

Many More Needed

Santiago, Chile—The Maryknoll Fathers report that in their mission area here, 79 per cent of the 227,000 people are Catholic.

There are 37 Maryknoll priests, and five Brothers working in the area for an average of one priest for every 4,889 souls.

This is six times poorer than the United States, where there is approximately one priest for every 750 Catholics. However, the future of the Church in the area looks promising.

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By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

One wonders if Mary did not know the Inn-keeper of Bethlehem... Her family came from Bethlehem and had lived there for centuries. For this reason Mary had to go there to register since it was her family seat. Being descended from David, it is very likely that some members of the family retained, even after the decline of the royal line, some small measure of the world's goods.

Is it not, therefore, likely that Mary and Joseph first would have gone to a member of the family who would, of all people, be most likely to receive them because he was an Inn-keeper? If this be so, there would be a parallel between Our Lord coming into the world and Our Lady coming back to Bethlehem. St. John describes the Creator's advent into creation: "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." Then the Blessed Mother would have shared His rejection and we could say of her: "She came unto her own, and her own received her not."

What makes the stable so extraordinary is that a King and a Queen are in it. The King of Heaven and His Mother the Queen, who descended from the royal line of David. Was not the gold that the Wise Men brought a tribute to a King and a Queen? Was not the frankincense the symbol of the adoration of Jesus and the veneration of Mary? And the myrrh, was it not for the Cross of Jesus and the sword of Mary? We who work for the Foreign Missions, find little acceptance in the lux of the world. The rich hardly ever send us a gift. This is because the rich give to those who already have, e.g., gymnasium to a campus that already has twenty buildings. But the poor — they crowd the stables of the Missions all over the world. Having nothing, they understand the have-nots better. So on this Christmas we thank the poor for all of the sacrifices they have made, and we hope that the rich will not turn us from their inns.

GOD LOVE YOU to M.L.A. for \$7. Her family writes us: "The above donor, prior to undergoing an operation for amputation of her second leg (having lost the first in 1958), requested that her favorite charity, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, be remembered in case anything happened to her. She has been having more fun the past few years making donations to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. She has come by this bit of change by refusing to accept material gifts on occasions such as birthdays, Mother's Day, Christmas, etc. but asks only for a little cash. And this is what she has been doing with it: We thank God that He has spared her for a bit longer so that those of us who are privileged to live with her and those who have been privileged to associate with her can profit by her example of selflessness and thoughtfulness."... to Mrs. B.S. for \$260 "This represents \$5 of my pay each week for a year. I trust my intentions will be prayed for" ... to J.D. and V.P. for \$184 "We have been saving dimes, quarters and half dollars in a big bottle bank. Someday we plan to marry, but we are sure that someone needs this on the Mission now more than we will someday. We trust that if someday we are in need, God will provide" ... to C.M. for \$10 "This is the beginning of my pledge of \$1 a week for the Propagation of the Faith".

THE LIST OF OLD GOLD FOR THE MISSIONS: bracelets; costume jewelry (in good condition); cuff links; dentures (gold); dresser sets (silver combs and brushes); dishes (sterling silver or gold); earrings; eyeglass frames (gold); flatware (silver knives, forks, etc.); lockets; lodge pins; medals (gold); necklaces; pins, precious stones; watches; rings, etc. Check the above list and see if you have any OLD GOLD FOR THE MISSIONS. If so, send it to us; we will sell it and send the money to the Holy Father for the Missions.

At Home With Trudy McNall



Holiday Ham

By TRUDY MCNALL

Here You: The Tradition of Ham for the Holidays. No season of the year has more familiar customs than the Christmas holidays. Century old stories about jolly St. Nick, joyous Christmas music, and Dickens' "Christmas Carol" are just a few of the traditions that we all love. In the home the friendly kitchen is filled with delightful aromas — an unforgettable part of the holiday spirit.

