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MARYKNOLLER Sister Camille Marie and Dr. Esther Pura talk over Sister's experiences in Dr. Pura's native Philippines.

Philippine Doctor Meets Missioner From Homeland

By BASIL VAILLANCOURT

A happy and unexpected event was brought about last Friday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira.

Sister Camille Marie, R.N., a Maryknoll Missionary Sister, visited her alma mater and met Dr. Esther Pura, an intern from the Philippines.

The good Sister and the Doctor enjoyed a long chat in the Visayan dialect, spoken in the Bicolod City area, home of Dr. Pura. The hospital where Sister served as nurse on general duty and later in the operating room is owned and maintained by the Victoria Milling Co. Building marked by 10 Maryknoll Sisters, including a pharmacist, a laboratory technician, nurses and aides.

Dr. Pura TOLD how she has, as a student in high school, taught religion to the children

in grammar school and as a college student taught the high school students religion.

Sister related that in the Philippines there are six major languages and over 81 dialects spoken, but English is now generally used in the school system and that Tagalog, the national language is a required subject.

In a short time Sister will leave for a new assignment in Guatemala City, capital of the Republic of Guatemala in Central America where she will serve as nurse in Monte Maria school, staffed by the Maryknoll Sisters and with a population of over 500 girls.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Block of Danville, N.Y., Sister Camille Marie attended St. Patrick grammar school and Central High school in Danville before entering the School of Nursing at St. Joseph's in 1942.

FOLLOWING HER graduation as a nurse in 1945 she entered the Maryknoll Motherhouse in Ossining, N.Y., where she completed her training before venturing in the Bicolod field. The year is formally known as the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic.

Sister looks forward to her Mission in Guatemala City, as she stated, "there is so much to be done to all the physical disabilities of the people and make me contribute to their spiritual welfare."

At her local school Sister will meet Dr. Robert L. Keenan, a sister of Sister St. Dorothy (Keenan) of Nazareth Academy in Rochester.

So, Sister Camille Marie will once again leave her home for distant fields in Mission work—3000 miles from her native country as Dr. Esther Pura remains here to continue her studies in Medicine—10,000 miles from her home.

BOTH ARE determined to give their lives to the needs of their fellow humans—the one in Religion and the Art of Nursing and the other through her Medical skill—for the greater honor and glory of God, place at stake.

While in Elmira, Sister Marie had an opportunity to visit her own sister, Mrs. Francis G. (Virginia) Trout, a 1941 graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing.

Sister Callista, a native of Geneva, died in St. Mary's Hospital, Nov. 4, 1959 after an illness of three months. One of her sisters, Sister M. Carline is also a teacher at Nazareth Academy.

AOH Bowlers Begin 8th Week

Two points separated the first division teams, as the Elmira A.O.H. bowlers began their eighth week of the season.

Prior to last Friday's action, Down and Meath shared the top spot with 15-0 records. Down won two games from Meath and captured a third point by outstriking the losers. The loss dropped Meath to third place.

Clare, barely in third place a week ago, swept four points from the cellar-dwelling Terns to grab the second perch with a 17-11 mark.

In a second division battle, Mayo, last year's champion, ousted defending champion Cork from fourth place with a 4-1 victory.

JIM POWELL and Jim Sullivan powered Down over Meath, with each of them totaling up with a 200 effort. Powell registered a 205 and a 400 total, while Sullivan posted a 201 and a 400 total.

Meath's Dan McCarthy was high man for both teams with 170-164-167-501.

Down is now 12-10 and Meath 15-12. Clare was able to come through against Terns, despite the Elberian League's top performance of the campaign, led in by Bill Holbert. Bill, the top high average man at 178, totaled a high of 583 on games of 231-183 and 189.

Jerry Hogan paced Clare with a 500, including games of 203 and 180. Capt. Vin Trainor contributed a 189 total.

BOB DUFFY led Mayo over Cork, with a 502 and a 190 showing.

Announcement of the testimonial was made this week by Thomas F. Coggins of Elmira, Council 232, who will serve as chairman for the event.

District Deputy Claus is serving in his fifth year in that post.

Sodality Meet Draws 600

Workshop sessions designed to deepen the spiritual life of teenage Catholics and direct them to apostolic goals attracted nearly 600 enthusiastic high school Sodality members and their moderators to the first Diocesan High School Sodality Congress at Mercy Hall last Sunday.

