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HOW TO USE THIS REQUEST LIST

This list has been compiled by the staff of the Latin America Bureau, NCWC, Washington, D.C., at the request of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, Vatican City. It represents official petitions for Sisters from Right Reverend Ordinaries of Latin American Dioceses with occasional requests from major superiors of religious communities in Latin America. Most of these petitions have been submitted through the Papal Nunciatures in Latin America which have been encouraged by the Holy See to do everything possible to increase the religious personnel in their respective countries.

It is desired that the greatest possible use be made of this and similar lists.

Primary purpose of this list

The primary purpose of this list is to provide information to Mother Generals and Mother Provincials and their Councils who, in keeping with the appeal of the Holy See, are considering possible fields for apostolic action in Latin America.

Antecedent to using this list, a given community might ask itself the following questions:

1. What are the particular fields (primary or secondary education, hospital work, clinics, home nursing, social welfare, etc.) in which the community by its homeland experience is prepared to labor?
2. What are the financial conditions under which the community is prepared to take up work?
3. What particular administrative circumstances (v.g., previous involvement in Latin America of European provinces of the community) may influence the choice of the country in which the community will work?
4. What socio-geographic factors in the community's U.S. activities might influence the planning (urban rather than rural work, Portuguese rather than Spanish language areas, etc.)?
5. Is the community in a position to accept a hardship post in an area of difficult climate, of primitive living conditions, of a poverty-stricken economy unable to provide any support?
6. Is the community prepared to meet a major need in any given country by undertaking a form of activity heretofore not attempted by its members?

With answers to these questions at hand the superiors are urged to select projects on the Request List likely to prove suitable for consideration. These may be discussed by mail or telephone with the Permanent Secretariat of the Women's Conference or with the Director of the Latin America Bureau who under ordinary circumstances will propose contact with the Pontifical Commission and ecclesiastical authorities prepared to advise the community on how best to serve the Church in Latin America.

The Pontifical Commission recommends that when the selection of possible projects has been made the community either send a qualified representative to Latin America for on-the-spot negotiation with the authorities or name a non-member acceptable to the community to act for it.

Supplementary uses of this list

In addition to serving for the selection of fields of labor, religious communities of Sisters are encouraged to consider further uses for this request list.

1. Copies of the list may be distributed throughout the houses of the community to make known to the members the extent and variety of the needs of the Church in Latin America as expressed by the requests of the Bishops;
2. Copies of the list may be employed in novitiates for demonstrating the types of work for which the Latin American Church seeks the services of Sisters;
3. Copies of the list may be employed in institutions of education, in nurses' training schools, in vocational and fund-raising programs for illustrating the urgency of enlisting and supporting the community's candidates to the Sisterhood.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF SISTERS REQUEST LIST #1

Total of 87 petitions from Bishops in 11 countries:

49	educational projects for a total of	370 Sisters
24	medical projects " " " "	332 Sisters
14	social welfare and other projects "	81 Sisters
<u>87</u>	" " " "	<u>783</u>

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SISTERS REQUEST LIST #1 - EDUCATION

Request #1 - Argentina, Archdiocese of Cordoba (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires)

PROJECT: Community of 4 Sisters to operate a primary school in the city of Cordoba.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located in the Province of Cordoba in central Argentina. The landscape is typical basin and range similar to the Great Basin region of the United States. The climate is dry and temperate. Population of the Archdiocese is 1,258,000 with 1,080,000 Catholics.

Project Description: Sisters are needed by the opening of the term in March, 1963, for the Colegio Nuestra Senora del Carmen. The school now has 260 students through the third grade level. It is hoped that the whole primary cycle can be completed in time. The Sisters will be assisted by lay teachers already employed in the school.

Area Description: Cordoba is a modern city reputed for its warmth of faith. Its population is 600,000. All means of modern communication are available. Franciscan Sisters from Lemont, Illinois, and Sisters of St. Casimir of Chicago have missions in the city.

Present Facilities: This is a new parish with a school building next to the parish house. Until a home can be built for the Sisters, a provisional residence will be used.

Finances: The Archbishop explains that sufficient financial help will be given by parishioners.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Ramon J. Castellano
Avenida Irigoyen 98
Cordoba, Argentina, South America

Request #2 - Argentina, Diocese of Santiago del Estero (Date: June, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to begin primary and secondary schools for boys and girls.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Province of Santiago del Estero in northern Argentina. The Diocese encompasses 145,670 kilometers in a slightly elevated plains area. The Province is divided by the rivers Salado and Dulce. The territory east of the Salado is often wooded while that to the west of the Dulce is saline desert, including the Salinas Grandes, or salt flats. Between the two rivers there is a sufficient water supply for the nearby farming and ranching areas. The rainy season in the region extends from October to March. Also see the climate des-

cription for the Diocese of Anatum.

The area is located on the main route from Bolivia to Buenos Aires. There are mail and telecommunications and rail connections. It is also accessible by National Highways #9, #34, #64. There are numerous connecting roads in the area. The total population of the Diocese is 487,182.

Project Description: The Bishop states that no concrete plans have yet been made. The Diocese is awaiting an offer from some community of Sisters before it can make definite arrangements.

Area Description: No details are given.

Present Facilities: No details are given.

Finances: Information is not given.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Manuel Tato
Obispado, Belgrano 450
Santiago del Estero
Argentina

Request #3 - Argentina, Archdiocese of Tucuman (Date: July, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires)

PROJECT: Community of 5 Sisters for a new primary school in the city of Tucuman.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located in northwest Argentina, an important sugar cane district in the Province of Tucuman. The land is similar to that in the Cordoba region but less dry, being abundantly supplied with water by streams descending from the Sierra de Aconquija. Winter temperature is relatively mild. Population of the Archdiocese is 850,000 with 750,000 Catholics.

Project Description: Sisters are desired for this new school beginning with the 1965-1966 school year.

Area Description: Precise location of the school has not been determined since a number of requests from localities within the diocese are being considered.

Present Facilities: An adequate residence is promised by the Archbishop.

Finances: The Archbishop states that salaries will be provided/in addition to monthly student fees.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Juan Carlos Aramburu
Avenida Sarmiento 895
San Miguel de Tucuman
Argentina, South America

Request #4 - Bolivia, Diocese of Cochabamba (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters for a parochial school in Arani.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located in the Department of Cochabamba, Central Bolivia, on the floor of the basin of the Altiplano region between the Eastern and Western Cordilleras. This is a pleasant area at an altitude of 8,000 feet with a temperate climate. The Cochabamba Basin holds the largest concentration of settlement in Bolivia. Population of the Diocese is 607,000 with 566,000 Catholics.

Project Description: No details given.

Area Description: The town of Arani, with 10,000 inhabitants, lies about 30 miles southeast of Cochabamba, with which Arani is connected by road and railroad. A number of U. S. priests (Dominicans, Maryknoll, Missionary Society of St. James) and Sisters (Daughters of Charity, Dominicans, Maryknoll, Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception) have missions in the Diocese.

Present Facilities: The existing parish house could serve as a school and as a dwelling for the Sisters. There is plenty of garden-type land around the house.

Finances: The petition states that nothing more than the house and garden can be offered to the nuns.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Carmine Rocco
Apostolic Nuncio in Bolivia
Casilla Postal 136
La Paz, Bolivia, South America

Request #5 - Bolivia, Prelature of Corocoro (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to staff a school, assist at hospital and help in parish activities in town of Colquiri.

Background Information on the Prelature: Located in West-Central Bolivia in the Department of La Paz. This southern region of the Department lies in the Altiplano. The Corocoro area is one of two clusters of population (the other is Oruro) which originated as mining centers rather than agricultural regions. From the group of mines in this vicinity comes about 90% of the copper production of Bolivia. The area rises to an altitude of 13,500 feet; the climate is cold and dry. Good roads lead north from Corocoro to La Paz and south to Oruro. Population of the Prelature is 205,000 with 200,000 Catholics.

Project Description: No details given.

Area Description: Population of the town of Colquiri is 30,000. No other details beyond those given for the Prelature.

Present Facilities: The mining company in the area has promised to build a home for the Sisters.

Finances: No information given.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Ubaldo Evarist Gibrian Fernandez
Prelatura de Corocoro
Corocoro, Bolivia, South America

Request #6 - Bolivia, Prelature of Corocoro (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters for parochial work in five contiguous parishes in Viacha, Caquiaviri, Tophoco, Patacamaya and Sapahaqui.

Background Information on the Prelature: See Request #4.

Project Description: General parish tasks would be undertaken by the Sisters in this area which is confronted with the dangers of religious indifference, ignorance and Protestantism. The region will be administered by three priests.

Area Description: The parishes cover an area of 965 square miles centering around the town of Calamarca, south of La Paz. They include 25,000 inhabitants scattered throughout the region, which is an average of 12,400 feet above sea level. Climate is cool and dry.

Present Facilities: No information given.

Finances: No data supplied.

Petitioner: See Request #4.

Request #7 - Bolivia, Archdiocese of La Paz (Date: January, 1962.

PROJECT: Six Sisters to staff primary boys' school in La Paz.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located in the Department of La Paz, West-Central Bolivia, in the Altiplano, the Archdiocese lies at the bottom of a chasm facing that part of the Eastern Cordillera known as the Cordillera Real. The site of the capital city of La Paz was originally chosen for its accessibility to the chief colonial route of travel and its relative protection from the cold winds of the Altiplano. Today the location seems less practical and results in the city's being cramped for

space to grow. Although partly protected from the heavy winds of the Altiplano, La Paz experiences rapid changes of temperature and rarified atmosphere making respiratory diseases common. The altitude rises to 12,000 feet making La Paz the world's highest big city. It is not uncommon for people to show at least some signs of nervous strain at this height but relief is secured by brief periodical absences. The population of the Archdiocese is 860,000 with 800,000 Catholics. Population of the city of La Paz is 321,073.

Project Description: This six-grade primary school (in conformity with the Latin American educational system) is associated with the Colegio San Calixto, a high school, but is housed in a separate building. The school was formerly operated by the Spanish Sisters of "Amor de Dios" who have had to give up their missionary work here. Consequently there are no teachers for about two-thirds of the boys.

Area Description: Nothing given other than above for Archdiocese.
U. S. clergy and religious in La Paz: Dominican, Franciscan, Maryknoll, Resurrection and St. James Society priests; Franciscan Loretine and Precious Blood Sisters.

