the Rev. George E. Gray, curate of St. Mary's Catholic church, Melrose, Mass., was admitted to the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court here.

As a young curate at St. Ambrose parish, Dorchester, Mass., Father Gray turned to books of law to help guide boys in legal trouble. He decided to enroll at Boston College of Law and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar.

"I've done lots of court work as a priest and thought there would be a great advantage for me as well as the archdiocese to know more about court procedure," he said.



Mail Early For Christmas

Sister Mirjam tells eighth grader Diane Sedlickas to get her Christmas cards in the mail soon to assure delivery before the feast day. Forgive-hound cards should be air mailed this week. Sister also advises Diane to address her cards clearly and to use the postal zone numbers.

Pope Pius XII Scheduled Lourdes Shrine Visit

Lourdes (NC)—Pope Pius XII had made plans to visit Lourdes the past August 15 but canceled them at the last minute because of ill health, it was stated here.

Father Emile Gabel, director of the Lourdes-Information news bulletin, said that the late Pontiff was scheduled to visit the Marian shrine on the feast of the Assumption and attend ceremonies marking the international pilgrimage of workers.

The Pontiff was to fly from Rome by special French jet airliner directly to Lourdes, where he was scheduled to celebrate Mass in the underground-Basilica of St. Pius X and deliver a message to the workers.

Father Gabel said the news that the Pope had canceled his plans for reasons of ill health was transmitted to Lourdes on August 14, while preparations for his arrival were being completed.

Israeli Priest Predicts Conversion Of Jews

By Father Elias of the Queen of Carmel, O.C.D.

Nazareth (NC)—Father Joseph Shmueloff, the first Jewish native of the Holy Land to be ordained a priest in the State of Israel, sees the return of the Jews to the Holy Land as the prelude to their entry into the Church.

His brown eyes flash when he speaks of his conviction that the people who were the Church-in-the-making before the coming of Christ are approaching the time when they will know Him as the Messiah and become members of His Mystical Body.

FATHER SHMUELOFF was ordained in the Byzantine Rite last June 22 by Bishop Georges Hakim of the Diocese of Acre of the Melkites. His parents are of Persian-Jewish origin. He himself was born in Jerusalem and educated there.

During World War II — when Palestine was under British mandate — he served in Libya as a medical orderly in a Jewish unit. Subsequently taken prisoner in Greece, he found himself in a POW camp in Yugoslavia.

Father Shmueloff recalled here that his first serious contact with the New Testament came about while he was a prisoner in Nazi-occupied Yugo-

slavia: He traded seven cigarettes for a copy.

Freed by American forces in 1945, he made his way to England and arranged to be baptized at the first Catholic church he could find.

In the same year Joseph Shmueloff was back in Palestine with a budding vocation. It came to fruition with his ordination last June, and he is now a secular priest under Bishop Hakim, who is known as the "Bishop of Galilee."

AN ISRAELI citizen, Father Shmueloff's passport lists him as being of Jewish nationality. He has cordial relations with his family in Jerusalem and with Jewish friends throughout the country, visiting them periodically in the long black soutane of a Melkite priest.

Father Shmueloff speaks 12 languages and has a working knowledge of three others. He has composed a number of Christian prayers in Hebrew. His present assignment is teaching Seminary here in Nazareth.

He is known to the junior seminarians as Abuna Joseph, "Abuna" being the Arabic form of "father" used in addressing the clergy.

Blesses Glass Church

Milan Cardinal Accepts 'Homage Of Ingenuity'

Milan (NC) — The first all-glass church to be built in Italy has been praised by Archbishop Giovanni Montini of Milan as a reminder of what the house of the Lord should be.

He said, "I am here to open my arms to everything new which art gives me. I have no prejudice against what is novelty as long as it is not the whim and fruit of ignorance. I am happy to welcome the homage of ingenuity and, I say to you, come and continue this effort to God something always new."

The walls of the church are of opaque glass and the ceiling is of a prefabricated material made from compressed glass. The rectangular church is extremely

plain with an altar placed in the center of the building.

The cost of the church and the land on which it stands was given by two Milanese families in response to the Archbishop's plea to build more churches in the fast growing suburbs around industrial Milan.

Business Education Meeting (Chicago) (NC) — The annual convention of the Midwest unit of the Catholic Business Education Association is being held at the Palmer House hotel here on Nov. 29.

Mass Now Said In Hebrew

Jerusalem (NC) — Five Latin Rite priests in this country are now celebrating parts of the Mass in Hebrew with the special permission of the Holy See.

The facilities granted by the Holy See provide for use of Hebrew, Israeli vernacular language, for the Mass of the Catechumens—the part of the Mass extending from the beginning up until the Offertory and also Communion prayers and concluding portions of the Mass.

The same rescript providing for Hebrew in the Mass also allows each of the five priests to recite the Divine Office in Hebrew.

Polish Priests

Obra (NC)—Archbishop Antoni Beranlak of Poznan ordained 17 priests and 7 sub-deacons at the Oblate seminary here.

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