



Sister Virginia Marie Langie, OSU. (left) returned to Rochester June 2 after 17 years—the last 10 in Thailand. She and a native Thailand nun who came with her are pictured being greeted by Father Joseph Reinhart, director of the diocesan Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and some of the Langie family—Louis A. Langie Sr. (left), her father, and Mrs. Langie, and Sister Mary Jo Langie, RSM. (right), a cousin, who is serving at Holy Name Church in Greece. Sister Virginia Marie expects to go back to Thailand after obtaining a doctorate in education here.

Rochester Missioner Reports:

'Southeast Asia Needs Us'

Contrary to many published reports, the people of Southeast Asia generally are appreciative of what Americans are trying to do to help them, according to Sister Virginia Marie Langie, OSU., who returned to Rochester last month after 17 years away from her native city.

Sister Virginia Marie, the former Clare Langie, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Langie Sr., 355 Yarmouth Rd. She entered the Ursuline Nuns Order 17 years ago and has been teaching in Thailand for the last 10 years.

"Americans don't realize," she said, "how heavily Southeast Asia depends on U.S. help." She deplored what she said she discovered here as a continuing trend toward isolationism.

Sister has been teaching teacher education in one of three Ursuline-staffed schools in Bangkok, Thailand's capital. Another Ursuline academy is in the northern part of the nation. Ursuline nuns are on the faculties from several nations around the world—11 of them from the U.S.

Sister will remain home until August, when she will leave for six months' tertianship study in theology in Rome. She expects then to return to this country to work for a doctorate in education before going back to Thailand.

Sister attended the former Sacred Heart Academy in Rochester for grammar school study and two years of high school, and finished third and fourth year at Columbia School. It was following her studies at the College of New Rochelle,

staffed by the Ursulines at New Rochelle, N.Y., that she entered the Order at Beacon, N.Y. in 1954.

She obtained a master's in the philosophy of education at Catholic University in Washington and taught for three years at Ursuline Academy, Bethesda, Md., before volunteering to go to Thailand.

When Sister Virginia Marie left home in 1954, she expected never again to be able to return. She is back now, however, as a result of changes in the rules and regulations of women religious, brought about mainly as a result of Vatican II Council.

Accompanying her on the trip to the U.S. was a Thailand Ursuline nun, Sister Bunprachak Dardarananda, who is here to take some education courses.

200 Educators Attend Teach-In

An "openness to the Word of God" was one of the aims of a two-day "teach-in" attended by nearly 200 priests, religious and laity last weekend at Becket Hall in Fairport.

It was the 15th diocesan session for parochial and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teachers of religion to be hosted by the Paulist Press Grade School Religion Program, titled the "Come to the Father Catechetical Program." Its purpose is to improve skills in teaching religion.

Attending the Saturday-Sunday conference were teachers from throughout the diocese. The "Come to the Father" program is the one most commonly used in religion teaching in diocesan schools and CCD classes. Several of the participants stayed overnight at Becket Hall.

Conducting the conference were the "Paulist team" of Father Kevin Lynch, CSP., Sister Angela deSmidt and Joseph Gabriel. Sponsor was the religious education division of the diocesan CCD office.

Father Lynch described the conference as an attempt "to try to give the teacher some understanding of the psychology of the elementary school child

— who the small child is and how he learns; an insight into the theological purpose of the 'Come to the Father' program, and a grasp of how to teach the program in the classroom."

"In addition," he said, "and perhaps most important of all, we try to convey the spirit of 'Come to the Father,' a spirit of prayer and openness to God's Word."

Father Daniel Holland, newly-named diocesan director of religious education and the CCD, described Becket Hall as "an appropriate setting for religious teachers to assemble and to build a community of Christian people — to work, pray, study, celebrate and eat as a family. In this experience of Christian community, teachers develop their own faith as well as developing their teaching skills."

CCD office staffers who served as hostesses were Mrs. Robert DeVoldre, Mrs. Richard Hamlin, Miss Karen Oldenburg and Miss Jeannie Barone. Besides representatives from Monroe County parishes, teachers were present from Clyde, Moravia, Avon, Scottsville, Watkins Glen, Ithaca, Marion, King Ferry, Honeoye Falls, Auburn and Ontario.