Present Facilities: A new building is now being built and the primary grades will be the first to use it.

Finances: No information supplied.

Petitioner: Rev. Guillermo Carrero, S. J., Rector
Colegio San Calixto
Apartado 283
La Paz, Bolivia

Request #8 - Bolivia, Diocese of Oruro (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters for a primary school in Oruro.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Altiplano or highland area of southwest Bolivia, in the Department of Oruro. The area of Oruro is one of two clusters of population (the other is Corocoro) which originated as mining centers, not agricultural regions. As a mining community, the region has been subject to major fluctuations of prosperity and of population due to the uncertain character of the business of finding and selling ores. Recently, with the rise of tin mining, the community has regained importance. Climate in the area is difficult, being cold and dry. Altitude is 11,000 to 12,000 feet above sea level. The population of the Diocese is 270,000 with 250,000 Catholics. The region is serviced by railroad and roads, including connections to La Paz. The city of Oruro connects Bolivia's agricultural district in Cochabamba with the mining district in the Eastern Cordillera by two major branches of a main rail line.

Project Description: The Sisters are badly needed for this area in which the children are completely abandoned. Specific details of the school situation are not given. Currently there are missionaries from the Oblates of Mary Immaculate working in the Diocese.

Area Description: The city of Oruro has a population of approximately 63,000 and is within three and one-half hours by road from La Paz.

Present Facilities: There is at present no building for use as a school. The Bishop will provide the land.

Finances: No support mentioned.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Jorge Manrique
Bishop of Oruro
Palacio Episcopal
Casilla Correo 368
Oruro, Bolivia

Request #9 - Bolivia, Diocese of Oruro (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to operate a hospital and a grade school, and teach religion in the high school in Challapata, Diocese of Oruro.

Background Information on the Diocese: See Request #7.

Project Description: See Request #51 for details on the hospital work. The pastor of Challapata proposes that if the community of nuns which will administer the hospital is large enough, it might provide additional help in teaching religion in the high school. In addition, the Sisters could assume direction of a grade school for 500 girls. Help is greatly needed in each of these phases of the parish life.

Area Description: The town of Challapata lies approximately 65 miles south of Oruro which can be reached by train. There are unpaved roads in the area and rail service also extends to La Paz.

Present Facilities: There is a convent with chapel adjoining the hospital.

Finances: The Pastor states that the Sisters can expect support from the faithful.

Petitioner: See Request #7.

Request #10 - Bolivia, Diocese of Santa Cruz (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Community of 5 Sisters to build and conduct a primary school in the Parish of La Merced in the city of Santa Cruz.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in southeast Bolivia in the Department of Santa Cruz. The Department's eastern plains form part of an area, shared by Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil and Argentina, known as the Gran Chaco. The climate of the Santa Cruz city area is humid and mild whereas that of the southeast region becomes drier as it approaches the Argentine border. The hot season extends from November through February. Relatively low altitude approximately 3,000 feet.

The population of the Diocese is 323,000 with 311,000 Catholics. The area around the city of Santa Cruz is the sole region of concentrated settlement in the southeast of Bolivia. The general vast area of Santa Cruz suffers from isolation and communication difficulties. However, a new truck road unites Santa Cruz with Cochabamba. In addition, rails reach east from the city into Brazil and there is air service to other Bolivian cities and to neighboring countries. Several communities of U. S. priests (Servants of the Holy Paraclete, Maryknoll, Salesians, St. James Missionaries) and Sisters (Dominican) are working in the area.

Project Description: This school, which could begin with the first three grades, would partly alleviate the school shortage in the area. In the city of Santa Cruz there is only one parish school plus two Catholic private schools (one for boys, one for girls), both of which are overcrowded. However, there are six Protestant schools.

Area Description: The Parish of La Merced is one of a number within the city of Santa Cruz and counts 15,000 parishioners cared for by the Jesuit Fathers.

Present Facilities: At present there is no building but the Pastor is trying to obtain funds estimated at \$20,000 for construction. Within the limits of the Parish a lot of 4,000 square meters may be secured from the Jesuits by the Community which would build the school.

Finances: The school is for poor children and the Parish could not guarantee the Sisters' support. However, other such schools in the area have become self-supporting through modest monthly fees.

Petitioner: See Request #7.

Request #11 - Brazil, Archdiocese of Sao Paulo (Date: August, 1961 -)

PROJECT: Sisters to open elementary and high schools for middle class students in the Sao Paulo area.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located in the State of Sao Paulo in southern Brazil. Sao Paulo is the most progressive and most productive

state in Brazil, with great accomplishments in agriculture and industry. The state as a whole has abundant moisture. The average annual rainfall for most of Sao Paulo is 56 inches. In the south of the state there is no winter dry season. Temperature of coastal areas like Santos are moderately high (66° in winter to 78° in summer). On the higher parts of the plateau averages are some 10° lower.

The population of the Archdiocese is 3,650,000 with 3,300,000 Catholics. Rail service and other modern means of communication are available, especially in the area of Sao Paulo city. A number of U. S. priests (Franciscans, Oblates of Mary Immaculate) and Sisters (Bernardines, Congregation of Our Lady of the Cenacle, Franciscans, Holy Cross, Ursulines) now have missionaries in the area.

Project Description: Sisters are needed to open a number of schools equivalent to the U. S. high school and junior college levels, totaling seven grades. Schools would have approximately 100 students per grade. The ecclesiastical authorities state that the schools may be established by opening one grade at a time, each year.

Area Description: The city of Sao Paulo is modern and thriving, growing at the rate of 10,000 per month. Of the four million population in the Archdiocese, two million people are without spiritual care. Some eighty parishes have been planned and no personnel is available. Sao Paulo counts five Protestant ministers for every Catholic priest. Sao Paulo is a focus of transportation with various rail lines extending into the interior. Other modern means of communication are available.

Present Facilities: None actually exist. It is explained that the schools can begin modestly by renting a large house to service the early grades of about 100 students each.

Finances: A modest tuition fee covering operational costs can be charged. After the first year of existence, it may be possible to arrange for municipal, state and federal loans, and sometime grants can be secured. Authorities state that schools should be self-maintaining by the time the seven grades are complete.

Petitioner: H. E. Carlos Carmelo Cardinal de Vasconcellos Motta
Rua Pio XII, 279
Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America

Request #12 - Chile, Diocese of Ancud (Date: May, 1961 - Nunciature, Santiago)

PROJECT: Nuns to assume charge of La Inmaculada primary girls academy in the city of Ancud.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located on the Island of Chiloe in Chiloe Province on the Pacific coast. It has a geographical position similar to that of Vancouver Island in North America. The climate is mild and rainy with little variation in temperature. There is a population of 115,000 with 100,000 Catholics. The great majority of the inhabi-

tants are rural and engage in farming and fishing. The more populated areas tend to be near the seacoast areas. Some farming areas are faced with the problem of "minifundism", agricultural property divided into units so small that they cannot be worked economically. Co-operative farms are being considered for some of these regions. There is air service to Ancud and Castro, plus ships of the state-owned line, la Empresa Maritima, as well as private boats for reaching the several small islands in the Diocese. There is medical service available in four small hospitals (one to four doctors in each) and other posts. The population is of Spanish origin with only slight Indian strains. Spanish is spoken; there are no dialects. In the islands there is a tendency towards a matriarchal society since many men emigrate to other areas to find work. In general, families are numerous with five to seven children and the people are poor.

Project Description: Sisters are needed to take charge of a small girls' primary academy which must be relinquished by the Community now operating it due to lack of funds and insufficient number of Sisters. The school could be expanded to include secondary teaching. The Sisters are needed immediately.

Area Description: The city of Ancud is at the northern part of the Island of Chiloe. There is in Ancud a priest who speaks English and is the English teacher at the Colegio-Seminario of Ancud. In addition, in the city of Purranque, 200 km. north of Ancud, there are North American priests of the Precious Blood Society. One of these priests would be able to visit the Sisters at the school once a month. This trip is currently made by plane and bus but the government has assured the installation of a ferryboat between the continent and the Island of Chiloe. When this is completed the trip from Purranque can be made by automobile.

Present Facilities: The school building is of wood and is in good condition. There is a chapel, sufficient classroom space, patios and recreation room for the girls. The Sisters have their own rooms plus land for a vegetable garden. The land now belongs to the Community which has operated the school (Religiosas de la Inmaculada) but can be purchased by the incoming community.

Finances: The school receives a government subsidy once a year for its maintenance. It is adequate to support the Sisters' expenses for food, clothing and medical assistance.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Alejandro Duran Moreira
Obispado, Casilla 39
Ancud, Chile

Request #13 - Chile, Diocese of Antofagasta (Date: June, 1961)

PROJECT: Sisters to staff a fee kindergarten for 60 children; a subsidized parochial school of four grades; a projected primary and technical school.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Province of Antofagasta in the northern desert region known as the Atacama. It is an area rich in industry and mining, especially copper. The area of the Diocese is approximately 120,000 square kms. Climate at coast is maritime; hot during the day and cold at night. Both coast and interior regions are barren of vegetation. Population is 230,000 with 205,000 Catholics. There are land, sea and air communications with the capital. Currently there are missionaries from the North American order, Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Project Description: No details supplied.

Area Description: No details supplied.

Present Facilities: No details supplied.

Finances: No details supplied.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Francisco de Borja Valenzuela Rios
Casilla E
Antofagasta, Chile

Request #14 - Chile, Vicariate Apostolic of Aysen (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, Santiago)

PROJECT: Group of 15 Sisters, from one or more communities, to staff a girls' secondary school for the joint area of Futaleufu, Puerto Aguirre and Chile Chico.

Background Information on the Vicariate Apostolic: Part of the Province of Chiloe on the Argentine frontier and of the Province of Aysen to its south. This area begins the southern part of Chile which changes from the open landscapes of Middle Chile to land once forested but now formed into lake country by past ice glaciers. It is comparable to the Canadian North. The climate is cold in winter, dry and pleasant in summer. The population numbers 39,500 with 36,000 Catholics. Communications include transportation by plane, horse, shuttle bus and boat on the Lake Carrera.

Project Description: Fifteen Sisters are needed to staff a girls' secondary school, whose training would include commercial subjects plus domestic science.

