

# 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 a week ago and thought you'd also like to voice your opinions.

A report on early replies to the quiz is published on page one of this issue of the Courier.

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?

# Monsignor Duffy's Trip to Missions

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Although not the poorest in Latin America, the people of San Luis parish are in one of the poorer sections of Santiago. Their life in "suburbia" is the exact opposite of life in "suburbia" in the United States. Literally, the poor of some of the big cities in Latin America are "spilling out" over what might be called the city limits.

Two thoughts became very prominent in discussions of the San Luis Mission with the Sisters of Mercy. The first thought was the distressing one that the wage scale seemed so very low for the people of the parish in contrast with the high prices of food and the other necessities of life. On the other hand, this pessimism was balanced by the optimism the Sisters showed in the hopes that they placed in President Frei of Chile. The latter the Sisters likened to the late President Kennedy.

Friday evening after Father Weckesser had brought us to the downtown ticket offices of the Lan-Chile Air Lines for reconfirmation of the flight to Buenos Aires on the following Monday, the two of us started to look for the convent of the School Sisters of Notre Dame teaching at the Colegio Ignacio. Here we found two more Rochesterians in the persons of Sister Mary Georgita Linder and Sister Mary Silveria Brien, and spent some time in visiting and renewing acquaintances.

Monday, May 23rd, our departure date for Brazil seemed to come all too soon. Riding to the airport with Father Kevin and Father Joe, I had my last chance to see Chilean adults and children, by the hundreds, waiting at bus stops on their way to work and school. It was a beautiful crisp autumn day as we made our way across this huge city on our way to the Caravelle Jet that would take us to Argentina.

After the "red tape" of making a seat selection, clearing with the police, paying the airport tax, there were some moments for our whole party to return to the front of the Terminal Building for final picture taking. And so, the Irish Columbian Fathers of San Luis parish, Rochester's Maryknoll Father Jim Weckesser, and the four Mercy Sisters posed for the last time.

The seven hundred mile jet flight to Buenos Aires was smooth and over quickly. But the highlight of the trip was the few minutes of flight over



Monsignor John F. Duffy had no difficulty coaxing a smile from youngsters in Santiago.

the soaring snow covered Andes. There spread out below our sleek jet all its icy cold but brilliant in the morning sun, was this never-to-be-forgotten view of the Andes Mountains.

With only a four hour wait in Buenos Aires, there was not time enough to see this Capital City of Argentina. And now air-borne again, we were traveling on Varig Air Lines for a thousand miles to Sao Paulo. So brief was the single stop in Montevideo, we were asked to remain in the plane.

After an overnight stay in Sao Paulo, we were again on our way. But this time it was not by jet. Rather, we found that our Monday morning, seven o'clock departure from Sao Paulo to Mateiras was on one of the old, faithful DC-3's. This little plane, with its familiar two engines, narrow aisles, and small seats is quickly vanishing from the American scene. But in the interior of Brazil a DC-3 is still the workhorse for Varig Air Lines.

Leisurely stops at Uberaba and at Uberlandia were welcome interruptions on the four hour plane flight to Mateiras. But eventually Mateiras came into sight and the pilot started his descent. Lower and lower the plane dropped. But where was the paved runway? We were on the ground now, and it was a grassy airstrip, not a paved runway, on which we were skimming along. After all there are only four scheduled arrivals at Mateiras during the week, two flights from Sao

Paulo into the interior and two return flights. Moments later the five Sisters of St. Joseph and the Irish Oblates of Mary from the parish came dashing up in Jeep and truck. Greetings and introductions were made and all of us piled into our vehicles and departed without even bothering to enter the so-called Terminal Building. The latter was little bigger than some two-car garages in the United States.

At once, differences between Santiago, Chile and Mateiras in Golas State of Brazil became evident. Being a thousand miles closer to the Equator, Mateiras enjoyed a very mild climate with weather at that time very much like September in New York State. Although it was autumn on the calendar, the leaves were not falling from the trees as they were in Santiago. They seemed to be replaced in a less dramatic fashion.

Once, that I was on the ground, I began to realize that Mateiras was a small town in what seemed to be endless rolling countryside, reminiscent of Routes 5 and 20 between Canandaigua and Geneva. Large areas were covered by trees, the remainder generally grasslands, suitable for the large ranches that were so characteristic of the region.

Wednesday and Thursday were taken up with visits to the schools where our Sisters of St. Joseph are the directors, or, as we would say here in the United States, the principal.

Sister Annice, proudly showed me her two clinics, neat and clean but sadly lacking in medicines and drugs. It seems that a large shipment from St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira was lost in transit. In all probability, the Sisters feel, this precious cargo was stolen and some of it found its way into the "black market."

A trip to a "fazenda," a ranch, some miles out of town proved extremely interesting. The owner of the ranch and his wife were extraordinarily good and practical Catholics. And though we could not understand all that was being said in Portuguese between these Brazilians and the Sisters, from time to time, one of the Sisters would pause to give us a resume of the conversation. But even to the casual observer, without the translation, it was evident from the spirit and feelings of both the Sisters and the parishioners that each held the other in the highest esteem and regard.

