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The Missionary Catechist



Victory-Noll Events

First General Chapter

ON the Sunday within the Octave of the Feast of the Assumption, August 21, the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D. D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, conducted our ceremonies of investiture and profession. Eight young women received the dark blue habit of the Catechists and were admitted to the novitiate. Seven Missionary Catechists pronounced their first vows. Bishop Noll was assisted by the Rev. Bede Scully, O. M. Cap., guardian of St. Felix Monastery, and by the Rev. Thomas E. Dillon, pastor of St. Mary's church, Huntington. The Rev. Lawrence Kasper, Milwaukee, and Brother Lucian, O. M. Cap., also assisted in the sanctuary.

It was our privilege this year to have our Most Reverend Bishop as retreat-master. Although Bishop Noll is one of the most active members of the hierarchy in this country and numerous demands are made on him, he is most generous in giving us his time and is never too busy to care for our needs, whether spiritual or temporal.

The Catechists who pronounced their first vows are: Catechist Mary Bernice Bien, Detroit; Catechist Mary Gertrude Kelly, DuBois, Pa.; Catechist Mary Veronica Hirjak, Gary; Catechist Mary Margaret Lembeck and Catechist Mary Ellen Gallagher, St. Louis; Catechist Mary Rosario Lara, San Diego, and Catechist Mary Madeleine DeGroot, Appleton, Wisconsin.

The new novices are: Catechist Mary Monica Gogin, Detroit; Catechist Mary Elena DeSantos, El Paso; Catechist Mary Ursula Mackert, Springfield, Ohio; Catechist Mary Loretta Bohanon, Harvey, Ill.; Catechist Mary Immaculate Kovar, Deerbrook, Wis.; Catechist Mary Elsie Allmaras, New Rockford, N. Dak.; Catechist Mary Dorothy Radler, Milwaukee; and Catechist Mary Agnes Feik, Ordway, Colorado.

During the following week Bishop Noll presided at the First General Chapter of our Society. The Chapter was attended by delegates from New Mexico, California, Texas, our Indiana missions, and Victory-Noll. In the elections which took place at this time Catechist Catherine Olberding of Baileyville, Kansas, was elected Superior General. Other officers are: Catechist Clara Leutenegger, Omaha, vicar; Catechist Helen Srill, Chicago, secretary; Catechist Caroline Meister, Chicago, and Catechist Josephine Penning, Dubuque, councilors. Catechist Margaret Dunsmore, Duluth, was appointed treasurer of the Society.

For the past six years Catechist Olberding has been superior of our Indiana Harbor mission. Since her profession in 1926, she has been actively engaged in mission work. Ten years ago Catechist Olberding led the first band of Catechists to California. The other members of the General Council have likewise seen much mission work and have had experience as superiors of our houses in various centers.



Catechist Catherine Olberding, newly-elected Superior General of our Society.

New Mission Field

During the latter part of August Victory-Noll was taxed to its capacity. One hundred and six Catechists were here, the largest number we have ever had in the house at any one time. But mission appointments were soon made and the ranks began to thin again.

Announcement was made at this time of the opening of a mission-center in the Diocese of Reno. Catechist Mary McConville was appointed superior. Her companions are: Catechist Dorothy Schneider, Catechist Catherine Durkin, and Catechist Mary Regina Foppe.

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The Voice of Northern Texas

Most Reverend Robert E. Lucey, D.D.

Bishop of Amarillo

LIFE in the northern part of the Texas Panhandle has continued to be difficult during this past year. We are now enjoying our sixth consecutive year of drought and some are wondering if we are to have the Biblical seven years of drought suffered by the Egyptians. If such is the will of God, we should rejoice for we have only one more year to go.

Our Missionary Catechists are a source of great consolation to us. Their program and methods fit exactly into the problems of the Southwest. Their training prepares them admirably to meet the problems of this territory. One of the most helpful means of saving souls is home visiting. Nothing can take its place. A sermon at Mass on Sunday morning does not solve all the difficulties of the home, and many are not present at Mass.

Our Blessed Lord used the corporal works of mercy to draw the multitudes to His religion. Occasionally He healed souls by forgiveness of sin, but most of His miracles were for those who suffered in body. When people are careless in religion, an act of kindness to them is an eloquent sermon. If they are faithful Catholics, a little act of charity will make them more loyal.

As regards the work of instructing children in religion, it cannot succeed without home visits. It is sometimes necessary to call at the home several times before the children will even begin to attend instructions, and many will cease to come if attention is not paid to the home. As a by product of instruction to the children, the parents become more friendly.

The medical work of the Catechists is also helpful. They are able to give certain treatments themselves and in more involved cases they either take the children to a clinic or have a physician call at the home. He would indeed be a strange parent who would not appreciate such delicate charity. The furnishing of material relief to poor families also



Our Sunday Visitor Press.

Bishop Lucey

serves to increase their religious loyalty.

Leisure time activities can be used to develop character and bind the children and also adults more closely to the church. Mothers' clubs, scouting, choir work, sodalities, and other organizations are fruitful of much good.

This program is quite different from the old custom of teaching catechism to the children on Sunday morning after Mass. If the children actually came, they received little enough at best; but often they did not come. Our Catechists go to the home, for that is the center of human life. Their program of religious and social activities is admirable.

Our people who live in the Amarillo district have had a difficult time in recent years. At the present moment a plague of grasshoppers is upon us. The crops in this area failed this year and the hoppers cannot do much damage in that regard. But they devour trees and shrubs leaving the country in pitiful condition. We have set out poison for them but they do not seem to like poison; they prefer a hedge or a tree.

In spite of many worries we occasionally make some progress. In the city of Lubbock, where the Catechists have labored for several years, we are building a hall for the Spanish speaking people. The good pastor, Father Gabriel, collected a few hundred dollars from his little flock; we gave as much as we could, and a generous friend, Mr. George Simmons of that city, is giving the balance and will supervise the erection of the hall. It will be a great help to the Catechists to have a meeting place for parents and children.

IN San Angelo, we have just completed a parish hall and we put it near the Catechists' residence. We are trying to establish halls wherever possible because we know that the church building alone is not enough. In San Angelo the Catechists have found the new building most helpful. Their own residence is a tiny house too small for five persons. We have been hoping for over a year to be able to add a room to the house, but thus far we have not had sufficient funds to do it.

The town of Sonora is located sixty miles from San Angelo and is one of the missions of that parish. Our Catechists go there to teach catechism, as well as to Ozona and Eldorado in the same territory. In recent years there has been no resident priest in this region although there are hundreds of Spanish speaking Catholics there. During this summer we expect two Franciscan Fathers to take up their residence in Sonora and thus the scope of the Catechists' work will be enlarged.

I am happy to take this opportunity to convey to all the friends of the Missionary Catechists my felicitations and best wishes. I have always been frank in declaring that we cannot handle our missionary problems out here in the Southwest without the help of the Catechists. Their services are invaluable and we wish their many friends to know how highly we regard their labors.

The Appeal of the Garcias

Teresa Vondenberg



"Dolores O'Brien hummed a gay little tune as she twisted about to observe the effect of the dainty white flower in her dusky hair."

DOLORES O'BRIEN hummed a gay little tune as she twisted about to observe the effect of the dainty white flower in her dusky hair, in the dressing table mirror. The picture pleased her and she gave her attention to the waist of her long, rustling dress. It was very important that she look nice. Indeed yes. For just two days before, Sunday morning, she and Dr. Paul had been to the Padre to see about publishing their banns.

Dolores held up her left hand and wiggled her fingers. The diamond on her finger caught the golden rays of the burning sun slipping down over the hills at the back of San Felipe. She sighed. If only Paul—

She paused expectantly as she heard a bell ring and heard her mother's low tones; then sped to the head of the stairs and waited.

"It's Dr. Paul, Dolores," called her mother.

"Gracias, Madre mia." Dolores blew her a kiss as she ran to the telephone. "Yes, Doctor dear?"

As Paul spoke, the light in her eyes faded, the smile left her lips.

"Oh, I should have known," she snapped crossly. "Who is it this time?"

Then, as Paul hurriedly explained, her mother watching anxiously, the girl's eyes flashed. "That's what comes of staying in a pokey little town like this! I suppose you'd like me to go along?"

Whatever his answer, Dolores gasped and had no chance to say more, for the line was suddenly disconnected.

