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AN ENDURING MEMORIAL!

On a slightly hill, overlooking the far-famed Wabash valley, there stands a building which is undoubtedly unique in this part of the Country. This building is the Victory Training Institute of the Society of Missionary Catechists. And the lofty hill, which it so gracefully crowns, is known as "Victory-Noll." Built on the California Mission style, with its picturesque patio and cloistered arches framing a cameo of the beautiful valley below, it is the most thoroughly American Catholic type of architecture in any of the Eastern States.

Just three years ago, a Priest-Editor, of national reputation,—wide-veiwed and of consuming zeal,—saw the wonderful possibilities of the new Apostolate undertaken by the Society of Missionary Catechists among the poor neglected Spanish-speaking Catholics in the Southwest. The Right Reverend Monsignor J. F. Noll, LL. D., Editor of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, through the generous donation of a charitably disposed Catholic in California, not only erected the Victory Training Institute but now maintains it through OUR SUNDAY VISITOR. It is here that the Mission-

ary Catechist, who own no property of their own, receive the first period of their training course which fits them for their Missionary labors among the needy, neglected children in the Churchless Missions in the Southwest.

Now, only one mile distant from Victory-Noll, in the City of Huntington, there is located the home of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR. This little Weekly—the most deservedly popular and the most widely read Catholic publication in the United States—is a standing monument of the charitable efforts of Monsignor Noll in dis-

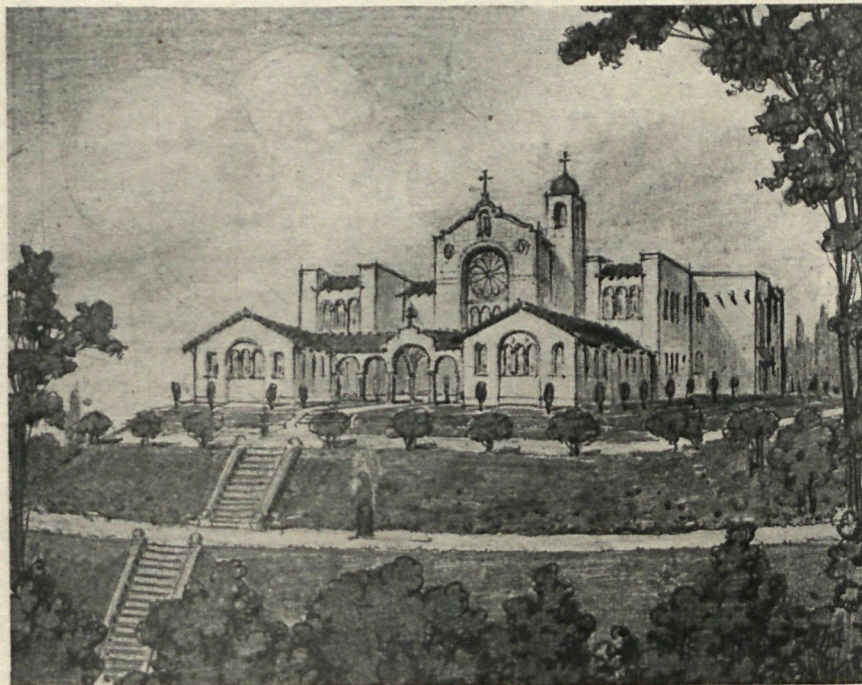
posing all fair-minded non-Catholics to a better understanding of, and to a more friendly attitude towards Catholics and the Catholic Church.

But this wonderful achievement could not satisfy his boundless zeal. Having traveled along the far-flung Mission line of the Spanish-speaking settlements in Texas, he saw that the faith of countless thousands of Catholics was jeopardized because of lack of Priests, Sisters and Religious Instruction. He realized that if these poor, neglected Catholics were to be held to the Church, provision must be made for imparting to them the Religious instruction so sorely needed.

Today the Victory Training Institute stands as a monument of the zealous efforts of Monsignor Noll in taking the first step to preserve and conserve the Faith of approximately two million Spanish-speaking Catholics in the United States.

