

New Church Music Evaluated at McAuley

New church music for the vernacular language was highlighted and x-rayed on Friday, Oct. 11, at Catherine McAuley College, where close to a hundred musicians and educators met for a lecture and discussion conducted by Brother Donald Wigel, S.M., of Claretian Province, New York.

In conjunction with their annual Educational Conference, Sisters of Mercy charged with teaching liturgical music met to evaluate contemporary musical settings composed for the parts of the Mass that are to be sung, according to new regulations, in English. (These parts include all of the Ordinary of the Mass and the people's prayers in the Proper.)

According to Brother Wigel, who is himself a composer, good liturgical music must be not only artistic and holy in character, but meaningful to the people and appropriate for the particular Mass for which it is intended.

Sister Martina Requiem, Spent Life in Nursing

Solemn funeral Mass for Sister Mary Martina O'Neil of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph was offered in Nazareth Motherhouse Chapel, Pittsford, Monday, Oct. 19.

Sister Martina died in St. Joseph's Convent infirmary, Pittsford, Thursday, Oct. 16, 1964. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Joseph O'Neill, S.J., a cousin, assisted by Rev. George M. Kelly, dean, and Rev. Francis M. Feeney, subdeacon. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

GOD LOVE YOU!

Poverty has been mentioned many times here at the Council, but the most concrete testimony of its existence is the real poverty of over half the bishops present. We from the land of wealth daily look on our brothers in Christ who have nothing here as extracts from letters, written in care by missionary bishops attending the Council here. In my diocese, the bishop, now any of my priests have enough Mass stipends to buy food for daily living. Our people are too poor to make any offering. Another letter reads: "My diocese extends 40,000 square miles. In this area there are 151,000 inhabitants, but only seven priests and seven sisters to care for them. We have no cathedral or seminary, neither do I have a house. Our priests serve the faithful on horseback. A jeep is necessary. For this area, but we are too poor to afford one and so are the people. Maybe you could help us with some Mass stipends?"

Another writes: "My cathedral is a tiny little shack which holds only 60 people. If I had any personal needs, I would never dare to write you, but because of my love for my little flock I have to undergo this torture and I hope not your refusal. And still another: "In order to come to the Council I sold an icebox, a little portable radio and a portable typewriter. With aid from my old mother, I had \$400. What wealth! The other day a pick-pocket took all I had left—\$330. Will you give me something?"

This is a side of the Council that few know about, the poverty of the bishops. These letters come from all over the world, for The Society for the Propagation of the Faith care for all the areas, in some groups, but the entire world. What a pity that those who write critically of the Church, while professing to be loyal members, do not know of the deep spirit of sacrifice in which many priests and bishops live day by day.

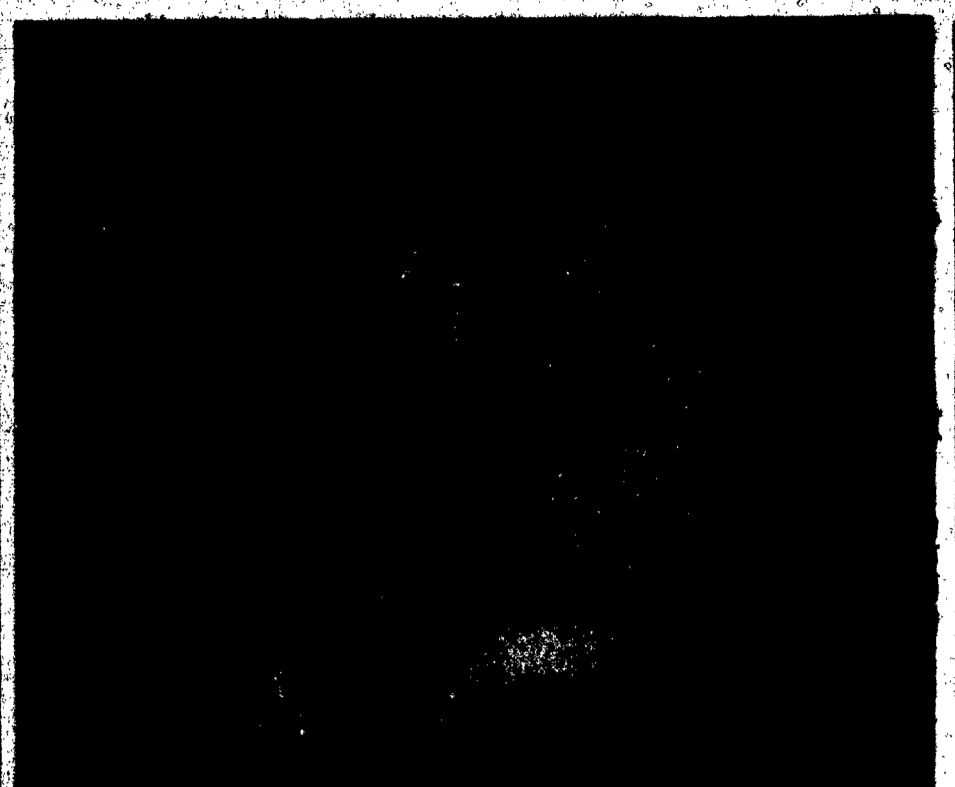
We received another letter from a bishop in the United States who had been a missionary in China. He lived in China for 27 years and spent some time in a Japanese concentration camp. When the Chinese Reds took over, he was in solitary confinement for two years, spending four months of this time in a small cell. He was served two meals a day: one of poor grade rice and the other of boiled leaves. He writes: "Whereas it is impossible for me to send any money to China, and whereas I am privileged, who am happy to confer Ordinations and Consecrations, give a few days of recollection and receive a little honorarium, I feel I should give some of this superabundance to help the Holy Father's Missions. Enclosed is a check for \$500." This is not the first time this Bishop has sent \$500 to the Holy Father. Only the wounded know how to care for those who are wounded. Bishops and priests who have suffered for the Church are always the first to come forward to help.

