

Give to Our Latin American Missions This Sunday

A Report From Latin America

The following is a sample of the monthly report sent to the Pastoral Office by the Padres de Rochester from their mission parish in La Paz, Bolivia.

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May 4, 1969

With the April page ripped from the calendar, we are experiencing a change in the weather. The rains have definitely ceased. The days are bright with blue skies, the nights colder and colder.

At the beginning of the month we celebrated the liturgy of Holy Week with as much simplicity as possible. We had consulted the people about their wishes, carrying out the services as much as possible according to their tastes. An example of a good celebration in their estimation was the Good Friday celebration.

On that day we began with Stations of the Cross. The traditional Way of the Cross was conducted outdoors. Laymen lead the prayers at each stop and also take turns carrying a rather heavy homemade cross. Led through the streets of the zone, we arrived at a chapel at the very top of our steep hillside Parish. There, we held the Good Friday Liturgy, readings, prayers, adoration of the cross and Communion.

During Holy Week, Father Paul Freemesser was with us, returning to Cochabamba, Bolivia on Easter Sunday to continue his review of Spanish.

Our yards continued to be filled with young children as they filed through our clinic for medical and dental exams. During the coming month some 4,000 youngsters will have passed through the Clinic of St. Joseph, the Worker. We will also finish this project in the month of May.

The Brick Cooperative has continued to move forward. During the month, there was a full page article in a local newspaper on the work that the cooperative has been doing. Father Thomas O'Brien's photo appeared in the article along with the credit to him for his efforts in co-founding the project.

Production has increased to the point where the cooperative is seeking more associates, thus providing more men with work. Plans are also being made to buy machinery in the United States. This machinery should increase the quality, quantity and worth of the bricks.

A number of meetings were held with young parishioners making plans for the celebration of our feast on May 1, the erection of the Parish, and the reception for the Archbishop of La Paz and the Papal Nuncio.

As you know, most of the plans fell through due to the tragic, accidental death of Bolivia's President, Rene Barrientos. On the first of May, with the President's remains still lying in state, the country was in the state of mourning. Without archbishops or nuncios, we celebrated with a concelebrated Mass, leaving all other ceremonies and festivities aside, postponing the visit of the ecclesiastical dignitaries until later, possibly June or July.

During the month, we completed a new living, guest, radio room, a three in one combination. In this room we have installed the radio equipment we use to communicate with the U.S. Through the assistance of Mr. John L. Sullivan of Greece, Rochester, we are in contact with the





A boy gets a checkup at a clinic run by priests from the Rochester diocese in LaPaz, Bolivia.



Father Edward Golden of Rochester records a street scene in LaPaz.

Help Him to Help Him

My Dear People—

The good priests and sisters from our diocese who are serving our impoverished neighbors in Latin America are to be likened to "blood martyrs" who offer their lives for the faith and to "dry martyrs" who endure persecution for the love of Christ.

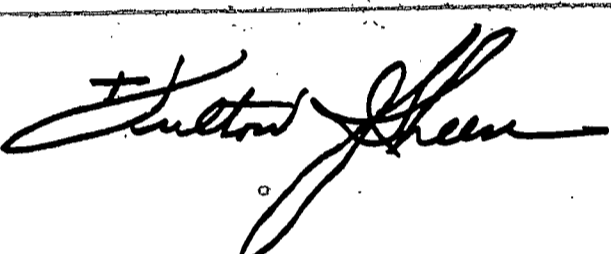
As "social martyrs" they have left their families, friends and country in America.

But they have not left Christ Who is tabernacled everywhere with the afflicted.

To keep their memory fresh and our faith alive, would you be kind enough on this Sunday, May 25th, to put something green in the envelope marked for the Latin American Missions?

Thanking you for your kindness and assuring you of my prayers, I am,

Your Servant in Christ,



states twice weekly, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

A group of young men have assumed the task of finishing off the Church. Weekly, they are soliciting funds after the Mass. Already the entire inside of the Church has been plastered. Formerly it was open

adobe bricks. During the current month they will surely finish the painting of the interior of the Church. They have done this on their own initiative.

Monthly copies of the reports from the Rochester priests in Bolivia are

presently sent to all the priests and all convents in the diocese, plus the relatives of Fathers Deckman, Edward Golden and Paul Freemesser. Any Courier-Journal reader who would like to be on the mailing list should send a request to Msgr. John Duffy, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, 14604.



Sister Rose Alma, once principal of St. Agnes High School and professor at Nazareth College, was the first diocesan missionary to go to Latin America. Here she (left) instructs a group of Brazilian women in a weekly Gospel-discussion at their parish in Uberlandia, southeast Brazil.



Three Rochester Sisters of Mercy in their convent in Santiago, Chile, show that housekeeping chores are the same in Latin America as at home.

