

# Ten Per Cent of Priests Pledged to Latin America

Chicago—(RNS)—Joseph Cardinal Ritter, Archbishop of St. Louis, has pledged that 10 per cent of his diocesan priests will be serving the Church in Latin America by 1975.

Speaking at the main session of the second annual conference of the Catholic Inter-American

Cooperation Program, the cardinal also invited other North American dioceses "to see fit to set similar goals for themselves."

Recalling that the Vatican has urged religious communities of priests, brothers and sisters of the United States to make 10

per cent of its total personnel available for service in Latin America, Cardinal Ritter said that "if this tithing of consecrated flesh and blood is being asked of and being received from our orders and communities, a like sacrificial sharing is also expected with propriety from our dioceses."

"I pledge the Archdiocese of St. Louis to the attainment of this goal, namely that by the year 1975, with God's assistance, 10 per cent of our diocesan clergy will be in pastoral service in Latin America."

"I confidently express the hope that other dioceses will see fit to set similar goals for themselves."

He also called for an overall plan for the recruitment, support and placement of priests in Latin America.

Cardinal Ritter said that for this goal to be achieved, "there will be a need for a review of our diocesan structures and present use of priestly personnel, but surely this would be a healthy thing for the Church in our land."

Expressing hope for the future of Catholicism in Latin America, the St. Louis prelate cited the new changes and insights being experienced throughout the Church today. He said these changes were "more than a passing vogue; they are rooted in fundamental Christian philosophy and theology."

"Recognition of the unity, the equality, the dignity and the nobility of the human person is being increasingly grasped—not as a laudable practice," he said, "but as a basic Christian obligation."

He credited the Second Vatican Council with giving "impetus to the kind of thinking and action so sorely needed by those who wish their helping efforts to go beyond mere good wishes and gestures."

CARDINAL RITTER claimed that no adequate institution exists in the Church today specifically responsible for the "advocacy of the Church's universal pastoral program."

"The average parish does not possess a clear cut plan of life and teaching which points the way for participation in the world-apostolate, which specifies the implementation of this world apostolate as a fundamental Christian duty."

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## Priests' Evening of Reflection

Sunday, Feb. 7 at St. Patrick's Victor

Meditation by Rev. Hugh Brady

# Mother Ignatius, Carmel Pioneer

Solemn Requiem Mass was to have been offered Thursday morning, Feb. 4 at 10 a.m. by Bishop Kearney for Reverend Mother Ignatius of Jesus and Mary, Prioress of the Carmelite Monastery, Jefferson Rd., Rochester.

Bishop Kearney also was to have preached the sermon.

MOTHER IGNATIUS died Feb. 2, 1965 after a lingering illness.

Death came to the 75-year-old Carmelite more than fifty years after she entered the order and nearly thirty-five years after she and five other nuns, including the revered Mother Beatrix, established the first Rochester Carmel at 151 Saratoga Ave. on June 19, 1930.

Mother Ignatius was appointed Superior of the Carmelites following the death of the 93-year-old Mother Beatrix on Jan. 20, 1939 and unanimously elected prioress in Canonical elections held Sept. 9, 1940. She was repeatedly re-elected as prioress until her death except for a three-year interval between 1953 and 1956 in accordance with the requirements of Canon Law.

Although Mother Ignatius' religious life in Rochester was spent at the original Saratoga Avenue foundation and at 1530 East Avenue, her crowning achievement came in 1956 when she was able to move her community to their present monastery at Jefferson Road.

The construction of the modern yet picturesque edifice became a dedicated task for Mother Ignatius. She not only contracted with architects and contractors but actually drew and revised every inch of construction. With construction completed, Mother Ignatius started the extensive grounds until, as one Carmelite described it, "our once barren field of mud and stones became a little paradise."

Born Elizabeth Gertrude Town in Philadelphia December 5, 1890, Mother Ignatius could trace her ancestry to 1681 when her great-great-grandfather came to America. Her great-great-grandfather on her mother's side arrived in 1882.

Mother Ignatius' ancestors fought in the American Revolution and gave their fortunes to its cause. She was related on her father's side to Cornelia Connolly, foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Child whose cause is being considered.

Left motherless shortly before her ninth birthday, Mother Ignatius—always known as Lily Town—was reared by her aunt. She attended the Sisters of the Holy Child School and was graduated from Philadelphia's Academy of the Sacred Heart with highest honors in June, 1907.

A TALENTED pianist, Mother Ignatius completed her studies at the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music in 1912. A year later, on July 31, 1913, she entered Philadelphia Carmel, received the habit on Feb. 4, 1914, made her profession on March 31, 1915 and, in the first public ceremony in the new chapel, received the black veil from Archbishop Edmond F. Fendergast on Oct. 15, 1915.

