

47 Nuns Take Vows at Mercy

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Sister Mary James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Beckman, St. Rita's, West Webster.

Sister Mary Clotilde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emilio A. Paganelli, SS. Peter and Paul, Elmira.

Sister Mary Rosina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. O'Brien, St. Patrick's, Victor.

Sister Mary Clarice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hummel, St. Ambrose, Rochester.

Sister Mary Celestine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce F. Norton, St. John the Evangelist, Clyde.

Sister Mary Leonarda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes, St. Louis, Pittsford.

Father Valente presided at two other Sisters of Mercy profession ceremonies within the week.

Seventeen sisters renewed their vows for a two-year period at Mass Saturday, August 14, and 18 made profession of vows for life, Monday, August 16.

In all three ceremonies the sisters pronounced their vows

Six of the twelve young nuns who took their first vows in the Mercy order are shown in the Motherhouse chapel — Sisters Agatha, Sebastian, James, Clarice, Celestine and Leonarda.

individually at Communion time. They vowed poverty, chastity, and obedience, as well as service to the poor, sick, and ignorant, and made a promise of perseverance as a Sister of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy require that religious have a temporary period of vows lasting five years before taking them for life. Rev. James W. Embser, C.S.B., conducted a three-day retreat for the finally professed group last weekend.

Father Valente pointed out in his sermon that those sisters

Four Nuns to Launch Mission in Chile

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ments for them to matriculate in the Chilean language school where they will take further courses in Spanish. They will also attend the archdiocesan Catechetical school to learn the best methods of approach in presenting to these neglected people "the word of God."

"Our one aim," states Mother Mary Bride, "is to reach the heart of these poor people through love and kindness and thereby bring them to the heart of Christ. By first teaching the women and children the fundamentals of hygienic living even in their poverty, and by thus uplifting them, the Sisters will be reverting to the work of our beloved foundress, Mother McAuley, as she launched her first missionary group to work with the poor and unfortunate in the slums of Dublin. We think it is rather difficult to find Irish Sisters, the Columban Fathers and the Sisters of Mercy, should be working together in this comparatively new South American parish."

In a communication to Mother Mary Bride, Father O'Boyle states that the people are anxious to get the construction of the convent for the Sisters "going as soon as possible, as things move more slowly down here than they do in the States." In the event the San Luis Convent is not completed on the Sisters' arrival, arrangements have been made for them to live with the Maryknoll Sisters at San Albert convent, the neighboring parish.

Father James Weckesser, a Maryknoll missionary from Rochester, is pastor of this parish.

The four Sisters selected from the over 60 volunteers of the Sisters of Mercy to begin this mission venture have been associated with Catholic education in the Rochester diocese as teachers and administrators. They are professionally qualified to begin the work of their new assignment. Their language aptitude ranks high according to all their screening tests. Since their assignment to the South American mission on March 25, they have been doing refresher work in Spanish.

Sister Mary Terrence, superior of the group, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DeVoldre of 49 Woodstock Road, Rochester. They are members of St. John the Evangelist parish. Sister has taught in St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira, and St. Andrew's, Rochester, and Our Lady of Mercy, Greece, elementary schools. She was superior of the Greece school. For the past three years, she has been principal of the Cathedral rectory.

cial and superior at St. Mary's, Bath.

Sister Mary Canisius, daughter of Mrs. Francis Spelley and the late Francis Spelley of Hornell, has been teaching 8th grade at St. Helen's school, Gates, for the past three years. Prior to that Sister taught at St. Charles Borromeo school, Greece. She was a member of St. Ann's parish, Hornell.

Sister Mary Joan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Korn of 412 Raines Park, members of Sacred Heart Cathedral parish. Sister taught at St. Thomas the Apostle school in Rochester and during the past three years she has been teaching at Our Lady of Lourdes, in Elmira.

Before entering religious life Sister Mary Terrence, Sister Mary Joan and Sister Mary dePorres graduated from Our Lady of Mercy High School, Sister Mary Canisius graduated from Hornell High School. They all received their college training at Catharine McAuley College and Nazareth College.

At the departure ceremony Rev. John F. Duffy, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith Society will lead the itinerarium, the prayer invoking God's blessing when starting on a journey. Bishop Kearney will bless and bestow the missionary crosses on the Sisters and deliver the sermon.

Solemn Benediction, given by Bishop Casey, will follow the sermon.

Assisting at the rite will be Monsignors Leo Schwab, and Patrick J. Flynn and Fathers John P. O'Malley, William Spelley, brother of Sister Mary Canisius, and Anthony Valente.

