

Maryknoll Nun Has Story to Tell

Anniversary

London — (NC) — Three cardinals will take part in a celebrated Mass in London's Westminster cathedral on March 19 to mark the centenary of England's missionary society the Mill Hill Fathers.

They are Gregorio Cardinal Agagianian, prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith; Laurean Cardinal Rugambwa of Bukoba, Tanzania, and John Cardinal Heenan of Westminster. With them will be Archbishop Igino Cardinaline, apostolic delegate to Britain, and Father Gerald Mahon, superior general of the Mill Hill Fathers.

The society was founded by Herbert Cardinal Vaughan of Westminster, who as a young priest collected \$16,000 toward founding the society on a trip to California. Some years later, in 1871, Father Vaughan took some of his first missionaries back to the United States to work among Negroes. His superiors recalled him the following year to become a bishop and finally leader of the Church in this country.

Sister Ann Veronica, Chief of Surgery at Maryknoll Hospital, Pusan, Korea, will begin a month's visit in the Rochester Diocese Tuesday, March 15. The nun is well known to many in this area because she interned at St. Mary's Hospital in 1957.

Maryknoll Hospital in Pusan, Korea, is the only charity hospital in a country of 22 million people. The Korean Medical Association has approved it as a medical training center; Sister Ann Veronica serves as a clinical professor at the Pusan University Medical College and is a member of the Korean Surgical Society, having passed the licensing examination for surgeons in that country.

The hospital has 160 beds and treats some 500 patients a day on a charity basis. This requires financial support, Sister says, with a wry smile. In fact, she is in this country, at present, to seek fellowships, research grants, and help from foundations, in order to train native Korean doctors and nurses.

A graduate of Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y., and of Marquette University School of Medicine in Milwaukee, Sister Ann Veronica served a two-year residency in surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City following her year at St. Mary's in Rochester.

She learned much about the treatment of New York's poor in the busy clinics of 11th Street and 7th Avenue. "Look" magazine featured her ambulance rides in its New York issue in 1958. From New York's poor she went directly to serve the poor of Pusan and its surrounding villages and cities. Patients line the street in front of Maryknoll Hospital each day. Often from 400 to 500 are treated or admitted depending on the severity of their condition.

"Tuberculosis, active, and in all forms, claims at least 6% of the population," she says. "This is second highest in the world. The children often die of Tuberculous meningitis and yet I know of many who have survived due to the treatment given at Maryknoll Hospital. Hansen's Disease, or Leprosy, is also rampant; young and old are afflicted. Some refuse isolation in colonies but newer methods of treatment allow for outpatient care. Rehabilitation of those from leper colonies after they have been cured is another matter of concern to all who work in the Orient.

Infectious diseases which occupy a large part in medical textbooks but which are rarely



Maryknoll nun doctors, Sister Veronica and Sister Ann Fidelis make their rounds in Korea. Mud and dirt are blamed for many of Korea's health problems.

seen in the States today, are still claiming the lives of many Korean children. Measles, she says, "is the greatest killer with its complications of pneumonia and meningitis. Typhoid is a year-round event and cholera epidemics have taken many lives in the past several years. Diphtheria recently killed 5 children in one family. They came to us too late for help."

Sister Ann Veronica will tour the United States, seeking funds to support the medical training program in Pusan, Korea.

Progress has come to Korea, but the national budget still only allows 1 per cent of the total budget for Public Health. The medical groups look to the mission hospitals for guidance and assistance.

At Maryknoll Hospital, Sister says that medical students come on their free time to observe clinical medicine and to have an opportunity to examine patients. Conferences are held jointly between the Baptist Hospital, the Australian Presbyterian Womens' Hospital, the 7th Day

Adventist Hospital and Maryknoll. "We call it," Sister says, "a form of practical ecumenism."

This modern hospital in Pusan, Korea has great potential for growth and will contribute to the general welfare of this developing country. Interns and residents began their training on March 1, but their director of medical education, Sister Ann Veronica, is here in the States, attempting to insure the future and the present of this far-reaching program.

Sister Ann Veronica is anxious to tell her story to interested groups in the Rochester area. To contact her phone TU 9-2973. She will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Spillane, 31 Lawnsbury Drive, Rochester. Mr. Spillane's sister, Sister John Mary, is a Maryknoll station-keeper in Stockton, California.

Are U.S. Catholic Schools Still on Right Track?

Evansville, Ind. — (NC) — Church leaders charged with the responsibility of providing Christian education must reexamine their goals to see if time, effort and money are being channeled in the right direction, a Catholic author, lecturer and mother said here.

Mrs. Mary Perkins Ryan of Manchester, N.H., stressed religious education of adults as a prime need of today. She said it has been overlooked in many areas because of the demands of providing a Catholic school education for children.

Meeting the needs of all the people should be the goal of a Catholic education — to teach adults as well as children to apply Christian principles in a secular world, she said.

Mrs. Ryan spoke on a panel which also included Father James Deneen, Evansville diocesan school superintendent.

Mrs. Ryan said Catholic education is more than just attendance in Catholic schools. It is

what she called "a total Christian education that should come from the home, the church and the community and doesn't have to come from the school."

Most of the audience apparently came prepared to argue for the value of a Catholic school education as opposed to a public school education.

Mrs. Ryan expressed surprise there were no questions challenging the existence of the parochial school system set up alongside the public schools. "In most areas where I have talked," she said, "this is the big question on people's minds."

Management Course


St. Louis — (NC) — The Catholic Hospital Association has launched its ninth correspondence course for hospital administrators and supervisors. The course, "Supervisory Management for Hospitals and Related Health Facilities," costs \$75 and is available from the CHA, 1438 South Grand Blvd., St. Louis.

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