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How it Happened. October tour of Southern Ireland and a May tour of West Ireland, the Courier-Journal asked,
Would you take a tour of Mexico
in the fall?" I replied, "I'd rather
aso back to Ireland Have some unfinished business there."

The business was to promote Bishop Sheen's taped con-ferences in Ireland, and to introduce the recording of the Mass of St. Francis, sung by 110 Irish children in the Franciscan Church, Cork, to the United States. So I said: "Let's not make a decision yet."

When I got home, a letter from Mrs. Isabel Malcuria of Geneva had come. "There are five of us ladies in Geneva who are interested in a tour of Ireland," she wrote. "Will you have another?" That was God's sign. So on Sept. 15, forty persons boarded the Aer Lingus 747 plane, "St. Patrick", for the land of forty shades of green.

Who Went? . . . The party was diverse. Geneva led off with Mmes. Isabelle Malcuria and Mary Tiballi, Miss Elizabeth Saunderson, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Clarke and Mrs. Elaine Rice. Canandaigua connections of the Genevans were Mrs. Ruth Peters and Mrs. Genevieve Van Vooren, Mrs. Rice's mother. Rochester sent Miss Mary Fischer and Mrs. Howard Van Slyke, Miss Mary McCullen and Mrs. Alice Shannon, Good Counsel's Lawrence and Edna McDonald, whose son I had taught at St. Andrew's in 1951. Steve and Harriet Riley were on deck for the third time in one year, with their friend, Mrs. Monica Rapp.

New members came: Mrs. Ida Fitzsimons and her friend, Mrs. Helen S. Blair, and two sisters, Miss Margaret DeLee and Mrs. Joan Galvin. The latter two looked up the family name in a Cork phone book, and like making a blind date, phoned the only listed DeLee. He met them with his son and little grandson in Killarney, and they found they were related.

Mrs: Caroline Montemaro of St. Ambrose was on our 1972 pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Now she joined the tour with her friend, Mrs. Jenny Cassata, who had to fly to N.Y. City and back the day before we left, to get her passport; and her daughters Joyce Montemaro and Alice Domenick of King of Prussia, Pa. My old friend, Sgt. Martha Shapley was on hand, adding action to the party.

You should have followed Edward and Kathryn Conway of Piffard. Mr. C. is an 80-year-old youngster who stepped about like

a colt, and led the singing at the Castle dinner in Cork. Auburn sent my widowed sister in law, Florence Cuddy. Because of the identity of name, her luggage was frequently sent to my room. I promptly hustled it out to her own room, which she shared with an old Clyde friend, Miss Ann Buckley, just retired from teaching. Florence and Edith Mulyaney from Schwartz Towers and Violet Fitzgerald who was in the lower grades at Holy Family when I was in the 8th, made the Auburn trio.

Ken Scott of Syracuse and his wife Joan O'Neil, of Weedsport met at LeMoyne College, married and are now in Port Byron. They were the "youngsters" on the tour and became skilled observers of Itish pubs and social life. To frost the cake, Father Timothy McGough came from the Carmelite Monastery in Waverly to celebrate his silver anniversary of ordination, and he became "Master of Liturgy." Two Irish-born Rochesterians, Clara Linsky and Colette Martin, joined the flight but went off to the weddings of a brother and a nephew in Dublin. Sacred Heart. Cathedral was represented by Legionaires Frank and Marie Maslvn.

Irish Graffiti . . . At Shannon Shamrock Inn, near Limerick, Ken Scott-recorded on tape a brief report from each person. Each gave his/her name, and said: "The highlight for me was . . .

My own highlight is spiritually exhibitanting and uproarriously funny. At 9:30 we left the great Southern Hotel, Killarney, for the breath-taking tour of the Ring of Kerry. About 4 p.m. we were about 10 miles from the hotel, and stopped near the Gap of Dunloe for tea. I went to the "Gents" room. Now, it has been my good fortune to have travelled in many cities in Europe, Africa, the States; and I am always impressed by the universality and unimaginativeness of the graffiti on the walls and doors of the "Gents." The graffiti are invariably obscene drawings, filthy verses and suggestions, and the names of local habitues. As I relaxed on the porcelain Gloria in the small men's room, I admired the white walls, unblemished by any script or art, obscene or otherwise. Suddenly my eye caught a small neat scroll, pasted on the immaculate wall, it read: "Pray the rosary every day." Where but in Ireland would you find such a graffito?

More of the Ireland trip next

### **Public Lectures Set** On Social Problems

Life Issues and Social Action is the title of a series of four lec-tures sponsored by a group of St. Thomas More parishioners.

The electures, open to the public are scheduled for Monday evenings this month and next, in the parish auditorium, 2617 East

On Oct. 14, 1Mrs. Pat Dykstra will talk about anti-life forces and Mr. and Mrs. Alban J. Rieckert will discuss alternatives to abortion.

On Oct. 28, Jeanne D. Sweeney, R.N., and Nino Trunfio, MD, will present "A Discussion of Death with Dignity and the Euthanasia Movement." They will show a film entitled Who Shall Survive?

The Supreme Court abortion decision, and possible legislative and political action will be the. topic taken up Nov. 4 by William Polito, attorney.

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