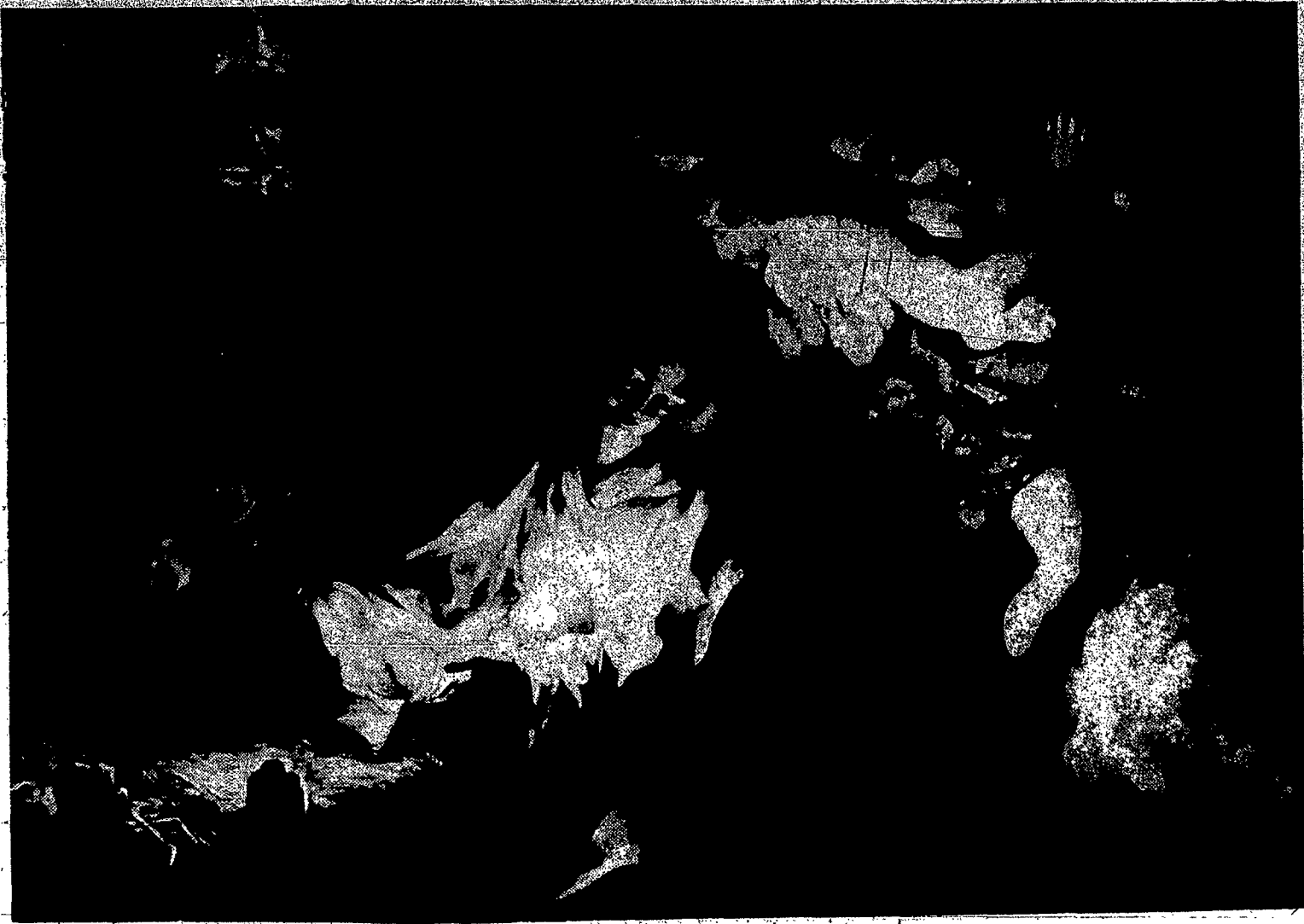


Mercy Nuns Plan Latin America Mission

Mother Bride To Attend Workshop In Mexico



"And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12)

"Latin America needs more Sisters, and needs them now," Mother Mary Bride, Mother General of the Rochester Sisters of Mercy, remarked, as she announced that she will fly to Mexico next Monday to participate in a two-week workshop for superiors interested in establishing missions in Latin America.

"I have promised to send four Sisters of Mercy to Latin America in the fall of 1965," Mother Mary Bride revealed. "They will be selected from those who volunteer for mission work and have some fluency in speaking Spanish."

MOTHER MARY BRIDE will consult with specialists in missiology at the Center of Intercultural Formation, Cuernavaca, Mexico, during her workshop experience there, December 28-January 6. She hopes to familiarize herself with the needs of the various mission areas asking for help, with the specific apostolate for Sisters there, and with the necessary preparation needed for intercultural formation.

"This mission venture has been a long-standing desire of our community," Mother Bride commented, "and Latin America is the obvious choice for our first mission, since Our Holy Father has pleaded with us to send Sisters there to help close the cleavage in the Church under the impact of Communism. The example of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in our Diocese and the blessing of our bishops in this apostolic endeavor have encouraged us to 'press forward with fervor,' as the Scripture says."