"I like his nerve!" For all her inherited and cultivated refinement, sometimes the Irish of her red-headed father got the best of the easy going, gentle nature of her Spanish mother, and she reverted to the vernacular. "I'd just like to give him a piece of my mind!"

"Dolores, Dolores, that is no way to talk," said her mother gently. "Paul does not disappoint you purposely; he has a duty to perform."

"How can you call those awful Garcias at the edge of the village, a duty?" demanded Dolores, stamping her

foot. "The old Garcia rode up to Paul's house on a flea-bitten mustang, babbling something about the plague and his little Maria being so sick with it! Paul thinks it isn't plague, it's just measles, but I say a plague on the Garcias! They should have it, the—the shiftless tribe!" She ran upstairs.

It was only a few minutes later that Dr. Paul arrived in his little dusty roadster. Dolores' mother met him at the door.

"Do not look so serious, Paul," she chided gently. "Dolores has the quick temper. Poof!—and it is all over."

"I'm going to take her along with me to-night," said Paul. "Dolores just doesn't understand a lot of things."

Dolores' expression was a pouting one when she came down in response to her mother's call. Her eyes were stormy.

"I'm sorry to disappoint you again, Dolores, but a call is a call," said Dr. Paul apologetically. "It was kind of you to offer to help. Perhaps after you've seen the children you will understand."

"Who cares anything about the stupid Garcias?" she demanded, flouncing out. "You know they'll never pay their bill. If the old man worked a little harder,

they'd have more money. You will never get ahead, Paul, wasting your time and talent on such people. Why won't you give up this idea of settling in the wilderness and move to town where you'll get the decent trade—and collect your money?"

"You look like a Spanish Madonna with your flashing eyes," Paul said, smiling, guiding the car carefully along the path that was meant only for ambling mules. "The night is so lovely. Would you spoil it with a fit of temper?" He wisely dodged her question. They had been over it so often.

THE night was lovely. The cottonwoods were silhouetted like silent sentinels in the mellow moonlight, and from somewhere in the distance came the faint, soothing strains of a Spanish guitar. Dolores relaxed.

A small light glimmered down the road. Paul made for it and parked his car beside the sagging shack. The house door opened and it seemed to Dolores that a whole swarm of children piled out to greet him with various exclamations. At sight of Dolores they stopped, abashed, fingers to mouth. An anxious-faced woman, clutching her rosary, followed the children.

"My Maria, she is so seek!" she exclaimed. "I am so glad you come so soon."

"Come on, Dolores," said Paul. "Now Mrs. Garcia, don't worry, we'll fix everything."

Dolores, prepared for the worst, was surprised to find the interior of the shabby little house clean and fragrant. An old man rose awkwardly as they entered, and vanished outdoors. On a corner shelf stood a saffron-colored statue of the Child Jesus, with a flickering candle casting weird shadows. On a flat bunk under the improvised shrine Dolores could make out the figure of a small child, her large brown eyes feverish. She crossed herself as Dolores approached and began to pray in babbling Spanish. Paul grinned.

"Whatever is she saying?" Dolores gasped, wide-eyed.

"She thinks you're a vision of the Virgin Mary," he explained. "She wants you to make her well."

Oddly touched, she laid her hand on the child's forehead.

"She's burning with fever," said Dolores anxiously. "She isn't going to die, is she?"

"Nope," said Paul calmly. He opened his bag, took out his thermometer and

prepared to take her temperature. He brought out a bag of oranges, set them on the table. "Just three-day measles."

There was a peevish cry from another corner and the mother who had stayed in the kitchen with the other children, came hurrying in. She took a small baby from its crib, murmuring sweet nothings in Spanish that sounded like the cooings of a bustling dove.

"Another one?" Dolores laughed. She obeyed a sudden impulse. "Let me hold her—or him," she said.

The mother, grateful for a little rest, relinquished the babe, who was a smaller edition of earnest, large brown eyes

and olive features of the others in the family. The babe was quite content to rest in Dolores' arms. The clinging fingers were so trusting, so soft that the girl had a queer feeling. Since coming home from school, she had imagined the dark-eyed settlers as being uncouth, unclean people, but this baby's skin was so soft and so fragrant and so sweet.

Dolores hummed a little tune and the baby's eyelids drooped in drowsy contentment. She sat quietly while Paul fixed the little girl a glass of orange juice and saw to her comfort. He took the rest of the oranges out to the other room and left instructions with the mother.

"Come on, Dolores, time to go." He looked in where she sat with the baby. "We'll still be in time for the dance."

"Dance?" She looked up, dazed. "Oh, yes, the dance." She reluctantly laid the sleeping infant in its crib and turned to get her wrap. They went to the door, followed by the grateful, voluble thanks of the mother and the staring, mute admiration of the group of children.

They drove down the road in silence. Suddenly Dolores turned to him.

"They're all sweet, especially the baby," she said dreamily. "I'm glad I went along. I can see now why you want to stay here. I do too—now."

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Rev. Leon A. McNeill, M.A.

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Wichita, Kansas*

IN this new day of Catholic Action, when the Chief Shepherd of Christendom repeatedly urges the laity to participate in the apostolate of the Hierarchy, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine opens up a vast field in which lay apostles can exercise "one of the noblest and most efficacious works of Catholic Action," namely, the teaching of religion.

Canon 711:2 of the Code of Canon Law ordains that the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine be established in every parish, and provides further that the parish unit, when legally erected by the bishop, becomes 'ipso facto' affiliated with the Archconfraternity of Christian Doctrine in Rome, and its members share in the spiritual privileges which have been granted to the Archconfraternity.

The general purpose of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is **religious education**, and its members are especially zealous to provide effective means of teaching religion to those who are underprivileged, such as children in attendance at public schools. The Confraternity enrolls both active and associate members. Active members pledge themselves to devote at least one hour of service each week to the Confraternity program. Associate members make an annual contribution for the support of the work.

Active members are enrolled in one or more of the following divisions: Teachers, who assist with catechetical instruction; Fishers, who visit homes in the interest of the Confraternity; Helpers, who perform miscellaneous services, such as providing transportation for teachers and pupils; Discussion-Club Leaders and Members, who promote and participate in cooperate study of religion according

to the Confraternity method of informal discussion; and Parent-Educators, who foster the teaching of religion by parents in the home.

The parish unit functions under the direction of the pastor or his delegate. The Director in turn appoints or arranges for the election of the following officers: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and a chairman for each of the five divisions of active membership. The Director, four officers, and five chairmen constitute the Executive Board of the Confraternity and hold monthly meetings to discharge the business of the parish unit.

The Confraternity has a special solicitude for Catholic children in attendance at public schools. For the elementary-school group, it provides vacation schools, instruction classes, and correspondence courses. For youth of high-school age, it employs discussion clubs and other successful methods of religious education. For adults, including those who attend secular colleges, discussion clubs are organized; for non-Catholics, inquiry classes are conducted. Major emphasis is also given to the problem of parent education, the most significant single factor in which is making parents conscious of their primary right and grave duty to teach religion to their children. Members of the parish unit join in the annual celebration of Catechetical Day, according to instructions contained in the Decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Council "On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education" (January 12, 1935). If not cared for by other agencies, the Confraternity may undertake such additional projects as retreats for children; the religious in-

struction of Catholics in secular, charitable, and penal institutions; and the maintenance of a pamphlet rack.

The parish unit operates most successfully when it is under the supervision of a Diocesan Director appointed by the Ordinary. The diocesan office sets forth the plan of organization, develops the program to be put into effect, and makes available the information, materials, and personal service which are needed by the local units.

NATIONALLY the Confraternity movement is guided by the Episcopal Committee on the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, members of which are Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, D. D., Most Rev. John G. Murray, D. D., and Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, D. D., chairman. The committee maintains a National Center at N. C. W. C. headquarters in Washington, D. C., to which are attached a Director, until recently Very Rev. F. A. Walsh, O. S. B., and a Secretary, Miss Miriam Marks. Standing committees with active chairmen function in regard to religious discussion clubs, catechetics in the seminary, religious instruction manuals, the parent-educator, and the preparation of teachers of religion. Outstanding and truly monumental works being carried forward under the auspices of the Confraternity at present are the revision of the Baltimore Catechism, and the preparation of a revised Douai-Rheims Version New Testament. The Catholic Biblical Association has been organized as a section within the Confraternity.