As the newly appointed Bishop of the Fort Waynt diocese, Bishop Noll will ever exercise the most fatherly care of, and interest in, the Victory Training Institute and the noble ideals for which it stands. Never did any Missionary Foun-

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The Associate Catechists of Mary

THE ORGANIZATION OF ASSOCIATE CATECHISTS OF MARY

What It Is

The Associate Catechists of Mary is an organization of zealous Catholics imbued with the true missionary spirit of self-sacrifice. Its members are the faithful lay co-operators of the Southwest Missions. They are the S. O. S. of the Mission battlefields.

Who May Become a Member of This Organization

Any Catholic man, woman, or child who is interested in promoting the extension of the Kingdom of the Sacred Heart upon earth, and in spreading the honor of Our Blessed Mother, may become an Associate Catechist of Mary. Deceased persons may also be enrolled and share in the spiritual benefits.

Plan of Organization

In order to facilitate the work of this Association, its membership is organized into various circles. Any zealous Catholic may organize privately and supervise a circle of Associate Catechists. (The average circle is composed of ten members.) It is recommended that each Circle upon organization also elect a Secretary and Treasurer from among the members. Regular meetings of the Circle should be held—preferably every two weeks—but at least once a month.

The Work of the Associate Catechists of Mary

As the S. O. S. of the Mission battlefields, the Associate Catechists of Mary, according to their means and opportunities, help to raise the necessary funds to support the Missionary Catechists in their labors among the poor and ignorant. No stipulation is made as to the amount to be contributed by any given Circle. This will, in

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a large measure, depend upon the zeal and energy of the members. Many Circles also assist in various ways, such as gathering together discarded clothing for the poor, by sewing, contributing medical supplies, etc.

When the membership of a Circle is sufficiently large and the facilities for raising funds ample, it is suggested that the members adopt as their very own, a Catechist laboring in the mission field. A contribution of \$25.00 monthly will entirely provide for her maintenance. Where the membership of a Circle is small, it is suggested that the members undertake the support of a Catechist for a definite number of days, or weeks, each month, as their funds permit. This plan has the advantage of establishing a personal and individual relationship between the members of the Circle and the Catechist whom they adopt—even though it be but for a few days monthly. She keeps them in touch with her work through correspondence, and they are remembered personally in her prayers and also in those of her children.

Membership dues in the Associate Catechists of Mary are \$1.00 a year. Payment of dues entitles the members to a copy of the 'Missionary Catechist,' the official organ of the Society, each month. They are thus enabled to keep in touch, not only with their own Circle and the work of their adopted Catechist, but with all the Catechists in the Mission field and with the work of the various Circles.

The selection of the best means for raising such additional funds as individual members or circles may wish to contribute, is left to the judgment of the individual member or Circle. Card parties, social gatherings, pocket savings-banks, self-denial offerings—are some of the means sug-

gested. A column featuring suggestions for raising funds will be a regular feature of "The Missionary Catechist."

Benefits of Membership in the Associate Catechists of Mary

Members share in the spiritual benefits of their co-workers, the Society of Missionary Catechists. They have a direct share in the missionary labors, merits, prayers and good works of the Catechist adopted by their circle. Their intentions are included in the memento made for all the members daily in the Masses offered by the Missionary Fathers connected with the Society, as well as in the special prayers which each Missionary Catechist recites twice daily for benefactors, and in the perpetual novena to Our Blessed Lady of Victory made by all the members of the Society.

A special Mass in honor of Our Blessed Lady of Victory is offered up at Her shrine at Victory-Noll for the intentions of the members of the Associate Catechists of Mary every Saturday of the year.

The intentions of the members are likewise included in the perpetual novena made by the Poor Clare Nuns for the Society and its auxiliary members. These saintly contemplatives are vitally interested in this work and daily beg God's blessing upon it and upon those who help to further it.

And last, but not least, they merit by their generosity, not only the blessing of the Giver of Gifts, Who will not be outdone in generosity, but the special benediction of Our Blessed Mother, who will surely repay a hundredfold, with Her love and protection, their interest in a work especially dedicated and consecrated to Her under Her glorious title of Our Blessed Lady of Victory.

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dation enter upon its Apostolic Missionary labors under more auspicious circumstances. As Editor of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, Monsignor Noll has not only made known the Society and its work to two million readers, but he has, by his forceful editorials, won for the cause a host of friends throughout the country. He has, moreover, at all times, taken the deepest personal interest in every phase of the work of the Society, and has ever been most solicitous for its continued progress and its future development. For one engaged in such multifarious activities, certainly it must have cost him a great deal to make so many personal sacrifices. It has, undoubtedly, meant for him added burdens, a severe tax upon his energy and the entailment of much time and expense.

