

Catholics Called To Aid Refugees

Lonely Child Has No Home

By ROBERT SMETT

Few tragedies in this world are more heart-breaking than the loneliness of a little child who has no home.

At this very moment there are two colored youngsters, a brother and sister, 12 and 14 years old, healthy, bright, loving — but with no place to call home.

There are two babies, a one-year-old, the other four, of mixed blood, "bright as periwinkles," happy — too young to realize that they are without mother or father.

There are others. A boy of nine, slow to learn, loving, but unhappy from a feeling of insecurity; a dark-haired little beauty of 6, an outgoing and warm little girl with a need for adult love — young teenagers threatened with the dangers that today beset their particular age group because they do not have that special protection that only a home can give.

These are a few of the problems facing our Catholic Family Center in the Rochester Diocese. The center's slogan is "no room in the inn" — is its daily concern.

The cases noted above are all special ones and need to find foster homes for these youngsters is immediate. Our Diocesan agency sent out an appeal this week for help in placing these children where they will find care, attention and much-needed love. The two infants are available for adoption.

To foster homes, the Catholic Family Center contributes \$13.50 a week for care of infants, \$12.00 for youngsters from 1 to 13 and \$14.00 for those who are older. Clothing, medical care, school supplies and all other necessities as well as "extras" are provided for by the agency.

Persons interested in providing a foster home may contact Mrs. Sarah Keller, Catholic Family Center, Foster Home Dept., 50 Chestnut St., Rochester 4.

Chief requirement of the foster parents — love. And it will be returned in the abundance of which only a child is capable.

UN Agency Seeks End To Race Bias

Geneva — (RNS) — A resolution urging the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to intensify its activities against discrimination and prejudice was unanimously adopted here by the Second UN Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations aimed at eliminating such practices.

The resolution was submitted jointly by nine bodies, including the Commission of the Church on International Affairs, the joint agency of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council, the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, the International Federation of Christian Trade Unions, and the International organization of Roman Catholic university graduates and students.

The resolution also invited UNESCO to convene meetings of educators, social scientists and other experts on methods and techniques for combating prejudice and discrimination "for purposes of evaluation, demonstration and improvement."

Church Built Buddhist Style

Bangkok, Thailand — (NC) — A Catholic church here built in the style of a Buddhist temple has aroused a great deal of comment.

The first Catholic church of this type in southeast Asia, it was built by the Redemptorist Fathers of the St. Louis Province.

Brides Of Christ



Faith Blamed For Divorce

Berlin — (RNS) — An East German district court, granting a divorce to a Communist official, ruled that his Christian wife's religious activities were responsible for the marriage's breakdown.

"I declared that 'in our state of workers and peasants, a man cannot be expected to remain connected with a woman who in increasing measure has turned toward the Church.'"

The Communist court said the woman had "originally led a god marriage, but since 1946 turned more and more toward religion by going to church every Sunday morning and being active at church events at least twice a week."

Korea Convert Total Mounts

Kwangju — (NC) — During the past year 7,123 adult converts were reported in the Kwangju apostolic vicariate. It has been reported by Bishop Harold Henry S.S.C., Apostolic Vicar.

Twenty-Eight Don Garb Of St. Joseph Sisters

A class of twenty-eight young women received the habit of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and nineteen junior religious made their perpetual vows on Tuesday, June 30, in the chapel of Nazareth Convent, Pittsford.

Monsignor Richard K. Burns, diocesan vicar for religious, presided over the double ceremony.

In the presence of their parents and relatives the postulants entered the chapel as brides of Christ and knelt at the altar to ask for the holy habit. At their ritual entreaty, Monsignor Burns blessed the habits, veils, rosaries and enclosures, which were brought to him by the attendants.

He then sent the young women forth to exchange their bridal dress for the habit of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

The postulants were replaced at the altar by 19 young religious who have completed seven years of novitiate and juniorate training.

Receiving individually the impressive formula of profession, these Sisters vowed "perpetual poverty," chastity and obedience in the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Monsignor Burns then blessed the profession enclosures and gave one to each nun.

Following the profession ceremony, the nun-made postulants re-entered the chapel and were given the names by which they will be known in religion.

Sister Mary Immaculate (Mary Lee Bishop), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bishop, St. Anthony's parish, Croton.

Sister Mary Paula (Frances M. Tibbels), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tibbels, St. Rita's, West Webster.

Sister Maria (Mary Joan Gleason), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gleason, St. Peter's, Ledy.

Sister Mary Celestine (Judith A. Regeer), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Regeer, St. Anne's, Rochester.

Sister Mary Pella (Mary Ann Brunett), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brunett, St. Boniface, Rochester.

Sister Mary St. Anne (Mary B. Weizer), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Weizer, St. John the Evangelist, Greece.

Sister Mary Carol (Carol Maciejewski), daughter of Mrs. John Maciejewski, St. Stanislaus, Rochester.

Sister Mary Katka (Joan T. Sobala), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Sobala, Our Mother of Good Counsel, Blasdell.

Mrs. Edward Meyer, Holy Family, Auburn.

Sister Mary Rosalia (Marda A. Fedyk), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Fedyk, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester.

Sister Mary Christine (Mary Ann Mayer), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. Mayer, St. Margaret Mary, Irondequoit.

Sister Mary Edwina (Catherine Heverin), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heverin, Holy Family, Auburn.

Sister Mary Johanna (Barbara J. Kuhn), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard P. Kuhn, St. Joseph's, Wayland.