In the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine as flourishing in the United States at the present time, the Church has an agency, enjoined by Canon Law and richly indulgenced, with a plan of organization and a program of action, through which she can enlist numerous and devoted lay apostles, eager to do their part in dispelling the greatest enemy of religion, ignorance of Christ and His teaching.

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BISHOP-ELECT THILL

TO the Most Rev. Frank A. Thill, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, who has just been named Bishop of Concordia, we offer our heartfelt congratulations. Bishop-elect Thill is widely known for his association with the Catholic Students Mission Crusade. Although only a seminarian when the Crusade movement was organized, he was chosen secretary of the executive board and retained the office until 1935 when he was appointed Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The new Bishop-elect visited our Motherhouse shortly after its completion, and has always shown a personal interest in the work of our Society. Besides extending to him our congratulations, we offer him our prayers and ask God's blessing on his new duties.

FATHER FRANCIS A. WALSH, O.S.B.

THOSE who attend the Fourth National Catechetical Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in Hartford, Connecticut, this month will miss a familiar figure—the Very Rev. Francis Augustine Walsh, O. S. B. Father Walsh was director of the national center of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine from 1933 until his sudden death on August 12, 1938. His indefatigable and whole-hearted interest in the Confraternity did much to spread the movement in this country. Our Society is personally indebted to him for many favors.

Father Walsh's loss as teacher, writer, editor, speaker, and administrator will be widely felt through the Church. May his soul rest in peace.

By fulfilling our obligation to the missions we are preparing the way for Christ as John the Baptist did in the desert. We give testimony to Him like the Apostles, we propagate the Faith as St. Paul did, we are reclaiming the world for the Church under the standard of Christ the King. Our mission service is our military service to advance the rights and claims of Christ the King; our participation in the consecration of all nations to Christ.—The Los Angeles Tidings.

OUR READERS SAY

The Society of Missionary Catechists grows greater in my estimation and affections every day. I think the work you are doing is so noble and you are doing it so well—so intelligently weaving modern knowledge and methods and the spirit of Christ together so skillfully that the whole is a thing of great beauty and inspiration. No one could ever question your spirituality and at the same time you realize man's need for the material and social. I always like to read of your health clinics and dispensaries, your recreational programs and of Boy and Girl Scout activities. My father is president of the Boy Scouts in this area, so of course we are very much interested in their work. Young people do need wholesome recreation.

—An A. C. M. Promoter.

St. Stanislaus Seminary
Florissant, Mo.

Dear Missionary Catechists:

Your kind and prompt response received. Many thanks for the certificate to "Queen of Our Hearts."

I wonder are Bl. Montfort's predictions being fulfilled in our days. Look at the Legion of Mary and your own new-born Association of Catechists! Perhaps Frank Duff got his inspiration from "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin." Fr. J. P. O'Donovan claims that the Legion is going to convert the world in 25 years.

—M. J. Hoferer, S. J.

The Missionary Catechists are supported largely by voluntary donations from charitable persons. All contributors are benefactors of the Society and are privileged to share in the Masses, Holy Communion, prayers, and good works of the Catechists.

To all non-subscribers who contribute a dollar or more, we will send THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST for one year. Please specify if you wish to receive the magazine.

San Pedro, Calif.

Dear Catechists,

The work that the Catechists are doing in San Pedro is remarkable. We have noticed such a change in the public school children since the Catechists have come. They deserve the highest praise!

Sister M. R.

Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Catechists:

Your wonderful little Magazine is so interesting that I cannot lay it aside until I have read every word it contains. I am sending two dollars for Our Lady of Victory Burse. May God grant you success in your wonderful work.

F. S.

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For Your Bookshelf

GOD AND CREATION by Thomas B. Chetwood, S. J.; Benziger; \$3

This is not a new book. It was first published ten years ago, but it has proved its worth as a textbook for colleges and universities. It is the second of the "Truth of Christianity Series" and contains an explanation of the "fundamental truths of religion as found in the scriptures and in the tradition of the Church, together with the arguments from human reason."

JESUS AND HIS MOTHER by Rev. Winfrid Herbst, S. D. S.; Frederick Pustet Co.; \$2

This is a series of sketches divided into three parts: the first devoted to Jesus, the second to Mary, and the third to Joseph. It might be used profitably either for spiritual reading or for meditation.

FAITH AND YOUTH by Burton Confrey, Ph. D.; Benziger.

Dr. Confrey has given us a particular system of religious training—a practical system. Each chapter is enlivened by stories from Notre Dame's well known "Religious Bulletin." It is unfortunate that so much small type is used throughout the book.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE compiled from the Works of St. Augustine by the Rev. Anthony Tonna-Barthet, O. S. A.; Frederick Pustet Co.; \$2

These thoughts taken from the writings and sermons of St. Augustine are arranged in seven parts under the headings: fear, piety, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, purification of the heart, and wisdom. Each is again subdivided into chapters.

WHY WE HONOR ST. JOSEPH by Albert Power, S. J.; Frederick Pustet Co.; \$1.25

The list of titles in the Litany of St. Joseph tell us why we honor him, and it is this order that the author follows in this admirable little book. The first eight titles call attention to St. Joseph's dignity and spiritual greatness, the next nine to his virtues, and the last eight to his apostolic work.

Pamphlets

The Mass and the Liturgical Year by Rudolph G. Bandas, S.T.D.; Catechetical Guild, St. Paul, Minn.; 25c each; published for use of study clubs.

The Parent-Educator, New Series, Volume I, Parental Responsibility, a Religious Discussion Club Text with Outlines; N. C. W. C., 1312 Massachusetts Av., Washington, D. C.; 20c

The Way of the Cross; a new text compiled from liturgical and scriptural sources. **Mass of the Angels**, taken from the Kyriale. The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minn.; 5c each, discount in lots.

A Way of the Cross for Sisters by Rev. Eugene J. Crawford, M. A.; Benziger; 25c

Miraculous Medal Prayer Manual with Novena Devotions edited by the Daughters of Charity; Benziger; 20c

More Colored Nuns! by Rev. John T. Gillard, S.S.J.; The Josephite Press, Baltimore; 5c

The Invincible Standard by Daniel A. Lord, S. J.; a consideration on the Cross and its place in our lives. **The Pope in the World Today** by Daniel A. Lord, S.J.; a brief life of Pope Pius XI. **Why Are Jews Persecuted?** by Joseph N. Moody, Ph.D.; The Queen's Work; 10c each.

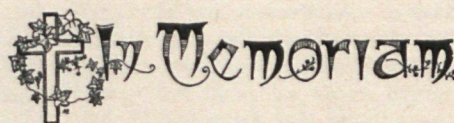
INTRODUCING TO YOU

Bishop Lucey really needs no introduction, for this is not the first time he has written for **THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST**. His efforts on behalf of a better social order are not confined to his own diocese, but have made him well known throughout the whole United States. During the past summer he was a member of the School of Social Action for Priests at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein.

Teresa Vondenberg is a pen name for a promising short story writer.

This month the Catechetical Congress will take place at Hartford, Connecticut, and so the Rev. Leon A. McNeill, M. A., Superintendent of Education and Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of the Diocese of Wichita, has covered in a brief article the work of the Confraternity. Father McNeill, with Madeleine Aaron, is co-author of *The Mystical Body of Christ Series of Religion Textbooks*.

When we asked the Abbe Neubert, superior of the Marist Seminary at Fribourg, for an article, he graciously replied: "I am very busy just now, but as there is a question of Our Lady and of her Catechists, I shall send you an article in a month or so." And he did!



Rev. J. A. Golden, Ludington, Mich.
Rev. Basil Henze, O. F. M., St. Bernard, Ohio
Rev. Joseph E. Murphy, C.S.S. R., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Very Rev. Francis A. Walsh, O. S. B., Washington, D. C.

Brother Edmund Gossling, O. C. S. O., Trapist, Ky.

Sister Mary, S. C., Pueblo, Colo.
Mary Johanna Breen, Dubuque, Iowa
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Mary E. Fixares, New York
Nora Hennigan, A. C. M., Chicago.

Have pity on me, have pity on me, at least you my friends, because the hand of the Lord hath touched me.—Job. 19, 21.

