

'Good Health, Fine Spirits' - That's Story from Brazil

Rochester has been more aware of its mission work in Brazil these last few months with the return of several visitors from the Sisters of St. Joseph mission in Mateira.

Sister Margaret Adelaide, administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, and Sister Mary Patricia, one of the newly appointed Regional Supervisors for the Community, spent two weeks there with the Sisters and reported that all were in good health and fine spirits. Their work continues to be very strenuous but the rewards in acceptance and understanding are proportionately great.

In March, 1965, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester opened their first foreign mission.

Five Sisters were in the first mission band: Sisters Rose Alma Hayes, Michael Marya Popowich, Adelaide Lafferty, Regis Sarkis, and Annice Kloster. The two newest missionaries, Sisters Jogues-McKay and Loyola Schmitz, finished their orientation courses and joined the others in December, 1965.

The Sisters' ever-increasing familiarity with language and customs adds immeasurably to work, which includes the direction of the three groups (roughly equivalent to our elementary

schools) and one "gymnasium" (corresponding to junior high) as well as the conducting of two clinics, in Mateira and nearby Canal, with catechetical work at the area fazendas (plantations) occupying their weekends. To these activities, they have recently added evening classes in sewing, cooking and hygiene for the women and gospel discussions with adult couples.

Another group of visitors also reported their findings on the small Brazilian community. Monsignor Albert Schnacky, chaplain of the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Father Michael Conboy, cousin of Sister Loyola, and Father Robert Meng, assistant pastor of Corpus Christi parish. Their comments on the work and spirit of the immediate efficacy of their

of the Sisters were equally positive. They were especially impressed with the program of education conducted by the Sisters and the response it evokes from the people themselves.

One of the teaching Sisters' main jobs is the instruction of the "professors," the lay teachers with whom they work. They help them with teaching methods, class preparation and the use of their manuals. Together they make charts and improvise

learning tools to offset the dearth of textbooks and equipment which the state is slow in providing. Two of the "professors" went to the Normal School in one of the larger cities for four-month courses, and this kind of self-improvement is, ultimately, what the Sisters wish to encourage.

The adults, on the whole, are very anxious to have their children receive a good education, and often move in from their

jobs on the far fazendas just so that they may attend the schools. The children themselves, though loving and generous, are not easy to teach. Their attention span is very short and they have not yet attained much self-control, but signs of gradual progress are evident.

The Sisters and priests are looked upon by the people of Mateira and Canal as an answer to prayers. They are, as Monsi-

gnor Schnacky said, the Health, Education, and Welfare Departments rolled into one.

And the very evident gratitude and respect they are given is a natural source of comfort when the 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. day seems mighty long, when a new shipment of medicine and clothes from the states cannot be wrested from the Customs office, or when it rains steadily and steamily for ten days straight!

Plans for the future are now occupying many of their thoughts. A week at the ocean was, hopefully, to follow their week's retreat in July, and then, of course, the warmest of welcomes to be arranged for the three newcomers, Sisters Mariana Pilot, Gilmory Cardinal, and Ruthanne Manning, who will arrive on Aug. 2 and have a few days with them before beginning their three month orientation course.

Then, probably in January, the new mission at Cachoeira Alta will be opened. This town, similar in many respects to Mateira, is about an hour's jeep ride from there. It has now a church and three state-run schools. The two Sisters assigned to this new mission will take over the direction of one of these schools, directing it as they do those in Mateira.

What are Your Thoughts on Church Changes?

Several diocesan papers and nationally circulated Catholic magazines have recently taken surveys of their readers on a variety of topics.

We thought we'd try a survey too. We sent a questionnaire out to pastors of the Diocese this week and thought you'd also like to voice your opinions.

You don't have to identify yourself if you don't want to. Just circle the appropriate word in the question, or answer yes or no, then clip out the quiz and mail it to the Courier, 35 Scio St. Rochester, N.Y., 14604.

1. In which category do you consider yourself to be—a member of a city parish, in a suburban parish, a village parish, a rural parish, a student parish, an institutional parish, other? And in what age group are you — under 20, 20 to 30, 30 to 45, 45 to 65, over 65.
2. Do you think the "new liturgy" has strengthened your devotion, weakened it, kept it the same?
3. Which aspect of the new liturgy do you like — altar facing the people? congregational singing at Mass? laymen reading the Epistle? prayer intentions at the offertory? English instead of Latin for most of the Mass?
4. Do you think a Latin Mass should be celebrated in your parish church once or more on Sundays, once or more during the week?
5. Have you taken part in any ecumenical activity attending an open-house at a church of another denomination? attending a prayer service for unity with people of another denomination? taken part in a study-group which included people of another denomination?
6. Do you think ecumenical activity strengthens your faith, weakens it or leaves it about the same?
7. Have you read all, some, or none of the Vatican Council's decrees?
8. Do you think poor people feel the Church is interested in them?
9. What topics would you like to hear a sermon about in your parish church?
10. What other changes do you think should be made in the Church's teachings, precepts or public worship besides those already called for by the Vatican Council?

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Monsignor John F. Duffy of the Rochester diocesan Propagation of the Faith Society recently visited the Sisters of St. Joseph mission in Brazil. One stop included this site at Cachoeira Alta, a village an hour's jeep ride from Mateira. With him are Sisters Rose Alma, Regis and Loyola and an Irish Oblate missionary priest.