The event, undertaken, sponsored jointly by the Sodality leaders of Aquinas Institute, McQuaid, St. Agnes High and Nazareth Academy, St. Agnes High and Our Lady of Mercy, drew delegations from St. Carmel High in Albany, St. Anthony High in Geneva and Notre Dame in Elmira.

Attendance was limited to "advanced" sodalists. Those already dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary by the Sodality Act of Consecration or those in serious probation for that step this year.

THE CONVENTION program included two general sessions, three workshops, Holy Mass at

noon, dinner and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Keynote address on "The Pope Calls to American Sodalists" was delivered by Rev. Richard Torrey, director of the High School Sodality Union.

Setting the stage for the deliberation of the Congress, Father Torrey offered the challenge that "Sodalists have the direct commission of the Holy Father to be the 'shock troops' of the Church—to train themselves to be disciplined young Catholics according to Sodality ideals."

Rev. Francis K. Drolet, S.J., Sodality promoter for New York State, was the day's main speaker. Leading a conference on "Prayer with the Mind," Father Drolet noted the gathering with the intent that 85% of Americans never say any morning prayers, and then proceeded to explain how and why they should be saying these

vocal prayers as well as their required fifteen minutes of mental prayer each day.

According to Father Drolet, "You can judge the depth of your prayer life by asking yourself this one question, 'How real is Christ to you?'"

Rev. JOHN R. Whitley, C.S.B., moderator of Aquinas Institute's Library Club, spoke on "The Wonders of Good Reading to Feed the Spirit." He encouraged use of spiritual books by emphasizing that "Good reading means the difference between a good inert Catholic and a good apostolic Catholic."

Two young lay apostles from the Professional Sodality of New York City, Dr. James Welton and Miss Ellen Usher, also directed workshop discussions. Their informal talks brought out the essentials of the apostolate of young Catholics "in completing Christ's work of Redemption on earth."

AS A FITTING climax to the inspirational day, Bishop Kearney presided over the sessions with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. He spoke to the sodalists on devotion to the Immaculate Conception. He urged Sodality members to participate in the triumph of Masses being offered in every parish before November 20, the date on which the people of America will dedicate the National Shrine in Washington, D.C., to Our Lady as Patroness of the United States.

After attending St. Francis de Sales Grammar School and St. Mary's High School, Geneva, Sister Howard Callista and St. Bonaventure College and Fordham University. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1916.

Besides Sister Callista, she is survived by a brother, John Mahoney and Geneva; three other sisters, Mrs. James McBride and Mrs. Charles Campbell of Geneva and Mrs. Margaret Warwick of Rochester.

Blessing at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery was given by Father Connell assisted by Rev. Mr. Joseph H. Gelfand and Father Schnack.

Solemn Requiem Held For Sister Callista

Funeral Mass for Sister M. Callista Mahoney, a teacher in Nazareth Academy for the past 32 years, was offered in Nazareth Convent, Elmira, Wednesday, Nov. 4.

Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Charles B. Connell assisted by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward K. Ball, V.F., deacon; Rev. John Coonan, sub-deacon and Rev. Albert H. Schnack, master of ceremonies.

Also in the sanctuary were Rev. Mr. John M. Duffy, Rev. John Redington and Rev. Daniel Brown.

A GUARD of honor comprised

Surrogate Gives Talk On Wills

Cornell — Surrogate George W. Pratt informed 75 members and guests of Court St. Joseph Catholic Daughters of America of the importance of making a will at a meeting last week.

Surrogate and Mrs. Pratt were dinner guests of the Court prior to a talk on "Wills" by the judge in the C. D. of A. room.

The speaker explained the pitfalls that could result if an individual has property to leave but neglected to make a will.

He used specific examples from personal experience to point out the wisdom of making a will. A will can solve many problems, he explained.

Mrs. William Rueckel and Mrs. Charles Houston were co-chairmen of the dinner.

KC To Honor Edward Claus

A testimonial dinner in honor of Edward A. Claus, Knights of Columbus district deputy, will be held Saturday night, Dec. 12 at Columbus Center, Elmira.

Announcement of the testimonial was made this week by Thomas F. Coggins of Elmira, Council 232, who will serve as chairman for the event.

District Deputy Claus is serving in his fifth year in that post.

Medical School Bombay—(N.C.)—India's first Catholic medical school will be opened in two years, it has been announced here by Cardinal Gracias of Bombay.

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