



**GEOGRAPHICAL EXCHANGE**—Indian Sisters Litchia and Jessy Maria, left, exchange geographical notes with Chinese Sisters Donna Marie and Marie Plus as their paths crossed recently at St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

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# Chinese, Indian Sisters cross paths at Woods

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, Ind. — The motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence here was a miniature "crossroads" of the universal Church recently as four youthful religious—two Chinese and two Indian—compared notes on their respective journeys half way around the world, and exchanged prayers for each other in their new educational assignments for the coming year.

The two Chinese—Sister Donna Marie and Sister Marie Plus—are Sisters of Providence who are returning to their native Taiwan to teach in Providence Junior College founded there by the Sisters of Providence.

Jessy Maria are members of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart at Pala, Kerala State, South India. They will attend St. Mary-of-the-Woods College on full scholarship grants provided by the Sisters of Providence in cooperation with the Sister Formation mission project.

# Centennial to be marked by St. Meinrad parish

ST. MEINRAD, Ind.—Archbishop Schulte will preside at a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Meinrad parish church here Sunday, September 24, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the parish's foundation. The Centennial Mass is scheduled at 11 a.m.



Father Peter Behrman, O.S.B., pastor, will be the celebrant. Other ministers of the Mass include Father Fidelis Jent, O.S.B., and Father Maurice Harpen, O.S.B., deacon and subdeacon, respectively. Deacons of honor for Archbishop Schulte are Father Raphael Hirsch, O.S.B., and Father Linus Swartz, O.S.B. The sermon will be delivered by Father Gabriel Verkamp, O.S.B.

The parish observance follows by two weeks the three-day official centennial of the town of St. Meinrad called the "Deutscher Fest in the Little Alps of Spencer County."

**FIRST PASTOR**—Father Isidore Hobi, O.S.B., was the first pastor of the parish of St. Meinrad, which will mark its centennial Sunday. The present pastor is Father Peter Behrman, O.S.B.

erecton of an alby church to accommodate both the monks and laymen of the town. The job took eight years to complete and involved nearly all the parishioners in its labors.

**FOUNDATION** of the town and parish owes its origin to the Benedictine monks of nearby St. Meinrad Archabbey, which was founded in 1854.

The first Catholic settlers living in the neighborhood of St. Meinrad were members of St. Ferdinand parish at Ferdinand, Ind., but when the Benedictines began to conduct regular Sunday services in their priory chapel, there was a natural tendency for the people living in the area to attend services there.

The new church was dedicated on St. Benedict's Day, March 21, 1907. Since the parish had been generous in contributing toward the project, the monks in turn were generous in rendering clerical service to the parish after the building was completed.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
The Guardian Angel Guild and the Special Education Department of the Archdiocesan School Office will sponsor an Open House from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 24, at the new St. Mary's Child Center, 311 N. New Jersey Street.

**GROUND** was broken for the new church on January 25, 1950. Archbishop Schulte dedicated the modern, 650-seat structure 14 months later. Local materials and workmanship were extensively employed. Most of the building crew were from St. Meinrad and Ferdinand. The sandstone was quarried and fabricated three miles north of St. Meinrad.

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# Chinese schismatic church failure, Fides agency reports

ROME—Red China's attempt to force Chinese Catholics to break away from the Holy See has failed in spite of terrorist tactics, it has been reported here by Fides, mission news agency.

The schismatic "patriotic" church set up under communist pressure, the news agency said, is only a "skeletal" organization headed by 35 illicitly consecrated bishops and "a very feeble number of priests."

But its failure, Fides added, has not averted "the tragic state of the true church in China"—the great majority of Catholics who have remained loyal to the Holy See.

Fides, published by the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, said that the schismatic church is without influence despite Red efforts "to give the impression that there has been a mass secession." Instead, it said, "the mass of priests, religious and laymen have not followed the patriotic movement."



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# 'BLOW TO RELIGION' New education curbs evoke crisis in Poland

LONDON — Sharp clashes have already taken place between the Catholic clergy and Communist authorities in Poland in the wake of a new law placing further restrictions on religious instruction, according to reports received by Polish emigre circles here.

Vatican City newspaper, upheld and condemned, respectively, the new development in Poland which many observers predict may bring to a boiling point the long-simmering Church-State conflict there.

At a meeting of the Joint Church-State Commission set up in 1956 which authorized in 1958 the opening of religious schools, although introduced under a Church-State agreement that year, the religious courses were abolished by the government last year.

These are the priests who serve those churches that are still open in some cities. For the Communist Party they represent the official Catholic Church and for foreign tourists they are the tangible proof that "freedom of religion" still exists.

According to the reports, state officials sent to oversee the religious classes have been interrupting them on the pretext that this or that teaching material is subversive, or implicitly hostile to Communism.

The informants here said the bishops have requested a meeting of the Commission in the hope of easing the situation, and prospects were that one would take place soon.

It is true that they pay dearly for their official status and for their semi-well being; cut off from Rome they are attached by tight lines to the Communist Bureau of Religion from which they receive their instructions. That bureau keeps them under constant surveillance.

