

The Dark Continent ... a Bright Picture

By ARTHUR P. FARREN

Perhaps the day is not too distant when the U.S. may obtain more missionary priests from Asia and Africa than this country now is sending to those continents.

Religious vocations, now declining in America, are increasing in many parts of Asia and Africa, according to Bishop Joseph Houlihan of Eldoret Diocese in Kenya, Africa.

Bishop Houlihan, an Irish priest who was ordained Bishop of Eldoret in that Diocese in 1960 by then Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, U.S. national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, spoke recently in two Rochester area parishes.

He was here seeking financial assistance for his diocese under arrangements of the Propagation's cooperative missionary plan. He spoke at all Masses in St. Joseph's Church, Penfield, on July 12, and in St. Augustine's on July 19.

One of the aims of his visit is to seek funds for erection of an addition to the Eldoret seminary in order to accommodate the growing number of natives applying for studies to the priesthood. In 1954, the Bishop said, there were 12,000 Catholics in his diocese; today there are 61,000.

The diocese is 87,000 square kilometers in area, half of it desert, with 1.5 million people—about one in 30 being Catholic. Its tribes have many differing dialects. The Auxiliary Bishop is a Kenya native.

Bishop Houlihan considers the country "one of the most beautiful in the world," its people imbued with the new spirit of the nation which emphasizes self-help, hard work and racial good will.

The Kenyans have remained on a "somewhat conservative side" so far as the new liturgy is concerned, he said, and many of them ask for at least part-time return of Latin Masses particularly because they appreciate Gregorian chant.

The modern miracle in Africa, Bishop Houlihan remarked, is the growth and vitality of the Catholic Church in a land that suffers from hunger, malnutrition and disease. In contrast, he shook his head seriously in replying to a question as to his impressions of America, which he has visited often:

"If you will permit me," he said solemnly, "I seem to find an increasing 'softness' in Americans, much different from the more solid attitudes I remember in the 50s... This and the growing use of drugs, give me concern about this country's future—those using



AIRIN' ERIN — Bishop Joseph B. Houlihan, Irish Bishop of Eldoret in Kenya, Africa, is greeted after Mass at St. Augustine's Church by three parishioners (from left): Mrs. Leo R. (Marguerite Houlihan) Carr, 83 Sherwood Ave.; Miss Genevieve McGreal, 66 Hobart St., and Francis McDonough, 118 Rugby Ave., president of the Monroe County Chapter, Ancient Order of Hibernians. Bishop spoke at all Masses on July 19.

drugs today are the citizens of tomorrow."

Drawing another distinction, the Bishop noted that for the first six months in which there was television in Kenya, they allowed many U.S. films to be seen. Not anymore, he declared. Now they won't permit shows emphasizing sex or violence. Under the new regulation, one of this nation's top-rated shows, "Bonanza," has been banned.

Because parts of the Eldoret desert are inaccessible, Bishop Houlihan must fly to visit them.

One of the priests and a Sister were taught to fly by two friends of the Bishop from Seattle. In seven years the diocese has established a hospital, eight dispensaries, nine grade schools and the only high school in the desert.

During his priesthood the Bishop has served for six years in Ireland, more than 30 years in Africa and three years in the U.S. He came here with other priests of his order in 1953 to establish the first American foundation of the St. Patrick's Missionary Society in East Cam-

den, N.J. He visits the U.S. for six-month periods approximately every four years.

He admits being appalled at latest observations here: increasing marriage breakups, delinquency, drugs, loss of vocations, and "the push and drive against priestly celibacy and against the papal document, 'Humanae Vitae.'"

African Catholics, he said, are horrified by what they see happening on U.S. college campuses — "things like kissing in public," he notes, "are taboo in Africa, strictly taboo."

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Resurrection Mass Held For Father Cavanaugh

Mass of the Resurrection for Father Walter J. Cavanaugh, CSSR., an assistant at St. Joseph's Church in Rochester since 1967, was conducted Tuesday, July 21, in the Redemptorist Mission Church, Boston, Mass.

Father Cavanaugh, 54, died July 18, 1970, in St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, after a brief illness. While at St. Joseph's he had been in charge of the weekly Wednesday novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Born in Newtonville, Mass., Father Cavanaugh was ordained to the priesthood June 23, 1946, at Mt. St. Alphonsus Seminary, Esopus, N.Y. After four years at missions in Brazil he served as assistant at the two largest Redemptorist parishes in the eastern states—the



FATHER CAVANAUGH

Mission Church in Boston and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn. He also was stationed for a time in Pittsburgh.