MOTHER MARY BRIDE

Monsignor Ian Hinch executive director of the Center of Intercultural Formation, and Rev. Juan Luis Segundo, S.J. of the University of Montevideo faculty both of whom have just returned from the third session of Vatican II, will give the assisting superiors a retreat opportunity to think through the place of religious women in the revised Church of our day.

The Cuernavaca Center likewise offers a seven-week training course for missions, which is open to the people of Latin America and the Sisters of Mercy appointed by Mother Mary Bride will enroll in the program of spiritual formation, language fluency, cultural adjustment, and professional adaptation.

Established by Fordham University in conjunction with the Bishops' conference of Latin America, in 1960, the Cuernavaca Center for Intercultural Formation has an academic staff of seventeen lecturers and an administrative staff of thirteen. It also maintains a research staff of eight experts and a group of trained assistants who collaborate in the center's various activities.

Fordham University likewise sponsors a Center of Intercultural Formation in Petropolis, Brazil. A third center is located in Pinar del Rio, Cuba. The missionary alumni of these three centers are now serving in 22 different countries of Latin America as missionaries of a mission in Latin America. Three smaller centers function in Para Brazil, Lima Peru and Bogota, Colombia.

Mother Mary Bride will be accompanied by a group to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year's mission and the one direct from the Spanish

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Mercy Postulants

First Christmas Away From Home

How do postulants in religious orders feel as they experience their first Christmas away from home? Do they miss the fireside warmth, the Christmas balls, and ski trips?

"The thought flashed through this reporter's mind, as he watched Mercy postulants working in Mount Carmel School, preparing Christmas gifts for the poor of the parish. Under the gentle eyes of Sister Mary Regis, the school principal, they were thoughtfully absorbed in selecting appropriate gifts for the children, sorting clothes, wrapping and arranging gift packages for delivery on Christmas Eve.

"I NEED SOMETHING beautiful and diverting for a sick little four-year-old," one murmured, searching through a table of toys.

"This is my miracle package," another declared, giving it an approving pat, "the first blouse I ever made from a man's shirt."

How's that?

"Sister Regis showed us how. You take a man's shirt that is slightly frayed at the cuffs or collar, cut the good part out and make a school blouse or shirt from it. It's easy!"

"For some people," one less enthusiastic seamstress inter-vened.

Apprehensive that they were examining my cuffs, I moved on to another group of postulants who were happily dispensing homemade caps and baby sets that the novices and postu-

lants had crocheted during their evening recreations.

"We thought we had re-nounced the possibility of making baby clothes, but that was one of the first things we were encouraged to do," one matri-arch type volunteered, while she anxiously scrutinized the work-manship on a little cotton dress that look o.k. to me.

I finally launched headlong into my subject. "How do you people feel about being here as Christmas approaches?"

"O, it's great! We wouldn't miss this for anything. We worked especially hard to get our term papers out of the way, so that once college classes were over, we'd be free to come down here and help during Christmas vacation."

"You don't have any feeling of let-down at Christmas then?"

"Well, we wish we were pro-fessed, because the professed sisters take the food and gifts right into the homes and have more personal contact with the people, but our turn will come. And meanwhile, it's fun getting things ready."

"What I mean is: how do you postulants feel about your first Christmas in the convent? Some of you are still in your teens . . . is it a little hard to (Continued on Page 11)

Cornell's Latin Americans Hold Guadalupe Fiesta

Ithaca — "More than four hundred years ago Our Lady of Guadalupe taught us the necessity of incorporating the Indian into our national life; and, because we have yet to comprehend fully her teaching, we are still suffering culturally, socially, and religiously."

This was the message given the members of Cornell's Latin-American colony who overflowed the University's Anabel Taylor Chapel in Ithaca on Sunday, Dec. 13, when the Newman Foundation celebrated its fourth annual Guadalupe fiesta.

More than 400 needy families look to the Charities agency for their Christmas dinner and gifts for the children.

"Contributions have been many and generous," said Father William Charbonneau of the Charities staff, "but we still need at least another hundred dollars."

He said donations, small or large, may be sent to the Catholic Charities Fund, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester.

Friday Club To Skip Lunch

No First Friday luncheon club meeting will be held in January because the date falls on the First Day of the Year, according to Chairman Donald E. Woerner. Club members will be receiving Holy Communion as usual in their parish churches. Luncheon will be resumed in February.

Bishop To Say Mass For IFCA

First Saturday Mass for Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae will be celebrated by Bishop Kearney at the Cenacle Convent, 993 East Ave. Jan. 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Reservations must be made chosen as rallying points by Mrs. Joseph Bayer, GR 3-8431 or Miss Emily Sconfietti, GR 3-9165.

he was aided by many committees directed by Madames Felipe Pachero, L. Exposito, Leonidas Abreu, Carmen Figueroa and Ricardo Portique.

Of the 2,000 Catholics attending Cornell University two hundred and fifty of them are from foreign countries, and half of that number are from Latin America.

Many of the graduate students from the countries to the south are married, and they with their families comprise a large Latin-American colony.

25 Years Ago

Bishop Kearney congratulated Holy Rosary Church on 50 years of fruitful parish life and Monsignor Charles F. Shay, pastor on souvenir booklet recording the 50 "golden years."

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How much will you need next Christmas?

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