Such sacrifice will surely draw down from Heaven not only personal blessings, but blessings that will rebound to the Glory of God, to the honor of His Blessed Mother and the salvation of countless thousands of needy Catholics of the present generation and of generations of Catholics yet unborn.

"Doings" at Victory-Noll

BISHOP-FATHER-BENEFACTOR



To Bishop Noll—

From the Missionary Catechists

When, on June 30, Msgr. Noll is consecrated and raised to the dignity of the episcopate, no voices will chant a more jubilant "Te Deum" than those of the members of the Society of Missionary Catechists, and their little charges, the neglected children of the Southwest missions.

Among the host who will join in this chorus of jubilation at the glorious moment of consecration, will be some who revere the new Bishop as their gentle pastor; others who love him as their generous benefactor; and many who cherish him as a faithful friend. It is our privilege, alone, to claim him in a very special manner, not only as a dearly beloved sponsor in whom are united, as in a trinity, these three qualities, but as a dearly beloved Father.

The tireless zeal of Bishop Noll has created more than one great institution, and set in motion many forces whose results shall be felt through all the ages to come and be summed up only in eternity. But Victory-Noll, the home he erected and maintains for us, through "Our Sunday Visitor," stands before the world as something more than a mere creation. It is his lengthened shadow.

It would be difficult to compute, much less repay, the debt of gratitude the Society of Missionary Catechists and its individual members owe to Bishop Noll. It was he, who, in the early, struggling days of the Society's foundation when friends were few and their value above rubies, had the vision and the insight to comprehend the spirit that permeated and governed the formation of the little Society, and the foresight to perceive the possibilities that lay in its development. Taking it under the wing of his protecting adoption, he has ever since through his prayers, his pen, his fatherly care, and benefactions, done everything humanly possible to promote its growth.

So, as he assumes his new dignities and duties, we promise that our prayers and those of our little charges will be with him through all the days of all the years of his episcopate; and we entreat Our Blessed Lady of Victory to shelter under Her protecting mantle this great diocese of Fort Wayne over which he presides.

We entrust to Her, too, to be enshrined in the Sacred Heart of Her Divine Son, our prayer that He may bless with His choicest blessings, here and forever, its new Bishop. May the days of his episcopate pass, despite the solicitudes and cares of his office, like a sweet hymn that is chanted, in happy tranquility, until the shadows pass away and day breaks on that far horizon where Our Blessed Mother waits with Her Son to welcome and reward Her servant, our devoted father and benefactor, and the friend of the poor and neglected little ones of the missions—Bishop Noll.

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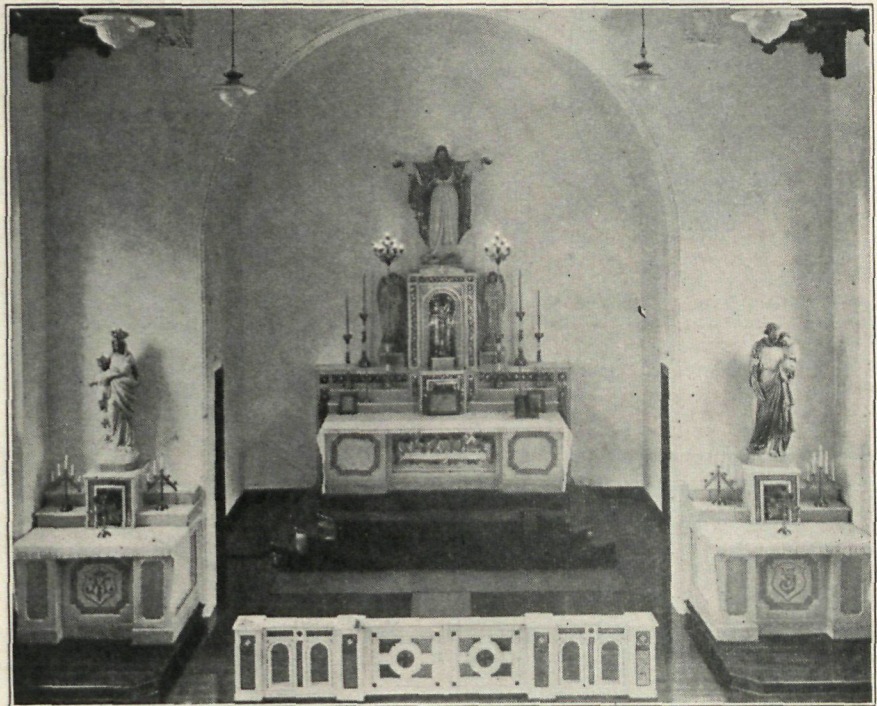
The beautiful chapel of Our Blessed Lady of Victory at Victory Training Institute was the scene of a simple but impressive ceremony on Sunday, May 24, the Feast of Our Blessed Lady of Victory. Seven Consecrates were invested as Probationers in the Society of Missionary Catechists, and three Candidates pronounced the Act of Consecration uniting them in the bond of love with Jesus and Mary forever, receiving, at the same time, the white veil and Mary-blue uniform of Consecrates in the Society.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Noll, recently appointed Bishop of the Fort Wayne diocese, celebrated the Mass and presided at the ceremonies of investi-

