

Her Guide: 'To Us They are all Christ in Disguise'

By THARAKAN ANNIL

Less than 20 years ago, a very remarkable Loreto nun started a new congregation to work for the poor in the slums of Calcutta.

Today, Mother Teresa, a frail little woman of 57, wearing a sari with a blue border and a cross at the shoulder, has about 22 houses in India caring for the poor.

These houses run dispensaries, schools, commercial classes for the poor, shelters for the abandoned children, the homes for the dying destitutes and colonies for the lepers.

Mother Teresa began her work for the poor of Calcutta in a derelict building close to the temple of Kali (Hindu goddess of destruction and fertility). The first day, she picked up more than 20 children.

The next day, there were 41 and she jotted down in her diary: "Those who were not clean, I washed at the tank. We'd eatichism after the first lesson on hygiene and then reading. We used the ground as a blackboard. All children were happy."

On December 28, 1948, the Vatican approved her new organization: Missionary Sisters of Charity.

That was the beginning of one of the most dynamic social work projects ever set up in India, with results now being studied by government officials and welfare organizations at home and abroad.

Impressed by her work, the government of Ceylon has invited Mother Teresa to take over work formerly done by foreign missionaries who have recently been expelled from the country. She has also accepted the invitation of the Bishop of Barquisimeto, Venezuela, to work among the poor of his country. The diocese of Brooklyn in the U.S.A. has undertaken to support this new community in South America.

The Dying Destitutes
The most remarkable of Mother Teresa's undertakings



In her Nirmal Hriday (Home for the dying destitutes) Bhavan in Calcutta, Mother Teresa is seen teaching a dying old woman how to meet her Lord.

is Nirmal Hriday—the Home for the Dying Destitutes. Caste or creed doesn't come in the way of her charity. "It doesn't matter that they are not of my faith," said Mother Teresa. "To us they are all Christ in disguise."

Once Mother Teresa brought to her Nirmal Hriday a Brahmin who was on the verge of death from starvation. His eyes were clouded with fatigue and there were deep furrows of pain at the corners of his mouth; his voice was hollow and hardly audible. Mother Teresa offered him some Indian sweets.

"No, Mother, thank you" he mumbled, declining the offer. "That is the meal of the rich." After a while, the Brahmin fell into a coma, then dropped off to the long, quiet sleep of death.

"I've seldom experienced the presence of Christ so powerfully as I sat beside this dying Brahmin," Mother Teresa told later.

"As his quivering, sweating body lay on the mattress, it was so clearly Christ who lay there. As the Brahmin drew close to death, I felt the strength of Christ come out from him, assuring us that

he would let us continue to do this wonderful work of serving Him in His own poor."

The people who die in Mother Teresa's Nirmal Hriday die so peacefully, so serenely. Mother Teresa teaches them to live for a purpose in life, makes them feel they are somebody; that they are wanted.

"The biggest disease today," confides Mother Teresa, "is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for, and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is

the absence of love and charity, the terrible indifference towards one's neighbor who lies at the roadside assaulted by exploitation, corruption, poverty, and disease."

Mother Teresa has today forty-one leprosy clinics with more than 28,000 patients. Of the seven million lepers in the world, it is reliably estimated that India has 2,000,000 out of a total population of 500 million. This means statistically one out of every 250 persons you come across in India has leprosy.

Indian slums breed leprosy more than anything else,

said Mother Teresa. These are areas without water, without sanitation, without school or medical assistance. There are 3,000 officially designated slums in the space-starved city of Calcutta alone with its population of over eight million.

Their slogan: "We want the unwanted" has echoed throughout the Indian slums and brought the missionaries' leprosy a steady stream of vacant-eyed, idle, unfortunate men, women and children, who previously had no place in society.

Some had not eaten a meal for days; others had not bathed in weeks; all had bodies withered from malnutrition. The Sisters attend to them: washing their disfigured faces, cleaning the scaly scabs, dressing the putrid sores, bathing the deformed and wasted limbs.

The Unwanted Children

Shishu Bhavan—the Home for the Unwanted Children—is another of Mother Teresa's widely known projects. She has eleven such homes in various parts of India with more than 8,000 children living in them. Add to these, a Boys' Town in Bengal, built after the pattern of the late Father Flanagan's Boys' Town in Omaha, Nebraska. It consists of twenty acres of land with its sprawling, mud-walled, tile-roofed houses and mango groves.

At one time or other, Mother Teresa explains, all these children were not wanted. She estimates that there are approximately 30,000 such abandoned, crippled children in India, and a really frightening number throughout the world.

As her jeep pulls up in the slum-areas of Calcutta children flock to her. She'd tell them a story about God, give them medicine, clothes and slates for schools. Above all, she gives them what they seek most — food to eat.

