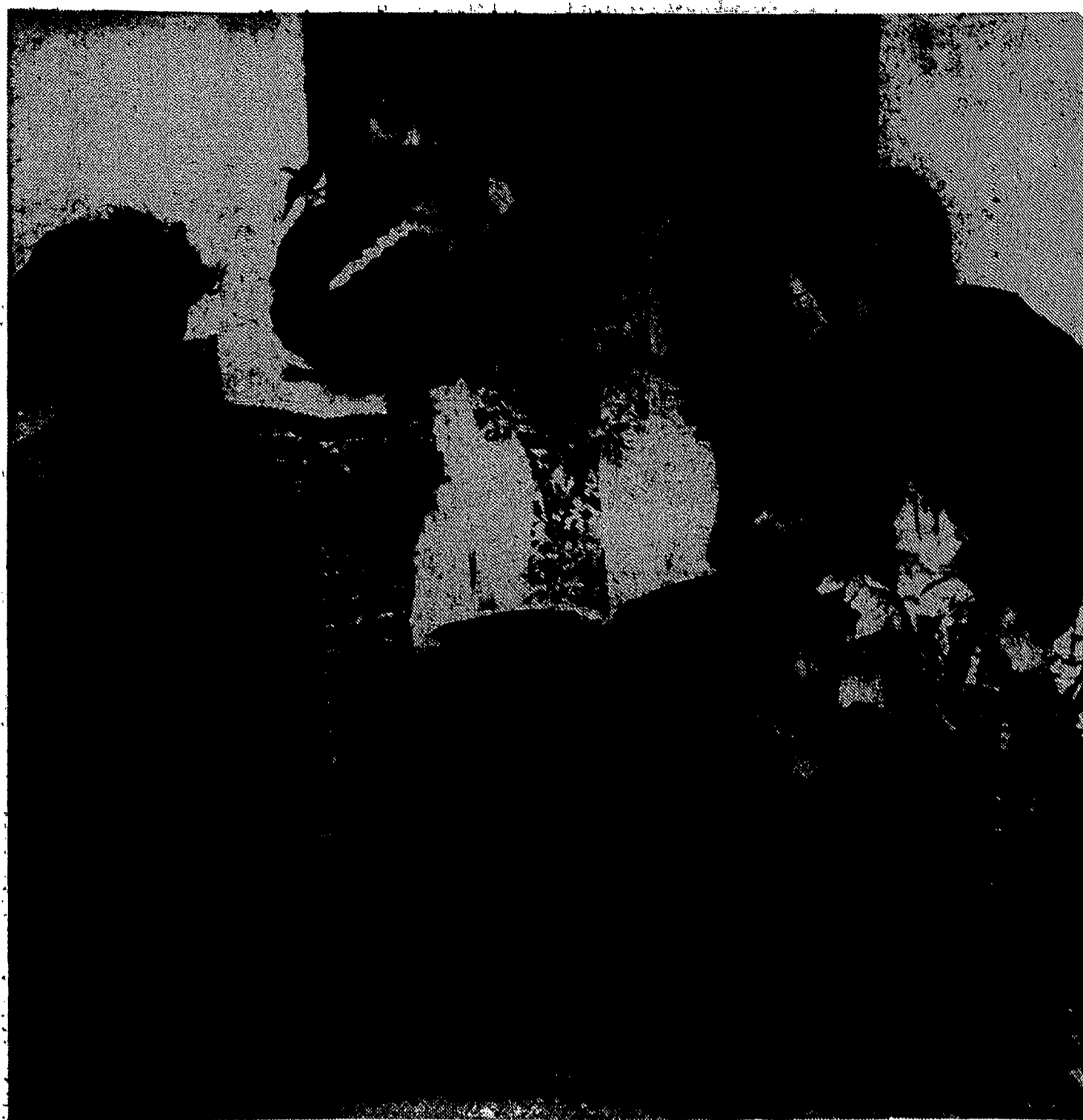


MISSION APPEAL THIS SUNDAY

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A lay missioner from Rochester, Miss Dorothy Prinzi, teaches children of migrant workers in Texas. Miss Prinzi trained for her teaching role at the School of Religion Catechetical Course at Fairport. Other lay missioners from the Rochester Diocese are at work in Ruanda-Urundi, Africa; Indonesia and in U.S. Indian mission stations in Mississippi and Oklahoma.