They follow the footsteps of Our Crucified Lord. The thing that makes it beautiful at all moments, and will give them strength at all times, is the conviction born of Truth and Divine Grace, that every moment of their life is a cooling drink placed to the lips of their Thirsting Saviour.

"My heart leaps with joy this morning to know that this work has been entrusted to the Mother of God from the beginning. She is the Spirit of Humility, and this work is marked and sealed with God's seal because it has been consecrated to Her who battles always for the Glory of God against the pride of men.

"To you young women who are con-



The Chapel of Our Blessed Lady of Victory

ture and consecration. He was assisted by Rev. J. W. Donahue, C. S. C., Master of Novices of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Ind., Rev. T. F. Gorman, C. M. of the faculty of De Paul University, Chicago, Ill., and Rev. J. J. Sigstein, spiritual director of the Society of Missionary Catechists. Rev. Brother Ildephonse, C. S. C., officiated as Master of Ceremonies.

Rev. J. W. Donahue, C. S. C., preached the sermon for the occasion. Taking as his text, "What return shall I make to God for all that He hath done for me," Father Donahue said in part:

"It is not my purpose this morning to eulogize the Apostolate to which these young women have been called. It is a wonderful life. In all the world there is no more sublime Apostolate. It is a difficult life. There is no place for the sentimentalist or weakling. It is a life of sacrifice.

secrating your life to the service of Our Blessed Mother, I say to you, repeat 'Mary, Mary, Mary'. Were God to give me one short sentence, with the command to crowd into it all that I could to guarantee the success of your future, your personal success in the battle for personal holiness, and your success among these countless souls;—were He to give me one second to say one word to make reparation for my past faults, failings, and omissions, I would say 'Mary, Mary, Mary'. May She help you, Her children, to put into your souls the love of silence and solitude, and help you to acquire interior holiness.

"Become interior souls with the grace of God. Be lovers of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience and all things will come to you. How great is the work that awaits you in the Southwest. Think of the hundreds and the thousands of little ones in the South-

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"CLOSE-UP" OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY OF MISSIONARY CATECHISTS