Dear Friends

I know you missed me the last two months, but the xxxxxx wouldn't give me any space. It's better for me not to mention any names, but I guess you know whom I mean when I say the xxxxxx.

For the benefit of those who don't know me, I better tell you who I am. I am Little Dimer who collects dimes for the ST. JOSEPH POOR FUND. Now you're wondering what that is. Well, it's a fund which enables the Catechists in the missions to give food, clothing, and medical care to the poor. St. Joseph is the patron, because he looked after the Holy Family. But to explain better and to show you how important I am, I'm going to tell you a story in which the Poor Fund is the hero. I guess you could say I am the hero because if it weren't for me there wouldn't be a Poor Fund, but I am too modest to put it that way. Catechist Helen Srill told me this story. It happened when she was in Lubbock, Texas.

One morning real early a Mexican came to the Catechists' house and asked them if they would please visit his sister who was very sick. He said that the whole family had come up from San Antonio a few days ago to pick cotton on a ranch about 30 miles from Lubbock. On the way up his sister had taken sick. Her condition became worse and so the ranch owner called the doctor. He said that the girl had acute appendicitis. Well, the ranch owner, not wanting the girl to die on his hands, had her taken to Lubbock where the nearest hospital was. By the time they got to the hospital her appendix had ruptured, but the hospital wouldn't take her in because she didn't have any money. Since she was not a resident of the county, they said they couldn't accept her as a charity case!

The poor family didn't know what to do. They didn't know anybody in Lubbock, but they found the Mexican district and managed to find a room for the poor girl. It was there they heard about the Catechists. Well, the Catechists went to see her and found her lying on a cot with no mattress under her and only an old cloak to cover her. She was suffering intensely. They arranged to have Father come with the Last Sacraments and then they called the county doctor. He diagnosed her condition as a ruptured appendix. He would gladly operate gratis, but where? The Catechists got in touch with the hospital authorities who agreed to accept the girl on a "charity rate" of \$4 a day with \$10 for operating room fee, etc. The good doctors operated at once, and serious though it was, the operation was a success.

Now where did the Catechists get the money for that emergency case? That is where I came in. But I have too much copy already and can't write any more or the xxxxxx will be sore.

Faithfully yours

Little Dimer

DISTRACTIONS

On the eastern slope of the beautiful Sandia Mountain lies La Madera, the least of our out-missions from Cerrillos.

La Madera was not a mean little village seventy-five years ago, but "the old people are dying off, and the young people don't relish the isolation," one woman told us. "The city has too many attractions for them."

The little mission church testifies to the antiquity of the village. Its exterior is in a sad state of dilapidation, but what a surprise greets the eye as one passes over the worn threshold! The interior is devotional, clean, and in good condition. It puts one in mind of an Indian chapel such as one sees at Santo Domingo or Taos: the absence of pews, the hard ground floor, the balcony—which is just that and nothing more; one cannot call it a choir loft, for it does not boast of an organ, and the only means of ascent is a ladder which goes straight up like a ladder reaching to a hay loft.

Above the well built altar is a lifesize, hand carved, wooden statue of a woman clothed in a beautiful pink silk robe, and crowned with a gorgeous bridal wreath and veil.

"Who is the saint above the altar?" I inquired of the "mayordoma."

"Oh, that is Our Mother of Sorrows, the patron saint of the church," she informed me, rather surprised at my ignorance.

"Our Mother of Sorrows?" I queried. "But why so gay? She looks more like a bride than a widow who has lost her only Son."

"You see, we dress her according to the season of the Church year," she patiently explained. "During Holy Week only does she wear a black veil and a purple robe. After Easter we dress her like this, for she is rejoicing over the Resurrection of her Son."

"How beautiful these simple people enter into the spirit of the Church," I remarked to my Sister Catechist.

This little mission chapel has something else not found in every chapel, and that is a handwoven rug about eight feet by ten on which the mayordoma kneels during Mass. It was this same rug that served as an additional bed cover for us the summer that Catechist Michels and I camped in the sacristy of the church there. Unaccustomed to the chilly nights in the Sandia Mountains, we were not provided with sufficient covers. Needless to say, the sight of that rug on the church floor always made us smile.

The rug is not the only distraction when we go to La Madera on the rare occasions Mass is celebrated there. The collection basket is a distraction all its own. At the Offertory the "patriarch" of the village proceeds to the altar and bor-

rows the finger bowl. At first I had my doubts as to the propriety of it when I saw the coins dropped into the ablution water. Then I considered that as the offering was made to God, perhaps the coins also were sacred.

But now it was November, and the faithful had their Poor Souls envelopes to drop into the plate. In the absence of the village patriarch, Johnny, the young Assyrian school teacher, had been delegated to take up the collection. At the Offertory Johnny came and whispered in my ear, "What shall I use to take up the collection?"

Envelopes in the ablution water. No, it could not be.

"Go to the sacristy and see what you can find," I told him.

There followed a lengthy delay. Apparently the search was futile.

"Ah, at last," Johnny sighed as his eyes rested on a large blue wash basin. With religious gravity he was about to issue forth from the sacristy with the wash basin when the priest at the altar turned his head. Vigorously he shook it in disapproval—and well he did! I fear it would have been too much for me if Johnny had taken up the collection from a mere handful of people with that mammoth blue wash basin. The finger bowl again served duty as a plate, but only after the ablution water had been disposed of.

"A collection basket for Madera; put that down in your notebook," Catechist Weber said. "A plate, a basket, or anything, only not a wash basin."

Catechist Cordelia Bahl

IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTIES

The zeal and faithfulness of the children in practicing our holy religion is most consoling to the heart of a missionary. Many of them meet with much opposition, either from parental disapproval, or adverse circumstances, and their efforts in spite of such handicaps are truly edifying.

Just recently a young lad fourteen years of age was baptized at San Bernardino. He came to our classes despite threats of his parents, attended Mass regularly every Sunday, and has succeeded in breaking down the bigotry in his home. He is now a real missionary and we believe that his exemplary life will bring the other members of the family into the "True Fold."

Another boy experienced great difficulty in receiving Holy Communion. He looked so downcast one morning that we asked him what might be the trouble. "I ate my breakfast," he said, "but my sister made me eat it. My mother is not at

Our Catechists at Work

home, and Mary said: 'You eat your breakfast now or you won't get any.' So I had to eat." This happened several mornings in succession, but Friday morning when we went to Mass, Luis came in all smiles. "I didn't eat my breakfast this morning," he said. "Mary didn't have to go to work today and she was still in bed. So I got up real quietly and came to church. And, Catechist, I can receive Holy Communion this morning!"

Many of our children at El Paso, Texas, have neither shoes nor stockings. When Catechist Oehler wanted two of her altar boys from one family to serve the same Mass, they told her they could not be in the Sanctuary at the same time because they have only one pair of shoes between them.

CLINIC

The county school nurse in one of our New Mexico missions asked the cooperation of the Catechists in conducting a pre-natal and pre-school child clinic. We were delighted to help because the high rate of infant mortality and the prevalence of disease among the children causes us much concern.

The services of an excellent child specialist from Santa Fe had been procured. The nurse was anxious to have all expectant mothers and small children visit the clinic. We cannot reach our scattered people except by a personal call, so we "canvassed" the town and surrounding ranches in the Ford and on foot when the Ford wasn't available, and tried to "sell" our health project.

We were successful salesmen. The doctor, who had come for only a day, had more patients than she could attend to in so short a time. All those who were fortunate enough to see her received a thorough examination and much helpful advice. The clinic was held in a vacant house, which the generous owner permitted us to use. The people brought tables and benches. Chairs are a luxury. The nurse and the Catechists provided clinic equipment as well as posters and charts to give the place a real clinic atmosphere. There were toys, too, all we could carry from our home, to keep the children oc-



Better health means greater happiness! Some of the mothers and children who benefitted by the visit of a child specialist to one of our New Mexico Missions.



Father Grunenberg, the zealous pastor of St. John Bosco's Church, East Hammond, with Catechist Eleanor Gerhart, Catechist Brohman, and the First Communicants. Twice a week two of the Indiana Harbor Catechists have class at St. John Bosco's.

cupied and quiet during the hours of waiting.

Neither doctor nor nurse understood Spanish, so the Catechists acted as interpreters and recorders. At intervals the nurse gave short talks on health matters to the waiting mothers. Our Spanish Catechist translated her instructions so that all might understand.

