Mission Bound?

Students at St. Pius X School marked Mission Sunday by dressing up as missioners themselves. The event was part of an annual celebration at the school.

At Our House®

Expressing Our Thanksgiving

By Mary Tinley Daly

Turkey time again.

Trust all at your house enjoyed the big bird with all its trimmings, the family get-together accompanying the holiday, and the spirit of thankfulness naturally engendered.

That spirit of gratitude to the Almighty should not stop in our homes in the culinary departments, the kitchen and dining areas.

It is closet-cleanup time too, coinciding with the Thanksgiving Clothing Campaign announced in all the Catholic churches and sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, world-wide agency for the relief of peoples.

Since June, CRS has sent over $1 million worth of food, clothing and medicines for resettlement in areas of national disasters.

As for clothing, the agency has sent 100 tons of clothing and blankets to refugees on both sides of the Jordan. Because of the national disasters, a CRS spokesman told us in a telephone interview, the agency's reserve stocks in its Brooklyn warehouse have been severely tested.

More and more clothing is needed, particularly for the Middle East at this time, according to the CRS spokesman in New York.

What can we do? The ordinary housewife at your house and at ours?

We can get at those long-neglected closets, that's what! And, like it or not, we can root out some of the dormant treasures all but forgotten in the attic.

Since the gradual introduction of electric blankets to the beds in our house with their cozy uniform warmth, we found a batch of old but still useable woolen blankets stashed away for that never-never "so-me-day."

Well, that someday has come. Over to the rectory they will go, collection depot for our parish, and be on their way to bring comforting warmth to Middle wast refugees during chilling nights in that desert region where the temperature plummets after sundown.

Then there are dresses, suits, coats, some of them hanging unworn since the last Thanksgiving Clothing Campaign. Outdated? Of course, by American standards, and probably never to be worn again, not by us at any rate.

The Head of the House has some suits, too, he keeps for that proverbial "rainy day" but it never seems to be rainy enough to wear the old brown with the frayed trouser cuffs.

Because American men are usually much larger than men in the Middle East, suits are resized and re-styled in overseas vocational schools and sewing cooperatives. Those old frayed trouser cuffs will be removed and the thin-at-the-knees spots will serve for a long time to come on their new wearer.

According to Catholic Relief Services, there is a crying need for lighter-weight clothing also, for use in warmer climates. Suggestion was made that American housewives look through the summer clothing they have laid aside by this time of year, ferret out what they will probably not wear next summer and the items the children will have outgrown. In Africa, for instance, there is great need for light-weight dresses for little girls, short cotton trousers for boys, underwear for both.

Work clothes are always welcome and the donations of these hardly ever keep up with the demand. So, if you think it is not worthwhile to add those old overalls, coveralls, smocks, housedresses, aprons, cotton pants to your parish contribution — think again! Such clothing is precious to Latin American farmers, or campesinos, and their families.

As to shoes: no high heels, please, but any shoes which can withstand rough roads are welcome and, in the Orient, canvas shoes of all sorts and all sizes are "in".

We learn this year, a new use has been found for a particularly attractive garment, a niece housedress for example. It is displayed at centers for adult education courses in South America, given as a prize for perfect attendance and excellence of grades.

In a practical way, and with just a little effort, all of us can say Thank You to the Lord for what He has given us as well as bringing a spirit of Thanksgiving to those we shall never see.

Leo Daniel Quinn

Funeral Mass for Leo Daniel Quinn was offered in St. Monica Church by Father Gerald Dunn with Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert in the Sanctuary, Oct 30.