Area Description: Only detail given describes Futaleufu which is in the Province of Chiloe on the Argentine frontier. It experiences cold winter climate.

Present Facilities: Land is now owned for the school.

Finances: Details not supplied.

Petitioner: Monsignor Cesar Gerardo M. Vielmo Guerra
Casilla 46
Puerto Aisen, Chile

Request #15 - Chile, Diocese of Copiapo (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Santiago)

PROJECT: Sisters to establish a school in Chanaral.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Province of Atacama, marking the southern limit of the Atacama desert, and experiencing an average temperature of 59° F. It is an important mining area, especially for the mining of copper. Agricultural output is limited. There are good communications with other principal cities of Chile by air, land and sea. The territory of the Diocese covers 80,000 square kilometers. Its total population is 110,000 with 90,000 Catholics.

Project Description: The Pastor of Chanaral and the Governor of the Department, with the Bishop's approval, request a community of Sisters to open a school in the parish. It would be the only one of its kind in the region and is badly needed.

Area Description: The Department is quite extensive and Chanaral has a population of 10,000 including the families of workers at the mining camp of "Andes Copper" of Barquito. The population of the camp is expected to triple when the company transfers its refinery from Potrerillos. The city of Chanaral, which is on the Pacific shore and is the head harbor of the copper mines of the region, is composed completely of working-class people. It has only one public school whose professors cannot provide necessary religious formation for the young students of the region.

Present Facilities: The parish will donate the site for the new school.

Finances: The Bishop explains that the parishioners will help finance construction of a building. In addition, "Andes Copper", a United States mining corporation, is expected to provide aid.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Juan Francisco Fresno Larrain
Bishop of Copiapo
Casilla 82, Calle Chabuco 441
Copiapo, Chile

Request #16 - Chile, Prelature Nullius of Illapel (Date: September, 1962 - Nunciature, Santiago)

PROJECT: Community of seven Sisters, including qualified teachers and one nurse, to operate a primary girls' school and to aid in a clinic in the parish of Salamanca.

Background Information on the Prelature Nullius: Located in the Province of Coquimbo in the northern part of Central Chile. It lies approximately 360 kilometers north of Santiago in a fertile agricultural area, watered by the Choapa River. It experiences excellent climate in the mountain region. Its total population is 76,000 with 72,400 Catholics. The area is united by a good road to Santiago which is six hours away by bus.

There is also train service.

Project Description: A group of seven Sisters is needed to operate a primary school and aid in a clinic in the parish of Salamanca in the Department of Illapel. A Catholic school is badly needed to strengthen the Church's position against continuing Communist and Protestant influence in this area which was once strongly Catholic. The Sisters are requested for March, 1964.

Area Description: The parish is located in the Department of Illapel, 360 kilometers north of Santiago. It counts a total population of some 16,000 with 4,000 as a center. Located in a fertile agricultural region, the parish covers 70 kilometers and experiences excellent climate.

Present Facilities: At present there is no school building but living quarters will be provided for the Sisters in the present parish house. Eventually, a new house will be built.

Finances: This being a new Prelature, it will not be able to finance much construction or restoration of all the churches and chapels in the parish. Therefore, a community will be needed which will be able to make additions when necessary to the house and provide new construction. At present, private schools are given an operational subsidy of 50% of the sum ordinarily spent per pupil in the public schools.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Polidoro Van Vlierberghe
Prelature Nullius de Illapel
Illapel, Chile

Request #17 - Chile, Diocese of Linares (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, Santiago)

PROJECT: Six Sisters to begin a secondary school for girls in the Department of Parral.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Province of Linares, south of Santiago and reached by the Central Railroad and a paved section of the Pan American Highway. Its population is 184,882 with 172,000 Catholics. It is characterized by the healthy climate of Middle Chile which experiences a temperate transition between the desert of the north and the rainy lands of the south. Its summers are cool and dry; the winters are generally mild and wet. Average temperatures of Santiago, slightly to the north are 45° in the coldest month and 68° in the warmest month.

Project Description: The school is one which is being rebuilt since the destruction of the earthquake of 1960. Its curriculum is to be built gradually, to include six preparatory courses and six courses in the humanities. The Sisters are needed for the early part of 1963.

Area Description: The only details given characterize the people of Parral as of good character and profoundly Catholic.

Present Facilities: A modern school is being rebuilt by the Bishop on 15,000 meters of ground and a house will be provided for the Sisters.

Finances: Bishop states that a government subsidy covering partial operational costs is available.

Petitioner: H.E. The Most Rev. Augusto Osvaldos Selinas Fuenzalida
Obispado de Linares
Casilla 107
Linares, Chile

Request #18 - Chile, Diocese of Osorno (Date: June, 1961)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to take charge of a new primary school in the parish of Rahue, Province of Osorno.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Province of Osorno in the southern part of Chile. This area begins that region of Chile which changes from the open landscapes of Middle Chile to land once forested but now lake country. The area farther to the south is comparable to the Canadian North. Total population of the Diocese is 143,443 with 137,765 Catholics. Currently there are Jesuit Fathers of the Maryland Province working in the area.

Project Description: Sisters are needed for a primary school in Rahue which will be ready in 1962. Students from this school could later continue their training at the Colegio San Mateo operated by the Jesuit Fathers in the town of Osorno.

Area Description: No details supplied.

Present Facilities: There are sufficient classrooms in the new school and the Diocese will rent a house for the Sisters until a permanent residence can be purchased for them.

Finances: No details given.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Francisco Maximiano Valdes Subercaseaux
Obispado, Casilla 899
Osorno, Chile

Request #19 - Guatemala, Prelature of Huehuetenango (Date: June, 1962 - Nunciature, Guatemala)

PROJECT: Sisters are needed for education and parochial work in several parishes in the Prelature.

Background Information on the Prelature: Located in northern Guatemala. Total population of the Prelature is 270,160 with 241,165 Catholics. U. S. priests and Sisters of Maryknoll are working in the area.

Project Description: The Sisters are needed to teach in the parish schools and, in time, to establish catechetical centers, clinics and perform other social works.

Area Description: The parishes requesting help are the following:

- 1) Malacatancito: a convent and school will be constructed.
- 2) Cuilco: a convent and school will be built.
- 3) La Democracia: a school will be built but the Sisters will have to provide a convent.
- 4) La Libertad: a school will be constructed but the Sisters must build a convent.
- 5) Barillas: a school will be constructed but the Sisters must provide a convent.

Present Facilities: See list of parishes above.

Finances: The Bishop states that the Sisters should be able to support themselves through student fees.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Hugo Gerbermann, M.M.
Apartado 6
Huehuetenango
Guatemala, Central America

Request #20 - Guatemala, Diocese of Quezaltenango (Date: June, 1962 - Nunciature, Guatemala)

PROJECT: Same as Request #19

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in Northern Guatemala. Total population of the Diocese is 430,000 with 410,000 Catholics. Currently, U. S. clergy from the Maryknoll order are laboring in the Diocese.

Project Description: Same as in Request #18.

Area Description: The parishes requesting help are the following:

- 1) San Francisco
- 2) La Union
- 3) Clintepeque

Present Facilities: No details supplied.

Finances: Same as in Request #19.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #19.

Request #21 - Guatemala, Diocese of Solola (Date: February, 1962)

PROJECT: Several groups of two or three Sisters to teach in various areas of the Diocese.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Department of Solola, south central Guatemala. There are 400,000 inhabitants, 385,000 of whom are Catholic. There are now Diocesan priests from Spokane, Washington, working in the area.

Project Description: Sisters are needed to operate a vocational school and primary schools in an area encompassing five small towns and including approximately 50,000 people. (This is part of a larger appeal for Sisters to aid also in social and medical work). The request is made for small groups of Sisters because of Guatemalan laws requiring the vast majority of teachers to be natives. Consequently, only two or three Sisters could teach in any one school.

Area Description: This area lies in the high country with generally pleasant climate. The days are usually warm with cool nights. The population is 95% Indian and very backward. The central areas of these parishes can be reached by car, although the outlying regions are reached by horseback.

Present Facilities: No details given.

Finances: Finances are to be arranged with Bishop Topel of Spokane.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Bernard J. Topel
S. 317 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

Reverend C. A. Verdoorn, Supt.
Padres de Spokane
Nahuala, Departamento Solola
Guatemala, Central America

Request #22 - Guatemala, Diocese of Zacapa (Date: January, 1961)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to open in the See City of Zacapa an elementary school and later a high school.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the eastern part of Guatemala with a population of 500,000, with 450,000 Catholics. The Diocese is in desperate need of priests and Sisters. For the one-half million souls in the region there are only 26 priests. There are no parish schools. Various Protestant sects are active throughout the Diocese because for so many years this part of the country was without priests.

Project Description: Bishop Luna states that what his people need most urgently is an elementary school and eventually, a high school. He believes that the city of Zacapa could be changed for the better with the instruction and example that would come from the Sisters. The people are poor but good at heart and desperately need the guidance of Catholic education.

Area Description: No details supplied.

Present Facilities: No facilities.

Finances: The Bishop cannot provide financial assistance since the Diocese is quite poor.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Constantine Luna, D.D.
Bishop of Zacapa
Guatemala, Central America

Request #23 - Mexico, Diocese of Texcoco (Date: August, 1961 - Nunciature, Mexico City.

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to establish a primary school in the region of Nopaltepec.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located to the northeast outside Mexico City. Its climate is similar to that of Mexico City: semi-warm with dry winters. It is reached by bus and train and counts a population of 331,200 with 330,000 Catholics. No U. S. personnel.

Project Description: A primary school is needed for about 100 students, both boys and girls. It is hoped that eventually the primary school may be extended to the secondary level.

Area Description: Nopaltepec is approximately 77 kilometers by road from Mexico City. Agricultural products of the area are the maguey plant and cereals, which are cultivated during the rainy season.

Present Facilities: The only facility offered is a provisional residence for the Sisters.

Finances: No details given.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Francisco Ferreira
Obispo de Texcoco
Texcoco, Mexico

Request #24 - Panama, Diocese of David (Date: September, 1960)

PROJECT: Community of three Sisters to open a high school in Volcan, Panama.

Background Information on the Diocese: See Information in Request #23.

