

Portugal Missions Need Clergy

Lisbon — (NC) — Catholic missions in Portugal's overseas territories are plagued by the same ills that afflict the Church at home — lack of priests, education and funds.

This is particularly true in the big African territories.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. EULTON J. SHEEN

The range of our possible sufferings is determined by the vastness of our sins. The shepherd who cares for a thousand sheep will have more worries and trials than a shepherd who tends only one. The pastor who thinks only of his parish will have less burdens than the one who realizes that every unconverted soul in the world is a charge on his conscience. If a man wishes to avoid the troubles of life, the recipe is perfectly simple: let him cut off the wings of every soaring purpose, let him cultivate the narrow life, let him think that the suffering Church in China or Vietnam is "foreign" to him. Such people go through life with a minimum of acquaintance with tribulation because they have reduced their souls to a minimum of interest and have cut the sensitive nerves which bind them to the human race and to the Church throughout the world; cozily self-contained, the sorrow of the world never disturbs their seclusion.

But let a man tear out of his soul his petty and selfish interests and enthroned a world-purpose, a mission-purpose, a Christ-purpose, and his sufferings will be increased on every side. Every interest in the lepers, the starving, and the refugees will sharpen his perception of the world's infinity and make him feel the keen bite of the splinters of the Cross.

Our Faith demands that "we fill up the sufferings that are wanting to the Body of Christ." Souls that flee sympathy with the pagans and the suffering throughout the world by escaping strife, forget that those who are God's have His Name branded on their soul and that on the Last Day, He will know them by the scars of flame. Even in this life, by a beautiful paradox, we find that by the enlargement of our life through the letting in of human sorrow in the Mission lands, we also let in Divine consolation and a Christ-embrace. If suffering abounds, so also does our consolation.

GOD LOVE YOU TO M.M. for \$5... to A.G., D.M., L.S., T.R., E.M.V., and V.V. for \$2.32 "We are all in a sanatorium for tuberculosis (ages seven to fifteen). We hope and pray that some day, with the help of God, we will all be out of here. In the meantime, we hope our contribution will help somehow for the conversion of the world."... to Mrs. K.M.M. for \$15 "Enclosed is a check for the Missions. Instead of paying it to the drugist each month for tranquillizers, I am sending it to you. Incidentally, I find I don't need the medicine now."... to Mrs. D.P. for \$1 "St. Francis Xavier has never failed me, and this is a small way to thank him for a big favor received."... to A.G.E. for \$5 "The enclosed money order is for favors received from the Lord."... to J.C. for \$5 "My allowance said S.P.O.R. on it, so I guess it's meant for you."

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MISERABLE AND CRUDE

In the bamboo hut now being used as a Chapel at the new Mission Station at KARTIKULAM in INDIA. The Bishop writes that "it would serve to increase the faith of those born and raised as Catholics, preserve the fervor of the newly-converted, attract non-Catholics to the faith, if this Mission Station had a decent house wherein to worship God." To erect a building that would be a fitting Chapel would cost \$2,500. The people of KARTIKULAM live a hard-to-mouth existence with food taken from the land. Heed, they have no money to build a Chapel. Should you be able to assist in building this Chapel you would be helping to preserve and increase the faith in those who already have it, and attract to the faith those who do not have it.

YOUR FATHER

A GIFT TO YOUR FATHER THROUGH THE CATHOLIC NEAR EAST WELFARE ASSOCIATION IS ALSO A GIFT TO ALMIGHTY GOD, THE FATHER OF US ALL. We offer the following gift suggestions as a fitting way to honor your Father on Father's Day:

1. Mass for his intentions, if he is living; for the repose of his soul, if he is deceased.
2. Perpetual Membership (\$20) or Annual Membership (\$1) in the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.
3. A donation to help care for the Aged, for Orphans, for Lepers, for Refugees; a donation sent as a "stringless gift" to enable us to fill an urgent need.
4. An "adopted" son or daughter in Christ, if you are able to pay for the education of a seminarian or novice. The cost of this education (\$600 for a seminarian, \$300 for a novice) may be paid at one time or in installments.
5. A Sacred Article for a Church in Mission lands: Vestments... \$50 Ciboium... \$40 Candles... \$20 Chalice... \$40 Tabernacle... \$25 Altar Linens... \$15 Monstrance... \$40 Crucifix... \$25 Picture... \$15

If you choose to remember your Father in one of the above ways, and he is living, we will send him a Gift Card telling him of your gift.

In the Oration at Mass on Corpus Christi we pray, "O God, who in this wonderful sacrament has left us a memorial of thy passion; grant us, we beseech thee, to reverence the mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever feel within us the fruit of thy redemption."

VARGHESSE MAVELITHUNDYIL of INDIA and **CHELEMANIAN FADEGA of ETHIOPIA** are two seminarians who are now preparing for the great day when they will be given the power to bring Christ down on the altars of their native lands. Their life's work will be to instill in those under their charge, that reverence for the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood which will bring Redemption.

Then, through the power of their priestly hood they will be able to give to the faithful the Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ.

SISTER DOMINIC MARIE and SISTER CAMILLUS are two novices of the MEDICAL MISSION SISTERS in INDIA. The daily reception of Christ's Body and Blood is giving these two girls the strength to persevere in the novitiate; after they become Professed Sisters, and are assigned to a Mission Hospital, it will be their daily Holy Communion that will give them continuing strength to serve God as nursing nuns.