Family gatherings and the entertaining of friends often call for more than one festive dinner. For an elegant entrée, regardless of the occasion feature a beautifully garnished baked ham. Baked ham has become a tradition for year round large dinner gatherings and it's especially appropriate for the Christmas season because it's easily dressed up with holiday garnish finery — sugar and spice and everything nice.

BAKED HAM is a nation-wide favorite and some sections of the country are particularly proud of their types of ham. Have you ever heard grandmother declare that there's just nothing as delicious as a Virginia or a Kentucky or Missouri Ham? These hams have a heavier cure than the familiar modern-type hams we find in our local markets.

Buying ham in our jet age is very simple. There's two kinds

of ham, the fully cooked and the cook-before eating. You just buy the kind that best fits into your time schedule.

Both kinds of ham come in a number of different styles: the short shank, semi-boneless and boneless. These styles of hams are available whole, or cut into halves, chunks or pieces, or slices. Here's a buying guide to help you.

SHORT SHANK HAM
...fully cooked and cook before eating
...shank bone cut short
...trimmed of excess fat and skin
...bone in

SEMI-BONELESS HAM
...fully cooked and cook before eating
...trimmed of excess fat and skin
...shank and sitch bones are removed leaving just one main bone

ROUND BONELESS HAM
...fully cooked. Trimmed of all skin and excess fat

HOSTESS HAM
...boneless — center cut slices from end to end
...fully cooked
...trimmed of all skin and excess fat
...boneless—slices easily from end to end—you eat all you buy.

The fully cooked ham is ready to slice and serve with no kitchen work other than the festive trim. If you wish to serve the ham hot, heat it in a slow oven of 325 degrees until the ham reaches an internal temperature of 130 degrees as indicated on a roast meat thermometer.

The COOK BEFORE EATING HAM is the kind you bake at home. This ham is ready for the table after baking in a slow oven of 325 degrees until the



Everybody likes ham

ham reaches an internal temperature of 160 degrees—about 18 to 20 minutes per pound. It's a good idea to plan the garnish for the ham platter ahead of time too.

Here's an idea for a garnish that matches the festiveness of the occasion and can be prepared ahead of time. Frosted

Sweet Potato Trees* This timely garnish is colorful and very delicious. It is a delightful complement to the Holiday Ham.

*FROSTED SWEET POTATO TREES
Slices canned pineapple, drained

2 1/2 c. cooked mashed sweet potatoes
1/4 c. Dairy sour cream
1 t. salt
2 T. pineapple syrup
2 T. Dairy Sour Cream
2 T. brown sugar

Place pineapple slices on a baking sheet. Whip sweet potatoes until fluffy. Add 1/4 c. Dairy sour cream, salt and pineapple syrup. Whip until smooth. Spoon 1/4 c. of sweet potato mixture slices and shape into a tree with the back of a spoon. Use 2 T. Dairy Sour Cream as "snow" on the "tree branches" over the baked hams and return to the oven for about 15 minutes or until the glaze is set.

A DELICIOUS HONEY GLAZE imparts a golden brown surface to your Holiday ham. Mix together 1/4 c. honey, 1 cup brown sugar, 2 T. orange juice, 1 teaspoon orange rind and 1 teaspoon lemon juice. Spread over the baked hams and return to the oven for about 15 minutes or until the glaze is set.

Note: You may want to score the fat surface to dress up the ham (as you see in the picture). This is also done 15 to 20 minutes before the ham has finished baking... in other words score, stud with cloves and add fruit glaze 15 to 20 minutes before baking period is up.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU MY READERS. MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE THE BRIGHTEST AND CHEERFULST EVER, AND MAY CHRISTMAS BRING YOU JOY TO LAST ALL YEAR AND A LITTLE BIT MORE... AND AS TINY TIM WOULD SAY, "GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE."

British Plan 'Adoption' Aid For Poland

London — (RNS) — William Cardinal Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster, disclosed here that a plan is being promoted by which Roman Catholic societies and various parishes in Britain might "adopt" needy communities in Communist-ruled Poland.