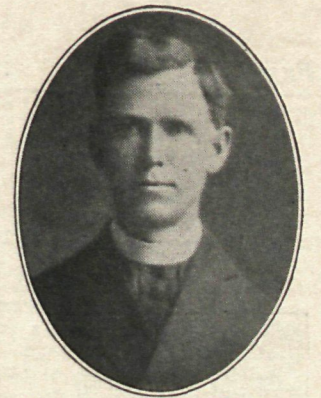
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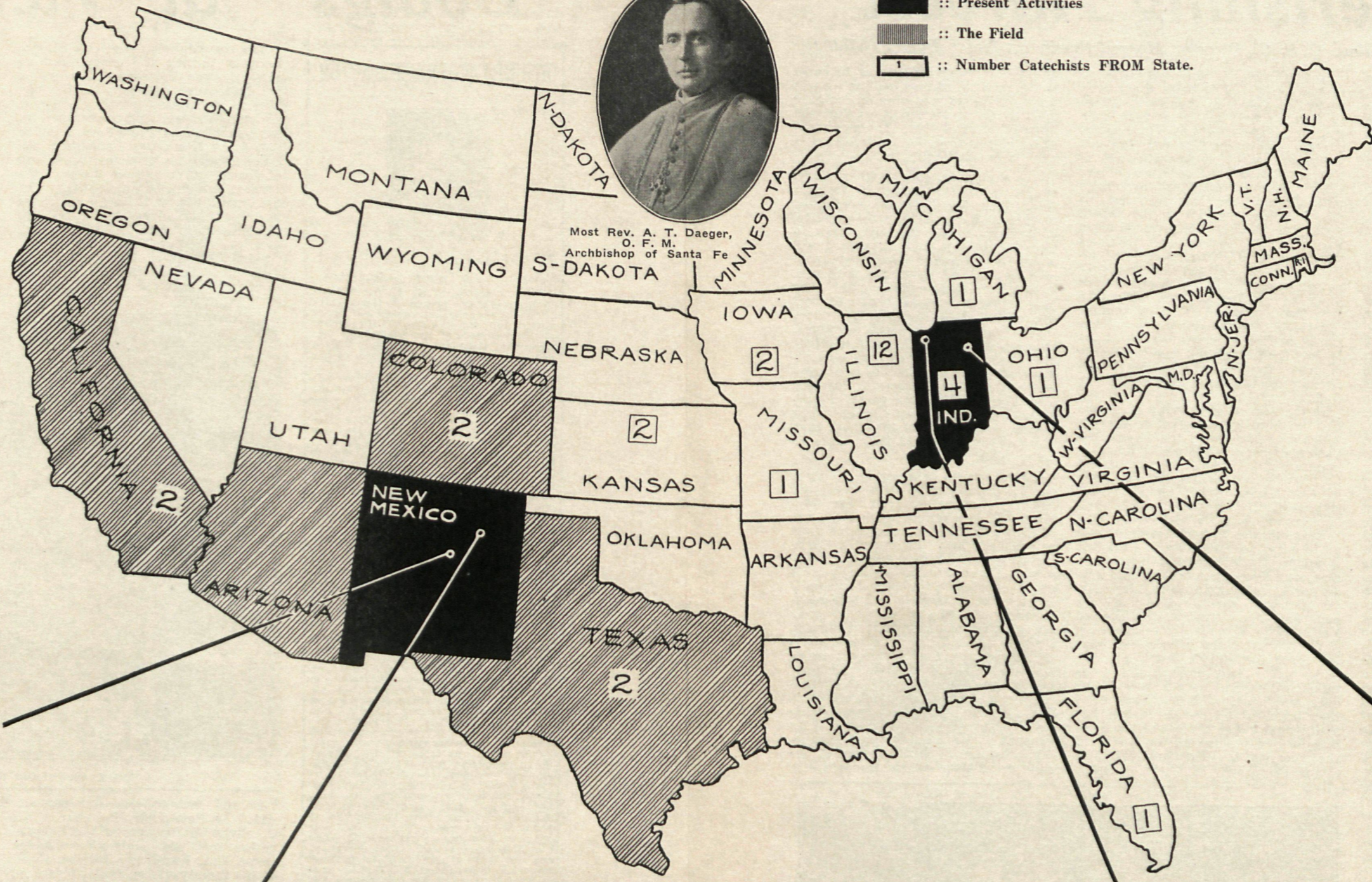
Above: Catechist Julia Doyle, Member Board of Directors; Senior Catechist at Chaperito.

Below: Mission Center at Chaperito, New Mexico.



Above: Catechist Caroline Meister, Directress at the Victory Training Institute

Below: Our Sunday Visitor's Victory Training Institute, Victory-Noll, Huntington, Indiana.