Very Rev. Daniel Boland, provincial and director of the Columbian missions in North and South America, will be present in the sanctuary. He will come from St. Columbans, Nebraska, for the ceremony.

The Sisters of Mercy choir of 150 voices, under the direction of Sister Mary Majella, will sing the departure ceremonial hymns and Benediction music. Francis Pilecki, organist at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, will be at the console.

A reception will follow the ceremony in the administration hall of the Cathedral rectory.

who were renewing their vows; Sister Mary Bonaventure, have by experience a greater realization of their commitment. He congratulated them and their parents, as well as temporary professed under two-year vows.

The sisters taking vows for life are: Sister Mary Padraic Holahan, Sister Mary Michael Lappetto,



Mercy nuns who renewed their vows are shown in this photo.

Uruguay Urged Seek Mary's Help

Florida, Uruguay — (NC) — Bishop Umberto Tonna of Florida has called on Uruguay's Catholics to take part Nov. 14 in a national pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady here to pray to her for protection "during the special difficulties through which our country is passing."

In recent months this South American nation, once one of the most stable on the con-

tinents, has experienced a wave of strikes, increasing unemployment and rising inflation. A drought has greatly reduced exports of meat and wheat, Uruguay's main sources of foreign exchange. Members of the nine-man executive council, split between the opposing Blanco and Colorado parties, have added to the difficulties by failing to agree on measures to alleviate the economic crisis.

A "People's Congress" called by the communists, who dominate most of Uruguay's labor unions, is apparently going to be held in the near future following a number of postponed Colorado parties, have added to the difficulties by failing to agree on measures to alleviate the economic crisis.

Frank Duff Wins Award

Bay Shore, N. Y. — (NC) — Frank Duff, founder of the Legion of Mary, has won the 1965 Pius XII Marian Award of the Montfort Fathers' Consecration Center here.

Duff will receive the award at Legion of Mary headquarters in Dublin, Ireland, where he founded the organization in September, 1921. He will also be named the first honorary member of the Company of Mary (the Montfort Fathers) for his efforts in promoting the teachings of St. Louis de Montfort.

Presenting the award will be Father Francis Tomal, S.M.M., director of the Consecration Center and of Montfort publications. It will be his last official act in that capacity before he leaves to become director of the Montfort Fathers' proposed Queen of All Hearts shrine in Eastport, LI.

Education Conference

Leopoldville — (NC) — School officials from 36 African countries, and observers from UNESCO, will attend the Pan-African Catholic Education Conference here (Aug. 16-22) organized by the International Catholic Education Office for Africa and Madagascar.

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The sisters renewing their vows for a two-year period are:

Sister Mary Alacoue Sullivan, Sister Mary Lucy Wallender, Sister Anne Marie Mathis, Sister Clare Marie Deegan, Sister Mary Cormac Flynn, Sister Charles Marie Brady, Sister Mary Georgia Seibold, Sister Mary Janice Morgan, Sister Jean Marie Kears.

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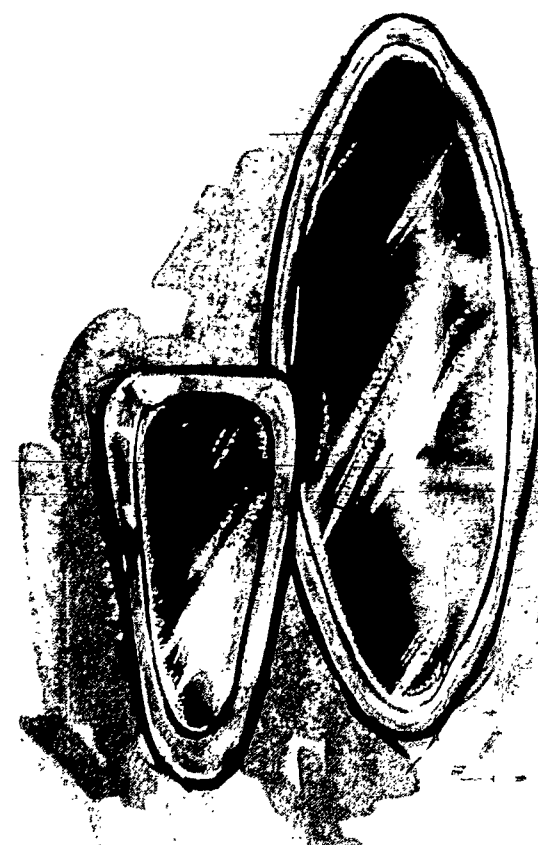
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