

increasing number of missionaries to Latin America. Seven out of eight are French-speaking. This religious link with a Catholic Latin America is often presumed to mean that French-speaking Canadians are more interested in Latin America. The evidence would seem to indicate that Catholic journals such as Relations and Maintenant have not devoted a great deal of space to Latin American topics.

The Church's attitude, too, appears to be more concerned with the fact that there is a desperate shortage of priests in Latin America. Canadians can supply personnel to fill these needs because they are Catholic. However, the Canadian missionaries have had to adjust to Latin American Catholicism and have found it quite different from their own experience.

Both English and French-speaking missionaries from Canada tend to be more interested in spiritual than "revolutionary" activity. It is interesting to note that one such Canadian Father, Charles Conroy, went to Peru with the aim of improving the spiritual outlook of his new parish. He soon became involved in the worldly issues of improving their social and economic conditions. He has described this change in outlook in his letters, published posthumously in 1966.<sup>3</sup> Father Conroy's experience has been shared by others.

Both English and French speaking writers have been concerned with the problems existing in Latin America and have urged more Canadian activity there. French-language newspapers and journals have tended to have articles in favour of OAS membership, but this has been by no means unanimous. There have been qualifications concerning this as well. La Presse has not favoured membership, while Le Devoir became disillusioned at the time of the Dominican crisis. And those who were whole hearted in