May those of you, both priests and lay, who read these letters be inspired to make sacrifice to help The Society for the Propagation of the Faith bear the burden of the poor bishops of the world. The Church is so blessed in such men!

GOD LOVE YOU to \$100 for \$100. Enclosed is a token of my gratitude for all the blessings God has showered on my family, my business and myself. To a new \$100. For \$100. Today I received notice that I passed my examinations and am now a registered nurse. I promised God that when I became a nurse I would send \$10 to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Here it is for those who have so little. To M.M.H. for \$10. This year I received a generous increase in salary. This good fortune I wish to share with the poor of the world.

The ten letters of GOD LOVE YOU become a decade of the Rosary as they encircle the medal originated by Bishop Sheen to honor the Missionaries of the World. What better way to remind yourself to pray for the world, and especially now, for the bishops of the world in Council?

Cut out this column, plus your address to it and mail it to: Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10001, or your Diocesan Director, Rev. John F. Duffy, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York 14604.



Educational Institute Speakers

SPEAKERS AT the ninth annual Sisters of Mercy Educational Institute held last Friday are from left: Bernard Kusella, assistant principal of Ellistford Central School; Dr. William Lowe, dean of the School of Education at Cornell University; Mother Mary Bride, mother general; and the Rev. Trafford P. Maher, S.J., dean of the School of Education at St. Louis University.

James Fagan Funeral Offered By Priest-Son

Bath—Requiem Mass was sung Monday, Oct. 11 for James A. Fagan, 79, prominent local businessman of Bath, N.Y. The Mass was offered by his son, Father Robert J. Fagan, C.S.C., in St. Mary's Church, Bath. Mr. Fagan died Friday, Oct. 8, 1964, following a long illness.

Bath KC Plans Grants

Bath—A scholarship program has been announced by the New York Council's Knights of Columbus for the 1964-65 year. Applications for the scholarship will be received no later than Nov. 14 by the local council, according to John Red, chairman.

Women Slate Halloween Fete

The Sacred Heart Ladies Society of St. Anthony's church, Bath, will hold their annual Halloween party Sunday, Oct. 25 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the new parish center.

Brownies Appeal For Leaders

An appeal has been made for volunteer leaders to assist in the newly organized second and third grade Brownie Troops at St. Mary's parish, Elmira.

Frank Sweeney Requiem Offered By Priest-Son

Solemn funeral Mass for Frank E. Sweeney was offered by his son, the Rev. Eugene F. Sweeney in Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Mr. Sweeney, 70, of 61 Bartlett St., a member of Rochester Fire Bureau for 40 years, died Oct. 11, 1964.

Mothers Sponsor Pie Festival

A festival of home made pies will be held in the auditorium of St. Mary's parish, Elmira following the 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, 15 Masses on Sunday, Oct. 25. The sale is being sponsored by the Mothers' Club of Troop 114 for the benefit of the Girl Scouts program.

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