Sister Mary Elissa (Nancy E. Murphy), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy, St. Charles Borromeo, Greece.

Sister Mary Carmella (Mary Katherine Ryan), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Ryan, St. Charles Borromeo.

Sister Mary Gerarda (Mary Ann Raymond), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Leslie Raymond, St. Charles Borromeo, Greece.

Sister Mary Dionysia (Barbara D. Fox), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis R. Fox, Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Sister Mary St. George (Elizabeth A. Cronan), daughter of the late Mr. George Cronan and Mrs. George Cronan, Holy Rosary, Rochester.

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Presidential \$5 For Church

Gettysburg — (RNS) — "That's for going to church today," said a smiling President Eisenhower as he handed 13-year-old Roy Fairman, Jr., a crisp new \$5 bill.

The lad, who often caddies for the President at the Gettysburg Country Club, raised out this time when he and his mother decided to go to the same Presbyterian services as President Eisenhower.

Young Roy was too late to caddy for the Chief Executive because he couldn't get to the golf course fast enough after the service. The President left in a chauffeured limousine.

But after getting the President saw Roy standing under a tree and dug out the \$5.

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More Catholics In Public Schools

New York — (NC) — A leading Catholic educator has predicted that "the proportion of Catholic children in Catholic schools may decline" rather than increase.

Mrsgr. Carl J. Ryan, Cincinnati archdiocesan superintendent of schools, raised the question of "what grades to drop" in order that the rest may be saved in cases where a complete Catholic elementary and high school program no longer can be maintained.

Writing in the current issue of the Homiletic and Pastoral Review, a magazine published here, Mrsgr. Ryan declared:

"No one who has any knowledge of what is taking place in Catholic education in the United States today has any hope that the ideal of every Catholic child in a Catholic school will be realized in the foreseeable future."

Working against that ideal, he said, are the following factors:

1. The constantly increasing expenditures for public education.
2. The raising of educational standards.
3. The need for employing more lay teachers at higher salaries.
4. The increased social and psychological services schools are expected to provide.
5. The necessity for taking care of special pupils.

In determining which grade or grades to drop from the Catholic school where such a measure must be adopted, Mrsgr. Ryan suggested that the "attitude of the Catholic people toward their Catholic schools" must be considered.

"Where the spirit of the community is such that they really want their children in a Catholic school," he wrote, "it might not make much difference on which level they went to a public school — since it may be presumed that their children would return to a Catholic school when the opportunity presented itself."

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Pope Asks Defence Of Poor

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, in a special message for the opening of the World Refugee Year, exhorted Roman Catholics throughout the globe to collaborate "generously and efficaciously" in easing "the lot of those who live in exile far away from their homelands."

Speaking in fluent French over Radio Vatican, the Pontiff expressed his wholehearted support of the observance proclaimed by the UN General Assembly, and urged the faithful to carry on the "precious heritage of charity and of defense of the poor — one of the loveliest flowers of the Catholic Church."

"Today, as everybody knows," Pope John said, "there are hundreds of thousands of refugees, victims in divers ways of the upheavals of recent years, who are still held in camps or lodged in huts, humiliated in their dignity of human beings, and sometimes exposed to the worst temptations of discouragement and despair."

"What kind-hearted man could remain indifferent to that plight of many men, women and even children, deprived through no fault of their own, of some of the most fundamental rights of the human person; families divided up in spite of their own wishes, but separated from their wives, children kept away from their parents?"

Pope John described the plight of displaced persons as a "sorrowful anomaly" in modern society, and urged all Catholics to take the matter to their hearts and do whatever is in his power in order to bring this sad situation to an end.

He noted the efforts made on behalf of refugees of the first World War by Pope Benedict XV and for those of World War II by the Holy See, how enormous the relief supplies of every kind that went forth from Vatican City during those tragic years.

"LET EVERYBODY endeavor according to his means, said Pope John, to 'ensure a more happy lot for his unfortunate brothers, remembering that in many cases their attachment to the Church and to Christ are not unconnected with their present day plight. And if anybody should be tempted — which God forbid — to close his heart to this appeal, let him recall to memory the grave admonition of Our Predecessor, Pope Pius:

"And if you remain unmoved by the sufferings of the refugee, wandering hither and thither without status, where is that solidarity which you ought to feel with him, knowing as you do that his lot today may be yours tomorrow?"

Pope John urged priests to draw the attention of their faithful to this invitation of Providence to make manifest their sentiments of Christian charity."

He cited as an "important result" already achieved on the international level the drawing up and the adoption of a considerable number of States at the Convention of 1951 on the Status of Refugees. "Would that these States," Pope John stressed, "and others likewise, might throw open their frontiers even more generously and speedily bring about the human and social resettlement of so many unfortunate people!"

Masses Said Atop Mountain

Alexishafen — (NC) — Two American priests have returned here after celebrating Mass on the top of 15,400-foot Mt. Wilhelm, highest mountain in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

The Masses (on June 5) were the first ever to be celebrated on top of Mt. Wilhelm.

The priests are Divine Word missionaries of the Alexishafen Vicariate, Father Bernard Johnson, head of Wararuk Mission, who is from Milwaukee, and Father Raphael M. Wiltgen, historian of the vicariate, who is from Chicago.



THESE TWO TOTS NEVER HEARD OF LITTLE ROCK. Black and white are only colors to children in need of a home, naturally clinging together in their loneliness.