Mr Quinn died at St Joseph's Hospital, San Francisco, Calif., Oct 26, 1967. He was a World War I veteran

Surviving are two sisters, Miss Mary M. Quinn of Rochester; Mrs. Frederick (Lauretta) Krautler of Detroit, a sister-in-law, Mrs Patrick J (Maude) Quinn, brother-in-law, Harry K Waddington, one niece, Ruth Christian of Tampa, Fla

Blessing at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery was given by Father Dunn. Arrangements by Henry D. Halloran Son, Arnett Blvd

Memorial Dedication Held For Marine, War Victim

Ceremonies honoring the memory of 2nd Lt. Thomas G. King, U.S. Marine Corps, a University of Rochester alumnus killed on a search and destroy mission July 2 in Vietnam, were held Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 3 p.m. in Harkness Hall on the River Campus.

The Midshipman Wardroom in Harkness Hall was dedicated the "King Wardroom" in tribute to the graduate of the Class of 1966, who was the first University alumnus in the Marine Corps to be killed in action in Vietnam.

King, the son of Mr and Mrs George J. King of 132 Henderson Rd., Penfield, entered the University in 1962 following graduation from Penfield High School.

Appointed a midshipman at the University in 1963, he served as battalion commander of the University's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps unit in 1965 and 1966.

After graduation, King was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps and was assigned to the Marine base at Quantico, Va. for basic training. Following completion of basic training, he was sent to Vietnam as a platoon leader in the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Division.

He was wounded in action last May.

The dedication ceremony was conducted by University Chaplain Father L. John Hedges and Lt. King's former parish priest, Father John D. Malley of St. Joseph's Church, Penfield. Capt. Frederick J. Ruder, USN, commanding officer of the University of Rochester NROTC unit, made the formal dedication.

Members of the King family, University officials, military dignitaries, and the senior class of midshipmen attended.

A silver memorial plaque, fashioned by men of the Navy submarine tender U.S.S. Fulton (AS-11), was unveiled during the ceremonies.

Religious Agencies To Share Buildings

Fresno, Calif. —(NC)— In a move aimed at furthering Christian cooperation, the Catholic Social Services Building here will soon be sharing its quarters with the Fresno area of the Council of Churches and the Lutheran Social Services of Northern California.

The announcement was made by officials of the two Protestant bodies and Msgr. Roger Mahony, director of Catholic Charities and Social Services for the diocese.

The Protestant groups will rent space for their offices in the Social Services building. The proximity of the religious administratve offices is expected to facilitate contacts.

The Fresno area of the Council of Churches is composed of many major Protestant denominations. The Lutheran Social Services of Northern California consists of three major Lutheran bodies—the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church of America, and the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

Let's Communicate -

Becket Hall:

Is there a place in the life of a "modern" Christian for devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary?

John M.

There most certainly is. We cannot let ourselves forget that Mary was honored in a most special way by God Himself. As the most pure mother of the Son of God, she deserves and can rightly demand a Christian's undying love and devotion.

Although the spirit of a Christian's love for Mary has not, or should not have changed in recent times, it seems that the mode of his expressing that love has changed. Today the rosary is undergoing a re-evaluation. Inseead of being simple repetition of a set of prayers, it is now thought of as being a meditation on the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and Mary's relation to them. The rosary should not be something a person says in order that he feel he has fulfilled his Christian obligation. It should, on the contrary, be another step in his attempt to come closer to God through meditation. We must realize, therefore, that any devotion to Mary that a Christian has in this day and age has merit only in-as-far, as it contributes to his ability to be a Christian.

Becket Hall:

I have been wondering why there seems to be so few representatives of minority groups in the clergy of this country. To the best of my knowledge there are no representatives of these groups in either the clergy or the seminaries of this diocese. What, in your opinion, is the reason for this condition?

David B.

It is true that there are few Catholic members of minority groups in our nation's clergy. In fact, there are no minority groups represented in our diocesan clergy or seminaries. Of the probable reasons for this we shall cite a couple.

Basically, we see sociological and educational reasons as the source of the lack of minority group vocations. We do not say that there are no vocations from minorities, but they just are not brought to fulfillment.

First, the cost of seminary education during the college years is considerable and this cost is born by the seminarians individually. There is a misconception though that if you cannot afford the education you will be restricted from the seminary. This is not at all true. The diocese will not bar any worthy applicant from the seminary for financial reasons.

