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South American bound Mercy nuns, Sisters M. Joan, Terrance, Canisius and De Porres.

Santiago Mission For 4 Mercy Nuns

"The work is difficult, the area is tough, the challenge is great. So this makes it more interesting and rewarding."

Santiago, Chile, the newly selected mission site of the Rochester Sisters of Mercy, and in particular, San Luis, a very poor parish of 40,000 in a northern suburb, is described in this frank manner by its pastor, Columban Father Kevin O'Boyle, in a letter to Mother Mary Bride appealing for sisters. The Columban Fathers conduct six poor parishes in Santiago.

Mother Mary Bride recently spent ten days in Santiago, as a guest of the Maryknoll Sisters, examining mission prospects, including poor schools conducted by various religious orders.

Raúl Cardinal Silva Henríquez, Archbishop of Santiago, granted Mother Bride a personal interview during her stay in Chile, during which he stood up and joined his hands in a prayer of thanksgiving, upon hearing that the Sisters of Mercy wish to become involved in catechetics.

The Cardinal's enthusiasm for catechetical work is well known; he favors government-sponsored schools with sisters, concentrating on religious instruction, since the building of schools is such a colossal problem for the poor that evangelization through the Catholic school system is a slow process. Over 600,000 children in South America do not attend school of any kind.

In San Luis Parish approximately half of the children get some schooling. There is only one public school, an old house that accommodates 150 children; it holds three sessions a day. The literacy level is very low; much of the catechetical instruction will of necessity be orally conducted. There is no resident doctor among 40,000 people and no public health clinic.

Mother Mary Bride commented that having professed poverty for 31 years, her eyes were open



Mother Mary Bride of the Sisters of Mercy of the Rochester Diocese recently visited San Luis parish in Santiago, Chile, where four nuns of the diocesan community will soon begin a mission project.

to its degree in Santiago; she felt that she saw true poverty for the first time. "One would never complain of any deprivation again, after seeing people who have next to nothing they can call their own."

President-Frel's school-building program promises to provide more public schools in the near future. Mother Bride was impressed by one government-sponsored project which had replaced 480 one-room shacks, in which whole families were living, with homes with more appropriate living conditions.

'Army' Girds For Census Of Diocese

An army of more than 15,000 persons, mostly women, will be recruited next week for the religious census to be conducted in the 156 parishes of the Diocese.

Nearly 400,000 dwelling units throughout the 12-county Diocese will be visited during May and June. Census workers will ask if there are any baptized Catholics living therein. Information will be sought only from Catholics.

Parishes section leaders are now enlisting census workers, and will report to their parish chairmen during the week of April 18 the names and addresses of all who agree to assist.

Training meetings for all workers will precede the actual census visits, which, the single exception of Rochester's inner city, are slated to begin in parishes throughout the Diocese on a staggered schedule basis from May 4 through June 10.

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Father O'Boyle is in the process of renovating a convent for the sisters across from the parish church; he also hopes to convert a small house on the property into a hall where the sisters can assemble the women and children for religious instruction and group guidance.

THE FOUR sisters selected out of the 60 volunteers for this first mission of the Rochester Sisters of Mercy outside the diocese are:

Sister Mary Terrance, Superior. Sister Terrance, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John De

Voldre of 49 Woodstock Road, Rochester, is superior and principal of Saint Mary School, Bath.

Sister Mary Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Korn of 412 Raines Park, Rochester, teaches at Our Lady of Lourdes School, Elmira.

Two of the missionaries-to-be are now serving on the faculty of Saint Helen School in Rochester: Sister Mary Canisius, daughter of Mrs. Francis Spelley and the late Francis Spelley of Hornell, and Sister Mary de Porres, daughter of Mrs.

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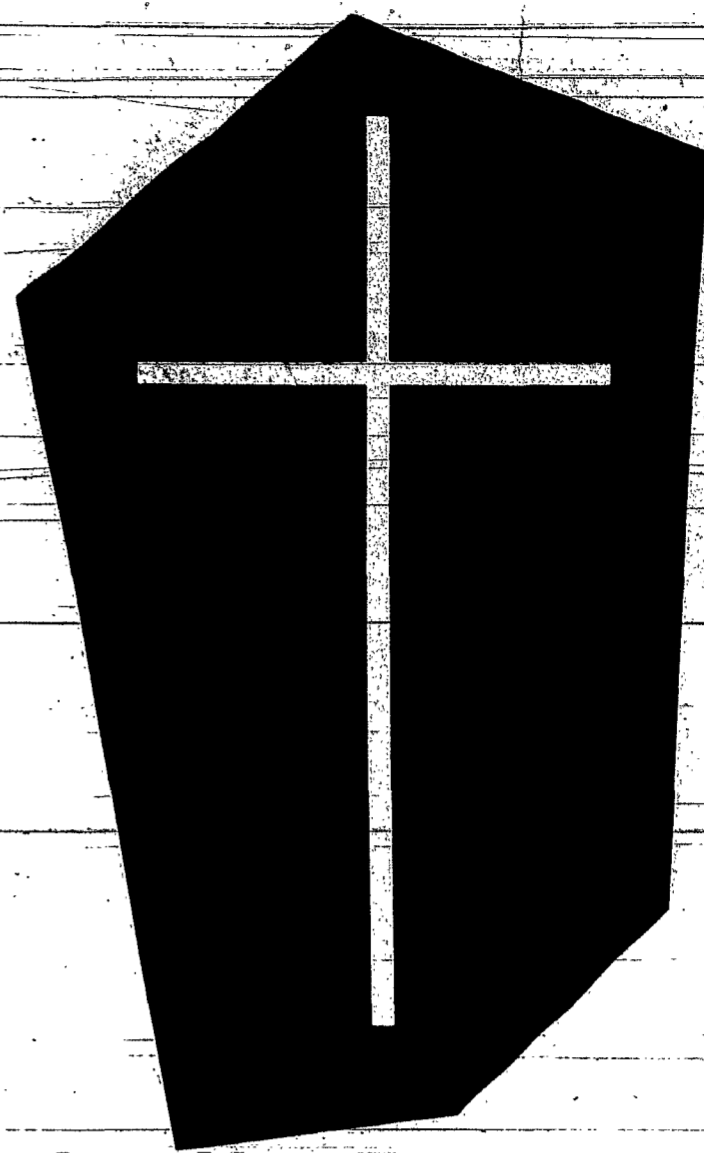


