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### APPROVAL OF ARCHBISHOP DAEGER

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It was indeed a great pleasure for me to co-operate in establishing in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, The Society of Missionary Catechists of Our Blessed Lady of Victory. I am now pleased to give my hearty approval to the publication of its Official Organ—THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST. This magazine will, no doubt, serve not only as a greatly-needed medium of publicity for the excellent work now being carried on by the Missionary Catechists among the destitute portion of Spanish-speaking people in the Southwest, but should also prove interesting reading by disseminating information about this too little known section of our Country.

I wish THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST every success. May God bless those who help the Catechists by subscribing for their little magazine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ ALBERT T. DAEGER, O.F.M.,  
Archbishop of Santa Fe.



### APPROVAL of BISHOP NOLL

July 16, 1925.

Since practically every form of missionary activity has its publicity organ, it is almost imperative that the Society of Missionary Catechists, the latest and by no means the least important missionary movement in the United States, should publish a monthly periodical to acquaint Americans with its work.

...I am very glad that you receive subscriptions direct from the people, which makes it possible to sell your magazine at the very low price of 50c the year. It is now the cheapest, and, because it is condensed, one of the very best missionary papers published. I wish for it a large countrywide circulation.

✠ JOHN F. NOLL,  
Bishop of Ft. Wayne.

# The Church's Biggest Problem in Our Country

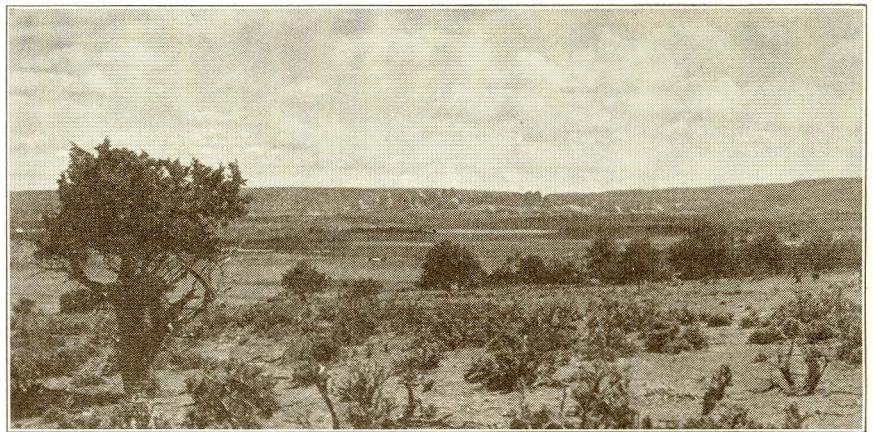
It is to be hoped that all our readers will read with attention the letter published on the first page. For our Catholic people in well-established communities in the East the facts given in this letter will undoubtedly prove a revelation. Hundreds of thousands of Mexicans are being brought across the border to work in the sugar beet fields and on the sheep ranches in the Southwest, and to do the work performed by unskilled laborers in the milling and mining towns of the East and central West. Often their pay is very meagre, and their jobs uncertain, and, as a consequence, these poor people find themselves at the end of a short laboring season without work and without any immediate prospect of getting work. Their lot is indeed a very sad one.

Strangers in a strange land, unwelcome and uncared for, these people are often victimized and exploited by the very ones who should befriend them. But fortunately for them there is one bond, which, for the Mexican, links the old with the new tradition. This bond is his Faith. The Mexican is nominally and normally Catholic. He has strong religious in-

stincts. The Protestant Missionary Societies, quick to realize this strong religious feeling on the part of the Mexican, go to him in his needs, alleviate his sufferings, and having first won his gratitude, will eventually gain his confidence and allegiance.

This is the problem with which the Society of Missionary Catechists is endeavoring to cope—the biggest that the Catholic Church in this country faces today. There are more than two million Mexicans in this country and others are crossing the border at the approximate rate of one hundred thousand a year.

We must think ahead a quarter of a century. Some of the incoming Mexican immigrants will undoubtedly return to Mexico, but the greater proportion of them and their children will remain here. In twenty-five years they will be the dominating power in the Southwest, where they have settled, and are settling in such large numbers. It lies with us to determine whether this large body of people who are to be the ruling power of the Southwest will live and die in the traditions of our Faith and that of their Fathers, or without the fold of Christ.



## ONE YEAR OLD—"GOING ON" TWO.

With the November issue we complete the first volume of the Missionary Catechist. At the close of its first year our little magazine can boast of a monthly circulation of 16,000 copies. Our aim is to build up a subscription list of 25,000 before Christmas.

We can easily do this, dear Reader, if you will help, by sending us as a Christmas gift, at least one new subscription. The Missionary Catechist is published at its extremely low subscription price because we employ no highly salaried agents to "work up our subscription list." We must depend, in consequence, upon our subscribers to interest others and get us new subscriptions. The subscription

price is so small—only 50c the year—the purchase price of a single "movie" ticket, and it is the work of but a moment to address an envelope, enclose the name, address and remittance.

Eager as we are to make new friends, we are even more anxious to keep the old. The new are silver; the old, pure gold. Please then renew your subscription promptly. The date of expiration is printed on the wrapper of your magazine. If you find that your subscription expires with the December, January, or February numbers, won't you please send in that renewal, now, while you think of it? "Do it now"—it will be the work of a well-spent and blessed moment, and the matter will be off your mind for another year.