Project Description: Teaching Sisters are needed for a secondary school in an area inhabited by approximately 50,000 Chiriqui Indians. There are two American Vincentian Fathers stationed in Volcan. A Protestant Mission is also maintained here.

Area Description: Volcan is located in the Province of Chiriqui, an area which is mainly Indian.

Present Facilities: A convent has been constructed for the Sisters.

Finances: No details given.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Tomas Clavel
Obispado
David, Panama

Request #25 - Peru, Diocese of Abancay (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to build and open new primary and high school for girls.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Department of Apurimac, the rugged southern Peruvian highlands. The population, which numbers 382,000 with 370,000 Catholics, is composed mainly of small farmers and ranch workers. Both Spanish and Quechua are spoken. The climate in general is cold and the area reaches an altitude of 3,000 to 4,500 feet above sea level. U. S. clergy of the Society of St. James the Apostle Missionaries are now doing parochial work in the Diocese.

Project Description: The only details given state that the schools would include an approximate enrollment of 400 students.

Area Description: No details given.

Present Facilities: No details are supplied.

Finances: The inhabitants of the area are poor people engaged mostly in farming but the petition states that they can be counted on to help the Sisters and to pay small fees to the school.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Romolo Carboni, Nuncio
Avenida Salaverry
Lima, Peru

Request #26 - Peru, Archdiocese of Lima (Date: May, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to open a primary and secondary school in the Lima suburb of Balconcillo.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located in the Department of Lima on the western coast of Peru. Its population totals 1,403,146 with 1,363,765 Catholics. U. S. clergy working in the Archdiocese include priests from the Carmelite Fathers, Franciscans, Marianists, Maryknolls, Precious Blood Fathers, St. James the Apostle Missionaries, Sons of Mary Fathers and Sisters from these communities: Sisters of Charity, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Marist Missionary Sisters, Maryknoll, Precious Blood, Sacred Heart and Ursuline. There are also Irish Columban Fathers performing parochial work.

Project Description: The Maryknoll Pastor of this parish needs to open a second (combined primary and secondary) parochial school due to a recent enlargement of the parish to encompass 40,000 people. The parishioners at the far end of the parish will not be reached unless this second school is begun.

Area Description: The only details given about this parish in the Lima area are that it has been very well-administered in the past but now will actually include enough territory for two parishes.

Present Facilities: No details supplied.

Finances: The Pastor says that the Sisters would not have to assume any financial responsibility.

Petitioner: Same as for Request #25.

Request #27 - Peru, Archdiocese of Lima (Date: May, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters that could help financially in beginning to build a

convent and open a combined primary and secondary school in the Lima suburb of Fray Martin de Porras.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Same as for Request #26.

Project Description: This parish staffed by Irish Columban Fathers has a population variously estimated at 50,000 to 100,000 people, most of whom have recently arrived from the mountain towns. So far, however, there are only two Peruvian Sisters working with these people and the need for another community of Sisters is very great. Specific details on the future primary and secondary school are not given--only an emphasis of its necessity.

Area Description: This is a suburban slum area of Lima whose population includes many recently-arrived Indian squatters. Due to recently passed laws the people will be able to own the land on which they originally settled and they should, therefore, tend to become rather stable. The area is now staffed by the Irish Columban Fathers who have three parishes in operation and plan a half dozen more. The petition states that this is one of the most needy areas in Peru.

Present Facilities: There are no details given regarding a school but the Sisters would have to build a convent.

Finances: The Nuncio explains that in addition to building a convent, the Sisters would have to provide some financial aid during the first year or two after the school's opening. After this period, the petition explains, the school would pay for itself and provide funds for future expansion.

Petitioner: Same as for Request #25.

Request #28 - Peru, Archdiocese of Lima (Date: May, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to begin a combined primary-secondary parish school in Matute, a suburb of Lima.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Same as for Request #26.

Project Description: A parochial school of primary and secondary levels is needed in this parish maintained by the U. S. Community of the Missioners of St. James if their mission apostolate is not to be seriously limited.

Area Description: This parish is located in a suburban Lima area which includes both slums and a section of federal housing. It is bordered by a parish of the Maryknoll Fathers.

Present Facilities: No details given.

Finances: Apparently there would be no financial responsibility for the Sisters. The petition states that the school in the neighboring Maryknoll parish has had great success and been able to support itself without difficulty. It has catered to the same class of people economically as that of the Matute parish.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #29 - Peru, Archdiocese of Lima (Date: May, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to open a combined primary and secondary parish school in the suburban Lima area of Urbanizacion Jardin.

Background Information on the Diocese: Same as for Request #26.

Project Description: No details supplied.

Area Description: This is a new area in greater Lima, near the old airport, which is rapidly filling with new and beautiful homes. It is completely neglected spiritually at present although it is expected that a group of U. S. priests will soon be able to staff the parish. It is described as an area which will develop into one of the choice residential districts of Lima, similar to San Isidro and Miraflores. The petition explains that the people here are of a class which needs to be made more aware of social justice and it would be a splendid opportunity to begin with a parochial school.

Present Facilities: No details given.

Finances: Authorities state that there would probably be no financial responsibilities for the Sisters.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #30 - Peru, Diocese of Piura (Date: May, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to open a combined primary-secondary school in a new parish in the town of Talara.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Department of Piura in the extreme north of the country with Ecuador on the north and the Pacific Ocean on the west. Within the diocese is the center of Peru's oil production. It counts a population of 705,226. The area is watered by two rivers and produces subsistence crops and cotton. There are U. S. clergy of the Society of St. James Missionaries in the Diocese.

Project Description: This would be the only parochial school in Talara, a town of 42,000. It is needed immediately.

Area Description: Talara is within the oil-producing area of the country. The school would be in a parish newly opened by priests from the U. S. order, Missioners of St. James the Apostle.

Present Facilities: No details given.

Finances: The authorities state that there would be no financial responsibility for the Sisters.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #31 - Peru, Diocese of Piura

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to build and open a high school for boys and girls in the town of Tumbes.

Background Information on the Diocese: Same as in Request #30.

Project Description: There will be approximately 1,000 students of middle class background in the school. Apparently, the Sisters will teach the girls only, since, in the request, the Nuncio says, "Sisters would be needed for the girls' and Brothers for the boys'".

Area Description: No details given.

Present Facilities: No facilities are mentioned.

Finances: Details are not given.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #32 - Peru, Diocese of Tacna (Date: July, 1962 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to assume the management of a government-owned and maintained high school for girls.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Department of Tacna, southern-most point of Peru, bordering with Chile to the south and Bolivia to the east. It counts a population of 130,000 with 120,000 Catholics. There are Sisters from the U. S. order of the Sisters of Loretto in the Diocese.

Project Description: The school, Gran Unidad Escolar has potential facilities for 1,000 students but would only enroll 800 at first.

Area Description: The only details given state that the people are poor and that they speak Spanish.

Present Facilities: The school is already in use but no details are given regarding living quarters for the Sisters.

Finances: Apparently the government handles the financial responsibilities of the school.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #33 - Uruguay, Diocese of San Jose de Mayo (Date: March, 1962)

PROJECT: Group of five Sisters to conduct a parochial school in town of San Jose de Mayo.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Department of San Jose in southern Uruguay, on the coast. Its total population is 365,000 with 330,000 Catholics.

Project Description: The school, which would include a kindergarten, would board both boys and girls.

Area Description: No details given.

Present Facilities: There is a new building with sufficient rooms to accommodate the Sisters.

Finances: The Diocese, which owns the school, would contribute to the maintenance of the Sisters.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Luis Baccino
Palacio Episcopal
Espinola 713
San Jose de Mayo, Uruguay

Request #34 - Uruguay, Diocese of San Jose de Mayo (Date: March, 1962)

PROJECT: Group of three Sisters to conduct a primary school and kindergarten in the parish of San Bautista.

Background Information on the Diocese: Same as in Request #33.

Project Description: No details are given.

Area Description: The parish is in the Department of Canelones, not too far from Montevideo.

Present Facilities: The building is in good condition and has accommodations for the Sisters.

Finances: No details given.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #33.

Request #35 - Venezuela, Archdiocese of Caracas (Date: October, 1962)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters for a primary school for boys and for a small pre-seminary school in Las Tejerias. Rural medical service is also needed. (See Request #73).

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located on the north-central coastal area. The altitude of the region is approximately 3,000 feet. Total Archdiocese population is 1,662,537 with 1,589,410 Catholics.

Project Description: The primary school would include the first six grades; the pre-seminary school would serve boys of the parish and the nearby towns. There is also a need for rural medical service. The establishment of a dispensary is suggested.

Area Description: The parish is located in the industrial section of a town which is approximately one-half hour away from Caracas. The population of the parish numbers 10,000, one-half of which are less than 15 years old. About 80% of the inhabitants live in huts. Only 29% of the children are of legitimate marriages. Some 30% of the children do not attend school; 35% are illiterate. Temperatures of the region vary from 75° F. to 86° F.

Present Facilities: Parish land makes up one square block in the middle of town. Half of the area is occupied by the Church; the other half is a good site for construction of a building of approximately 1,300 square meters.

Finances: No details are given.

Petitioner: Reverend Santiago Mannetti C.
Cura Parroco de las Tejerias
Las Tejerias, Estado Aragua
Venezuela

Request #36 - Venezuela, Archdiocese of Ciudad Bolivar (Date: May, 1962 - Nunciature, Caracas)

PROJECT: Twelve Sisters to open parish schools in towns of Caicara and Urbana.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located on the southern coast of the Orinoco River in the State of Bolivar. The Archdiocese includes the city of Ciudad Bolivar which serves as a river port for shipping cattle and farm products of the neighboring Llanos region. Average temperature is 77°; the maximum temperature is approximately 95°. In general, travel is by means of the Orinoco River and by plane. Roads are bad and sometimes open only during the summer. The total population of the Archdiocese is 212,048 with 195,000 Catholics.

Project Description: Six Sisters are needed to open a boys' school and a girls' school in each of the two towns (six Sisters for each town). The Sisters should be certified in teaching and should know Spanish.

Area Description: Climate is very hot.

Present Facilities: The Archdiocese does not offer residence for the personnel.