Through priests the Body of Christ is kept on our altars; by priests, brothers, and sisters, we are taught by word and example, a love for the Holy Eucharist which will bring Redemption. To educate a boy for the priesthood costs \$600; to educate a girl for the Sisterhood costs \$300. Can you help?

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stories of Angola and Mozambique.

The history of Portugal in Africa is a very long one, and the first Masses celebrated on African soil south of the Sahara were celebrated by priests accompanying Portuguese explorers in the early part of the 15th century.

Angola and Mozambique both possess fine old churches erected in the 17th and 18th centuries, and the ruins of many Portuguese forts scattered up and down both the eastern and western coasts of Africa all show traces of chapels as well as fortifications.

PORTUGUESE settlers are becoming very numerous in the main towns of Angola and Mozambique. In Angola, for example, immigrants are now coming at a rate of 11,000 persons a year, and the white population now stands at about 170,000 in a total of close to 4,500,000.

In the 15 Portuguese overseas dioceses — including the major outposts of Macao and Goa, the Portuguese enclaves in China and India, and Portuguese Timor, in the Indonesian archipelago — there are roughly 12 million inhabitants.

About 2,500,000 of these are Catholics, with conversions and infant baptisms bringing an increase of about 100,000 a year. Macao and Goa are not really Luanda and Nova Lisboa. In Annam, since 1954, which educate together, St. Francis Xavier 400 years ago, dates to the priesthood.

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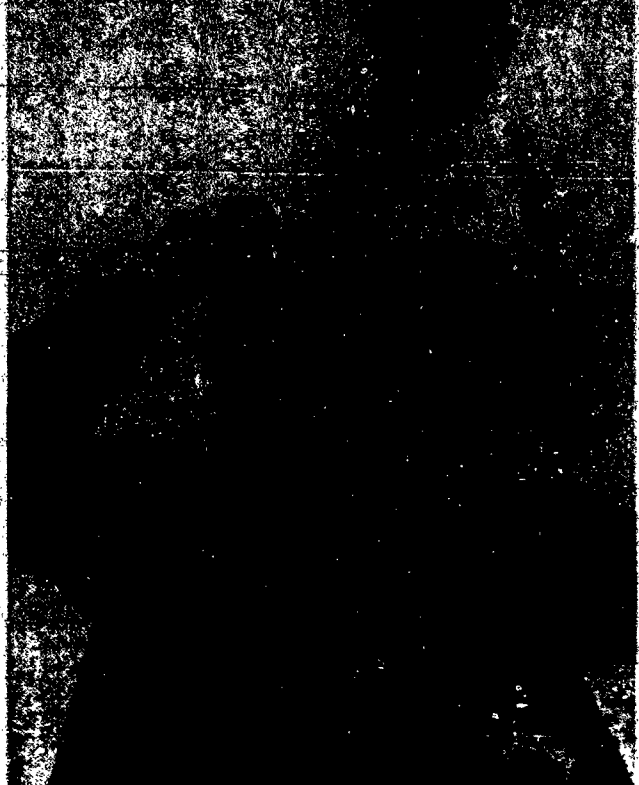
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Riding High

Rome — (RNS) — Holding aloft one of the 300 orphaned and abandoned children he has helped is former Italian soldier Andrea Azzena, who is known widely as the "Sergeant of Christ" for his work in establishing a home on Rome's outskirts providing primary education, food, clothing, friendship and guidance for destitute boys and girls. The humble sergeant's voluntary apostolate, which he started in 1946, has brought him praise from far and near, including words of admiration from Pope John XXIII and many of the bishops of his beloved homeland.

Hospitals Told Need Of Public Relations

Milwaukee — (NC) — More than 3,600 Catholic hospital officials gathered here to explore better communications with the public.

The 45th annual Catholic Hospital Association convention, which opened the gathering of representatives of more than 1,000 Catholic U.S. and Canadian hospitals, Archbishop William E. Cousins of Milwaukee, convention host, said Catholic hospitals cannot isolate themselves in their work.

"There is a connection between you and the community today which permits an interchange of ideas. There is a whole new attitude toward public relations," the prelate said in a sermon at the service in the Cathedral of St. John.

Earlier, at a Mass which

Cuba Prelate Raps Dictator

Havana — (RNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Bora Masvidal of Havana spoke out here in favor of just distribution of wealth, but he warned that private property must be respected.

In an address at the University of Santo Tomas de Villanova, where he is rector, the bishop stressed that the Church is opposed to totalitarian methods.

HE SAID property should be confiscated only when illegally acquired or as a punishment when the owner has committed a crime. Otherwise, he declared, "confiscation or arbitrary and unjustified expropriation is theft."

In upholding just distribution of wealth, Bishop Bora Masvidal said all men are essentially equal and have the right to earn living wages under proper conditions.

However, he cautioned, "It is anti-Christian and criminal to stir up hatred and class struggle. The state should supply that which cannot be done by individuals, and should not stir, but promote and protect, private initiative."

The Catholic prelate also warned that the state should not attempt to control ideas or all means of expression. He said this means "imposing a single manner of thinking from which no one can depart."

He became convinced of the faith of the Catholic Church while in England and resigned his pastorate in 1945 so he could be accessed into the Church.

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