The cardinal presided at a meeting arranged by London's Catholic Council for Polish Welfare in connection with the World Refugee Year. He presented the Council with a check for \$1,400 to assist its work.

Noting that most of the Council's activities are directed toward Poland itself rather than Polish exiles and refugees abroad, Cardinal Godfrey said that little aid for their countrymen at home could be expected from Polish nationals in this country.

"The Poles in this country," he said, "now number about 130,000. Many are working in agriculture, industry and the mines. But many exiles from the war years are now beginning to grow old and their situation is precarious. There is also a younger generation of children of wartime exiles to be cared for."

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Amnesty For Exiles

At the same time the Bishops urged the government to give opposition parties a chance in the 1960 elections by granting an amnesty to political exiles and prisoners.

They said they had not authorized any party to call itself Catholic and pointed out the policies a Catholic party would have to pursue.

The Bishops spoke in a letter signed in their names by Archbishop Abel Arteaga y Rojas of La Paz and addressed to President Hernan Siles Zuzo.

The letter follows earlier warnings of a similar nature by Church authorities. In July, Bishop Juan T. Senner, O.F.M., of Cochabamba said there was grave danger of communist infiltration in the country because of political unrest and the economic crisis. He also protested against the attack on Bishop Luis Rodriguez Pardo of Santa Cruz by a militiaman who struck the prelate with a gun butt.

Bolivia — now undergoing severe social and economic difficulties marked by inflation, high prices and continual labor conflicts — has been ruled by the National Revolutionary Movement (MNR) since 1952. The MNR has adopted a program of land and social re-

Bolivia Said Leaning Left

La Paz — (NC) — Bolivia's Bishops have accused this nation's ruling party of calling itself anti-Red.

form, sought to incorporate Bolivia's large Indian population into the country's political life and nationalized the tin mines, the nation's main source of wealth. The decline in world tin prices is a major factor in the nation's current crisis.

Maryknoller Heads Korea Hierarchy

Seoul — (NC) — A U.S. bishop was named to two high positions in the Korean Church.

He is Bishop James V. Pardy, M.M., of Brooklyn, N.Y., Vicar Apostolic of Chongju, who was appointed president of the Catholic Central Committee, an organization similar to the National Catholic Welfare Conference in the U.S.

The appointments were made at the annual meeting of the Bishops in Korea. In addition, the 61-year-old prelate was made national director of Korea's Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

A veteran of the Korean missions, Bishop Pardy came here on his first mission assignment in 1932. In 1958, while serving as Vicar General of Maryknoll, the number two post in the society, he was named Vicar Apostolic of Chongju.

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'Heretic' Monk Said Canonization Candidate

Rome — (RNS) — Palestre Del Clero, a magazine published here by the Dominican Order said the Ecumenical Council plans to re-examine the case of Fra. Girolamo Savonarola, the Italian,

15th century preacher who was put to death in Florence as a heretic, and may propose a cause for his beatification.

SAVONAROLA was born at Ferrara in 1452 and died in 1498. The Dominican Order has always revered him, and saints such as Catherine de Ricci and Filippo Neri have expressed their admiration of the monk who preached incessantly against the licentiousness and immorality of the times in which he lived.

Drawing a closer parallel between the case of St. Joan of Arc and of Savonarola, the Dominican magazine said that the correctness of the monk's doctrines were recognized officially by the Church, first in 1517, and later on numerous other occasions.

National Group Seeks End To Race Bigotry

Chicago — (RNS) — Creation of a National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice was announced here by leaders of the Church's Interracial Council movement.

In a statement of purpose adopted by the new group, the leaders pledged to try to "meet the challenge of interracial relations in the life of the Mystical Body and in our communities here and in other parts of the world." They stressed that the 39 local councils would maintain their autonomy.

First chairman of the new Conference, which will open a national office in 1960, is Dr. John J. O'Connor, professor at Georgetown University.

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