Our Diocese Ranks High In Charity

Our diocesan generosity for the world's missions has always been outstanding.

Rochester is listed in 5th place for mission-giving among all U.S. dioceses, although it is only 30th in size compared with the population of large metropolitan dioceses.

Last year parishes and schools of the Rochester Diocese contributed \$1.1 million from all sources to the total mission work of the Church. The spirit and pattern of giving to the missions is a solid tradition in our families and our individual hearts.

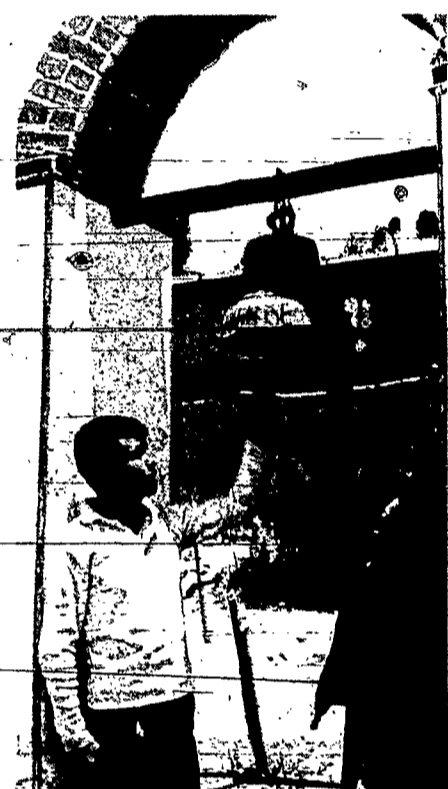
This weekend, in the first collection for the diocesan Latin American Missions, the appeal is for the personal needs of the 25 missionaries sent by the diocese and the Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of St. Joseph to mission duty in three impoverished areas of South America.

The basic expenses to establish and maintain our three priests in Bolivia, 16 St. Joseph Sisters in southeastern Brazil and 6 Sisters of Mercy in Chile are these:

- a — Initial travel expenses to the mission posts and visits home every three years;
 - b — Basic and advanced studies in the language and culture of their parishes;
 - c — Rental and/or construction of convents and rectories, plus all household expense and maintenance of property;
 - d — Insurance and medical care of the Sisters and priests;
 - e — Books and magazines, tapes and instructional material in Spanish and Portuguese;
 - f — Operation of medical and dental clinics for people who come to them;
 - g — Complete subsidy of St. Joseph Parish in La Paz. (The Sisters' groups are not responsible for the operational expenses of the parishes they serve in Brazil and Chile.)
- Rochester authorities estimate that a year's budget to keep our own 25 missionaries in Latin America exceeds \$65,000. Not a penny of this can be supplied by the very poor people they serve. It has all been coming — until this weekend — from the Sisters' communities and diocesan funds. They cannot continue to do it alone.
- On this Sunday the people of the diocese can show practical concern and pride for the dedicated work of our own 25 missionaries based in the Latin American Apostolate. The people of the diocese by contributing in their parish collections can pick up the annual tab of these three missions and say: "We will maintain our own!"



Two of the abundant things of Latin America — children and sugar cane.



The Rochester parish of St. Joseph the Worker in La Paz, Bolivia has a sturdy courtyard bell for announcing church services to the neighborhood.

The Very Rev. John crucifixes he will pro this year. The tradition

Cardinal Beran His Las

Rome — (NC) — With thoughts on Czechoslovakia people he loved there, Jose Beran, the exiled archbishop of Prague, died in exile in Rome on May 17. The prelate, 80, had been active for the past year.

Cardinal Beran, through three decades, personified more than any other single figure the shifts and strains of the Church's struggle against communism in that time.

In World War II, for his moral opposition of an occupation to Nazi oppression, he was interned at Dachau for 3 years. After liberation period at end, he sparred for public with oncoming Soviet-bloc communists. When they moved their way to power, he was wounded in his efforts to Church leadership.

In the '50's, this harassment changed to imprisonment, held in confinement by the communist government in his own country for nearly two years. He was shuttled from place to place.

Let's Rev Jesuit Ma

New York — (RNS)—T for "normalizing" U.S. relations with Cuba "are gaining in strength," said in an editorial in its issue.

Under the term "normalization," the Jesuit-edited publication said both the ending of the economic boycott of Cuba and possibility of resuming diplomatic relations.

The editorial agreed that still reasons against such changes but cited "the plight of the Cuban people need for the greatest unity" as reasons why the review its policies.

Pope Indio Duties of Mass Med

Text of Pope's message — Vatican City — (RNS)— in charge of mass communications have a responsibility to "know and meet the needs of the family," Pope said in a message for Communications Day, Sunday.

