2,000,000 Have Sought And of Little How At Brooklyn Shrine in Less Than Five

Sensationalism Absent SHRINE CHURCH OF LITTLE FLOWER A HAVEN FOR SICK

From Any Reports of Cures, States Pastor, Who Lays Stress on 'Spiritual Miracles'

By WILLIAM WEER

There was a priest of the Catholic Church named Peter Claver. He lived and labored in Cartagena, Colombir in the days of Negro-slavery. He met the slave ships there when they arrived from Africa. He went among the chained black men on ships and ashore. He ministered to their needs, physical and spiritual, as much as he could, as much as he was permitted. He used to sign his name "Peter, Slave of the Slaves Forever."

After his death the Church de-clared him a saint, proclaimed St. Peter Claver patron of all colored missions, apostle of the Negro race.

Sole English-Speaking Priest

There was an American priest, Father Bernard J. Quinn. During the World War we has a chaplain in France, and after the armistice he was assigned to a mobile hospital. of American soldiers near Alencon. There were also, in that territory. British, Canadian and Australian soldiers, but no other English-speaking priest.

He sought them all out, doing a chaplain's duties among soldiers far from their homes. And before he came to Alencon he had heard of a devoted Carmelite nun, Therese Martin, who had done plous and helpful things, and that she was born in a certain house in Alencon. He sought out the house, too, knocked at the door. A woman responded. He said to her, in French: "Do you speak English?"

She answered, in English: "Why, I am English.'

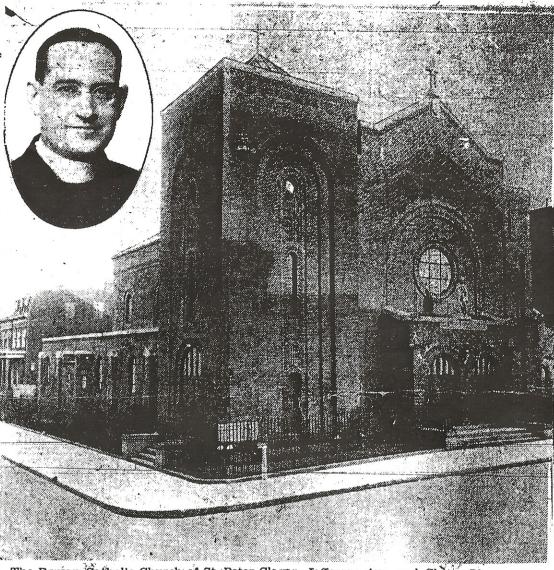
Said First Mass in House

So there, in the birthplace of the nun, Therese, he took up his residence with the English couple, Mr. and Mrs. Grant. There he celebrated the first mass that the house knew. There he lived for the six months of his stay in Alencon.

And when the war and post-war activities were over. Father Quinn came back from the other side, came to Brooklyn, and in a poorish neighborhod, on Jefferson Ave., at the corner of what has since become Claver Place, at the direction of the Bishop of Brooklyn, he obtained an old express company building and started a church.

Dedicated to Negroes

A church for all Catholics, but because a large number of Negrocs lived nearby many Negroes came, and it was called the Church of St. pray each day.



The Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter Claver, Jefferson Ave. and Claver Place, where more than 2,000,000 have flocked to the novena of St. Theresa of the Little Flower, reporting numerous miraculous cures. In the insert Father Bernard J. Quinn, pastor of the

because he knew something of her story and her works, he inducted a novena which was the first feast in celebration of the canonization.

10,000 Came Each Day

That began on Sept. 30, 1925. A relic of the newest saint which had been received from France, and a lifelike statuette of her, were set up in a shrine. And there the services were held, for nine consecutive days. And somewhat to Father Quinn's own surprise, with every passing day the crowd of the wor-shipers grew and grew. Until some 10,000 or more came to worship and

the Negroes. The first Catholic Church for the race in Brooklyn. Church for the race in Brooklyn.

Now, on May 17, 1925, the Caraculous power in this shrine of St.

melite nun Therese was canonized as St. Therese of the Little Flower. That there was st. Therese of the Little Flower. That prayers made devoutly before it were prayers made devoutly before it were strangely answered. That those who had been sick and lame and halt in the house where she was born.

more came to the shrine. A per-petual novena was established. more came to the shrine.