Finances: No financial aid is offered but the petition suggests that a small contribution for maintenance be asked from the students. In addition, there are stole fees and aid of 600 Bs. from the state.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Juan Jose Bernal
Arzobispo de Ciudad Bolivar
Obispado
Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela

Request #37 - Venezuela, Diocese of Valencia (Date: May, 1961)

PROJECT: Sisters of Salesian type to open a school in the parish of El Pao.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the State of Cojedes in north-central Venezuela. Its population is 385,675 with 380,675 Catholics.

Project Description: The Sisters are requested to open a school with training in trades. In addition, they can assume general care of the young people of the region.

Area Description: The parish of El Pao is in the city of the same name in the east-central part of the State of Cojedes. It covers approximately 5,000 kilometers and has 12,000 inhabitants. On the two sides of the region are the immense plains of Venezuela and on another side, the mountains of the coast. The climate is warm.

Present Facilities: The petition states that the town will give 200 hectares (approximately 500 acres) of land and money for construction of a building. No other details are given.

Finances: The only details supplied are those stated above under "Present Facilities".

Petitioner: Reverend Gino Bernardi
El Pao, Estado Cojedes
Venezuela

Request #38 - Venezuela, Diocese of Coro (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, Caracas)

PROJECT: Sisters for a primary and secondary boarding school for girls in Puerto Cumarebo.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the State of Falcon in the north-west coastal region of the country. The climate is pleasant and mild. Communications include good asphalt roads in the area around the city of Coro in the north. There are no trains. The Diocesan population is 33,410 with 33,000 Catholics.

Project Description: No details given.

Area Description: Puerto Cumarebo is in the District of Zamora. A coastal area, it is a small and prosperous city of 10,000 inhabitants. There are small mountains surrounding the region. Puerto Cumarebo is united with the city of Coro, 35 kilometers away, by asphalt highway.

Present Facilities: The petition merely mentions that three hectares of land are available and that there exists the possibility of later creating a parish in this area although land has not been chosen for a church.

Finances: No details are given.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Francisco Jose Iturriza Guillen
Obispado
Coro, Venezuela

Request #39 - Venezuela, Diocese of Coro (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, Caracas)

PROJECT: Sisters to open a primary school for girls in San Luis del Cariagua.

Background Information on the Diocese: Same as in Request #38.

Project Description: No details are supplied.

Area Description: The town is the seat of the District of Bolivar, slightly south of the coast in the State of Falcon. A mountain village, it has excellent climate and is united with Coro, 60 kilometers away, by asphalt highway. The population of San Luis del Cariagua is 2,000.

Present Facilities: A building was recently constructed.

Finances: No details are given.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Francisco Jose Iturriza Guillen
Obispado
Coro, Venezuela

SISTERS REQUEST LIST #1 - MEDICAL WORK

Request #40 - Argentina, Archdiocese of Cordoba (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires)

PROJECT: Four Sisters for the Cordoba Provincial Hospital, "Aurelio Crespo" in Cruz del Eje.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Same as in Request #1.

Project Description: The Sisters would be needed to direct personnel and to care for the religious-moral attention of the patients. Some of the Sisters should be registered nurses.

Area Description: Cruz del Eje, with 25,000 inhabitants, is an important rail center with three lines extending in different directions. It is also joined with Cordoba and La Rioja by bus service. The climate is warm and dry.

Present Facilities: An area will be prepared within the hospital for residency. The parish priest will care for the spiritual attention of the Sisters.

Finances: The petition states that salary will be paid the government of the Cordoba Province government.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Ramon J. Castellano
Avenida Irigoyen 98
Cordoba, Argentina

Request #41 - Argentina, Diocese of Rafaela (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires)

PROJECT: Four Sisters to aid in the Regional Hospital Number 27 at Villa Minetti.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Province of Santa Fe, north-east Argentina. Its climate is similar to that in the Anatuya area. Summers are hot and dry; winters are rainy. Temperatures are similar to those of the Gulf Region of North America. There is access to railroad service, especially in the southern part of the Province. Some roads in the north are unable to be used in the rainy season. The population of the Diocese is 1,700,000.

Project Description: The hospital is presently without Sisters and the medical attention is deficient. It is desired that a seat of religious action be established here for the surrounding areas.

Area Description: Villa Minetti is located in the north of the Department of "Ninth of July", northeast of the Province of Santa Fe. The region is reached on road by Route 95. A rail line goes south to San Cristobal, Rafaela, Rosario and Buenos Aires. Another extends northwest

to Santiago del Estero and Tucuman. The main town of the Department is Tostado with several surrounding small towns located on railroad lines. The population of the Department, 18,700, is rural, mostly peons, workers and administrators on ranches. There is mail and telegraph service but due to poor communications in general plus ignorance and lack of clergy, religious spirit is at low ebb.

Present Facilities: The petition states that the Sisters would live at the hospital but no details are given about the facilities.

Finances: No information is given.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Vicente Zazpe
Obispado
Rafaela, Province of Santa Fe

Request #42 - Argentina, Archdiocese of Santa Fe (Date: July, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to attend a hospital for lepers in Santa Fe.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located in the Province of Santa Fe, in northeast Argentina. It lies to the south of the Gran Chaco and to the west of the Parana River. Its summers are hot, its winters cool and relatively dry. During the summer rainy seasons, upper areas of the Rio Parana are flooded. Total population of the Archdiocese is 472,000 with 400,000 Catholics.

Project Description: Work would be both administrative and technical, according to the capacity of each Sister.

Area Description: No details are given.

Present Facilities: A house is currently being built for the Sisters. Until then, they may live in a house which is to be used by the administrator. Spiritual assistance is to be given the Sisters by the hospital's Chaplain, who is a parish priest from Recreo, three kilometers from the hospital.

Finances: No details are given.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Nicolas Fasolino
Curia Arzobispal
General Lopez 2720
Santa Fe, Argentina

Request #43 - Argentina, Diocese of Santa Rosa (Date: September, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires)

PROJECT: Twelve Sisters, six for the Hospital Zonal de General Pico and six for the Hospital General Acha.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Province of La Pampa, central Argentina. The Diocese is included in that area known as the "Humid Pampa" in general, an agricultural region. Climate of this area is usually characterized by mild winters and hot summers. The total Diocesan population is 170,000 with 155,000 Catholics. The Diocese covers 142,840 square kilometers but has few priests.

Project Description: There does not now exist in the Diocese one hospital attended by religious. All are operated by lay people. This fact, coupled with the existing shortage of priests presents a situation in which a group of Sisters could render invaluable service in developing a Christian atmosphere in the area.

Area Description: No details supplied.

Present Facilities: Both hospitals are identical and new, having been begun two years ago. Each has a capacity for 120 beds and the following facilities:

- 2 general wards for women
- 1 general ward for men
- 2 smaller wards for children
- 4 smaller operating rooms
- 4 isolation rooms

All facilities in the hospitals are modern and in good condition. Living facilities for the Sisters are arranged in a convent adjoining the chapel as follows:

- 1 office for the Sister Superior, plus bedroom with bath
- 9 individual bedrooms; 3 baths
- 1 linen closet
- 1 kitchen, pantry, laundry, etc., for exclusive use by the Sisters
- 2 dining rooms-refectories
- 1 private room in the chapel for attendance at mass
- 1 public modern church with altar, choir, sacristy, confession, bath, office. Accommodates 100 persons.

Finances: Both hospitals are dependent upon the national Ministry of Public Health with technical supervision of the Ministry of Social Affairs of the Province of La Pampa. When a religious community is obtained for the position, the official appointment will be made known to the National Public Health Ministry. No other details are given.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Jorge Mayer
Obispado 25 de Mayo, 474
Santa Rosa
Argentina

Request #44 - Argentina, Diocese of Santiago del Estero (Date: June, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires)

PROJECT: Two communities of five Sisters each to administer to the spiritual needs of the patients in a hospital in Santiago del Estero and another in Frias.

Background Information on the Diocese: Same as in Request #2.

Project Description: Due to a shortage of priests in the Diocese, Sisters are greatly needed to aid in caring for the spiritual needs of the hospital patients.

Area Description: The only details given state that one hospital is located in the capital city of Santiago del Estero in the southwestern part of the Province and the other is in the city of Frias on the southwestern border of the Province.

Present Facilities: The petition states that both hospitals have a special residence, chapel and Chaplain. There are communications, electricity and gas in both hospitals.

Finances: The Bishop states that the hospitals operate on a special budget assigned by the government of the Province.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Manuel Tato
Obispado, Belgrano 450
Santiago del Estero
Argentina

Request #45 - Argentina, Archdiocese of Tucuman (Date: July, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires)

PROJECT: Group of five Sisters to work at the Hospital de Concepcion in Province of Tucuman.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Same as in Request #3.

Project Description: The Sisters are requested for the remodeled government hospital in Tucuman Province.

Area Description: The exact location of the hospital is not stated.

Present Facilities: The hospital has a capacity for 170 patients. A residence is provided for the Sisters..

Finances: The petition states that room and board expenses plus salary will come from the government of the Province of Tucuman.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #3.

Request #46 - Argentina, Archdiocese of Tucuman (Date: July, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters for administrative work and nursing at the Clinica Palacios, a private sanatorium in San Miguel de Tucuman.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Same as in Request #3.

Project Description: The Archbishop requests that some of the Sisters assume work as administrators, others as nurses in the Clinica Palacios.

Area Description: Details are not supplied.

Present Facilities: A residence with a small chapel within it is provided for the Sisters. They will also have the daily services of a Chaplain.

Finances: The petition states that the hospital will provide room and board expenses for the Sisters plus a monthly salary.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #3.

Request #47 - Argentina, Diocese of Viedma (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires:

PROJECT: Group of five Sisters to attend a hospital in Viedma.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Province of Rio Negro in south-central Argentina, the region known as Patagonia. The climate is dry and healthful. In the south and west there are zones of intense cold. Weather is variable in the summer. Rail, air and bus lines connect the province with Buenos Aires and interior lands. Total population of the Diocese is 210,000.

Project Description: Five Sisters are requested for the regional hospital at Viedma. Exact details on the work to be undertaken are not given.

Area Description: The town of Viedma lies near the border separating Rio Negro Province from the Buenos Aires Province.

Present Facilities: A residence will be provided for the Sisters and spiritual assistance will be given them.