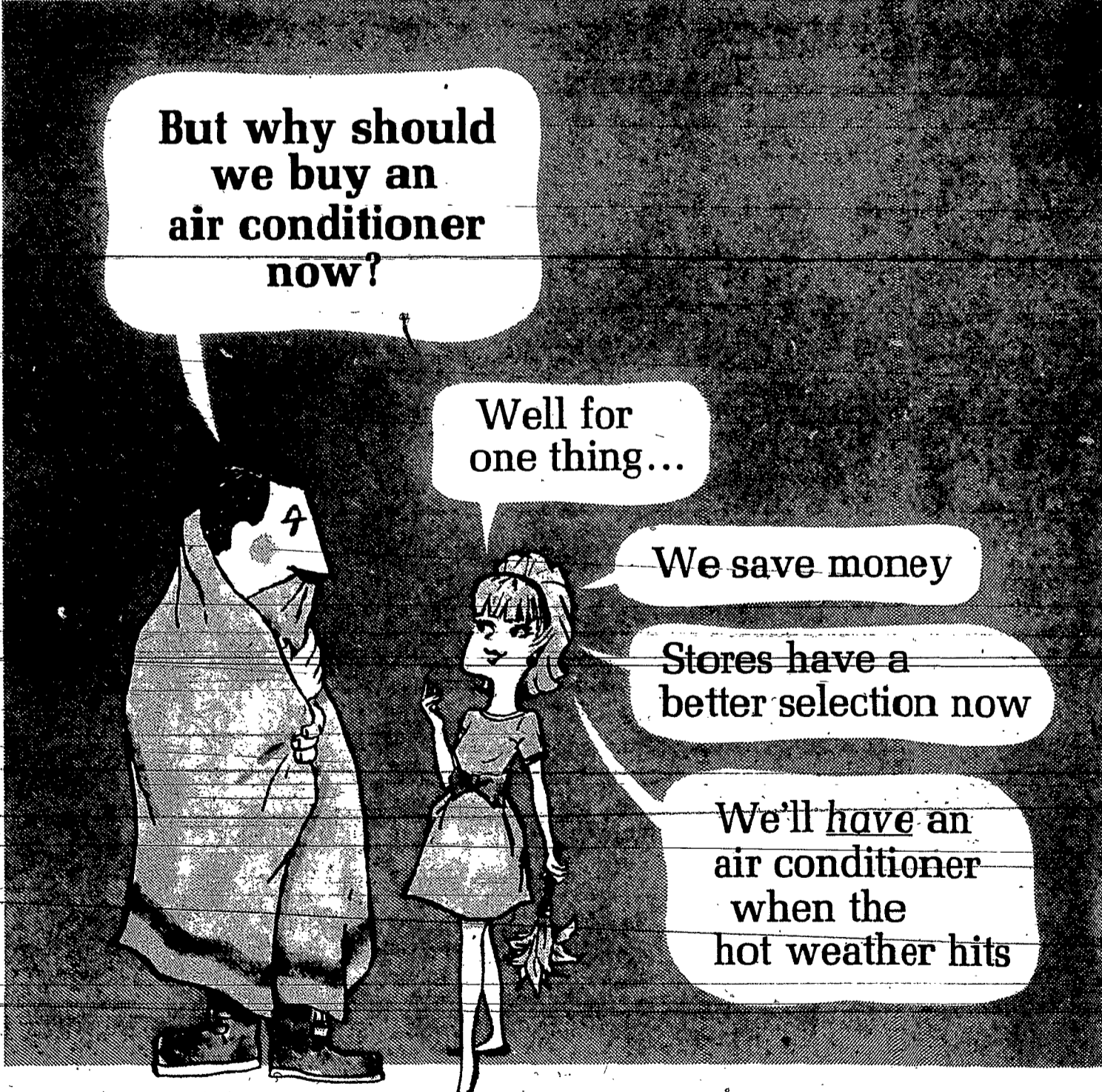
The Pope's message-not media are becoming influential in the lives of people called for dialogue between representatives of the family and media.

"Who," he asked, "can not be affected by a part of such world-wide production as the ever-growing expansion of press, radio, motion picture, television, or by their influence on families?"

The media, he said, penetrated into the very family circle. They influence time-tables. They change habits. They form the conversation and stimulations.

"Above all, these media impact on the psychology who use them. This impact is truly profound, is exercised on emotions and the intellect, tends to the moral and religious spheres."

Pope Paul called for "a sense of responsibility" among the media. This he said is a practice that they should follow on the one side all that can be done in its existence, its order and its happiness. He called for an "attack" on the "values of the family" — be eroticism or violence, or divorce or antisocial behavior among young people — or "genuine human well-being of society."



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