

## New Parish

In Lima

Lima, Peru — Starting a new parish with nothing but the proverbial shooting "shouldn't prove too difficult" to this American priest.

For Father William B. McCarthy, M.M., of Waterbury, Conn., brings a mission career burdened with difficult tasks to his new assignment as pastor of a newly-erected parish in a poor section here.

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## BOOK SHELF

### Knox Biography

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA  
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The Life of Ronald Knox, by Evelyn Waugh Little, Brown & Co., 335 pp., Illustrated, \$3.50.

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In this column—and in MISSION magazine, we have often stressed the fact that there should be a novena of sacrifices, at least a novena of prayers; that is, sacrifices should be added to prayers. We have received many letters containing offering to the Holy Father's Society for the Propagation of the Faith in gratitude for favors received. Here is a very unusual letter of thanks:

Dear Bishop Sheen:  
When I was a senior in high school, I was not popular, but neither was I swamped with dates. During the summer before I entered college, I made a novena for a successful college life and also promised a nickel or a dime to the missions for each date. On the night of the ninth day of the novena, the first call came and since then I have had more dates than I know what to do with! In fact, my promise grew too expensive for my budget and so I have had to give up this particular form of sacrifice since I began going steady with a wonderful Catholic boy.

Sincerely,  
C. F.

Maybe you are too old for dates; maybe you have already made a date that will last until death, in the sacrament of matrimony. But there are still a number of dates available; a date with the lepers in Africa. . . . with the hundreds of natives who cannot crowd into our tiny chapels in Vietnam and Korea . . . with the young men who have vocation but cannot find a place in our seminaries for want of room.

The point is always add a promise of a sacrifice with every prayer of petition. If you want something from God, can you not do without some one of His gifts? Would you not do more readily a favor for someone who has done a favor for you? Do you not think Our Lord looks more favorably on those who help His Vicar on earth, than on those who ignore him in His place on the Mission? Your novenas, prayers alone are not worth as much as your novenas prayer added to a novena of sacrifices in the Name of Christ, the Divine Missionary. Try it, and see!

GOD LOVE YOU! — JAN. 14 — "I am a convert. There is not money enough in the world to equal the meaning that my Catholic Faith has given me. This is but a small donation for the poor of the world," to R.C.C. for \$25. "I promise that with your help, I can sell my automobile to be given to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Enclosed find the receipt of the sale," to M.T.C. for \$15. "We have been watching TV more and going to the movies less, for the last month. Here is the money we have saved." To A.B. for \$1. "This is the amount I promised to the Holy Father for the Mission if I was accepted in medical school. I have just finished my first term."

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