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## Dear Friends of the Mavajo Indians:

Merry Christmas to all of you! The Christmas season makes us remember once again that the Christian message is for all men of all times. We should ask ourselves what we are doing to bring this message to others. Working here in the Navajo missions makes us realize that the most important factor in bringing the Christian message to others is the example of Christian living. It also makes us sadly aware that the greatest obstacle to this message is how poorly we do live the Christian message! Let us all celebrate Christmas, not so much by trying to put Christ back into Christmas, as by trying to put Christ back into our own lives.

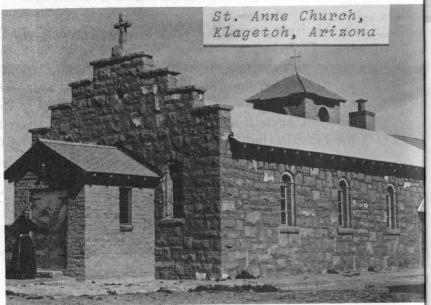
In this issue we tell the story of what Father Gale Grieshop, O.F.M., and Brother Giovanni Reid, O.F.M., along with the rest of the staff of St. Anne Mission, are doing to bring the Christian message to the Klagetoh-Ganado area of Arizona. We also pay tribute to Dr. Vincent Accardi and his efforts to care for the health of the Navajo Indians. Sometimes actions speak the Christian message louder than words!

May the joy of the Christian message be yours this Christ-mas Season!

Father Martan Rademaker, O.F.M., Editor

#### ST. ANNE MISSION

Father Gale Grieshop, O.F.M., is pastor of the far-flung St. Anne Mission. The parish church and rectory are located at Klagetoh, Arizona. The church was built here in 1930, but the mission now has several centers of population. The largest is at Ganado, Arizona, 15 miles north of Klagetoh. All Saints Chapel was built here in 1968. There are other small centers of population at Wide Ruins and El Paso Station. Father Gale is assisted in the work from Klagetoh by Brother Giovanni Reid, O.F.M. and by two lay missionaries, Gloria Duron and Nancy Carey, both of Long Beach, California.





Father Gale Grieshop, O.F.M., inspects foundation of distribution center.

Since Father Gale was assigned to Klagetoh in 1969 he has been working to develop a project for the distribution of food and clothing to the needy. From money received from the Southwest Indian Foundation and from St. Monica Parish, East Peoria, Illinois, he has been able to purchase the materials for a 16' by 24' distribution center. It is now being built by the Navajos through their local Chapter at no cost to the mission for construction. A few weeks ago Father Gale received a grant from the De Rance Foundation of Milwaukee, Wisconsin to support this project.

Klagetoh mission is already the center for many activities. Dr. Vincent Accardi holds a clinic there once a week. He is accompanied by Sister Beatrice Costagliola, F.M.M., a nursing sister from St. Michaels. Gloria Duron and Nancy Carey take care of the distribution of used clothing. With Brother Giovanni they help with the religious instruction of the children at Wide Ruins, Toyei, El Paso Station, Ganado and Klagetoh. To fit in all those instructions each week they have a schedule that reads like a timetable.

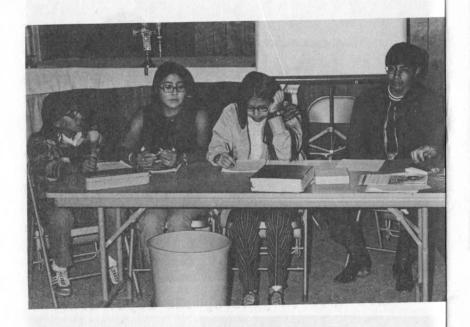
Nancy Carey and Gloria Duron help with the Christmas card project.



All help in finding the right coat!



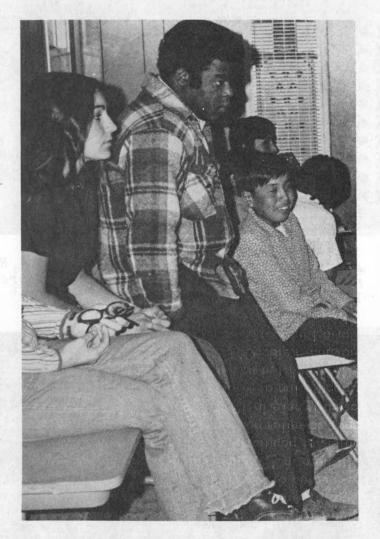




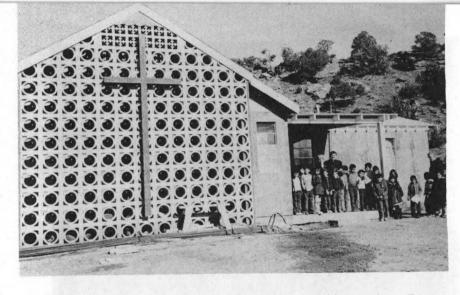
Officers of St. Anne's C.Y.O.

Besides instruction classes Brother Giovanni takes a great interest in the C.Y.O. At present the C.Y.O. holds their meetings and instructions in the chapel at Ganado, Arizona. They make use of the public school gym for activities when it is available. Brother coaches the C.Y.O. basketball teams. He also finds the time to do the maintenance work on all the mission buildings at Klagetoh and Ganado.

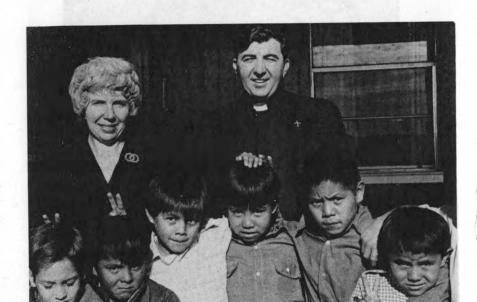
The Rev. Mr. Matthew Stando, a permanent deacon of the Diocese of Gallup, and his wife, Dolores, live in the small apartment attached to the chapel at Ganado.



