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Aquinas, '35, Plans Reunion

FINALIZING PLANS for the 30th reunion of the Class of 1935, Aquinas Institute, are committee members (from left and seated) Bud Maher, Emmett Muldoon, chairman, and John Sliney. Standing are William Sullivan and Edward Sloan. The dinner-dance is set for Saturday, Oct. 23 at Brooklea Country Club. Reservations by Oct. 16. Checks should be mailed to Emmett Muldoon, 46 Cornwall Lane, Rochester, N.Y. 14617.

His Parish is a Dump

St. Paul — (RNS) — Father James Kohrnetscher, O.M.I., believes he has one of the largest and poorest parishes in the world.

About one-third of his flock of 60,000 lives in a garbage dump. Most of the parishioners are illiterate.

An Oblate priest now visiting his order's provincial headquarters here, Father Kohrnetscher serves the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Recife, Brazil.

In an interview, he reported that the needs of the Church in his area are "staggering."

The extreme poverty of the under-

Conference Studies Africa Schools

Leopoldville — (RNS)—Delegates from 36 countries gathered here for the opening of a Pan-African Conference of Catholic Education organized by the International Catholic Educational Bureau.

It was announced that the conference, which the National Bureau of Catholic Schools also helped to organize, would be mainly to evaluate the general situation of Catholic education in Africa and pointing out the values and goals that Catholic educators throughout the continent must bear in mind.

Besides accredited African delegates, the conference was also attended by observers from the United States, Canada, Japan, Holland and England.

Read at one of the opening sessions was a message from President Joseph Kasavubu of the Congo, said the importance of the conference was of great importance.

NO CHURCH FOR CONVERTS

THE HOLY FATHER'S MISSION AID TO THE ORIENTAL CHURCH

For Mass on Sunday Catholics by the hundreds crowd into a grimy thatched shed in Chennai, south India. All of them are converts. They have no church because they have no money. . . . Formerly Jacobites, these Catholics are pitifully poor. The wage earner (with wife and children to support) gets less than \$1 a week. . . . Father Joseph Maitadiyil, the hard-working pastor, needs only \$3,200 for bricks and cement since the men in this parish can build a lasting church free-of-charge evenings after work. . . . Make this church your lifetime gift to God and His poor before you die. In memory of your loved ones? Name it for your favorite saint. If you build it all by yourself, whenever Mass is offered Father Joseph (and his successors) will remember you and your loved ones in a very special way. . . . Send him at least as much as you can right now (\$200, \$150, \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5, \$3, \$2). To save the Faith and to spread it Father Joseph needs your help at once! . . . God has been good to you? Do something for Father Joseph, please.

Bishops Given Soviet Visas

Berlin — (RNS)—All seven Catholic bishops in East Germany were given travel visas by Soviet Zone authorities to attend the Second Vatican Council.

The gathering meanwhile was widely noted by radio networks in various European Communist countries which said its main aim was to "plan Catholic education on the lines of resistance toward the spread of Communist ideologies on the African continent."

Reports were read at the initial sessions outlining the status of Catholic education in ten countries. Speakers stressed the difficulties encountered by Catholic educators following the nationalization of schools in a number of African states. They also cited difficulties caused by the lack of adequate financial resources.

Planning Scout Breakfast

ST. AMBROSE GIRL SCOUTS looking up ideas for decorating and table setting for their Mothers and Daughters Communion Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 24 are, from left: Deborah Perry, Marilyn Ziobrowski, Nancy Cirincione and Karen Mele.

Conesus To Mexico and Back S.V.D. Mission Need Cited

"The biggest challenge is to give the people an ideal to strive for and attain, and an ideal that is commensurate with their religious belief," declared the Very Rev. Wilbert Wagner, S.V.D., home for a short stay from his work in Mexico.

For the past three years Father Wagner has been in the front lines of the battle against abject poverty. He has helped tackle the age-old problem in new and modern ways, and at the same time has worked to establish a seminary, directed an Intercultural Formation Center, and as regional has supervised all the Divine Word missionary activities in Mexico.

Father Wagner, who observed the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood in August, was honored with a special celebration on Sunday (Sept. 19) at St. Michael's in Conesus, where he served for 13 years as novice master and assistant provincial for the Eastern Province.

Just two years ago the output of rice was 100 tons. Father Wagner states that last year it hit 60,000 tons and there is every reason to believe that this year it will go to 100,000 tons.

But there is much more to the cooperative than so many tons of rice and pesos in the bank or the pocket. What it has done for the people is the terrific thing.

EMILIANO ZAPATA, located about 75 miles from Mexico City, has long had a reputation of a really tough town. Two or three murders a week were common. "At the present time we will go for two or three weeks without a murder," Father Wagner reported. "Drunkenness and promiscuity have been cut way down. It gives the people an ideal, something to look forward to."