Tons of Supplies Aid Missioners

When Catholics give their contributions to this Sunday's Mission collection, they can keep in mind that more than 80 priests, nuns and lay people of the Rochester Diocese are giving their lives in outposts of the Church's far flung mission work.

There is also a considerable volume of home-front activity which pours medical supplies, clothing and other items into mission areas.

Typical of this work is the well-organized cadre of volunteers around the Diocese who package supplies for Dr. Paul S. Lalonde, Rochester dentist who spends six months a year in mission clinics in Tanganyika.

Another group organized by Miss Katherine Lechleitner of the Kodakery magazine staff and a member of Blessed Sacrament parish sends knitted bandages and other supplies to a leper colony in southern Nigeria.

It is interesting to note that Catholics of the Rochester Diocese have a long-standing reputation for generosity in this east Africa nation where the new U.S. Peace Corps has stirred native resentment by inept comments on living conditions there.

Miss Lechleitner's group counts nearly 60 members and includes Protestant and Jewish friends as well as Catholics who knit for the nuns' leper hospitals.

One of her volunteer workers, Miss Gabrielle Perrin at the Knorr Sanitarium, promised to knit bandages if her arthritis improved enough to permit her to do so. The arthritis condition improved and Miss Perrin now aids the pitiable victims of leprosy in far-off Africa.

Other lay people who are organized groups to aid foreign missions are Miss Patricia Kennedy who sends supplies to her cousin Sister M. Siena in the Fiji Islands; Mrs. Robert E. Lawrence, and members of the Legion of Mary at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Irondequoit, aiding missioners in India; Miss Anna Scully and members of St. Mary's parish, Genesee; the mission aid group in Newark; Mrs. Henry Hickey of East Manlius Road and scores of others whose continued faithfulness means comfort and health for hundreds they will never know about until they meet in eternity.

One group combines travel and mission aid. Miss Helen Meehan organizes an annual pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre and the pilgrims spend their bus ride knitting hundreds of bandages.



New on Job, Long in Mission Spirit

Father John F. Duffy, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is the fourth priest of the Diocese in that position.

He began his duties this June.

His predecessors in the office are all well known promoters of the Church's worldwide mission program.

Father Leo Mooney, now pastor-emeritus of St. Patrick's Church, Rochester, organized the papal Society locally in 1926 and headed the unit until 1938.