Father Meng Leaves For Congo Mission

Father Robert A. Meng, former assistant at Corpus Christi Church, has been assigned to overseas duty with the Catholic Relief Services-NCWC program in the Republic of Congo, Monsignor John F. McCarthy, CRS assistant, executive director, announced this week.

Catholic Relief Services, overseas aid agency of American Catholics, conducts food, clothing and medicine distribution programs for the needy in more than 80 countries throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America.

An estimated 40 million poverty-afflicted persons are helped annually by CRS aid programs, completely without regard to race, religion or color.

Father Meng is now the third person from the Rochester area serving with Catholic Relief Services in Africa. The other two are Monsignor Wilson E. Kaiser, CRS Sub-Sahara regional director, stationed in Nairobi, Kenya, and Miss Bernardine Foley, nutrition consultant for the CRS Health Program for the Pre-School Child in Africa. Miss Foley is assigned to the Nairobi office also.

Father Meng completed an intensive three-week orientation course at Catholic Relief Services headquarters here and will depart this week for Kinshasa (formerly Leopoldville) in the Congo, where he will immediately assume duties as program assistant.

He will assist in the supervision of relief projects which reach over 100,000 Congolese. In addition, Father Meng will help organize and implement socio-economic, community development and rural education projects designed to help the needy of the Congo to help themselves.



FATHER MENG
In the Congo

Ordination Here for Priest from Italy

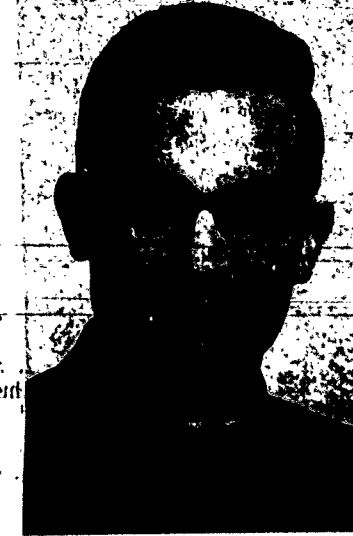
Rev. Mr. Michael Costanzo will be ordained by Bishop Kearney Saturday, July 16, at St. Francis Xavier Church at 11 a.m.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francesco Costanzo of 120 Ackerman St. in St. Francis Xavier parish.

Father Costanzo is from Valguarnera, Italy and will be ordained for the diocese of Piazza Armerina there.

His first solemn Mass will be at St. Francis Xavier Church Sunday, July 17, at 11 a.m. Reception and priestly blessing in the parish center there that afternoon from 4 to 8 p.m.

The new priest was accompanied here by his pastor, Rev. Vincenzo Giarrizzo, and the rector of the seminary, Rev. Phillip Bellardetto, and his two aunts, Sister Clorinda and Sister Carmelina.



FATHER COSTANZO



William J. O'Bryan, president of C.F.S. Board of Governors, Miss Mary E. FitzGerald, guest of honor, and Father Bartholomew J. O'Brien, pastor of St. Mary Our Mother Church, Horseheads, look over an autograph book signed by those attending a tribute to Miss FitzGerald.

Tributes to Miss FitzGerald

The Board of Governors of the Catholic Family Service of Chemung County, with the cooperation of the Ladies of Charity and the staff family of the Agency, held three events in tribute to Miss Mary E. FitzGerald, Executive Director of the Catholic Family Service since it was founded by her in January, 1930.

Miss FitzGerald resigned on June 30. Her resignation was termed "a commencement" because she will begin new services in other field immediately.

Tribute began with an Open House in the Agency Offices at 374 West Church St. from three to five p.m. on Wednesday, June 29. Representatives of the public and private Service Agencies, Board Members, Ladies of Charity to the number of one hundred forty attended. Mrs. George P. Generas and Mrs. Paul M. Stone, Past Presidents of the Ladies of Charity, presided.

The second event, also open to the public, was a Mass offered in her parish church of St. Mary Our Mother in Horseheads by the pastor, Father Bartholomew J. O'Brien. The homily was given by Monsignor

Arthur E. Ratigan, pastor of St. Ambrose Church, Rochester and former Diocesan Director of the Catholic Charities of Rochester, which included the Elmira Agency.

Also in the sanctuary were Monsignor Leo G. Schwab, V. F., Dean of the Chemung-Schuyler Deanery; Monsignor Donald J. Mulcahy, present Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities; Father Philip J. Charbonneau, Director of Catholic Family Center of Rochester; Father Joseph F. D'Aurizio, who will succeed

Miss FitzGerald; and Father Thomas C. Corbett, assistant pastor of St. Mary Our Mother Church.

The series of tributes closed with a dinner at Pierce's Restaurant in Elmira Heights which was attended by 125 friends of the guest of honor, William J. O'Bryan, President of the Board of Governors, presided at the brief program and introduced Monsignor Mulcahy who represented and spoke for Bishop Kearney, honorary president of the Agency Board.



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Widowed Parents Schedule Picnic

Family picnic of the Catholic Widowed Parent Club will take place July 17 at Hamlin Beach, West Bluff area (last parking area) at 12:30 p.m.

Members are requested to provide lunches for their own families.

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- CORNING GLASS CENTER
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