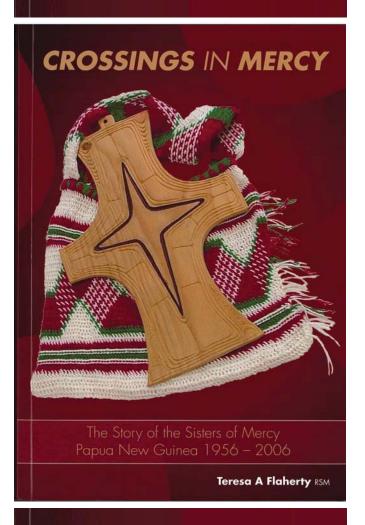
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This historical book commemorates fifty years of the Sisters of Mercy in missionary work in Papua New Guinea. After World War II Romolo Carboni, the Apostolic Delegate of Oceania, pleaded for missionaries to help rebuild the Church in the Pacific. At the invitation of the Bishops in New Guinea, and in the missionary spirit of their Foundress, Catherine McAuley, four Sisters of Mercy left for Goroka in 1956 and seven headed for Wewak in 1957.

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