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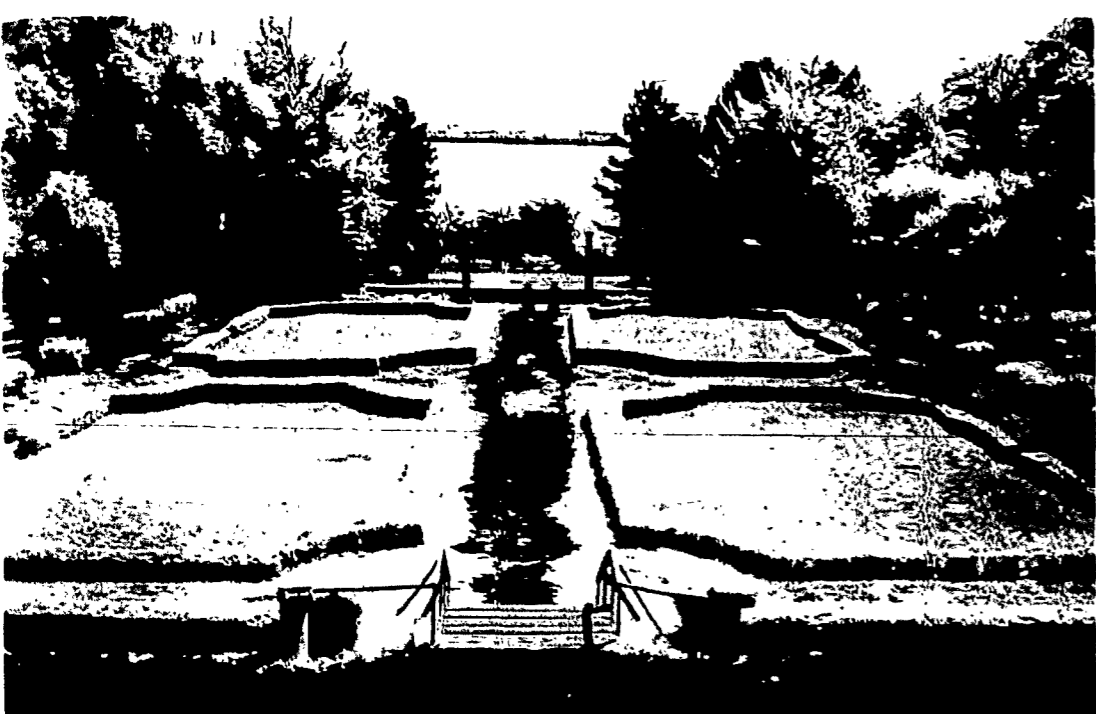
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Finger Lakes Shrines Honor Many Saints

The Shrines of the Finger Lakes are on the east side of Lake Seneca on Lochland Road near Geneva. They are part of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a Capuchin seminary.

Dedicated in 1959, the shrines honor Our Lady of Fatima, St. Joseph, St. Anne and also saints who died in their teens, such as St. Aloysius, St. Agnes, St. Maria Goretti and St. Dominic Savio.

Focal point is a statue of Christ, flanked by statues of the 12 apostles. A cross is formed by the pathway between the stations of the cross.

The seminary was born in 1948 when the Capuchin Fathers bought a 12-acre estate, including a three-story Italian villa. The Fathers are of the Italian-American Custodia, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin.

NCORT Head Discusses Role

New York—(NC)—"We have been charged with two responsibilities by the U.S. bishops," said Charles E. Reilly Jr., executive director of the National Catholic Office for Radio and Television.

"One is to be a liaison between the bishops and the broadcasting industry. We are the contact for the broadcasting industry when they want to approach the official Church, when they want to get the Church's position on many of the contemporary topics broadcasting is interested in these days.

"Second is assisting the diocesan radio and television directors. This assistance is linked primarily at the diocesan level.

The National Catholic Office for Radio and Television was established by the U.S. bishops in late 1965. Bishop John A. Donovan of Toledo is episcopal chairman of the office. Father Donald F. X. Connolly, who had been associate director of the Miami radio and television office, is coordinator of the program.

The importance of their work to assist diocesan directors may be highlighted by NCORT's estimate that in 1968 the Catholic Church will receive \$30 million of free time for television alone ("public service" time).

"The real future," Reilly said, "is going to be with the local station." He feels that "the positive good in Catholic Church subjects has not been projected properly, in my opinion, or sufficiently. What we have to do is get the kind of people and kind of money it takes to do the job in a first class fashion."

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Rabbi Upholds Mixed Marriage Bans

Fallsburg — (RNS) — The president of the Rabbinical Council of America, an Orthodox body, has denounced proposed relaxations of mixed marriage laws as "detrimental to the survival and viability of Jewry."

Rabbi Pesach Z. Levovitz made his remarks in a presidential address to the Council's annual meeting here. He assailed the position recommended by the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, that children of a non-Jewish mother be consid-

ered Jewish, provided their parents see to their religious upbringing.

Rabbi Levovitz told members of the Council, the largest Orthodox rabbinical body in the U.S., that acceptance of the Reconstructionist position "would flout the entire tradition of Judaism."

"The sole result of this Reconstructionist idea," Rabbi Levovitz asserted, "is to bring about an increasing rate of intermarriage and assimilation in the

Jewish community."

The Reconstructionist movement stresses the unity of all Jews, a spokesman for the movement explained, and places authority in the hands of the people with their rabbi, rather than in the rabbinate.

(The Reconstructionist movement has won the support of many reform, conservative, and secular Jews while losing the support of Orthodox Jews, he said, by rejecting the supernatural and absolute character of rabbinic laws.)