

### 40th Straight Win For SH

Sacred Heart Cathedral grammar school basketball team rolled to its 40th straight win by defeating Our Lady of Lourdes 47-9 in a CYO league game last Friday. Bob Meek led the attack with 21 points. Sacred Heart is averaging 71 points a game while holding their opponents to 22.

### Evening Mass For Dominicans

Members of the Third Order of St. Dominic will attend Mass at the Cenacle Convent Chapel Monday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. New members will be received into the group following the Mass.

**DEADLINE for all news MONDAY NOON**

### Women Slate Social Worker

Owego—Ronald Wyckoff, a Social Worker associated with Catholic Charities, of Broome County, will be the guest speaker, at the annual Christmas Party and dinner of Court St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Daughters of America on Thursday, Dec. 10.

The dinner will be served at the Deep Well Restaurant at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Beatrice Cleveland will act as general chairman for the dinner. The Catholic Daughter of the Year will be announced at this time.

### Party Listed For Children

Elmira Council 229, Knights of Columbus, will hold its annual children's Christmas party, Sunday, Dec. 13 at Columbus Center.

The party will be held, starting at 3 p.m., for the children of members of the council. The age limit for both boys and girls is 10.

The program will include a visit from St. Nicholas, a gift refreshments and entertainment.

## Fighting Poverty with Fruit-cake

Lafayette—(RNS)—One of the first loans in the federal government's war on poverty has been allocated to a tiny cooperative, headed by a Negro Catholic priest, which seeks to expand its product line from fruit-cake to candy, doughnuts and sweet potato products.

Southern Consumers Cooperative, Inc., a co-op founded by Father Albert McKnight, C.S. Sp., at Kaplan, La., has received a loan of \$25,000 from the Small Business Administration to purchase property and equipment.

The cooperative in three years has grown from a co-op grocery store to a factory; from limited membership and little funds to a venture involving 16 communities and 650 member families.

Southern Consumers was founded by Father McKnight as a means of assisting the poor and underprivileged.

Meanwhile, it was announced that one of the first grants (not

a loan) under the poverty program had been allocated to Acadiana Neuf, formed in 1963 by religious and civic leaders to combat poverty and illiteracy in nine parishes (counties) of southwest Louisiana. The initial grant of \$42,435 will finance organization of an extensive program involving education, job training, and work with school drop-outs.

At the time the co-op was founded, Father McKnight was assistant pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Abbeville, and the parish's mission in nearby Kaplan was his main concern. Illiteracy was high, especially among the older people; home and business management were poor.

Father McKnight said that the grant to Acadiana Neuf will permit establishment of a central office and development of projects in Lafayette parish (county). The program will seek, by improving the education of the underprivileged, to "increase their economic opportunity."

He studied cooperatives at Antigonish University in Nova Scotia and with the assistance of interested laywomen, Southern Consumers Cooperative had its humble beginning in Kaplan. A small grocery co-op was doomed to failure due to early limited membership and lack of funds. But from this small beginning grew the project involving 650 families.

Southern Consumers Cooperative became a holding company in October and as its first industry established a fruit-cake factory. The cooperative is non-denominational and interracial. It hires four full-time employees at the factory and another in Lafayette, three part-time employees and 18 part-time custodians. It has been operating solely on funds acquired from the sale of stock and interest on loans. In order to expand its baking business, into a larger operation, the \$25,000 loan was essential.

Approval of the loan, Father McKnight said, "will be a tremendous boost and I hope it will convince more people of the value of religious principles in the economic order."

Father McKnight spoke of the concern for the Negro people. "They must learn to help themselves. They must be educated and learn something about business."

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### Saint of Los Angeles

Los Angeles — (NC) — A couple of men left behind by a saint recalled the everyday Los Angeles life they once shared with St. Francis Xavier Cabrini.

After visiting a chapel where the saint often prayed, Sister Umilia and Gesunia still serving here at a downtown children's home where Mother Cabrini assigned them, reminisced of earlier days. When they speak of their companion their eyes brighten — sometimes with a twinkle, sometimes with a tear, but always with affection.

Sister Umilia is a Spaniard. She joined the saint's Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in 1902. She came here 60 years ago, a year before Mother Cabrini arrived and founded Regina Caeli Orphanage, just off famous Sunset Boulevard on the grounds of the old J. W. Robinson home.

Sister Gesunia arrived in 1910 — "and I'm here yet," she chuckled. In all the years neither nun has ever returned to her native Spain.

"It's no longer Regina Caeli, once home to 150 orphans. Today it is Mother Cabrini Day Home where some 40 children of working mothers are given care."

"She was like me, five feet tall," Sister Gesunia said.

Sister Umilia recounted that Los Angeles in those early days was small, "and all the people very poor."

The poor were Mother Cabrini's concern, particularly orphaned or abandoned children. The two Sisters spoke of this aspect of the saint's character.

"I remember when I was in New York with her and she would send us to the jails and the hospitals," said Sister Gesunia. "Go there and try the best you can to console them," she would tell us.

Those were the days of many immigrants, poor, in need of spiritual and material help. In the saint's daily life, as recounted by the Sisters and remembered yet by many old timers in Los Angeles, Mother Cabrini manifested a direct and practical sense of coping with the needs of the poor.

The two Sisters talked about Mother Cabrini in a room at the day home here that the saint herself used.

Hungarian College  
Vatican City—(NC)—Cistercian Father Gyorgy Zemplen, professor of moral theology at the Theological Academy of Budapest, has been named head of the Pontifical Hungarian Ecclesiastical Institute, Rome graduate school for Hungarian priests. He succeeds Msgr. Josef Zagon.