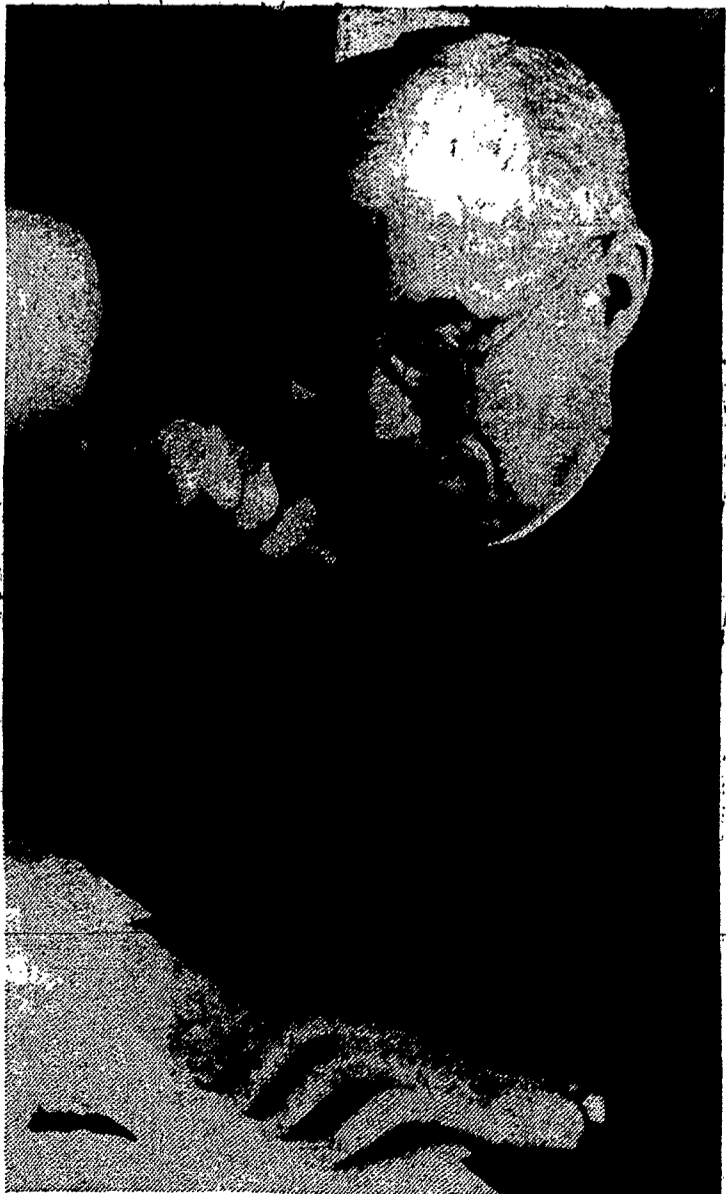
Monsignor John S. Randall, managing editor of the Courier Journal and pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, was mission director from 1938 to 1956. He organized the spectacular "Mission Scramble" in 1954, a massive display of the missionary activity.

Father George Wood, now pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Greece, headed the Society from 1956 until this June.

Father Duffy is currently checking the appeals of hundreds of mission groups to select the less than 30 who will make direct appeals in parish churches during the coming year.

"Each group has such an urgent need," he said, "that I feel guilty when I have to send a letter saying we can't accept their appeal this year."

The best way to help "all the missionaries" is to give to the Propagation of the Faith Society which sends the funds to Rome and "the Holy



Mission director Father Duffy

Father knows which missionaries have the greatest need. Father Duffy's personal interest in the missions dates back to childhood memories when nuns at St. Monica's school described the heroism and sacrificial lives of missionaries.

As an Aquinas student he won recognition for his neighborhood team which collected a truckload of scrap paper as part of the school's mission aid program.

Tablets For Tanganyika

Albuquerque — A young American priest-doctor fighting a one-man battle for his people against leprosy and other tropical diseases in Africa is getting badly needed help from druggists of this city.

Pharmacists here learning of the plight of Maryknoll Missioner Father John R. Bergwall, of Milwaukee, Wis., have started a two month campaign called, "Tablets for Tanganyika" to send drugs and supplies to the priests' hospital in Busanda, Tanganyika.

The project started quietly when Robert O. Welk, an x-ray technician at the Veterans' Hospital here, sent 1,700 bandages and 120 pounds of medicine to the 34-year-old Maryknoll priest.

Next, Welk mentioned the priest-doctor's pharmaceutical needs to members of the Pharmacy Alumni of New Mexico College and the New Mexico Pharmaceutical Association. Both groups voted to team up on the project.

Father Bergwall received his medical degree in 1953 from Marquette University after Navy service in the North China Unit.

Diocese Rates In Top Ten

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese are rated in the top ten of per capita contributions to missions this past year, according to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

This Diocese is listed 6th of 135 U.S. dioceses.

Soaring from 33rd to 6th position is due to funds given in a will. Otherwise the average local donation is almost 35 cents, eight cents above the national average.

Total amount given to the Church's mission work from the Rochester Diocese is \$804,354.37.

This is a gain of over \$300,000 above last year's figure.

This all-time record high was sky-rocketed to the \$800,000 total by the will of Sarah McCort Ward and Minnie G. McCort.

Father John F. Duffy, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith Society, said donations in all categories were "about even" with last year's statistics.