Finances: The petition states that suitable state remuneration will be given Sisters. It also explains that a contract is signed in agreement with that of the Communities already established in the hospitals of the Diocesan jurisdiction.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Jose Borgatti
Obispado
Irigoyen 71
Viedma, Argentina

Request #48 - Argentina, Diocese of Viedma (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires)

PROJECT: Group of ten Sisters for a regional hospital at General Roca.

Background Information on the Diocese: Same as in Request #47.

Project Description: Ten Sisters are requested for the regional hospital in the town of General Roca. Exact details on the work to be undertaken are not given.

Area Description: The town of General Roca lies at the western extreme of the province, near the border of the Province of Neuquen.

Present Facilities: The petition states that the hospital has a 120 bed capacity. A residence will be provided with a chapel for the sick and the neighboring population. Spiritual assistance will be given the Sisters.

Finances: Same as in Request #47.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #47.

Request #49 - Argentina, Prelature of Villa Maria (Date: January, 1962)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to take charge of a government-owned hospital in Bell Ville.

Background Information on the Prelature: Located in the Province of Cordoba in north-central Argentina. The population of the Prelature is 270,000 with 260,000 Catholics. For description of climate and communications see material in Request #1, Archdiocese of Cordoba.

Project Description: The petition requests a community of Sisters which is capable of administering the hospital and supplying a skeleton staff to which lay nurses could be added.

Area Description: Bell Ville is a city of 20,000 with two parishes and is approximately one hour's journey over good road from the city of Villa Maria. The Diocese is connected by good highway with Cordoba.

Present Facilities: The hospital is 35 years old with a 250-bed capacity.

Finances: The Bishop states that the hospital is self-maintaining.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Alberto Deane
Palacio Episcopal
Bartolome Mitre 90
Villa Maria, Argentina

Request #50 - Bolivia, Diocese of Cochabamba (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters to staff a hospital in Cochabamba.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Department of Cochabamba in central Bolivia. See description in Request #4.

Project Description: Details on specific work to be undertaken are not given.

Area Description: The town of Cochabamba counts a population of 150,000. For a listing of U. S. communities of priests and Sisters working in the Diocese see Request #4.

Present Facilities: The hospital is now under construction with sufficient funds to complete the building. It has an 80-bed capacity.

Finances: The only details given state that there are sufficient funds to complete construction of the hospital.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Carmine Rocco
Casilla Postal 136
La Paz, Bolivia

Request #51 - Bolivia, Diocese of Oruro (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to attend and administer the hospital at Challapata.

Background Information on the Diocese: See description in Request #8.

Project Description: Sisters are needed both to administer and to staff the hospital.

Area Description: Challapata is approximately 65 miles south of Oruro. Its climate is cold in winter; altitude is approximately 12,000 feet. The town has unpaved roads plus rail service to Oruro and La Paz.

Present Facilities: There is a house with chapel, adjoining the hospital.

Finanances: The Bishop states that the Sisters can expect support from the populace.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Jorge Manrique
Palacio Episcopal
Casilla Correo 368
Oruro, Bolivia

Request #52 - Bolivia, Apostolic Vicariate of Pando (Date: June, 1961)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters to take charge of the Guayara Hospital.

Background Information on the Apostolic Vicariate: Located in the Pando-Beni region of northern Bolivia. This is part of the rainy and heavily forested area some 800 feet above sea level. Geographically it is a part of the Amazon Valley.

Project Description: Details are not given in the petition.

Area Description: Details are not supplied.

Present Facilities: Not stated in the petition.

Finances: Information not given.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Thomas P. Collins, M.M., D.D.
Vicar Apostolic of the Pando
Riberalta, Beni
Bolivia

Request #53 - Bolivia, Diocese of Santa Cruz (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Community of five Sisters to staff a government hospital in Montero.

Background Information on the Diocese: Same as in Request #10.

Project Description: The petition requests five Sisters, one with a degree in medicine, if possible, to staff the government hospital, which is almost constructed.

Area Description: The town of Montero is about 40 miles from Santa Cruz to which it is joined by asphalt road. Its climate is semi-tropical. Its population totals approximately 5,000 people. The parish is attended by the Maryknoll Fathers. There is a combined grade and high school directed by the Maryknoll Sisters. The hospital would serve Montero and the surrounding area, a total of about 18,000 people.

Present Facilities: The hospital is almost finished but there is no home for the Sisters. The land and hospital are the property of the Bolivian Government.

Finances: The petition states that the government would give a modest sum to the Sisters. Neither the parish nor the Diocese could support the Community.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Carmine Rocco
Casilla Postal 136
La Paz, Bolivia

Request #54 - Bolivia, Diocese of Potosi (July, 1961 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Group of three Sisters for nursing and pharmacy in the San Roque hospital at Villazon.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the southern Department of Potosi in the Department of Potosi in the region of the Eastern Cordillera. It includes mountain areas rich in ore deposits. The climate in the area around the city of Potosi is difficult with great ranges in average winter temperatures. Snows are not uncommon. The altitude of Potosi is approximately 13,000 - 14,000 feet above sea level. The Diocesan population is 534,399 with 523,711 Catholics.

Project Description: Three Sisters are requested for the 35-bed general hospital of San Roque.

Area Description: Villazon is located at the southern edge of the Department of Potosi, bordering on Argentina.

Present Facilities: Constructed in 1933, the hospital includes a surgery ward, a maternity ward, pediatrics and isolation wards, living quarters.

Finances: The petition states that remuneration would come from the Ministry of Public Health.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #53.

Request #55 - Bolivia, Diocese of Santa Cruz (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Group of three Sisters to attend a dispensary in the parish of La Merced, city of Santa Cruz.

Background Information on the Diocese: See description in Request #10.

Project Description: Three Sisters (two nurses and one social worker) are needed for this, the sole Catholic dispensary in the city of Santa Cruz. At present there is one nurse, paid by the parish; 10 doctors and 12 dentists offering their services. An average of 1,000 persons are attended monthly, receiving medicines, injections, medical and dental attention.

Area Description: The city of Santa Cruz counts a population of 70,000 persons. Its climate is semi-tropical, with the hot season from November to February. The population of the parish of La Merced is 15,000.

Present Facilities: The dispensary was built next to the parish church one year ago. It contains a waiting room and four rooms; one for a doctor; one for a dentist (with equipment); two for the nurses. The Jesuit Fathers could offer an old house (which could be repaired alongside the clinic. In addition, the Fathers could loan or sell to the religious community taking over the dispensary a lot of 2,500 square meters to set up a small hospital and nursing school.

Finances: See details given above.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #53.

Request #56 - Bolivia, Archdiocese of Sucre (Date: July 1962 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Community of ten Sisters to administer the Tubercular Hospital at Sucre.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located in the northern part of the Department of Chuquisaca in south-central Bolivia. It lies on the floor of the basin of the Altiplano region between the two cordilleras. Climate here is temperate almost all year round with an altitude of 8,500 feet. (See description for "Cochabamba", Request #4). There is a dense agricultural population, numbering 534,399 with 523,711 Catholics. Communications in the capital city of Sucre include air and rail. Outer areas receive market goods from the capital but otherwise, communications are difficult due to rough terrain, expense and scattered communities.

Project Description: Ten Sisters, with nursing degrees if possible, are requested to administer the hospital and to care for the patients with the aid of necessary helpers.

Area Description: No details given.

Present Facilities: The hospital is a new structure including a men's ward, a women's ward, a children's ward, a room usable for dispensary, and surgery. There are rooms for movies, lectures, sewing, reading and manual arts, shops for rehabilitation, and garden area. For the Sisters there is a house adjoining the hospital and a cloister with necessary conveniences.

Finances: Maintenance and salary would be obtained by the Association which built the hospital. Any special conditions could be stipulated be-

forehand by the Sisters to the Association;

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Jose Clemente Maurer, C.S.R.
Arzobispado
Casilla 205
Sucre, Bolivia

Request #57 - Brazil, Diocese of Sao Joao Da Boa Vista (Date: July, 1961 -
Nunciature, Rio de Janeiro)

PROJECT: Community of four nursing Sisters for the Santa Casa Hospital in Tambau.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in southern Brazil in the center of Sao Paulo State. Created in 1960, the Diocese covers an area of 7,204 square kilometers grouped into 15 parishes and cared for by 43 priests. In general, there is a fairly high standard of living due to the progressive industrialization of the zone and to its agriculture program. However, with the growth in industry and population have come corresponding problems in the spiritual area. The climate is warm and humid in summer and dry in winter. The Diocesan population totals 300,000. There is rail and air service plus an excellent highway.

Project Description: A community of Sisters is needed for the Santa Casa Hospital already in operation in Tambau. The Sisters will be aided by nurses and lay helpers.

Area Description: Tambau is a pleasant, fairly prosperous rural area with 14,000 inhabitants. It is 282 kilometers from Sao Paulo and has good rail service and roads. The maximum temperature is approximately 95° F., the minimum of 43° F.

Present Facilities: The hospital, which is the property of a Confraternity has a 74-bed capacity.

Finances: The request states that the administrators of the Hospital are disposed to arrange conditions favorable to the community accepting the work.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Armando Lombardi
Caixa Postal 635
Rio de Janeiro, Estado Guanabara
Brasil

Request #58 - Brazil, Archdiocese of Sao Paulo (Date: December 1961)

PROJECT: Communities of Sisters to open Catholic hospitals in the Archdiocese.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: See description in Request #11.

Project Description: The request states that the Archdiocese of Sao Paulo has need of a number of Catholic hospitals.

Area Description: No details are given.

Present Facilities: No details are given.

Finances: The petition states that it is best that the Sisters' communities own these properties, developing them gradually through loans or grants.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Carlos Carmelo Card. de Vasconcellos
Rua Pio XII 279 Motta,
Sao Paulo
Brasil

Request #59 - Chile, Diocese of Copiapo (Date: August, 1962)

PROJECT: Community of four Sisters for administrative, nursing and social work at the Hospital of Vallenar.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Province of Atacama, marking the southern limit of the Atacama desert. The climate in the area is similar to that of the Antofagasta region although it becomes less dry as one moves south into Middle Chile. Total Diocesan population is 110,000 with 90,000 Catholics.