Little by little our people are beginning to realize that doctors and nurses have their best interests at heart, and that better health means greater happiness.

Catechist Mary Eva Geiskopf

THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION COOPERATES

St. John Bosco's parish at East Hammond is progressing rapidly. Now that we have a church, the number assisting at Sunday Mass has increased to the capacity of the building. The men of the parish have made the benches themselves, and they are benches that any church would be proud of.

Our St. John Bosco's Boys' Club sponsored a successful bunco party and as a result they were able to donate the two side altars, new Mass cards, a set of cruets, and several other articles that are necessary for the Holy Sacrifice. The members of the Young Ladies' Sodality made the Stations of the Cross by mounting the pictures on three-ply board, stippling them with clay, and then shellacking them. All those attending catechism classes helped pay for the materials used in making the Stations by selling chances on a box of handkerchiefs.

On the second Sunday of May twenty young women were received into the Sodality which is now affiliated with Rome, and twenty-three smaller girls were admitted into the Junior Sodality. May Our Blessed Mother keep them ever faithful to the promises they made as Sodalists.

Catechist Catherine Brohman

"ALL YOU DO IS TEACH CATECHISM"

One day a child remarked to one of the Catechists, "All you ever do is teach catechism."

I recalled this remark during our summer school and thought it quite appropriate, for we were obliged to teach both morning and afternoon, because of the large number of children, and there were private instructions at times in the evening.

But a very important part of our teaching was done walking home from Mass or going to the hall for classes. If you had stopped to listen to us you would have heard something like this: "O my God I am heartily sorry, etc.," or "Who comes to us in Holy Communion? What does Jesus do for us in Confession?" Often a great deal can be accomplished in these precious moments, for the children become more confidential and ask things they might not in class.

The earnestness with which these little ones prepare to receive Our Dear Lord for the first time would put many an older person to shame. One of them said shyly to me after class, "Catechist, after confession Saturday I'm going to my grandmother's house, because there are no boys and girls there and I can be real good all afternoon. Then I'll be ready to receive Jesus Sunday."

They appreciate our efforts to help them. I was much amused at one little girl who remarked sympathetically, "Catechist, I told my grandmother how you worked so hard. You taught all morning and afternoon and hardly had time to eat. She said it was a shame."

As classes drew to a close they became much concerned at our leaving them. "Catechist, you're coming back in September, aren't you? We want all the Catechists that are here to come back."

Poor little ones! Who could help loving them, and surely these little talks help to lead them nearer to Our Dear Lord!

Catechist Susanna Michels



In last month's magazine Catechist Foppe told us the story of little "Dovie" Hinton who made her First Holy Communion while she was a patient in the tuberculosis sanatorium. And now we have a picture of Catechist with Dovie.

A PRIVILEGE WE ALL HOPE FOR

Coachella, I had heard, is the place where one has a good chance to baptize babies, but I little expected that privilege so soon after my arrival there. It was during the week of the priests' retreat that Mr. Roacha of Thermal came to inquire whether Father could baptize a baby the next day. I explained that Father was away on retreat, but that if the baby were dangerously sick he himself should baptize it or bring it to us to baptize. Several days passed and we were beginning to think that the baby was well. Then on Friday evening they brought it in. Though we had said that in such a case padrinos were not necessary, they were present also. So the madrina held the four-months-old baby whose little face was ashy blue, the padrino held the bowl to catch the water, and I poured the water and said the powerful words that change so completely the destiny of man.

After the ceremony I explained the necessity for early baptism and told the parents that the other ceremonies would need to be supplied if the baby got better, and that in case it died, it should be buried from the Church.

Saturday Father was home again. "Sure you don't need a priest in this parish," was his comment. The baby was brought in Sunday for the ceremonies and Father gave us the certificate to take to the family. "I put my name in," he said. "I didn't think that 'Rev. Catechist Lenges' would look quite right."

Catechist Magdalene Lenges

Associate Catechists of Mary

October Hymn

AH! Dearest Mother Mary, is it indeed five months since we plucked fragrant, delicate blooms for thy May altar? Our hearts re-echoed "O Queen of lovely, blooming May" while one of thy privileged angelic little ones climaxed the entrancing ceremony with thy crowning.

We used God's beautiful gifts—flowers, candles, and ornaments—to express our love of thee, His sweet and tender Mother.

But not only our Queen of May art thou. In this lovely, serene month of October you once more gently command our regard, our homage to thee, our Queen of the Holy Rosary. What though flowers be scant? Our love for thee can never ebb. Accept it, then, in bright autumn leaves, crimson and yellow stained; in the endless chain of softly breathed Aves; and in our solicitude for thy forsaken, beloved poor.

During your autumn-glowing month and the wintry days so soon to come, we shall use God's beautiful gifts of the heart—charity, generosity, compassion for the poor—to express our love of thee, His sweet and tender Mother.



Burse of the Month

St. Patrick's Burse is booming, and St. Anne's not far behind;
St. Francis almost heads the list, St. Margaret's next, you'll find.
But we're telling you we're saddened by a strange and painful sight,
There's not a Guardian Angel there in all his robes of light!
Yet your Angel's ever with you, tireless, loving, though unseen,
And this is fair October, Month of Angels and their Queen.
So won't you PLEASE DO SOMETHING, you who read this page and verse?
In honor of YOUR Guardian, help

The Guardian Angel's Burse!

Any offering made is greatly appreciated.



Empty Pleasures or Heavenly Treasures?

Make your recreations something that will bring joy to others as well as to yourselves. Adopt a Catechist. Support her Burse; no offering is too small. Give a party for the benefit of her Burse. Interest yourself in her mission; a nice box of articles for her work will bring her delight and encouragement. Write her that you and your club are praying for her success in the difficult work of saving souls. You won't be there to see it, but the smile on her face will reflect the happiness you have brought to her heart.

Send a postcard to Catechist Supervisor today with the good news that you want to adopt a Catechist as your spiritual sister.

In Honor of Jesus and Mary

Recently we heard from one of our Catechists of a special need in her mission. She would like to have a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and one of Our Blessed Lady of Victory (if possible, three-foot statues) for the Catechists' little mission chapel, which is old and poorly furnished. If any of our good friends would like to spread and propagate devotion to the Sacred Heart and Our Blessed Mother, in thanksgiving for Their favors, here is your opportunity.

Catechist wrote: "We decided a long time ago that the work here is the work of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and They are the only ones who can accomplish anything. For the past two years we have been spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart, and we have seen some wonderful results. Devotional statues will help us to accomplish more, I am sure."

Please write Catechist Supervisor, Victory-Noll, if you can donate a statue or help toward one. Needless to say, you will be gratefully remembered in prayer and your intentions fervently recommended to Jesus and Mary in the little chapel you have helped to make more worthy of Them.

Los Angeles Invites You

We are happy to extend a cordial invitation to our friends in Los Angeles and vicinity to attend a party for the benefit of the Missionary Catechists, on Thursday evening, October 27. Through the kindness of Father William, the party will be held in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 1224 South Los Angeles Street. Cards and bunco will be played, and refreshments served. There will be a prize for every table, as well as a door prize, and the drawing of the lucky number on a beautiful hand-crocheted table cloth now being raffled.

We hope that a large number of our Los Angeles friends and readers of THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST will attend the party. Come yourself, and bring a friend who does not know about our work. Some interesting talks will be given during the evening. This is the first time such an affair has been held in Los Angeles, or in all California; so we are doubly anxious that this "A. C. M. debut" may be a success, and will be most grateful to all who have any part in making it so.

The party is being given under the auspices of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Meng, our good workers in Los Angeles, and of our Bands there, Our Lady, Queen of Angels, Mrs. C. J. Sauthier, Promoter; and Our Lady, Queen of the Poor Souls, Mrs. Anna Meng, Promoter. May Our Lady, Queen of the Missions, bless their every effort!

St. Anne's at St. Joseph

Again we are glad to welcome a new Band. Mrs. M. M. Wright has organized St. Anne's Band at St. Joseph, Michigan, with a membership of eleven. Their definite plans so far include the support of a Catechist for at least one day a month, and a project of some kind to be held at their monthly meetings.

After the second meeting we were delighted to hear in regard to their progress: "It is a bit early to know just how interesting the members found the magazine copies which we distributed, but I do feel a bit proud of several members for their eagerness and willingness to help every bit of the way so far. At our August meeting we had a school supply shower, which had a splendid response. The hostess for the September meeting is planning a sewing meeting next."