Last year's Mission Sunday collection totaled \$95,359.40. Missionaries making appeals in parish churches reported \$91,266 given for their work. Children of the Diocese contributed \$48,427 through the Holy Childhood Association.

The amount sent directly to the Society's national office in New York this past year is \$524,936.58, compared with \$110,248.29 the previous year. The approximate \$300,000 balance was sent by the Rochester office directly to specific mission groups.

The annual Mission Sunday contributions aid missionaries in more than 700 areas.

A summary of appeals is published in the Diocesan Missionary. This past year 30 mission groups made such appeals. These include the Marist Fathers, Jesuits, Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Carmelites, Basilian, Society of the Divine Word.

Also the Josephite Fathers, the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, Maryknollers, Redemptorists, Holy Ghost Fathers, Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Congregation of the Sacred Hearts.

Sisters of St. Joseph at Selma, Alabama, the Helpers of the Holy Souls, Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, Missionaries of St. Peter and Paul, Medical Missionaries of Mary and the International Catholic Auxiliaries.

Also aided were the mission-like dioceses of Cape Town, S. Africa; Jero, Philippines; Nueva-Segovia, Philippines; Verapoly, S. India; Pusank, Korea; Sendai-shi, Japan; Dumaquete City, Philippines; Chaiyi, Formosa, Calabar, W. Africa, and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Layman To Head Schools

Akron — (RNS) — An Akron layman will go to Tanganyika to become the director of education in the Catholic Diocese of Kigoma.

George M. Smith will visit Rome and have an audience with Pope John XXIII before beginning his duties in November under Bishop J. Holmes-Seidle of the White Fathers.

Mr. Smith, a bachelor, studied for the teaching field but has been active as a personnel administrator for several years.

What Have We Done To Aid Missioners?

My dear People:

As we approach Mission Sunday of 1961, we might well return in thought to Pentecost Sunday of this year. For on that Sunday — May 21st — a rare event in the history of the Missions occurred in the City of Rome. His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, consecrated as bishops fourteen missionaries from Asia, Africa, and South America. One of the Co-consecrators was Bishop Fulton Sheen, the National Director of the Propagation of the Faith for the United States.



During his sermon on this occasion, the Holy Father pointed out that the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation seeks to be a "wise and generous mother" for all missionary bishops. Wisdom, we realize, comes from God. But the generosity of the Sacred Congregation depends greatly upon the Society for the Propagation of the Faith — the Holy Father's own "Community Chest."

In the ensuing months these fourteen missionary bishops have returned to Asia, Africa, and South America to take up anew their work of winning souls for Christ. Well might we ask ourselves this searching question: "What have we done so far this year to assist the Holy Father in his generosity toward these and all other missionaries?"

On next Sunday, when you bring to Mass the Mission Sunday Envelope that you have already received, may I suggest that you make an offering of at least two dollars for the missionaries who are representing us so heroically in the Missions, both at home and abroad?

Mindful of your past generosity to the Missions both in prayers and alms, I can assure you not only of my own prayers, but also of the prayers of over one hundred thousand priests, brothers, and sisters.

With a blessing, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

+ James E. Kearney

Bishop of Rochester

Prayers, Alms Asked

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will bolster the Church's world-wide mission program by offering their prayers and contributions this Sunday, Oct. 22, Mission Sunday.

Pope John XXIII has asked Catholics of the world to join the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Vatican's own mission aid organization, often called the Pope's Community Chest.

Bishop Kearney, in a letter read at Masses this past Sunday, asked for an offering of "at least two dollars to help support our home and foreign missions."

He pointed out the needs of 25,000 missionary priests, 9,000 brothers and close to 70,000 nuns — the Church's vast army engaged in spreading the Gospel of Christ.

Rev. John F. Duffy, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith Society, said Catholics who enroll in the papal organization by using the envelopes given them by their pastors will receive the monthly magazine "Mission" published by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, national director of the Society.

The magazine carries reports of mission progress and serves as a reminder to pray for the missions throughout the year.