Because of this interference, the reports said, the bishops have instructed priests to bar any further attendance by the religious classes.

The reports said this has created a tense situation which may lead to serious clashes unless

The failure of the "patriotic" church, Fides said, has not improved the lot of loyal Catholics. It reported:

The reports reaching here came as "Robina Ludu, official Polish Communist newspaper in Warsaw, and Osservatore Romano,

Observers here said in an article broadcast by the Vatican Radio, meanwhile branded the new law as "an example of Communist abuse of power" and the most serious blow against religion in Poland so far.

"We know that churches are deserted in the cities, but in rural areas they do not even exist because they have been converted to profane usage. There is no longer a Christian way of life.

The bishops, priests and religious of both sexes who did not choose to break with the Vatican—and they are the great majority—are considered as enemies of the people and of the state. They are in prison, after trial or without trial, for various periods; others have been exiled to frontier regions; many are subjected to reform by labor under the eye of cadres and they will not leave their mines, their canals or work-camps until they are "converted."

Cardinal Bea said that meanwhile "many hopes and conjectures" are placed in the Protestant community on "the qualities and personality of Pope John XXIII," as testified by statements made by such "authoritative exponents of the Protestant world" as Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, the present Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Hans Lile of Hannover, head of the United Lutheran Church of Germany; and Protestant Episcopal Bishop Assin Pardinie of Pittsburgh, Pa., (Continued on page 9)

# Protestant attitude to Council praised

VATICAN CITY—Cardinal Augustin Bea, president of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, stressed here what he said was the "respectful attitude" of Protestant leaders toward the forthcoming Second Vatican Council.

Writing in Civiltà Cattolica, influential Jesuit publication here, the German-born cardinal, himself a member of the Society of Jesus, said that interest in the numerous discussions that had taken place between Catholics and non-Catholics in many parts of the world.

Declaring that much importance had been attached by the "200,000,000 persons separated from the Catholic Church" toward the forthcoming council, he said in preparation for the Ecumenical Council, he noted especially the "benevolent comments" made by Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, former Archbishop of Canterbury, the World Council of Churches and other organizations that "look upon it as a means of promoting discussions with the Catholic Church."

In spite of this situation, Fides said, "the morale of priests, religious and lay Christians is extraordinary." It stated:

"Cut off from all exterior aid, without possible instructions from Rome or from their local religious superiors, deprived of the Sacraments and of the Divine Office, reduced to beggary, in the oppressive alleys of jails or under the shadow of the gallows, they in a production brigade, guided only by the force of the Spirit, their courage does not fail them. They do not plead guilty and they know that they are suffering for Christ."

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# Groundbreaking set for church of the Little Flower

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new, 1,100-seat Church of the Little Flower on Indianapolis' eastside will be held on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 23, following High Mass at 8 a.m. Father John Riedinger, pastor, will conduct the services.

Construction will start immediately on the \$400,000 Romanesque-style edifice designed by Hanna and Meck and Associates of Indianapolis, from a scale model made by the pastor. The Willhelm Construction Company has the general contract.

Scheduled for completion in 10 months, the new church features a central spire, a structure will be cruciform in shape and surmounted by an aluminum spire. Buff brick will be used on the exterior to match the existing parish buildings. The trim will be Indiana limestone, while the interior will be of St. Meinrad sandstone.

Religious services have been held on the second floor of the parish school building since its completion in 1926. Upon completion of the new church the temporary facilities will be converted into a combination gymnasium and auditorium with stage.

The parish of St. Therese of the Little Flower, established in 1924, was the first in the United States to be dedicated to the 20th century saint upon her canonization.

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The parish has already raised \$100,000 for the construction of the new edifice, Father Riedinger said.

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# 'Miniature' conventions are scheduled by ACCM

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — The first of four "Little Pittsburgh" conventions of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men will be held for the Terre Haute District Council at Schulte High School here Sunday, September 24.

Twenty-five men who attended the national convention of the

CCM in Pittsburgh earlier this year will reproduce the convention highlights in miniature for those who were unable to attend.

Topics of the four general sessions will be: "The Spiritual Basis for Christian Unity," "Christian Unity in a Changing Community," "Christian Unity and the Public Image of the Church," and "Christian Unity and Racial Prejudice."

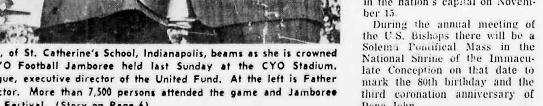
Father Raymond T. Bosler, editor of The Criterion and moderator of the ACCM, will deliver the closing address. "Revitalized Catholic Layman of the Indianapolis Archdiocese."

General chairman of the event will be Edward Bercko, president of the Terre Haute District Council.

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**'MISS CADET CYO'**—Shri Salamone, of St. Catherine's school, Indianapolis, beams as he is crowned "Miss Caedo" at the annual CYO Football Jamboree held last Sunday at the CYO Stadium. Doing the honors is Mr. Richard Faque, executive director of the United Fund. At the left is Father John Elford, Archdiocesan CYO Director. More than 7,500 persons attended the game and Jamboree Festival. (Story on Page 6)