The Band has adopted Catechist Mary Josephine Miller of Detroit, and were quite thrilled to learn that their Catechist is now "in the home field." Catechist Miller left Victory-Noll this fall for Azusa, California, where she will labor during the coming year.

Onward with Omaha

"Cooperation" is one of the favorite words of Catechist Clara Leutenegger, from Omaha, Nebraska. Now we are wondering if cooperation is characteristic of Omaha, for our Associate Catechists there seem to be acting on that principle also.

When our first A. C. M. Band there was organized in May, Catechist Margaret Mary Shields, who is likewise from Omaha, received the following letter: "Well, we had another meeting. We have named the Band "St. Margaret Mary," as that is your name and the name of your Burse. We are sending you \$5 for it—that's pretty good for a start, isn't it? We are going to try to send that much every month. We are also planning to send some mission boxes to Las Vegas. We are getting dimes from people who don't belong, and that money we will use for postage on our packages. We have sixteen members, and we are going to try to get twenty, so we can send that \$5 every month."

No later than the next month we received word that St. Margaret Mary Band would also like to adopt Catechist Leutenegger. Thus they will help to support both our Omaha Catechists by means of their monthly offerings.

Officers in the new Band are Mrs. Katherine Shields, Promoter; Miss Dorothy Shields, Secretary; and Miss Helen McAuliffe, Treasurer.

Doings in Decatur

This note is from Miss Veronica Heynen, Decatur, Illinois, who would like to hear from others who might be interested in the "Mission Corresponding Club." We think it a good sample of "where there's a will there's a way!"

"Some time ago you wrote and asked if I wouldn't be interested in forming a mission club. At first I thought it useless, but later on I had another idea. A group of girls to which I belong write to each other, so to make a long story short, we have formed a "Mission Corresponding Club." We have ten members at present from all over the United States. Every two weeks each member sends five cents and an article for the mission to the head officer. The officer in turn sends out the box, and she also sends a leaflet about the missions to each members and tells how the money has been spent. The officer holds her post for three months, thus giving each member more of an interest in the club, also the missions. We sent our third box off the other day. We received a very nice letter from Catechist Rose Kaiser, and we are printing it in our club paper. Just think, our club is three months old in July, and I shall soon be turning over my office to our first member, Miss Edna Schuster."



OUR IDEAL

Never to grow weary, never to grow cold; to be ever patient, sympathetic and cheerful; to hope always and love forevermore, faithfully holding to our purpose of a life of service in behalf of our fellow creatures; and ALL—for the Love of Jesus and Mary.

Help a Missionary Catechist in her loyal efforts to live up to this sublime ideal during her busy mission days. Blend your love and sacrifice for the poor with hers. Support her in her work for

One Month	\$25.00
One Week	6.00
One Day	1.00

Yards and Yards of Yarn

That's what Catechist Wopperer would like as she begins mission work at Monterey this year. And knitting needles.

We hope Catechist will get a good response to her appeal. The yarn projects of weaving and knitting are popular among the children in classes at Monterey, and all class projects work together to that final end and aim—better religious knowledge, more love for Jesus and Mary. Whether you send a lot of skeins, a dozen, or two or three—according to your ability—all will be most welcome. Address the package to Catechist Wopperer, 598 Laine St., Monterey, California. And from the same address there will return to you a spiritual gift of grateful prayers!

A Note from Gary

So many times in our visits we find families with one, two, or three children they have taken in. Their homes may be poor but they seem to have a sense of charity that goes out to the orphan or abandoned child, that so many richer people have not. One woman told us: "Their mother is dead, and the father was trying to take care of that baby, so I helped him out and took the children."

If you cannot form an A. C. M. Band, why not give a house party "on your own" for the benefit of the missions? This has been done more than once, with great success. Try it, and let us add your name to the list of our good benefactors.

Victory on the Diamond

That's what it proved to be when our Chicago Associates raffled a beautiful diamond ring in preparation for the Morrison Hotel Party. Receipts exceeded four hundred dollars, and we are very grateful to all who contributed toward realizing such a splendid sum. Rev. D. D. Miller of Los Angeles was the lucky winner of the ring. Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Catherine R. Service, in charge of the raffle; Mrs. Alice Cleary, who "carried on" in the work in spite of a serious illness; Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Garrity, Miss Marie Dwyer, Miss Elizabeth Martin, Miss Florence Dietz, Miss Mary Perkins, Miss Elizabeth Ackerman and Miss Mary O'Donnell, who acted as chairmen of the raffle in their respective districts. A special vote of thanks also to the members of our Bands who were so industrious in selling chances.

The ring was raffled at a party sponsored by the Social Committee of our Chicago Bands. This was held on Sunday afternoon, August 7, and really deserves a column by itself. Nearly two hundred of our friends from Chicago and vicinity disregarded the intense heat and joined in a pleasant social afternoon at the Morrison. Two Missionary Catechists were present to meet the guests. We were pleasantly surprised and very much delighted to see such a splendid crowd at the party; and we left with feelings of heartfelt gratitude for the kindness and generosity displayed toward us and our work among God's poor.

During the afternoon movies were shown which had been taken at Victory-Noll by Mrs. Ida Martin, on the occasion of a visit from our Chicago Associates. They were greatly enjoyed by the assembled guests. Musical entertainment was furnished by Miss Josephine Maisel and Miss Catherine McBride. We are very grateful to our Promoters and Associates who as chairmen of the various committees helped to make this party such a success: Mrs. Rose Munse, Mrs. Thos. Garrity, Miss Mary O'Donnell, Miss Susan Johnson, Miss Elsie Jachman, Miss Marie Dwyer, Mrs. M. B. McDonald, Miss Mary Perkins, Mrs. John F. Gleason and Miss Ann Accomando.

Needless to say, our grateful prayers will continue with these good friends and all who by similar efforts are enabling us to care for God's poor and needy ones.

**Band Contributions
August, 1938**

St. Mary's Band, Chicago, Mrs. Annie Hansen	\$35.00
St. Joseph's Band, Chicago, Mrs. M. McNamara	25.00
St. Sabina Band, Chicago, Miss Marie Dwyer	25.00
Little Flower Band No. 2, Chicago, Mrs. Thos. Garrity	17.35
Immaculate Conception Band, Chicago, Mary Perkins	15.00
Our Lady of Mercy Band, Chicago	10.00
Sacred Heart Band, Newark, N. Y., Mrs. Amelia Nicolletta	10.00
St. Margaret Mary Band, Omaha, Nebraska, Mrs. Katherine Shields	10.00
St. Patrick's Band, St. Louis, Evelyn Walker	6.00
St. Helen's Band, Dayton, Ohio, Margaret Karas	5.75
Charitina Club, Chicago, Katherine Hennigan	5.50
Our Lady of Guadalupe Club, Dayton, Ohio, Mary E. Weaver	5.00
Our Blessed Lady of Victory Band, Chillicothe, Ohio, Mrs. N. M. Clifford	3.00
Our Lady Queen of Angels Band, Los Angeles, Mrs. C. J. Sauthier	3.00
St. Conrad Mission Band, Cincinnati, Amy Tieman	2.00
St. Anne's Band, St. Joseph, Michigan, Mrs. M. M. Wright	1.10
Y. L. S. of St. Boniface, Milwaukee, Eleanora Fischer	1.00

Victories of Our Lady

Emil Neubert, S.M., S.T.D.

THE victories of Our Lady—Doubtless, she must win victories, since there is in Paris that famous church of **Our Lady of Victories**, the center of an archconfraternity spread over the whole world, and there are in America "Missionary Catechists of **Our Lady of Victory**."

And yet, does not that word sound a little strange perhaps to the ears of some readers? Victories suppose battles, and is not the thought of battles altogether foreign to the thought of Mary? That gentle Maid, that sweet Mother, that loving Queen of Peace, the Mystical Rose, the Tower of Ivory, the Singular Vessel of Devotion, what has she to do with strife and war?

Very much. The first time God spoke of her, at the very beginning of human history, He showed her to us in the act of fighting and of winning a great victory—the greatest that will ever be won. God said to the serpent: "I shall put enmities between thee and the woman, between thy seed and her seed. She shall crush thy head." (Genesis III, 14-15.)