During her fifteen-year stay at Philadelphia Carmel, Mother Ignatius was elected sub-prioress several times and, as sister at the turn before and after the canonization of St. Teresa, "The Little Flower," the future Reverend Mother became known to hundreds of Philadelphians.

In response to a request from the late Bishop John Francis O'Hern, the Rochester Carmel was established on Saratoga Avenue in 1930 with Mother



MOTHER IGNATIUS

Beatrix heading a group of six nuns including Mother Ignatius.

The story of Mother Ignatius' nearly twenty-five years as prioress is replete with significant events reflecting her many characteristics—most significant was her unbounded charity during the dark days of World War II and in the immediate post-war years.

SHE SENT aid to Carmels throughout the world and, assisted by friends of the Monastery, extended her compassion to homeless and hungry families in Germany, France, Belgium and Italy. Mother Ignatius even kept a book listing the clothing sizes and requirements of her refugee children. Her packages abroad extended to toys and candy, medicines, vegetable seed and even an entire outfit for bride and groom.

Mother Ignatius celebrated her golden jubilee as a Carmelite on Feb. 4, 1964 at a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Kearney. Through the good offices of Bishop Casey, she received a papal blessing, personally signed by Pope Paul VI.

One of nine children, Mother Ignatius' only surviving relative is a brother, Theodore Town of Philadelphia.

## Baritones in the Convent!

# Fathers Join Nun-Daughters For Mass, Breakfast



POSTULANT RUTH DUPRE takes advantage of Dad's visit to get him to fix her watch. Postulant Kathleen Knope and father, Charles Knope, look on.

In the chapel of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, tenor, baritone and bass voices joined the usual sopranos in the singing of the Mass hymns.

Later, in the convent refectory, again an out-of-the-ordinary masculine note was added to the feminine one in the laughter and conversation at the breakfast table.

These unusual events occurred on Jan. 24 at the first of what is hoped will become a traditional affair for the postulants, novices, and junior-pro-

fessed Sisters living at the Motherhouse—a Father-Daughter Communion and Breakfast.

More than one hundred dads, including many from out of town in spite of the unfavorable weather, joined their daughters for this religious and social event which was sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph Auxiliary Association under the direction of its president, Arthur Doyle; vice-president, Joseph Hoffman; and Sister M. Hilda, Mistress of Postulants of the St. Joseph Sisters.

THE AUXILIARY Association was formed four years ago for two reasons: to coordinate the members' desires to "help the Sisters" into a few, well-organized means for subsidizing the



FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS in chapel before Mass.

regular income of the Motherhouse; and to provide more occasions at which the Sisters and their families might enjoy each other's company.

Anyone who is interested may belong to the association and share in its spiritual benefits, but naturally the most active members are the Sisters' parents.

Through the yearly dues and the card party held each spring, the association has been able to contribute generously to the skating rink and the swimming pool which the Sisters now en-

joy, in season, at the Motherhouse. To achieve their second purpose, the association has established an annual spring Parents and Daughters Dinner, a Family Picnic Day on the Motherhouse grounds each summer, and this new function—the Communion-Breakfast.

SPECIAL PURPOSE for this latest function, according to Frank Staropoli, past-president of the auxiliary, is to give the young Sisters and their fathers a chance for an extra get-together (aside from the regular family visits) when they may worship God at Mass together, enjoy the company of each other's friends, and have a private chat without brothers or sisters—or even mothers—around.



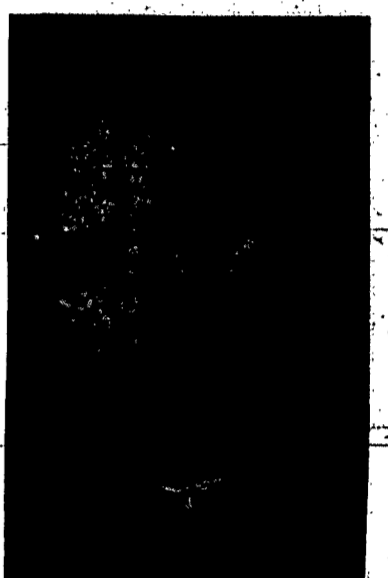
# Fr. Reilly Dies, Priest 45 Years

Solemn funeral rites for Rev. Francis J. Reilly, 71, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Horseheads for 20 years, were held in that church on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey offered the solemn Mass. Rev. Roger E. Switzer delivered the eulogy.

Assistant priest was Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Neary was deacon and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo G. Schwab was sub-deacon.

First master was Rev. Gerald J. Appoby. Second master was Rev. Michael C. Hogan. Acolytes were Rev. John S. Hayes and Rev. Joseph G. Merkel.



