

University of Notre Dame

This evening at 5:15, we have Mass in Sacred Heart Church with room for all.

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This evening at 6:45: Novena to the Sorrowful Mother in Sacred Heart Church.

Here And There

In Lisbon, 5000 members of Portugal's Young Catholic Agricultural Workers attended a special Mass at Oliveira de Frades. They came from all parts of the surrounding countryside by bicycle, on foot, and in farm carts.

In Nagula, in the rich, diamond country of Africa, where there is a Maryknoll mission, Christian youngsters hike 30 miles to Mass at the mission chapel. When the priest asked the boys why they came so far, and why they did not wait for a missionary to visit their station by jeep, one spoke up: "Why not? Look what Jesus did for us!"

In Katowice, Poland, because all three bishops of the Katowice diocese had been removed from their Sees, an "outside" bishop had to be called in to ordain 38 deacons belonging to the Silesian seminary. The ordinations took place in the basement of the cathedral. The Katowice See was deprived of its bishops by the Warsaw regime at the end of 1952.

In Axangaro, Peru how South Americans manage to keep the Faith is a source of wonderment to missionary Father James O'Brien. "Our mission is a sprawling province of 160,000 people, yet has only 4 parishes with priests in them. Yet when we enter an area that has not had a priest for 20 or 30 years, the people are still eager to renew the reception of the Sacraments." A recent survey shows that Latin America has the lowest ratio of priests -- one for every 6000 Catholics.

In New Canaan, Connecticut, the Franciscan Friars Minor in the Slav Byzantine Rite have opened their first novitiate to prepare men for work among members of the Rite in Russia and other countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Hong Kong. Chinese Communist persecution has brought to a tragic close one of the finest chapters in the history of the Paris Foreign Mission Society. It came with the expulsion of Father LeCorre, 81-year-old member of the Society who had spent almost 60 years in Red China. He was the last of 214 Paris Foreign Mission priests who have been forced out of China by the Communist Regime. Having spent the last 5 years in isolation, Father LeCorre was asked, on his arrival, if he was happy to leave China. "No, no," he answered. "It was my hope to die there."

So go the fortunes of God's heroes, and God's Church -- cut down in one spot, only to emerge in another. How would your Faith hold up under such hazards ?

If you are not getting to Mass these Lenten days, the answer is pretty obvious -- it would fold like an accordian in no time at all.

"Hurrah" From Notre Dame  
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Because this is still Catholic Press Month, we note with pardonable pride that Ed O'Connor of the Class of '39 has come up with the best book of the young year -- The Last Hurrah, winner of the Atlantic prize, a Book-Of-The-Month selection, and already sold to the movies. Even more remarkable is the critical observation: "It is the cleanest novel to come down the pike for many a year. There is mild profanity, through the mouths of political hangers-on; but there is not a word that hints at sex and its fictional sensationalizing." Good for our Ed! He rates with Vern Sneider, '40 who gave us Tea House of the August Moon. You see, it can be done even in our day.

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PRAYERS - Deceased: father of Joe, '29 and Jim, '30 Friel; friend of Ed Streb, '34; mother of Tom Mangelsdorf, '52; friend of Ed Cosgrove of Alumni. Ill: father of Tom McNulty of Dillon. Anniversary of Ray Espenan, '50.