Since that time she has not ceased battling and winning victories.

She has won victories over heretics. "Rejoice, O Virgin Mary," we sing in the Office, "for thou alone hast destroyed all heresies in the whole world." She has won victories over the political powers that wanted to destroy the Church of Christ. When the Turks were on the point of subduing to the crescent the whole of Christian Europe, it was upon invocation of the Virgin Mary that the Christian forces defeated them at Lepanto, at Peterwardein, and finally at Vienna. It was to Mary that Pope Leo XIII confided the solution of that apparently insoluble Roman Question by ordering three Hail Mary's and several other prayers added to the low Masses. And behold, on the very feast of the Immaculate Virgin, Our Lady of Lourdes, the Lateran Treaty was signed, and the Church was given back its full liberty and independence. It is also to Mary that Pope Pius XI has confided the solution of the Russian problem, and for this intention he has ordered those prayers after Mass to be continued till the unconquerable Virgin shall have conquered these new enemies of her divine Son.

But by far more numerous if less manifest are the victories Mary wins in the private battles that are being fought between souls and Satan. Being but poor, feeble human creatures, how



could we resist the might of that great fallen angel? But, should he come to assail us with all the legions of hell and all his helpers of the earth, what have we to fear if Mary is with us? The Children of Mary know it, and therefore in all their temptations they call upon her; and however violent and dreadful the temptations may be, they are always victorious. Mary is always victorious in them.

The victory seems yet more difficult when there is question of snatching from Satan souls that have voluntarily accepted his sway by giving themselves up to a life of sin. Exhortations, reproaches, prayers, entreaties, tears remain powerless against their obstinacy. Who can change their free will? Their case is despaired of by everyone. By everyone except Mary. Her devout servants know it well. When the famous popular preacher, Saint Leonard of Port Maurice met with obstinate sinners whom the most terrifying sermons on judgment and hell could not move, he was sure to bring them to the tribunal of penance if he preached about the Blessed Virgin. St. Alphonse of Liguori, speaking in his Glories of Mary of the wonderful power of the Virgin in bringing souls back to God, declares likewise: "This prodigy is renewed not rarely, but every day. I could personally mention a great number of cases which took place in our own missions. Frequently sinners that remain more hardened than steel at all the other sermons, are moved to repentance and come back to God as soon as they hear the preacher speak to them of the mercy of Mary."

Although from the first page of human history Mary appears to us as the Woman destined to crush the Serpent's head, yet she seems called to exercise this mission of hers especially in these latter times. A number of great servants of God and Mary have prophesied that in this new era of the Church the Immaculate Virgin has a great mission to fulfill and that it is manifestly through her that Satan's power is to be broken and souls led to Christ. The most

striking of these prophecies are those of Blessed Grignon de Montfort, known all over the world, and those of Father Chaminade, a great apostle of Mary too and the founder of two religious Societies destined to help Mary Immaculate in her warfare against the powers of Hell—the Daughters of Mary Immaculate and the Brothers of Mary or Marianists.

MAYBE you have been struggling, doubtless with much good will, but perhaps with little success, either in the personal warfare you have to carry on against sin and the devil for the conquest of holiness, or in the work of the salvation of souls. At times, perhaps, you have been tempted to lose courage. In any case, more than once results have not been in keeping with the labor and hardships you underwent. Why such little result?

In the second part of the 19th century, there was in Alsace, in the eastern part of France, a strange case of diabolical possession, that of "the two boys from Illfurth." Though the Church is slow in admitting such cases, yet after due investigation the Bishop of Strasbourg recognized that there was a genuine intervention of the evil spirits, and he ordered special prayers to be said in the whole diocese in order to assist the priests whom he commissioned to exorcise the possessed. After a few months, one of the two children was freed. But from the other, the devil refused to be dislodged. Exorcisms upon exorcisms were performed on the poor boy, but to no avail. One day, the exorcist was in a chapel with the possessed boy and a number of faithful. He recited many prayers, threatening the evil spirit and ordering him to leave the child. At each command the devil would sneer: "I won't go!" That lasted for two hours. The priest exhausted and all but discouraged, stopped, gasping for breath, when a good pious woman from the assistance, told him: "Father, if you ordered him to depart in the name of the Immaculate Virgin?"—The exorcist resumed courage. "In the name of Mary conceived without sin," he cried out, "I command thee, wicked spirit, to depart from this boy."—"Now I must go," the devil shrieked, and he left the child never to return.

Many a time, you have struggled hard and the devil but laughed at your endeavors. If you had worked in the name of Mary Immaculate. . . Without her, you cannot succeed. With her, you cannot fail.

MARY'S



HELPERS

WHO WANTS TO WIN A PRIZE?

JOIN the fun! Find as many words as you can in the title *Mary's Loyal Helpers*. Everybody has a chance to win. The one who finds the greatest number of words will receive a beautiful picture of Our Blessed Mother. The next five having the largest number of words will also be given a prize. Let's begin right away. You will enjoy it more and more as you see the words piling up.

Words having more than four letters will not be counted. All answers must be mailed not later than midnight, November 30, to Catechist Supervisor, Victory-Noll, Huntington, Indiana.

The names of the winners will be printed in an early issue of *The Missionary Catechist*.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Now we have come to the last word in our title, *Mary's Loyal Helpers*. What is a *Mary's Loyal Helper*? A boy or girl who is doing just what the name says,—*helping* Mary. And what are the Loyal Helpers helping her to do? They are helping her to *save* souls, by helping the Catechists. You must not forget, little friends, that the Catechists need many, many little missionaries to help them. You can help the Catechists by prayer and good works. Let's have Bobby tell us how he does it; he is one of *Mary's Loyal Helpers*.

"I'll help you, Blessed Mother," said Bobby one day,
"I'll help your poor little girls and boys.
I'll work real hard and every day I'll pray
For your poor little boys and girls.

"I'll save all my clothes, and the pennies I make
I'll save all my books and my toys,
Instead of spending it all on candy and cake
I'll share it with your poor girls and boys."

Who will be a Helper like Bobby, and become a real missionary right at home?

Loyal and true, we're working for YOU

Our dear Mother Mary in mantle of blue!

Yes, we are loyal to the work to be done

And gladly we'll help you each day, every one,

Like the first Loyal Helper—Jesus, your Son!

OCTOBER is Our Blessed Mother's month and also the month of the Holy Rosary. Since each Loyal Helper belongs in a special way to Mary, he ought to do something special to honor her and make her happy, by prayers and little sacrifices. I am sure that every Loyal Helper will try to say the Rosary every day. Those who can, I hope, will receive Holy Communion every day also. Our Blessed Mother is so good to us that we ought to prove how grateful we are, and how much we love her, by doing as much as we can during her beautiful month.

Patricia Davey of Chicago, is working harder than ever filling her mite box. She is now filling her mite box the third time. Maybe she will make it a Christmas present for the Infant Jesus this time. Let's all do that this year—fill our mite box for the Infant Jesus.

Our Lady of Lourdes band of Topeka, Kansas, never falls asleep on the job. As soon as they heard that St. Joseph's Poor Fund was running low, they got busy and before you knew it \$25 came tumbling into Victory-Noll. But it didn't stay long because it hurried on its way to the missions to help the poor little children there. Once a month they have a shower for the missions. First they ask the superior at the mission what they need most and then go and get it. A shower a month! Oooh, look at the flowers blooming in heaven.

Suzanne Van Becelaere has not left the ranks of *Mary's Loyal Helpers* after all. You can't imagine how it pleases Catechist Supervisor to hear from the Helpers after a long silence. Suzanne also sent in her mite box offering with her letter. Why don't YOU and YOU and YOU do as Suzanne did, write and let Catechist Supervisor know that you are still one of *Mary's Loyal Helpers*.

Christmas is coming, Helpers. Let's try harder than ever to reach our goal for the Holy Child Burse this year. If every Helper will adopt our Catechist for one day it will be easy to reach our mark. Are we going to let the Holy Child Jesus think we forgot all about Him?

Give little or. . . . ?

BUSY BRAWLEY

Catechist Bridget Hynes sent us the following article just before she received her new appointment as superior of our mission at Lubbock, Texas. Catechist Mary Louise Perl, Brawley's new superior, will be grateful for whatever help you can give.

BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA, situated in the center of the Imperial Valley, is one of our busiest mission-centers. In Our Lady of Guadalupe parish there are about 1600 Mexican children of school age.

The predominant characteristics of these poor Mexicans are faith and poverty. Many have attempted to explain the deep Faith of the Mexican people, but a description is inadequate, for who can tell of something heavenly, planted in the soul by Divine Hands, and nurtured by the Gardener's Mother, la Virgen de Guadalupe.

But poverty being material, one can describe it, though printed words seem to soften and dim the reality. They are hard workers, but a single workman in a family, as is most often the case, can do a hard day's work and yet not have enough money to buy frijoles (beans) and harina (flour) for making the simple tortilla to feed his large family. And when he has no work! Housing conditions, naturally are poor; some twenty-five to thirty-five families crowded into a small lot. Houses are made of anything available—scrap lumber (and this is very scarce), pieces of tin, but the ordinary construction is the common cardboard box used to cover a frame work.

Although poor, they are not beggars. It is touching and yet inspiring at First Communion time to see the sacrifices made by the family to have their little ones approach the Divine Banquet. The parents are most anxious to do their part; anything that is the least presentable they will use.

Our dear poor, being deeply religious, appreciate any kind of religious article, medals, holy pictures, rosaries, etc. When we have a few to give them they take them with such devotion usually kissing them and immediately putting them into use.

We have worked up a club for our boys under the title of Crusaders of Christ King. It has been quite successful. The ideal of the Crusader fills their minds and they aim in all things to attain to this ideal. We have been trying for some time to get some of the regular Crusade medals to use as awards for special service. Perhaps some of our friends could help us out.

Knowing the music loving nature of our little ones, we have long cherished the plan of having a rhythm band for them. We would be happy to receive any instruments that could be used for it.

You'd be surprised how far a small donation can go, a few dresses, veils, boy's clothes, material—anything. There is use for all, and since there are so many individual cases, there is a way of using everything.

With all the hopes and plans for the coming year of work in our mission-center of Brawley, the future looks bright, and it will become even rosy-hued if we have your help and encouragement behind us.



The Addresses of Our Missions Are:

- 512 Soldano Avenue, Azusa, California
- Box 1356, Brawley, California
- Box 336, Coachella, California
- Box 325, Los Banos, California
- 598 Laine Street, Monterey, California
- Box 46, Redlands, California
- 563 O'Farrell Street, San Pedro, California
- 222 South Eighth Street, Santa Paula, California
- 120 South F Street, Tulare, California
- 4860 Olcott Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana
- 3868 Block Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana (This is our Indiana Harbor mission. The postoffice is in East Chicago.)
- 2324 Monroe Street, Gary, Indiana
- Winnemucca, Nevada
- Anton Chico, New Mexico
- Box 223, Cerrillos, New Mexico
- Cleveland, New Mexico (This is our Holman mission. Mail is sent to Cleveland.)
- Grants, New Mexico
- 506 Valencia Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico
- Lay Catechists of Our Blessed Lady of Victory, Box 1546, West Las Vegas, New Mexico
- Box 154, El Paso, Texas (Cristo Rey Mission)
- 3816 East San Antonio Street, El Paso, Texas (St. Francis Xavier Mission.)
- Box 1317, Lubbock, Texas
- 27 West Avenue N, San Angelo, Texas



True Devotion to Mary

Consecration

WE have come now to the second essential principle of the True Devotion, that is, consecration. To consecrate means to make sacred or holy. Ordinarily understood it means to dedicate or to devote oneself to the service of God. And so, in the practice of the True Devotion, to consecrate ourselves means to devote ourselves, to give ourselves to God through Jesus and Mary. It is the gift of ourselves to Him to Whom we really belong.

In making this absolute gift of ourselves to Our Lord, we acknowledge that we are nothing and that of ourselves we have nothing. Everything we have in the spiritual order, as well as in the temporal order, comes from Him. We imitate Our Blessed Mother who understood more clearly than anyone else that God created her for His own glory. And we can only repay Him by rendering glory to Him by an undivided consecration of ourselves, acknowledging that He is everything and that we are nothing.

This consecration is the motivating principle of the True Devotion. It is interior; it comes from the will. It comprises all things; it embraces all things. The more our interior consecration extends to all things, the more perfectly does it conform to the spirit of the True Devotion, and the more perfectly does it manifest a true love for Our Lord. We are proving our love for Him by giving everything we have to Him through the hands of His Blessed Mother. We strip ourselves of everything that we might claim as our own. This leaves us, then, in a position or state of absolute dependence upon Our Lord through Our Blessed Mother.

Nine years ago at Victory-Noll the Confraternity of Mary Queen of Our Hearts was canonically erected. This is an association of persons who practice the True Devotion. Only those who practice this devotion may become members. The many precious graces and indulgences that membership brings with it will help you to be more faithful to your consecration. Besides, we have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered every Saturday throughout the year at the Shrine of the Archconfraternity in Rome for the intentions of the members of the Confraternity at Huntington. It is necessary that one's name be inscribed at Confraternity headquarters. Blessed de Montfort further advocates the giving of an alms to the poor or the exercise of some work of penance on the day of reception into the Confraternity.

Dear Catechists:

I made my act of consecration on
and should like to be enrolled in the Confraternity of Mary Queen of Our Hearts.

Name

Address

Two Anniversaries

THIS fall our Society celebrates two tenth anniversaries — the opening of our first mission in the state of California and in that of Texas. Until that time our activities had been confined to Indiana and New Mexico.

Our first California mission was at Dos Palos in the Diocese of Monterey - Fresno. Since then the Catechists have moved their residence to Los Banos; Dos Palos is still cared for by them, but as an out-mission. The Lubbock, Texas, Catechists are yet living in the same little house they moved into ten years ago, but conditions have improved somewhat since that time. One of the Catechists described the house then as being "wired for electricity, but there is no electricity; it is piped for gas, but there is no gas; it has plumbing fixtures, but there is no running water."

Los Banos is in the heart of the California cotton district. The Catechists go into the cotton camps and there visit the poor and teach the children their religion. The Mexicans in the camps are migratory workers and are very poor. During the rainy season the roads that lead to their shacks are practically impassible, but the Catechists do their utmost to "get through" because it is then that the poor need them most. The rains make cotton picking impossible and the families are thereby deprived of the wages their hard work brings them.

In this part of California, also, live Italians and Portuguese. These are for the most part industrious, hard working people, but because they

live out on ranches — many miles from church and still farther from a Catholic school—their children were being deprived of a religious education.

Lubbock, too, is in a cotton country. The Catechists travel for many miles out from the city in order to bring the truths of our religion to poor Mexicans working on the ranches.

During the past ten years our work has extended to eight other missions in California and to three others in Texas. Although the hardships of the Catechists have been many, their consolations, too, have been numerous—too numerous to mention. We have singled out a little incident, only a small one, but it bears testimony to the good accomplished. It is from Monterey, California, and was written by Catechist Wopperer.

It is little incidents like this one that make us realize our little ones are really living what they are learning in their religion classes. It was Friday, and Albert told me after class, "Catechist, last night when Mother came home from work she brought some ham for our lunch today. I told her you said we may not eat meat on Friday, so she shouldn't give me any. She said, 'You take what I give you and eat it, or I'll give you something you don't want when you come home.'" And then, with something of a victor's grin on his face, he waved a little paper bag in the air and said, "Here's the sandwich; I'm taking it home with me. I couldn't eat it."



One of our latest California pictures. Catechist Schnedeker, left, and Catechist Cima with a group of children they had at summer school.



Catechist Helen Srill with Lubbock's Brownies.



Catechist Wade invites Clarice to come to catechism class.

If You Are in Doubt-

about what to send to the missions

Sometimes there are appeals in THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST and then it is quite simple to know what to send. Sometimes readers write to the Catechists in the missions or to us and ask what is needed, and that, too, makes it easier for you and for us, because the needs of each mission differ. Besides, the needs of one mission might differ from year to year.



Transportation charges are costly. When you find that they exceed the value of the used articles you have collected, suppose you give them to a local charity and send the money to the Catechists as a donation. It will then be used to better advantage for our dear poor.

Since you will soon be making your Christmas plans, we are offering these suggestions. May we add one more? Try to send your Christmas box to the missions December 1. Christmas starts early with the Catechists, you know, for there are so many missions for them to visit.