Father Cavanaugh is survived by four sisters, Miss Mildred Cavauaugh, Mrs. Myrtle Moriarity and Mrs. Eileen Hunt, all of Boston, and Mrs. May Barton of Syracuse. His only brother was killed in World War II.

Seneca Indians Plan Festivities At Reservation

Chief Sachem Corbett Sundown will preside over the American Indian Day, Sunday, Aug. 9, at the Tonawanda Seneca Indian Reservation. The reservation is in Basom, N.Y., a few miles north of Route 5, midway between Batavia and Buffalo.

The day's festivities will include presentations of the traditional war and social dances, by Six Nations of Canada, ancient games of Lacrosse and an adoption ceremony. Indian handicraft and cuisine will also be available.

The Senecas will also honor Miss Judy Parker and Mr. Robert Brandhorse, Vista volunteers credited with promoting the teaching of the Seneca language in area public schools, and with making possible Iroquois cultural programs in public schools.

Parish Institutes Teachers' Course

Parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus Church who will assist in teaching religion are being offered a free course beginning in September.

Sessions on methods and doctrine will be given by professional teachers on Sunday evenings at the parish rectory, beginning Sept. 20. Reservations may be made by telephoning Michael Walker, 663-8284.

NEW VISITING HOURS
Genesee Hospital has extended the daily visiting period for medical-surgical patients only. New hours effective this week are 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

For Sisters... a Time to Study

Nearly a third of the diocesan Sisters of Mercy Congregation is in some kind of formal study this summer — either completing degrees or intensifying their backgrounds with enrichment courses or travel.

Five Sisters are in Europe, two in Puerto Rico and one in Mexico. Nearly 130 others are matriculating in colleges throughout the U.S. Half of the latter are in 17 colleges in New York State, with 30 being at Nazareth College.

Four Sisters joined a group of Rochesterians in a six-week visit to major theological centers of Europe, including London, Rome, Florence, and Samoens, France. They are Sister Mary Michael, theology chairman of Cardinal Mooney High School; Sister Jean Marie Kearse, of Mercy High School faculty; Sister Lorraine Masucci, of St. Thomas the Apostle School, and Sister Nancy Brady, pastor's assistant at Holy Name Church, Greece.

Their trip is under the sponsorship of the American Institute for Foreign Study, as is that of some students from Notre Dame High School, Elmira, who are studying in France with Sister Mary Edwina of the high school's faculty.

Two Sisters from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish, Rochester — Sisters Sue Howard and Mary Consilla — are learning Spanish at the Catholic University of Puerto Rico. Sister Helen Marie is studying Latin American language and culture in Mexico.

Others are at centers from this nation's east to west coast. They include:

Sister Patricia MacDonald, engaged in Newman Apostolate at Cornell University, courses in theology and history at San Francisco University; Sister Patricia Millerick of Cardinal Mooney High School faculty, finishing a master's degree in English at the University of Notre Dame; Sister Karen Berl of Notre Dame High School, Elmira, completing a three-year summer study in mathematics at Seton Hall University which she has been attending on a



Sr. Patricia MacDonald

Sr. Mary Michael

Sr. Joan Marie O'Brien

government-sponsored grant; Sister Joan Marie O'Brien, Mercy High faculty, continuing study of German at Middlebury Language School in Vermont.

Sister Joan Marie is secretary of the Rochester unit of the American Association of German Teachers, and the incoming president of the Foreign Language Association of Teachers of the Rochester Area.

Decisions for studies are made under the guidance of an education committee headed by the Congregation's Assistant Mother General, Sister

ODD-JOB HELPERS AVAILABLE AT CYO

Twenty boys 14 and 15 years of age are available to Rochester area businesses and residents for part-time work such as mowing lawns, painting and general cleaning, the Catholic Youth Organization announced this week.

The boys are under the supervision of the CYO Summer Job Placement Service. The service asks that the youngster be engaged for a minimum of three hours at \$1.25 per hour, plus bus fare if necessary.

Persons desiring some odd-job assistance are asked to telephone the CYO Job Placement any morning Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon. The telephone number is 454-2030. The service will end Sept. 5.

Mary Judith, RSM. "It is one of our continuing needs," she explained, "as well as one of the most costly expenditures."



MARY ELLEN SUSS

Kearney Grad Gets Scholarship

Mary Ellen Suss, a graduate of Bishop Kearney High School, has been awarded a Gulf Oil Co. four-year scholarship to any accredited college in the nation.

Miss Suss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Suss, 2268 Hudson Ave., plans to major in physical education at State University in Cortland.

Active in Kearney High sports, she recently received a trophy as outstanding girl athlete of the year. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the school's German Club.