There also seems to be a frequent lack of understanding of the religious life among the people of the minority groups. A possible alleviation of this problem would be more religious becoming personally involved with the minorities. There are assuredly many potential vocations lost every year because of misunderstanding. We would also suggest that recruiting be done more vigorously in such places as the inner-city.

The diocese does faces a problem with vocations from minority groups and something must be done. No one for any reason should be restricted from an honest attempt to test his vocation. Everyone should come to a better understanding of what the religious life really is. The seminary is the testing ground for priestly vocations. A person does not make a definite commitment to the priesthood by his entrance into the seminary. He finds what will be expected of him in the priestly life and makes a judgment from this.

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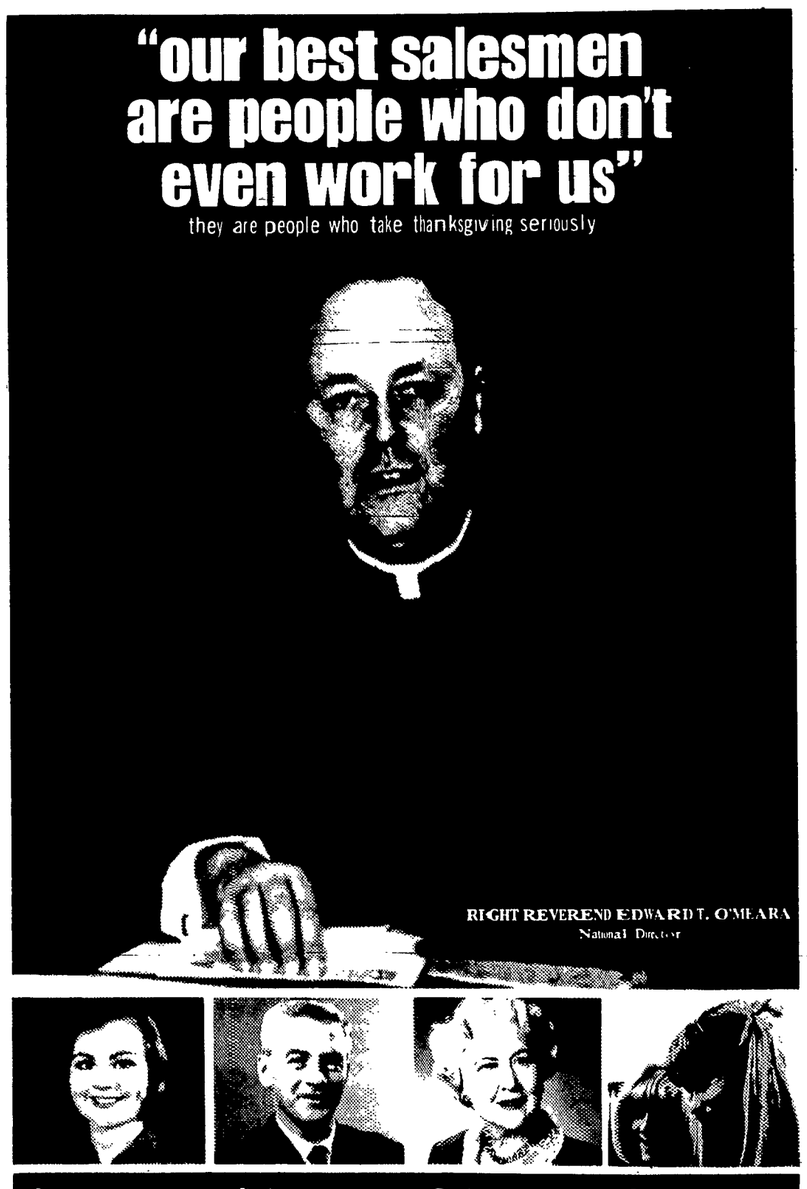

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