

of the English Province will conduct our 1960 provincial retreats. The recently appointed Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Vagnozzi, will ordain our candidates for the Holy Priesthood at Mt. St. Sepulchre, March 12, 1960. Archbishop Vagnozzi has been affiliated to the Order at the request of the Sacred Heart Province. The new inter-provincial house in Rome will be called "American College of Junipero Serra." Land has been purchased for it, architects' plans approved, and construction will start soon. The new Provincial Ordinations have been approved and are now being printed. Fr. Marcellus McCartney will conduct two retreats in Brazil next January.

The new Crown Princess of Japan was born in Tatebayashi. Her grandfather, a Catholic, made a building available for our first church in 1953. Our Fathers used the building for some five years. At Isesaki we were saluted by a Boy Scout band playing "My Old Kentucky Home." Fr. Stanislaus Blackowski recently received a shipment of clothing for distribution to the poor. Included was a child's T-shirt bearing the Siena emblem.

Some of the Fathers in Japan are using motor bikes and scooters for transportation. We have another cleric, Fra. Luke Abe, studying philosophy at the Franciscan seminary in Tokyo. Archbishop DeFurstenburg, Papal Inter-Nuncio to Japan, was high in his praise of the work of our Fathers there.

Fr. Donald Hoag, Custos, will conduct visitation of the Southern parishes beginning in early November. In January he will conduct two retreats and visitation in Bolivia, and visitation in Brazil.

While in Rome, Bishop Manning requested Sisters for the Bolivian Mission from the recently elected American General of the Peekskill Sisters. She refused, stating that there were no Sisters to send. Bishop Manning proposed the following: "If four of the pastors from Holy Name Province who have your Sisters teaching in their schools will relinquish one Sister and substitute a lay teacher for her, will you be willing to send four Sisters to Bolivia?" Mother agreed and the pastors agreed. The four Sisters will go to Bolivia.

At Holy Name College, Washington, Cardinal Spellman personally honored Fr. Juniper Carol with the prelate's annual award for excellency in Theology. The clerics at Holy Name are to be congratulated for their handling of the 750th Anniversary celebration of the feast of Duns Scotus. The display featuring various Franciscan Apostolates was particularly well arranged.

I was most favorably impressed by the discussion groups the Holy Name clerics have organized among themselves.

### BUILDING PROJECTS

RECENTLY COMPLETED: Dormitory, Siena College; Parish Hall, Lawrenceville; Church and Rectory, Rochelle Park; Churches, Fair Lawn, Garfield and Woodridge; Rectories, Pompton Lakes and Americus; Schools, San Juan, East Paterson, Greenwood Lake and Walsh High School, Olean; Friary, Alto Plano, Bolivia.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Dining Hall, Siena College; Parochial Activities Building, San Juan; Rectories, Wyckoff and Narrowsburg; Friaries, Walsh High School and Guanai (Bolivia); School, Alto Plano (Bolivia).

Along with this spiritual guidance, Fr. Augustine is responsible for assistance with the Brothers' finances. Among his money-raising projects has been the raising of hogs and chickens.

He accepts an occasional retreat assignment for a necessary change of environment.

Since his assignment in 1951 to the Franciscan Mission Procuration, Hong Kong, Fr. Victorin Rosboschil has been serving in a variety of capacities. He helped organize and now directs a number of Curiae of the Legion of Mary, he is Director of the III Order in Hong Kong, Spiritual Director of St. Joan's English High School, and Chaplain to the Kai Tai Air Force Base (R.A.F.) His contacts with the English school and military base offer Fr. Victorin opportunities to instruct many and to bolster the faith of the eighty or so military personnel and their families. For the Air Force personnel Father publishes a weekly Catholic information bulletin. Aside from these duties, Fr. Victorin still has time to help in whatever way he can at the Catholic Center, Hong Kong.

Thursday, October 29, I offered Mass at the Tokyo language school, and visited the Delegate General and our student priests there. At 3 P. M. we left for the airport. I checked in, met a group of Friars and had dinner. I was forced to leave the dinner early in order to get through customs and board my plane. Along with Fathers from our Province at this departure were Fr. Peter B. Charbonneau of the Canadian Province (an old friend from St. Bona's summer school) and Fr. Raphael Mackino. The ten-hour trip from Tokyo to Anchorage was uneventful save that I found a row of three empty seats. I took out the armrests, stretched out, and slept for eight hours.

Fr. Alban Carney met me at Anchorage and I spent two days with him and other Catholic chaplains there. Friday evening we had dinner at a place in Anchorage called Mama Martha's House of Shishkabab. We met Mama Martha, whose claim to fame rests not only on this restaurant (best in Anchorage) but on the fact that she is mother of Chuck Essegian of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The airline people were very kind to me on the Anchorage-New York flight. They moved me up to a first-class seat from my tourist accommodation. It helped to make the ten-and-a-half-hour flight more comfortable. I arrived at Idlewild 4:30 A.M., November 1.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

Bishop Eustace Smith and Fr. John L. Rowan returned to Beirut in late September. Fr. Paul Seibert was Provincial Representative at the installation of Bishop Schuck in Cristalandia, Brazil, and Fr. Callistus Smith at the installation of Bishop Manning in Coroico, Bolivia. Fr. Gregory Wyse has arrived in Rome to begin his duties as confessor at St. John Lateran for the English-speaking. Fr. Demetrius O'Friel has returned from Rome with his doctorate (cum laude) in Canon Law. He is teaching at Christ the King Seminary. Frs. Joseph B. Wider, Aquinas Reding and Marian Foley have arrived in Brazil. They will be joined later by Fr. Ignatius McGeady, who is leaving in mid-November and will act as chaplain for some newly professed Allegany Sisters returning to their native country. All new appointees to the Brazilian mission will spend a period of time studying Portuguese at the Franciscan Monastery, Sao Paulo. Dr. Dominic Devas