Friday morning, about eleven o'clock, four of us started out by jeep for a visit to Jatai, the See City of the Diocese. After about an hour's ride, we reached the next parish in Canch on a A14 where we stopped at the rectory for lunch. With lunch completed, we made a hurried stop at the local school and also visited the site where a convent will be built next year.

Back into the Jeep again, we were on our way for the long part of the journey. Father Ned Barrett, the pastor of the parish where we had just lunched, now did the driving, and the three Sisters who went on the trip to Jatai, Sister Rose Alma, Sister Regis, and Sister Loyola, sat in the back and entertained us with their singing, as we traveled the dirt roads to Jatai.

The day was ideal for the trip, clear and pleasantly warm. And, as Father Ned and the Sisters observed, the road was in good shape. For, although the missionaries referred to it as a "Federal Road," it was dirt all the way. Occasionally on the journey that lasted over three hours, we would meet a bus, a truck, or another jeep or car. Then up would go the windows of our Jeep to keep from being suffocated by the dust of the passing vehicle.

The sun was low in the sky when we came over the last hill on our journey. Across the valley on the side of the next low-hill was Jatai. Far larger than Mateiras, Jatai gave every evidence of being a small city with a great future ahead of it.

Dinner that evening turned out to be something of "an old home week." For some of

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Parishioners trudge dirt roads to attend Sunday Mass at Mateira in Brazil. Sisters of St. Joseph from Rochester Diocese direct the public schools in that city.

## Public Funds for Pupils In Parochial Schools?

Buffalo—(RNS)—A debate on whether "public funds may assist children in non-public schools" will be a feature of the sixth national convention of Citizens for Educational Freedom here, July 28-30.

While predominantly Catholic, CEF is a national interdenominational organization which promotes equal education aid for all public, parochial and other private school students.

Speaking in support of public funds for non-public school pupils will be two CEF officers, Dr. Edwin H. Palmer, a Christian Reformed minister and chairman of CEF's Board of Directors; and William Ryan, member of the Michigan state legislature.

Upholding the negative viewpoint will be Joseph B. Robison, director of the American Jewish Congress' Committee on Law and Social Action; and John C. Broughton, president of the Lewiston-Porter (N.Y.) School Board, which has refused to accept federal aid if it includes assistance to parochial schools.

## In Historic Church

Pembroke, Mass.—(RNS)—The oldest church in this historic town settled by Pilgrims will open its doors this Fall to Roman Catholic religious instruction classes.

Only one member of First Parish Congregational church voted "no" to a proposition that would allow teenagers from St. Mary's church to receive Saturday religious instruction in the new parish hall.

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the Atonement Fathers of the Sister of At...

Because Bishop Cos... Bishop of Jatai, was in... (his home town) time of our visit, we have the opportunity to... him. But Mrs Coscia, th... (his mother) showed... through the Bishop's Re... and the nearby Diocesa... a new building, construction in constructi...

Saturday morning... marked by an anniversa... a bit of sadness, it w... first anniversary of the... of Brother Julian. The... Atonement Brother, m... mother lives in Watertow... was killed when the... which he was riding tipp... on May 28, 1965. I wa... legged to join with some... other Fathers present in... ing an anniversary Mass... celebration for the res... the soul of Brother... Among others of the C... brants were Atonement... Gerald Dunford and Leig... tin, both of whom had... Montour Falls in the p...

The return trip to Mat... Saturday afternoon four... sun behind us, and we... fore, found the journe... more pleasant. And, as... trip to Jatai, from time... we again found ourselv... ing through herds of ca... the move along the... roads "Cowboy" lookin... bit the part of their Ar... counterparts, were slow... ing the cattle. The herd... of varying sizes, some... as twenty-five head.

Sunday, the last day... visit in Mateira, gave... opportunity to have a go... at the people of the pa... they came to one of the... ing Masses. In contras... the parishioners of Sa... parish in Santiago, the... zilian Catholics seeme... a bit better dressed. A... the families' apparat... owners of fazendas, ca... Mass in jeep or pickup...

Because the return... from Mateira to Sao Pa... scheduled for early aft... dinner on Sunday was... at noon to allow our sp... this last meal with bo... sisters and priests. And... visited a few minutes af... meal, the phone call cam... the airport to announ...

## Venezuela 'Reluctant'

Caracas — (RNS) — Venezuelan Roman C... hierarchy completed its... major conference in four... on what a Church ob... called "a reluctantly p... sive note."

A major point was the... request for "over-all... vision" of the western... orders, many of them with... quarters abroad with larg... bers of foreign-born prie... signed to Venezuela.

This was preceded by... to the clergy to live holy... with particular stress o... need for "dialogue betwe... clergy and the bishops."

A priest said this was... what of a "Jolt" since... the three-week conferen... religious superiors of V...

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