Perpetual Novena Started

And ever since, every Monday, the novens is held, in continuing services from early morning to late at night. For four and a half years this has continued, crowds flocking to the church, perhaps 10,000 each Monday, perhaps 15,000. Estimating conservatively, Father Quinn said there was an average of 10,000 each week, or 2,250,000 since the perpetual novena began.

Thus the shrine of St. Therese of the Little Flower in the Church of St. Peter Claver has become one of the greatest Catholic shrines in the world. Lourdes in France has more worshipers. And St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec. And perhaps one

or two others, but no more. And all this has happened quietly, last, but the church was filled to without the tomtom of publicity capacity when, at 9 o'clock in the of any sort. In Malden, Mass., last

fall, at the grave of Father Patrick Power, there was a tremendous outpouring of believers, some of whom told of miraculous cures. At the shrine of St. Therese, though this has continued for nearly half a decade, there has been nothing of that sort. Before today, there was never a line in any public print about the miracles or about the shrine.

I said to Father Quinn over the telephone:

"I want to come to your church on Monday, the day of the novena, and then I want to talk to you

"On Manday?" he asked. "You can, of course, come and see what you see, but I could not talk to my own mother on Monday."

It was a bitter cold day, Monday last, but the church was filled to

Regardless of Color

Whatever the color, they knelt and se in unison, spoke words of ayer, passed one after another be-re priest—passed out of the urch, which has now become a bstantial structure, to give place others.

The mild-faced priest announced at, since the novena of the Mon-y before, he had received a cern number of letters from those o had been helped by their worp at the shrine. Seventeen from sons whose prayers were comtely answered, 13 others whose yers were partially answered. He d from one or two. One writer d _e had been out of work for nes; he made his novena, and y quickly a job came to him. One of cancer that had been cured. ather Quinn read no names of writers. He made no comment what they wrote.

day later we sat in his tiny le office, in the church rectory.

Stresses Spiritual Wonders Yes, many, many cures have ac-

lly happened. Many wonders, sical and spiritual are occurring. ink, if you can lay stress on the itual wonders, those are as imtant as the others. If a man has lost his faith regains it— , that's a true miracle too. I ember there was a letter came ne from a young man. It be-

with that quotation about the who comes to scoff and rens to pray. Then his letter said, r Father, I am that fool. le came to the church one Mon-

night with a friend who was ing the novena. He was inited in the service, he wrote, but was also amused at what he d 'such a lot of bunk.' strange part was, he was back Monday, and presently he was ing his perpetual novena and eut into a weekend retreat and once again reconciled to thty God.

here are also physical wonders can only call them miracles. I've noticed about this little that often the miracles are direct. Often they are pered by natural means. There was other who came here after

hearing of the devotion, and she there would be no room for any more came to me and told me about her worshipers to come.

son who had been sickly.

"But the wonders are occur
"They were well to do. They had and have occurred. I know." tried all kinds of doctors and cures: Once he was on the operating table, and for some reason the father changed his mind, would not let the operation go on. The mother made her novens. Then, shortly after, she heard of a doctor, in Califormia.

Meet Half Way Across Continent

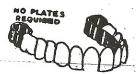
"It seemed so far away. But she wrote him, and he became interested. He agreed to meet the boy half way across the continent. There he looked at the boy and said to the mother: You let me have him for five or six months.' She did, and the boy is completely dured.

"These are wonders that I know. And many, many others. I could not give you names and addresses, for these letters that come to me are in confidence. When I read part of them in church it is only to give courage to others, to act as a source of consolation to them. And the reading is an act of public thanksgiving.

"But it is not anything sensational. There are no sensational scenes of heaping crutches on the shrine. I would not have it that way. That and sensational newspaper accounts. For one thing,

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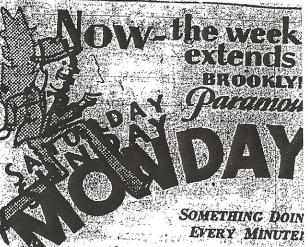
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