FATHER REILLY

Book-bearer was Rev. Joseph F. Hogan. Candle bearer was Rev. William J. Reed. Mitre bearer was Rev. William A. Burns. Gremiale bearer was Rev. Otto Vogt. Thurifer was Mr. Louis Brown, a seminarian from St. Mary's parish.

Prayers for the deceased were the Right Reverend Most Reverend Francis J. Latta, Bishops Randall, John J. Dineen and Donald M. Cleary. Also Very Rev. Monsignor Joseph J. Sullivan and 40 priests of the Diocese.

Priests' choir was led by Father John L. Connor. Mrs. John E. Bacon was organist.

Father Reilly was born in South Waverly, Pa., on Feb. 14, 1893, the son of Michael and Mary-Murphy-Reilly.

He studied at St. Mary's Boys Home, Rochester, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

He was ordained a priest on

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# Press Story On Cardinal Said False

Washington—(NC)—A State Department spokesman here categorically denied a recent press story asserting that there are "no obstacles" to Josef Cardinal Mindszenty's leaving his refuge in the U.S. legation in Budapest but that the Prime Minister of Hungary "wants to die a prisoner" there.

The story (which was released by NANA and published in the daily press Jan. 20) credited as its source a State Department "source" in Bonn, Germany, "who has taken part" in recent U.S.-Hungarian negotiations.

The State Department spokesman here described the story as "completely incorrect."

"We don't have any American official in Bonn who has had anything to do with the Hungarian negotiations," he said in answer to inquiries.

Then he added: "It doesn't represent anything that any American official would hold."

Cardinal Mindszenty, condemned to life imprisonment by the Hungarian communist regime in a sham trial in 1949, was freed during the 1956 uprising and took refuge in the U.S. legation in Budapest that Nov. 4, when Soviet forces were exterminating the fight for freedom.

(Franziskus Cardinal Koenig of Vienna, who has carried out several missions in Hungary in the past few years, said in December that the Hungarian government seems eager to get Cardinal Mindszenty out of the country without exonerating him of the charges by which he was imprisoned 16 years ago. But he said the Hungarian Prime Minister will leave only as a free man with all his honors and rights.)

(Hungarian Premier János Kadar, asked about Cardinal Mindszenty in an interview a year ago, said: "The case of the Cardinal involves the prestige of many; that of the Church, that of others as well. . . . All that is needed is a little patience to find a formula among many which are possible.")

## Dispensation On Holiday

Bishop James E. Kearney has granted Catholics in the Rochester Diocese a dispensation from the law of abstinence on Friday, Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday.

## Month's Theme

# Catholic Press 'Mirror of Truth'

By MSGR. ROBERT G. PETERS

(Msgr. Robert G. Peters, president of the Catholic Press Association and editor of the *Fora* (Ill.) Register, diocesan newspaper, in his statement on the 1965 observance of Catholic Press Month during February, analyzes the theme of the observance, the words of Pope Paul VI—"Your Catholic press . . . mirror of the world . . . telling things as they are . . . in truth.")

The theme of this year's Catholic Press Month gives everyone—readers and writers—reason to consider the task of the Catholic press. They are the words of Pope Paul VI—Your Catholic press . . . mirror of the world . . . telling things as they are . . . in truth.

To mirror the world is not the simple task it first appears. For one thing, a mirror can be imperfect, setting up distortions in its reflections. A mirror can be too small to tell the full story. A mirror can be faithful to the surface of things and miss what lies behind the obvious facade.

A MIRROR that tells all things as they are must be a mirror that seldom limits its area of reflection. And the press that attempts to be such a mirror must concern itself not only with the obvious ecclesiastical aspects of the world, but with every walk of life, every slightest concern of morality.

A mirror that tells things as

they really are must reflect not only the object in question but the surrounding world that affects what must be told. The publication, that mirrors the family, the factory, the field, and the forum must include the Christian principles needed for a proper interpretation of the question itself.

Anything else is not "things as they are" or things "in truth." Anything else is not the Catholic press that the popes have advised to place itself in the world and interpret that world for readers in the light of Christian principles.

Catholic readers should be happy to have at hand a press that dedicates itself to so important a task.

It would be impossible to say who had the best time at this Communion Breakfast—the proud dads or their delighted daughters. And for those who may be worrying about the poor, neglected mothers, they will have the same wonderful kind of visit with their nun-daughters on Sunday, Feb. 14, as they celebrate Valentine's Day with a Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast.

Monuments and Markers for Holy Sepulchre. The better way to choose a monument is to see our indoor display. You will appreciate our elegant plan. THOMAS BRONSON, 1124 Mt. Hope, GE 3-3271—Adv.