Father Wagner has his headquarters in Mexico City, but never has a chance to remain there for a very long stretch. "I keep shuttling back and forth," he explained. As head of the 12-man Divine Word missionary force in Mexico, he makes his regular rounds to visit all the work and to lend a helping hand wherever needed. His longest trek is 350 miles — a day's journey by train.

Last year a minor seminary was opened at Guadalajara. There are now 26 boys in residence here and they do most of their studies at the nearby Jesuit Preparatory. A second seminary, a school of philosophy, is to be opened at Cuervavaca this year.

THE DIVINE WORD priests have charge of five churches with 4,000 families. They also operate a youth center, a catechetical center, a clinic and have the spiritual direction of students at an autonomous university in Guadalajara.

In addition to his duties as regional, Father Wagner worked for some time as director of the Center of Intercultural Formation in Cuernavaca and he helped build the staff there. This year, Fordham University project and Msgr. Ivan Ulrich, of the New York Archdiocese, is the executive director. The Center was opened to train lay people and religious in language and culture before they start work in Latin America. Lutherans, Episcopalians and other religions are represented among the students. A total of 120 are enrolled for the next 17-week course, one of two held during the year, Father Wagner reports.

"There is a definite uptrend among the people of Mexico where the priests have been trained in the social and economic advancements," Father Wagner states. The Conference of Latin American Bishops has a pastoral institute specifically for this training.

Like all foreign missionaries working in Mexico, Father Wagner must discard his priestly garb in favor of civilian clothes, a requirement faced by all priests and nuns when they agree to meet the many chal-

In spite of the potential the people found it impossible to borrow money to improve their crops and thus to better their existence. And in most cases they lacked the knowledge to do this even if it were available.

FATHER RENTKO set up the Caja Popular. "It's like a building and loan association here," Father Wagner explained. "The people were encouraged to put in 8 cents a week to start a savings account."

This was the beginning of the rice cooperative—the peasants joining to help themselves.

The next year they borrowed money for fertilizer and irrigation to better their rice fields. When the grain was harvested it was taken to the cooperative-run mill, which now has a capacity of 40 tons per day. The rice, which is all consumed in

Two Parishes Return To Fold

Allentown — (NC) — Two western Pennsylvania parishes which have been involved in schism for some 30 years have become reconciled with the Catholic Church.

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New Assignment

FATHER DANIEL McLAUGHLIN, S.S.C.C., previously stationed at Our Lady of Victory Church (French Church), Rochester, has been appointed Mission Procurator of the American Province of his order, the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Father McLaughlin was spiritual director of the Third Order of Mt. Carmel.

Miss Marciano Nuptials Held

Miss Janet N. Marciano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Marciano, Lela St., and Guy J. Pelino, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pelino, Isabelle St., celebrated their vows at Nuptial Mass Sept. 4 in Holy Apostles Church.

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Most Reverend **Fulton J. Sheen**

In this special work of being the Holy Father's arm in the United States for helping all missionary societies and all poor areas of the earth, the one wonder which never ceases to amaze is this—how many Christians there are who beg for the privilege of giving beyond their means. Take, for example, the mother who, for the first time in her married life, got together \$7 and sent \$3 of it to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It seems that there are always such saints in the Church. St. Paul wrote of them: "We must tell you about the grace that God has given to the Macedonian churches. Somehow, in the most difficult circumstances, their joy and the fact of being down to their last penny themselves, produced a magnificent concern for other people. I can guarantee that they were willing to give to the limit of their means, yes and beyond their means, without the slightest urging from me or anyone else. In fact they simply begged us to accept their gifts and so let them share the honor of supporting their brothers in Christ. Nor was their gift, as I had expected, a mere cash payment. Instead they made a complete dedication of themselves, first to the Lord, then to us, as God's appointed ministers" (II Cor. 8: 1, 5).

I would say that 50 per cent of those who help the poor of the world are themselves in grave need of what they give, as were the Macedonians. One deaf woman even sent the money she set aside for a hearing aid. On reporting this, someone wrote to us, condemning the woman for doing so. We answered, asking him to send us the money to buy a hearing aid for the woman (incidentally, he was not poor) but—no answer. If anyone is inclined to despair of our modern world because of its corporate evil, just let him read our mail in which \$2 from a poor person is equivalent to a gift of a million from a rich person. We have noted for years that the rich generally give to those who are rich; it is only the exceptional one who gives to the poor. An institution already worth 20 million can get another 5 million easily, but the 10 million leper in the world for whom we beg are lucky to get \$70,000 a year.

Why does this happen? Why is it that those who have so little are the first to help others in need? St. Paul gives the reason: "They first make a complete dedication of themselves to the Lord." Their sacrifice was not first, but their love of the Lord. The gift flowed from the love; they gave more than their material gift—they gave themselves.

GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. J. K. for \$10 "This was set aside to fix my parents' grave but I think they would rather have me send it to the poor to keep them from dying. . . . to Sister M. de St. T. who asked that her entire birthday gift be sent to the Holy Father's missions. . . . to Mrs. A. D. for \$5 "We are a family of nine so the budget is tight. I only wish I could send more."

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