Project Description: The medical director of the new state Hospital of Vallenar requests four Sisters, two of whom should be registered nurses. One of these would be named Head Nurse of the Hospital and one other, trained for Social Work, could be named Regional Head to take charge of positions in the "Servicios Nacional Social". A contract would be agreed upon between the Sisters and the Directors of the Hospital. Living quarters for the Sisters are located on the Hospital premises. There is also a chapel to be cared for by the Sisters which will serve the patients.

Area Description: Vallenar is located in the Department of Vallenar, Province of Atacama in northern Chile. Climate is good with slightly more rain than in Copiapo. Communications include plane service and the Pan-American Highway.

Present Facilities: The only information given states that the hospital was just recently opened. Consequently, the need for the Sisters is immediate.

Finances: The petition states that adequate salaries will be paid the Sisters to maintain themselves.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Juan Francisco Fresno L.
Casilla 82
Copiapo, Chile

Request #60 - Chile, Diocese of Puerto Montt (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Santiago)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters for the spiritual care of two public hospitals in Calbuco and Frutillar.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Province of Llanquihue in the southern one-third of Chile. The Diocese encompasses an area of 30,000 square kilometers and enjoys a temperate maritime climate with no extremes of heat and cold. Diocesan population is 180,000 with 150,000 Catholics.

Project Description: The request states that the Sisters will attend to the spiritual care of the patients and explains that there exists great future possibilities for the extension of the apostolic work of Religious who wish to come to the Diocese.

Area Description: Frutillar is one and one-half hours road journey north of Puerto Montt, while Calbuco lies one hour's trip to its south. The climate in the area is very wet and somewhat cold.

Present Facilities: Each of the public hospitals has a 200-bed capacity. The request states that the Public Health Service and the civil administrative authority have guaranteed good accommodations.

Finances: The petition explains that a salary is guaranteed the Sisters by the Public Health Service and the civil administrative authority.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Opilio Rossi, Nuncio
Casilla 507
Santiago, Chile

H. E. The Most Rev. Alberto Rencoret Donoso
Obispado 17
Puerto Montt, Chile

Request #61 - Guatemala, Prelature of Huehuetenango (Date: July, 1961)

PROJECT: Sisters to attend the state hospitals of Huehuetenango at El Progreso and Sanarate.
Sisters to open small hospitals in La Democracia and Barillas.

Background Information on the Prelature: See Request #19.

Project Description: Details are not given.

Area Description: Details are not supplied.

Present Facilities: The two state hospitals are already operating. In La Democracia land is purchased for a large parish plant but no buildings have yet been completed. In Barillas, the municipality gave a large tract of land for a school and an infirmary or small hospital.

Finances: No details given.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #19.

Request #62 - Guatemala, Diocese of Solola (Date: February, 1962)

PROJECT: Group of three Sisters, two nurses and one doctor for a five-parish area in the Department of Solola.

Background Information on the Diocese: See Request #21.

Project Description: Medical Sisters are requested for the five-parish area served by the Fathers of Spokane, Washington. The Fathers have plans of beginning a small dispensary or even a small hospital. Currently in all the places where a resident priest is located, there is a clinic to cater to the needs of the people. But the population of the territory is about 50,000 and due to lack of transportation there is no hospital close by. Consequently, many of the people go without proper medical care.

Area Description: See Request #21.

Present Facilities: The request states that the Fathers hope to have a special building as clinic with living quarters for the personnel. There is 24-hour electricity in the main center sufficient to run a small hospital.

Finances: Finances are to be arranged with Bishop Topel of Spokane.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #21.

Request #63 - Peru, Diocese of Abancay (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters to build and open a small hospital or clinic in Antabamba.

Background Information on the Diocese: See Request #25.

Project Description: No details supplied.

Area Description: Antabamba is located in the southern part of the Department of Apurimac. The area population is approximately 38,000 persons, mostly farmers and small cattlemen. The people of the region are quite poor.

Present Facilities: No medical facilities exist at present.

Finances: No information is given regarding financial aid.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #64 - Peru, Archdiocese of Arequipa (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to staff the government-owned and maintained Hospital del Empleado.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located in the Department of Arequipa, rugged southern highlands. The oasis of Arequipa is located in a valley just within the mountains at the base of the volcano, El Misti. The area is an important wool market serving the whole southern part of the highlands region. The altitude of the area is 8,000 feet above sea level. Abundant water supply supports intensive cultivation of crops for food and feed, consumed locally. A railroad extends inland from Arequipa to Cuzco and to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Much traffic from northern Bolivia through Arequipa passes on Lake Titicaca.

Project Description: No details are given.

Area Description: No information is supplied.

Present Facilities: The petition states that the Hospital del Empleado is a 300-bed General Hospital.

Finances: No details are supplied.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #65 - Peru, Diocese of Ayacucho (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters to build a hospital with clinic section.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Department of Ayacucho, southern highland Peru. The total Diocesan population is 392,504 with 300,000 Catholics.

Project Description: No details given.

Area Description: Approximate population of the area is 30,000 persons, mainly merchants, professional men and farmers.

Present Facilities: Land has been donated on which to build the hospital. Few medical facilities exist.

Finances: No details are given.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #66 - Peru, Archdiocese of Cuzco (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters to staff the government-owned and maintained Hospital Lorena.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located in the Department of Cuzco, southern Peruvian highlands. This is the center of one of the most densely populated parts of the Peruvian Andes. Altitude of the area is 11,000 feet. Population of the Archdiocese numbers 480,000 with 453,920 Catholics. U. S. priests of the Maryknoll order among U. S. clergy working in the Cuzco Archdiocese.

Project Description: The petition states that this is a government-owned hospital for men and women.

Area Description: No details given.

Present Facilities: The Hospital Lorena has a 300-bed capacity.

Finances: No details are supplied.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #67 - Peru, Prelature of Huari (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Sisters to build and open a small hospital or clinic at Pomabamba.

Background Information on the Prelature: Located in the Department of Ancash, western coast of Peru in the northern Andes. Population of the Prelature is 301,000 with 300,000 Catholics. Altitude is approximately 9,000 - 10,000 feet above sea level.

Project Description: No details are given.

Area Description: Pomabamba has a population of approximately 85,000 persons, most of whom are very poor.

Present Facilities: The only medical facility now in the area is a sanitary post directed by a doctor of the State.

Finances: No details are supplied.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #68 - Peru, Diocese of Ica (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters to build a hospital or clinic at Chincha.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Department of Ica on the southwestern coast of Peru. The Diocese includes part of the middle group of highland oases on the coast. The area is particularly known for its vineyard cultivation. The total Diocesan population is 250,000. Sisters of the U. S. community of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet are working in the Diocese.

Project Description: Details not supplied.

Area Description: This is a poor area with an approximate 61,880 population.

Present Facilities: The medical facilities in the region are now inadequate.

Finances: No information given.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #69 - Peru, Diocese of Ica (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters to staff a government-owned and maintained hospital.

Background Information on the Diocese: Same as in Request #68.

Project Description: The petition describes the hospital as one attending both men and women.

Area Description: No details are supplied.

Present Facilities: The hospital has a 150-bed capacity.

Finances: No information is given.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #70 - Peru, Prelature of Juli (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to open a hospital or clinic at Chucuito.

Background Information on the Prelature: Located in the sprawling area around Lake Titicaca in the Department of Puno, southern Peru. The altitude is 12,500 feet. The population of the Prelature is 400,000 with 395,000 Catholics. Currently, some 22 U. S. Maryknoll priests care for approximately 400,000 Indians in scattered mountain villages.

Project Description: No information supplied.

Area Description: There are approximately 30,000 inhabitants in the Chucuito area, most of whom are poor farmers and cattlemen.

Present Facilities: There are no medical facilities closer than those in the town of Puno, one-half hour away by automobile.

Finances: No details supplied.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #71 - Peru, Diocese of Piura (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters to open a small clinic or hospital at Sullana.

Background Information on the Diocese: See Request #30.

Project Description: Details are not supplied.

Area Description: Sullana is a town of 60,000 persons of lower middle class.

Present Facilities: There are no medical facilities.

Finances: The petition states that there is some possibility of local support.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #72 - Peru, Diocese of Puno (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters to staff a government-owned and maintained hospital and clinic.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Department of Puno, southern Peru. Altitude is 12,500 feet above sea level. The Diocesan population numbers 372,946 with 370,345 Catholics. Currently, U. S. priests and Sisters of the Maryknoll communities are working in the Diocese.

Project Description: Details are not given.

Area Description: Details are not given.

Present Facilities: The hospital has a 130 bed capacity and the clinic 29.

Finances: Details not supplied.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #73 - Venezuela, Archdiocese of Caracas (Date: October, 1962)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters to attend to rural medical service.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: See Request #35.

Project Description: The establishment of a dispensary is suggested in the petition. This is part of Request #35 which also asks for a primary school and a pre-seminary school to be opened by the Sisters.

Area Description: See Request #35.

Present Facilities: No facilities exist.

Finances: No details are given.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #35.

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Request #74 - Argentina, Diocese of Lomas de Zamora (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires)

PROJECT: Community of four Sisters to staff a Home for the Aged in Lomas, outside Buenos Aires.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Province of Buenos Aires, outside the capital city. The Diocesan population numbers 1,260,000. The climate is that of the "Humid Pampa" region of Argentina; mild winter, hot summer. No deep or long-continued snow cover in winter. Summer temperature (January) of the city of Buenos Aires averages about 73° F., while winter temperature (July) averages 49° F. There are priests from the U. S. community of Marian Fathers and Sisters from the following communities working in the Buenos Aires area: Little Company of Mary, Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Saint Casimir, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Passionist Sisters, Sisters of Providence, Franciscans, Sisters of Christian Charity.

Project Description: Sisters would staff a Home for about 60 residents.

Area Description: Lomas is located outside the capital city of Buenos Aires. There is telephone service plus bus service to the center of the city.

Present Facilities: There are sufficient living quarters and garden area for the aged residents. A chapel and separate department has been built to accommodate five Sisters. There would be the opportunity to attend daily mass and spiritual attention would be provided the Sisters. Time allowed for retreat days.

Finances: The petition states that the Sisters would be credited the salary that they request. There would be a substantial initial grant to the Mother Superior with a slightly lesser to the other Sisters. Room and board would also be provided.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Alejandro Schell
Obispado, Portela 433
Lomas de Zamora
Prov. of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Request #75 - Argentina, Diocese of Viedma (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, Buenos Aires)

PROJECT: Community of four to six Sisters to take charge of the infirmary, kitchen and laundry sections of the Diocesan Seminary of Viedma.