Episcopal Bishop Is Installed Here

Rt. Rev. Robert R. Spears Jr., installed as the fifth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester last Saturday at Christ Church Cathedral, will be shepherd for nearly 29,000 Episcopalians in seven of the 12 counties which comprise the Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

Bishop Spears' jurisdiction over 59 Episcopal parishes in the counties of Monroe, Ontario, Wayne, Steuben, Livingston, Yates and Schuyler will bring him into frequent contact with Roman Catholic life of this area. His office, in a former residence at 935 East Avenue, is next door to the

home of retired Bishop James E. Kearney

Born in Rochester 51 years ago, the new Bishop has recently been stationed in Kansas City as the suffragan, or auxiliary, to the Bishop of Western Missouri.

Official representatives of the diocese at the solemn installation service were Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, chairman of the diocesan ecumenical commission, Rev. Joseph P. Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary and Rev. John Hempel, director of the Office of Human Concern.

Hallmarks of the faithful today in their role as proclaimers of the "Good News" of Christ, the Bishop said in his sermon, should be "oneness, service and hope".

Oneness, he said, should be the openness of Christians to all men of the earth and service should be their way of touching the world around the church.

To symbolize these desires the Bishop led the congregation into the open yard of the Cathedral on East Avenue for the final ceremonies and prayers of the installation service. "You don't serve men from a distance nor from on high", Bishop Spears said. "God has given us tasks to do that cannot be done as separated brethren."

Knights of Equity Choose Fr. Walz

Father Frederick L. Walz, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Rochester, was named chaplain of Court 10, Knights of Equity, at its dinner meeting in the parish hall June 13.

The KE is a fraternal, social and educational organization of Catholic men of Irish birth or extraction which seeks to preserve and promote Irish Catholic culture. An affiliate for women is the Daughters of Erin.

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Requiem Mass Celebrated for Father Bisky

Mass of the Resurrection for Father Hubert A. Bisky, chaplain of the Convent and Infirmary at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Pittsford, was scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, in the Motherhouse Chapel.

Father Bisky, 65, was found dead in his room at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 28, 1970. Earlier he had celebrated Masses in St. Catherine's Church, Mendon, where he had been assisting on Sundays, and at the Motherhouse, and had officiated at the regular 1:30 p.m. Benediction there before retiring to his room.

His death came three weeks after he had celebrated his 40th anniversary of priesthood, at a Mass of Thanksgiving with members of his family and friends in the Motherhouse Chapel.

Bishop Hogan was scheduled to officiate at the funeral Mass, with a possibility that Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Paterson, former Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester and a seminary classmate of Father Bisky, also would be present. Father Joseph M. McDonnell, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Newark, also a classmate, was to preach the homily.



FATHER BISKY

Born in Rochester on Nov. 19, 1905, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Bisky, Father Bisky attended Immaculate Conception School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, and was ordained June 7, 1930, in old St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop John F. O'Hern.

After serving as assistant pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, he was appointed in 1934 as assistant superintendent of Rochester Catholic Charities and chaplain of the then St. Mary's Boys' Orphan Asylum.

During 1935-36 Father Bisky undertook graduate studies at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and obtained a master's degree in social service there in 1937.

In 1937 he was named assistant at St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, in 1942 assistant at Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, and in 1945 administrator of St. Michael's, Penn Yan, and its

mission, St. Andrew's, Dundee. He was named pastor of that parish Aug. 10, 1946.

In June, 1950, Father Bisky was transferred to the pastorate of St. Peter & Paul, Elmira; in January, 1962, to St. Ann's, Hornell, and in January, 1966, to St. Agnes, Avon. He was appointed chaplain at the Sisters' Convent and Infirmary on June 28, 1967.

Father Bisky is survived by three sisters, Mrs. William J. (Marcella) Clark, Mrs. George D. (Dolores) Bryant and Miss Hildegard Bisky; a brother, Bernard C. Bisky, and several nieces and nephews.

Parish Priests to Say TV Mass

Parish priests in the Rochester area will participate in offering Masses during the summer on the continuing "Television Mass" carried at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday over WHEC-TV Channel 10.

The Mass has been presented for more than a year by the Basilian Fathers of Aquinas Institute, with lay commentators selected from the more than

10,000 Aquinas graduates in the area.

Originated by the Basilians, the Mass is primarily aimed for "shut-ins" and the sick and elderly. The Basilian Fathers will resume celebration of the Masses in autumn.

Father Richard Tormey, director of the Diocesan Office of Communications, will be celebrant of the Mass to be televised on Sunday, July 12.

Wednesday, July 1, 1970