Brother Giovanni Reid, O.F.M. and Gloria Duron help at C.Y.O. meeting.



All Saints Chapel, Ganado, Arizona. Rev. Mr. Matthew Stando and his wife Dolores live at the Ganado mission.



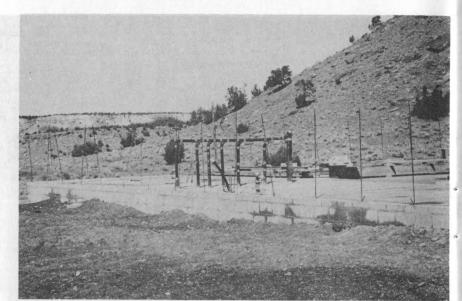


Father Gale picks up the children for religious instructions after school.





Nancy Carey uses bus as classroom, pending completion of the parish center.



#### D.R. ACCARDI SERVES MISSION CLIMICS

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Stando care for All Saints Chapel and assist with the activities in the Ganado area. A 60' by 100' hall is under construction at Ganado and it will provide much needed additional space for these activities.

Twenty miles to the west of Klagetoh, and still part of St. Anne Mission, is Greasewood, Arizona, with Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel. This is cared for by Father John Lanzrath, O.F.M. and two Franciscan Missionaries of Mary from St. Michaels Mission. This will be featured in a future issue of the PADRES' TRAIL.

Gloria Duron holds class in Ganado chapel.



## DR. ACCARDI SERVES MISSION CLINICS

by Sister Beatrice Costagliola, F.M.M.

In 1936 a young physician-surgeon left Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York to come out to the Southwest as a Public Health doctor. Intending to stay only a short period and then return to his family in New York, Dr. Vincent Accardi never dreamed that he would spend close to forty years in this area.

After a brief stay at Fort Defiance Hospital he was appointed director of a small hospital at Crownpoint. Soon after that Dr. Travers, a Gallup surgeon, invited him to share his office and work with him at St. Mary Hospital. Dr. Accardi accepted his offer.

Dr. Accardi and patient Gloria Mitchell.





Dr. Accardi, assisted by Sister Beatrice.

After serving in World War II Dr. Accardi again took up residence in Gallup. In a few years he became head of the surgical department at St. Mary Hospital in Gallup. He served for many years as chief of staff at St. Mary (now McKinley General) Hospital and at the same time built up an extensive private practice.

When Dr. Accardi resigned from active practice two years ago he was invited by Father Dunstan Schmidlin, O.F.M., to share the work of three mission clinics on the Navajo Reservation.

### DR. ACCARDS SERVES MISSION CLINICS

Sponsored by funds from the Southwest Indian Foundation Dr. Accardi drives each week to the clinics at St. Michaels, Lukachukai and Klagetoh. These clinics have been built by the Franciscan Fathers and have been administered by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary and the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis. There he examines an average of fifty patients. These small clinics are a far cry from the busy city hospital, but Dr. Accardi serves the Navajo Indians with the same high moral and professional standards which have characterized his many years of medical service to the people of Gallup.

Dr. Accardi at St. Michael's clinic.

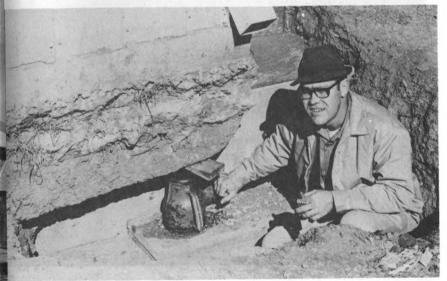


# Around the Reservation

SHIPROCK: The new Christ the King Church, built by the Franciscan Brothers, was dedicated on Nov. 26th.

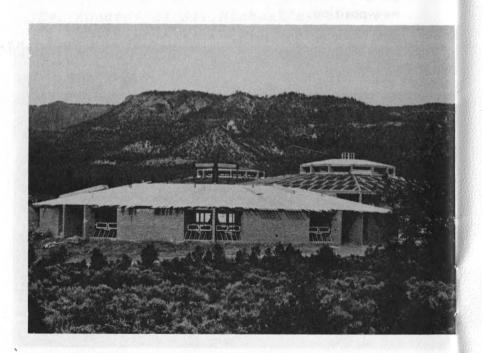
FORT DEFIANCE: The mission's recreation center has been restored to its original position. After building up pilings by pressure grouting under the foundation, heavy jacks were used to raise the building – as much as 8 inches at one corner. Finally pressure grouting was pumped under the foundation and floor to maintain the new position.

Brother John Derikx, O.F.M., points out how jacks were used to raise the building.



MANY FARMS: Dr. Ned Hatathli, President of Navajo Community College, was killed on Oct. 16th when a rifle he was cleaning went off. His leadership will be missed as the college moves to its permanent campus at Tsaile, Arizona. The dormitories and classroom buildings are expected to be ready for occupancy by March of 1973. Mr. Thomas Atcitty has been appointed acting President of the Navajo Community College.

Construction progresses on the new campus of the Navajo Community College.



#### OUR COVER

Nativity scene by Navajo artist, Amos Y. Begay, of Klagetoh, Arizona. The Navajo "wise men" bring gifts of corn, silver belt and rug. This is one of a set of five native design Christmas cards being distributed by Father Gale Grieshop.

For information on Christmas cards, write to:
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Christmas
Blessings
from
all
the
Navajo
Missionaries!

Keshmesh Ya'at'ee! \_
''Merry Christmas'' in Navajo