A Century since Appomattox

The agony of the American Civil War ended a hundred years ago this week. Father Robert McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary writes his twelfth and final article marking the centenary of the war between the states in this issue of the Courier. See page four. Sketch above shows federal troops sharing rations with ragged Confederate forces after the fighting stopped in 1865.

We adore Thee,

O Christ,



and we bless Thee

because

by Thy Holy Cross

Thou hast redeemed the world

'Most Significant'

Bring Mass 'Closer to People'

Changes underway in the Catholic Church's ways of worship promise to make the present time "one of the most significant, the most powerful, the most wonderful periods in the history of the Church and in devotion to Jesus Christ in the holy sacrifice of the Mass," Bishop Kearney told more than 700 members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society Sunday morning.

He said the changes are an "evidence of life" in the Church which seeks to bring the Mass "closer to our people, to help them watch it step by step, to enable them to take an active part in it."

HE QUOTED the well-known hymn honoring the Blessed Sacrament: "Jesus, my Lord, my God, My All, How can I love Thee as I ought, And how revere this wondrous Gift."

By their "strictly personal" devotion to our Lord at the moment of Communion, in their private visits at the tabernacle and in their monthly hour of adoration, the men answer the first part of the hymn's question "How can I love Thee as I ought," Bishop Kearney stated.

But the question of public reverence is now being an-

swered by the Church under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit" as it makes changes "to bring out more clearly the significance of the Mass" for the people of today's world.

Changes inevitably "disappoint those wedded to traditional formulas," the Bishop admitted, and also, "stimulates those who have no respect for the past." But the Bishop assured his audience that changes called for by Church authority deserve our wholehearted and confident acceptance.

He said the Nocturnal Adoration Society's devotion is rooted in our Lord's example of prayer

in the Garden of Gethsemane and His request to the Apostles, "Wait here and watch with Me."

Bishop Kearney expressed thanks to Mr. Carl Haller of the Busch and Lomb Co. for use of the firm's cafeteria for the "largest gathering of men in our Diocese" for their annual breakfast. Society members spend an hour in prayer on the last Saturday of each month. The hour-long devotions are scheduled on a throughout-the-night basis at four churches in Rochester and in several parishes in other areas of the Diocese.

'Concelebration' to Begin For Holy Thursday Mass

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will inaugurate a new format for the Mass at Holy Thursday ceremonies at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7:45 p.m.

Four priests will say the prayers with him at the Mass commemorating the Last Supper of our divine Lord.

The Vatican this month revised and updated the ancient rite of "concelebrating" Mass, once a common practice in the Church but not in use in the past several centuries.

Text of the new format is not yet generally available so parish priests will follow Holy Week rites according to texts in existing ceremony books.

Holy Week ceremonies in all Catholic churches will begin Palm Sunday and recall the sufferings, death and final victory of our Saviour. Parish bulletins should be consulted for exact time of all rites. Schedule of ceremonies at Sacred Heart Cathedral is on page five.

Liberty Text Said Better

Amsterdam — (NC) — A revised text of the Vatican Council's proposed statement on religious freedom is better than the one drawn up during the Council's third session last year, according to Cardinal Bernard Alfrink of Utrecht.

The Cardinal told the Adelbert Society, organization of Dutch intellectuals, that he is glad last year's text was not voted on by Council Fathers. He said that text was not clear enough.

A statement on religious freedom was scheduled to be voted on toward the close of last year's Council session. Despite a petition to vote as scheduled signed by hundreds of council Fathers, the council presidency postponed the vote because some bishops had asked for more time to study the document.

Papal Fund Aids Quake Victims

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI sent an undisclosed "large sum" of money to Chile to aid victims of an intense earthquake across the central part of that country.

The tremor, which also broke a 230-foot high dam in a mining village north of Santiago, left an estimated 400 persons dead and hundreds injured. Full force of the quake struck the central provinces of Aconcagua, Valparaiso, Coquimbo and Santiago, causing wide destruction.

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