

Latin America Calls Our Nuns

The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Rochester Diocese are planning to establish the Order's first foreign mission in support of the Papal Program for Latin America.

Appointed by Reverend Mother Agnes Cecilia to initiate the program is Sister Rose Alma, assistant professor of modern languages at the college, who will attend the Institute of Intercultural Communications in Puerto Rico from Jan. 14-May 1.

THE INSTITUTE, held at Catholic University of Puerto Rico in Ponce, is designed to familiarize priests, sisters and laity enrolled in the program with Latin American languages, culture and sociological patterns.

The rigorous program is patterned on Peace Corps training methods. The 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekday schedule includes six hours of language training and two hours of seminars and lectures daily. Weekends are spent in field work in the parishes and catechetical and youth centers.

The proposed Sisters of St. Joseph mission will concentrate on meeting the educational and social service needs of an as yet-to-be determined country in Latin America. The Order's only other mission—consisting of a hospital, elementary school and home for the aged—is located in Selma, Alabama.

The Sisters of St. Joseph will join a rapidly-growing task force of religious and lay workers who have responded to a plea from Latin American bishops for help in strengthening the religious, social and economic fabric of their countries.

In this country, the program has been actively promoted by the Bishops' Committee for Latin America, under the chairmanship of Cardinal Richard Cushing,



SISTER ROSE ALMA

and the Latin American Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

THE BASIC NEED for assistance in Latin America was outlined by a special representative from Rome at a 1961 conference of U.S. religious communities held at Notre Dame University.

"While it is true," according to Sister Rose Alma, "that over 90 per cent of Latin America's 200 million souls are Catholic, the inroads made by communism are tremendous. The problem is augmented by a high percentage of illiteracy and the ghastly threat of starvation among the poverty-ridden peoples."

"In this misery and without the spiritual strength of the Sacraments, many become prey to the constant barrage of communistic propaganda directed toward them."

"While no one person can stop this great tide, the united efforts of many can. That is why I feel privileged to have been selected to begin this work."

SISTER ROSE ALMA received her B.A. from Nazareth College and her M.A. from Western Reserve University in Romance Languages. In 1962 she spent the summer in Spain, studying at the University Maria Cristina, El Escorial.

She has taught at all academic levels and was principal of St. Agnes High School from 1961-1960. During her tenure (in 1954) the new high school, 300 East River Road, was opened.

In addition to her teaching duties, she was Director of Residence at Nazareth College for three years.



ECCHS—Notre Dame Grads Schedule Holiday Ball

The Second Annual Holiday Ball, sponsored by the E.C.H.S.-Notre Dame Alumni Association, will be held Saturday night, Dec. 28. Dr. Arthur D. Smith, alumni association president, made the announcement this week and urged all alumni and friends to make plans to attend the ball which will be held this year at Columbus Center.

Dr. Smith appointed Joseph A. Lynch, class of 1934, and Matthias F. Fennell, class of 1946, and immediate past-president of the group, as general chairmen.

THE CHAIRMEN revealed that plans are near completion for the gala social event, closing out the association year.

Committee appointments are now being made.

The chairmen feel that the success of the initial Holiday Ball will be exceeded this year.

For this reason, they urge

St. Anthony's Men List Party

Annual Christmas party sponsored by members of the Sacred Heart Men's Society of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira will be held in the annex on Sunday starting at 2 p.m.

Allie P. Quatrano, chairman, will be assisted by Samuel A. LeMark, cochairman.

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Article On Dr. Lalonde Appears In 'Sign'

"One Dentist's Africa" is the "amazing story" of Dr. Paul Stoffel Lalonde, Rochester dentist, told by James C. G. Conniff in the December issue of The Sign, national Catholic magazine.

THE ARTICLE relates how Lalonde ever since 1957 "has walked out on his lucrative Rochester practice to jeep-log Senegambia in Rochester's War his way with needle and extract ion forceps, during the next six months, across thirty-thousand mile patches of teak-infested jungle and bush where dentists are unheard of."

Three apt photographs illustrate the article. One of Dr. Lalonde as a big-game hunter—his first experience in Africa; the dentist in his usual practice of modern dentistry among natives and the third showing Dr. Lalonde joining natives in building a concrete platform for his color X-ray machine.

CDA Party For Children

Ithaca — Court Santa Maria No. 240 Catholic Daughters of America, will hold a Special Party for Children at the Knights of Columbus Home Sunday, Dec. 15 from 2 to 5 p.m. Games, refreshments and a gift for each child.

St. Bona Grads Elect Shine

Corning — Joseph F. Shine Jr., of Corning, was recently elected a vice president of the Elmira-Corning-Ithaca Chapter of the St. Bonaventure University Alumni Association at a meeting held in Elmira.

JOHN O'NEIL of Elmira, is the new president.

Other officers are William Conley, Ithaca, vice president; Philip Monahan, Elmira, vice president; Francis Casick, Elmira, secretary; Anthony DeSocio, Elmira, treasurer; Francis Tokar, Elmira, national delegate.

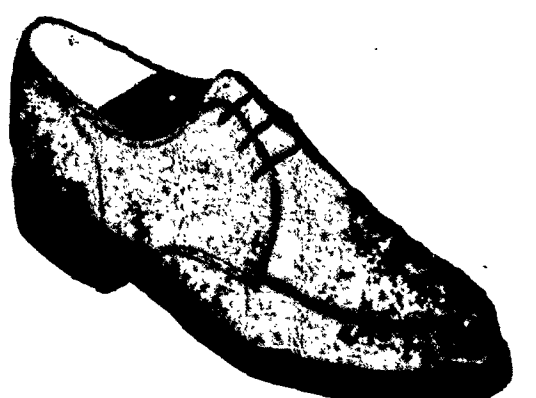
Members held a social at the Columbus Center in Elmira.

Blesses New Church Site

Bishop Kearney pours holy water from famed shrine at Lourdes on site where new Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be built in Brighton. Monsignor Leslie Whalen, pastor, is blocked from view by cross. The Bishop told parishioners the Blessed Virgin Mary in her apparitions at Lourdes to St. Bernadette in 1858 asked that a church be built there where her Son could be honored in the Blessed Sacrament. Lourdes is now the mecca for literally millions of pilgrims each year, a world center of devotion. The new Brighton church, Bishop Kearney said, will help fulfill our Lady's request of a century ago. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring. (Varden Photo)

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