SPECIAL PRAYERS will be said at all Masses this Sunday for the missions. These include an "imperatorem" collect prayer from the Mass for the Propagation of the Faith to be added following the regular Sunday collect.

Each parish is also authorized to schedule one Mass in particular for the Propagation of the Faith. Text for this Mass is published in the back of most missals.

The faithful are also urged to receive Holy Communion, say their Rosary and other prayers as well as offer their Mass for the Church's mission work.

Goal of this centuries-old program is the conversion to Christianity of 1,500,000,000 pagan people, most of whom are in Africa and Asia. Mission programs are also urgently needed in Latin America where the heritage of faith is threatened by critical shortages of priests and nuns and sky-rocketing populations.

Mission experts agree the Church needs to step up its apostolate for souls especially in Africa where newly independent nations are under strong Soviet pressure to adopt Communism rather than Christianity, long considered in the natives' minds as "the white man's religion."

Pope John dramatically sought to dispel this notion by raising native priests in both Africa and Asia to be bishops in scores of dioceses to succeed white missionary prelates.

Church officials are quick to explain that this trend does not mean congregations in these areas are "able to take care of themselves." Widespread poverty makes these people still dependent on European and American aid.

Little Catholics

Roussel, Congo Republic — (NC) — This vast diocese in the forests of the former French Congo has received its first pygmy converts.

Twenty-three pygmy children were baptized at the village of Souanke, near the Cameroon Border. The day after their baptism they received their first Holy Communion with 15 Bantu children who had been baptized some days earlier.

Pygmies are difficult to contact because of their wandering life and their extreme shyness. They call themselves "the children of the forest," and may move their camp several times a year.

The newly baptized group met the missionaries when their parents set up camp on the borders of Souanke. They were attracted by the friendliness of the missionaries. Now they take turns serving Mass, and all of them know the Latin responses to perfection.

Experiment For Souls

Lima — (NC) — Lima's latest experiments in using missionaries from English-speaking countries are succeeding beyond all expectations.

Hundreds of diocesan clergy from the United States, Canada and Ireland have volunteered to work in Latin America for from three to five years in answer to the plea of Pope John XXIII to rush help to the beleaguered area. However, the problem has been how to handle the volunteers.

Here in Peru the diocesan priests from Anglo-Saxon countries are working under three separate systems. One group has formed its own society, with its own superior. Another group has taken over a section of a large understaffed diocese and is working it like a rural deanery. A third group has associated itself with a community of "professional" missionaries and will work under the community's superiors.

Cardinal Cushing's fast growing Society of St. James the Apostle comprises the largest group of U.S. diocesan priests working in Peru. Twenty-eight priests from a dozen dioceses are laboring here under the direction of Father Rudolph Masciarelli of Boston, the mission superior.

The Fathers of St. James have a city parish in a Lima slum, three difficult mountain

missions high in the Andes, and are currently building a center for a language school and retreats in one of Lima's suburbs.

Four diocesan priests from Ireland are presently working with the Columban Fathers among 100,000 of Peru's most abandoned people north of Lima. Fourteen more priests are due this year, according to promises made by the Irish Bishops. These priests work under the Columban Fathers' superiors and have the advantage of learning from men who have had long and diversified mission experience.

Perhaps the most interesting of the three experiments is that of the priests from two Canadian dioceses, the Diocese of London, Ont., and the Archdiocese of St. John's, Newfoundland. Both these dioceses are small, the latter having only 68 priests. Their bishops agreed to work together, each diocese furnishing one or two priests a year in a joint effort to evangelize an abandoned area.

The area in Peru is huge and the population vast. The plan is that other parishes will be opened slowly as more priests arrive from Canada and gain experience in the base parish of Morsetu. Four priests are already stationed there.

A common reaction among diocesan priests arriving from abroad to work in Peru is that the work is not too much different from what they were doing at home, with the exception that it seems to be more fruitful.

Offer your Mass, Prayers and Alms this Sunday for the Missions



Bandages from Rochester aid lepers in Africa