Background Information on the Diocese: Same as in Request #47.

Project Description: The Seminary is to be opened in the near future and the Sisters are requested to begin work by the end of 1963.

Area Description: The petition states that there are communications with Buenos Aires and interior towns by train, plane and bus.

Present Facilities: The Seminary will soon be opened. A new residence annexed to it with exit onto the street, is provided for the Sisters. The Sisters will receive spiritual attention and be in contact with the nearby Community of the Colegio de las Hijas de Maria Auxiliadora.

Finances: The petition states that upkeep and transportation of the Sisters will be paid by the State Budget,

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Jose Borgatti
Obispado, Irigoyen 71
Viedma
Rio Negro, Argentina

Request #76: Bolivia, Archdiocese of La Paz (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to direct Hogar Soria, a home for orphaned and abandoned girls.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: See Request #7.

Project Description: The petition requests a director, administrator, regents, nurse, home economics teacher, sewing teacher. There are approximately 50 girls ranging in age from four to sixteen. Primary instruction and professional training are given. It is explained that the House is now poorly administered due to a lack of training in the formation of youngsters.

Area Description: Details are not given.

Present Facilities: The property needs remodeling and enlarging. Furnishings are sufficient.

Finances: Details are not given but the petition states that a daily per capita food budget of 25¢ is allotted.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Carmine Rocco, Nuncio
Casilla Postal 136
La Paz, Bolivia

Request #77 - Bolivia, Archdiocese of La Paz (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, La Paz)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to direct a temporary home for wayward girls.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: See Request #7.

Project Description: The home, annexed to the Hogar Soria, described in Request #76, cares for wayward girls and for those sent by police for vagrancy. It is described as being poorly administered at present. Personnel requested include an administrator, a helper and a cook. There are approximately 40 girls in the home, whose ages range from three to nineteen.

Area Description: Details are not supplied.

Present Facilities: The house is inadequate but there is sufficient basis for reconstruction and enlargement.

Finances: No details are given except to mention that a daily per capita food budget of 25¢ is allotted.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #76.

Request #78: Brazil, Diocese of Marilia (Date, July, 1961 - Nunciature, Rio de Janeiro)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters to assume responsibility for a small orphanage.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the State of Sao Paulo, in an area of fertile coffee cultivation. The total population is 750,000 with 610,000 Catholics. Many of the inhabitants of the area are of Italian and Portuguese descent. There are also large numbers of Japanese, known for their agricultural skill, whose children are embracing the Catholic faith, with full consent and approval of their parents, who instead prefer to retain their ancestral belief. The climate is dry, semi-tropical, with an average temperature of about 75° F., all year round. Although Portuguese is the spoken language, there is also a widespread knowledge of English in the area.

Project Description: The orphanage accommodates 20 children.

Area Description: No details are given.

Present Facilities: The petition describes the facilities as needing enlargement and development.

Finances: The petition states that the people in the area will help in financing the orphanage.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #57.

Request #79 - Chile, Diocese of Linares (Date: August, 1962 - Nunciature, Santiago)

PROJECT: Community of three Sisters to administer a Retreat House directed by the clergy.

Background Information on the Diocese: See Request #17.

Project Description: The Sisters will administer the Retreat House in which two priests will direct the spiritual exercises and preach both to religious and secular retreatants. There is no other Retreat House in the Diocese.

Area Description: The House is located in the Department of Linares, four kilometers from the city of Linares, which can be reached by good road.

Present Facilities: The present building, although modern, is not of sufficient capacity. A new Retreat House will be begun later.

Finances: The petition states that a fee will be charged the retreatants. In addition, there is a small farm on the grounds of the House.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Augusto Osvaldos Salinas Fuenzalida
Obispado de Linares
Casilla 107
Linares, Chile

Request #80 - Chile, Archdiocese of Santiago (Date: July, 1962)

PROJECT: Community of five Sisters to administer the Santa Lucia Home for the Blind.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located in the Province of Santiago in central Chile, with modern communications by train and plane. Total Archdiocesan population is 2,529,539 with 2,376,775 Catholics. Climate is that of Middle Chile: temperate transition between the hot desert of the north and the cold, rainy lands of the south. Generally mild, wet winters and cool, dry summers. Among the U. S. clergy working in the Archdiocese are priests from these communities: Carmelite, Divine Word Missionaries, Maryknoll and Precious Blood. U. S. communities of Sisters are Dominican Mission, Immaculate Heart, Loretines, Maryknoll, Precious Blood, St. John Baptist.

Project Description: The Sisters are needed to administer this Home for the Blind and to care for the moral welfare of the patients. Teaching experience in this field is not necessary. The Home, which shelters nearly 300 blind persons of all ages, is operated by the Sociedad Protectora Ciegos.

Area Description: Details not supplied.

Present Facilities: The Home is divided into two sections for men and women. There are included a grade school with 73 pupils and sheltered workshops. At present, several social workers and teachers are working in the Home. Living quarters and kitchen have been newly completed for the Sisters.

Finances: The Sociedad Protectora de Ciegos is a privately financed Catholic organization.

Petitioner: Sra, Alicia Canas de Errazuriz
Sociedad Protectora de Ciegos Santa Lucia
Bilbao 2202
Santiago, Chile

Request #81 - Chile, Diocese of Temuco (Date: July, 1961)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to conduct student residences in four cities.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Province of Cautin in central Chile. Diocesan population is 262,330 with 230,000 Catholics. The city of Temuco, capital of the Province and center of an important agricultural zone, is rapidly developing. It is expected soon to become an industrial center and is currently the fourth largest city in Chile. There are U. S. priests and Sisters working in the Diocese.

Project Description: The Bishop requests that a group of Sisters establish residences for public school students in the four principal cities of the Diocese: Temuco, Victoria, Angol, Traiguén. Such houses would provide an opportunity to extend a Catholic influence upon the great number of students attending non-Catholic schools (the Church at present is only able to educate approximately 30% of the population). The Bishop proposes that in each of the four cities a house be established for young students and another for young men. Such homes would reassure the families in the surrounding areas that although their children were sent to study in the cities, they would still be able to live in an atmosphere which did not endanger their moral growth. The Bishop explains that the Sisters who accept this assignment should be capable of working with youth and have a strong apostolic spirit since the work conditions may be a little difficult but very interesting and rewarding.

Area Description: Details are not given on each of the cities.

Present Facilities: The Bishop states that he will secure adequate houses for use as residences.

Finances: The petition states that is to be supported by student fees.

Petitioner: H. E. The Most Rev. Bernardino Pinera Carvallo
Bishop of Temuco
Casilla 542
Temuco, Chile

Request #82 - Guatemala, Prelature of Huehuetenango (Date: July, 1961)

PROJECT: Group of Catechetical and Social Service Sisters to work in various towns.

Background Information on the Prelature: See Request #19.

Project Description: The Maryknoll Fathers' request states that a central community of these Sisters would live in Huehuetenango and take turns going out to the various towns in the Department. The same would be done in El Progreso and Santa Ana.

Area Description: Details are not given.

Present Facilities: Details are not given.

Finances: Details are not given.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #19.

Request #83 - Guatemala, Diocese of Solola (Date: February, 1962)

PROJECT: Group of two or three Sisters for catechetical and social work in surrounding area.

Background Information on the Diocese: See Request #21.

Project Description: Details are not given.

Area Description: For general area description see Request #21.

Present Facilities: Details are not given.

Finances: Details are to be arranged with Bishop Topel of Spokane.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #21.

Request #84 - Nicaragua, Archdiocese of Managua (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Managua)

PROJECT: Community of four Sisters to undertake direction of the orphanage, "Zacarias Guerra".

Background Information on the Archdiocese: Located around the capital city of Managua in southwest Nicaragua. The climate is very hot but healthy. Communications are satisfactory. The population of the Archdiocese totals

387,000 persons. There are U.S. Sisters of the Congregation of Saint Agnes now in the Archdiocese.

Project Description: Sisters are requested to take charge of the administration of the orphanage which cares for boys and girls up to 17 years of age.

Area Description: Details are not given.

Present Facilities: Facilities have been recently re-modeled and now include accommodations for 200 children. With enlargements, 400 orphans could be accommodated. Medical attention is given and there is a six-grade primary school.

Finances: Details are not given.

Petitioner: H.E. The Most Rev. Sante Portalupi
Apostolic Nuncio
Managua, Nicaragua

Request #85 - Peru, Diocese of Abancay (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters to operate youth formation centers, dispensaries and school refectories in the town of abancay.

Background Information on the Diocese: See Request #25.

Project Description: Details are not supplied.

Area Description: The town of Abancay, composed mainly of farmers and small cattlemen, has a population of 60,000. The climate is moderate with an altitude of 2,940 feet above sea level. Spanish is spoken.

Present Facilities: Details are not given.

Finances: Details are not given.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #86 - Peru, Archdiocese of Arequipa (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Community of Sisters for general social work in Mariano Melgar.

Background Information on the Archdiocese: See Request #64.

Project Description: Details are not supplied.

Area Description: Mariano Melgar is a town of 4,800 inhabitants, most of whom are workers rather than employees. The climate is moderate and altitude is 2,500 feet. Spanish is spoken.

Present Facilities: Details not supplied.

Finances: The petition explains that charitable help will have to be sought for the project.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.

Request #87 - Peru, Diocese of Chiclayo (Date: July, 1961 - Nunciature, Lima)

PROJECT: Group of Sisters for "social assistance" at Parroquia del Sagrario.

Background Information on the Diocese: Located in the Department of Lambayeque, northwestern coast of Peru. The area is part of the northern oasis group where mountain water feeds sugar estates, small farms and rice crops. The region produces 75% of Peruvian rice crops. The population numbers 600,000 with 540,000 Catholics. There is a dependable water supply in the area with more sunshine than in the southern cases. The altitude is coast level.

Project Description: Details are not supplied.

Area Description: Parroquia del Sagrario is an area of 6,000 inhabitants with a city atmosphere. It has a coastal climate and altitude. Spanish is spoken.

Present Facilities: Details are not given.

Finances: The petition states that the FAC (Fraternal Ayuda Cristiana) may help with expenses.

Petitioner: Same as in Request #25.