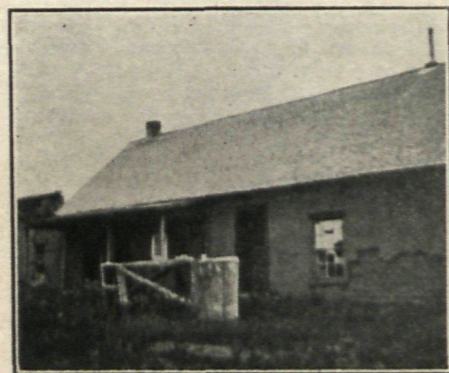


CHAPERITO MISSION-CENTER

Outlying Mission	1
Number of Catechists	2
Number of Lay Catechists assisting	2
Number of children under instruction	115
Number of Medical treatments to families	9
(Average per week)	

OCATE MISSION-CENTER

Number of Outlying Missions	9
Number of Catechists	2
Number of Lay Catechists assisting	6
Number of Children under instruction	410
Number of Medical Treatments to Poor Families	28
(Average per week)	



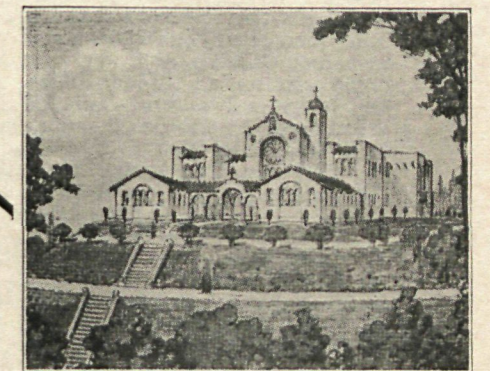
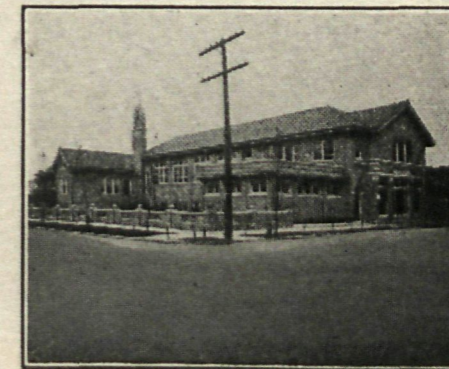
Left: Mission Center at Ocate, New Mexico.

Right: Catechist Blanche Richardson, Senior Catechist at Ocate.



Left: Catechist Sophia Renier, Head Catechist and Directress at the Junior Mission Training House.

Right: The Junior Mission Training House, a portion of the Judge Gary-Bishop Alerding Settlement House, Gary, Indiana.



VICTORY TRAINING INSTITUTE

Number of Professed Catechists, Juniors, Probationers, Consecrates and Candidates in Training	24
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JUNIOR MISSION TRAINING HOUSE

Number of Catechists	5
Number of Children under instruction	*1700
Visits to poor families (Average per week)	20
Medical Treatments to poor families (Average per week)	18

*The religious instruction here is under the supervision of The Catholic Instruction League of which the Reverend J. B. DeVille is Director, and the Sisters Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

The Perishing Harvest

By Reverend James W. Donahue, C. S. C., Director Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, Indiana.



It was the harvest time. As far as the eye could see stretched fields of golden grain, ripe and ready for the harvesters. In the shade of a friendly tree, with a little group of friends about Him, sat a man of simple but majestic appearance. In the field the laborers were at work. One cut the grain; another bound it in bundles; another carried it to the barn; here and there one paused to rest in the midst of his labors. As always, in harvest time, there was much to be done and few to do it. For a moment the man seated in the center of the little group seemed to forget the scene before Him. There was a far away look in His eyes; an expression of sadness and yet of hope on His strong and beautiful face. He had meat of which those about Him knew nothing; He had visions of which they could never dream. For a moment He saw not the laborers in the field nor the heads of waving grain. He was looking down the centuries and He saw millions and millions of men and women and children of every race and clime and nation, brown, black, red and white and yellow,—all his children, loved by Him with an infinite love, created by Him, to be redeemed by Him,—and He longed to gather them close to His Sacred Heart and carry them into His the granary of His Father's home in heaven. He turned to His companions and addressed them lovingly "The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send laborers into His harvest." In His words, though they were sweet as the chiming of heavenly bells, there was a note of sadness, that told of love, and of loving for love, of love infinite in its intensity. It was the cry of the Great Lover, hungry for the love of the human heart. It was the cry of God made man for the love of the children He had come to save.

Were the loving Savior and Shepherd of souls to speak to us today from behind the tabernacle door His voice it seems to me would echo His cry of long ago. He would plead especially, with the young women of the United States for the harvest in the five great States of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Texas where the Missionary Catechists of our Blessed Lady of Victory are to live, labor, suffer and die that the Spanish-speaking children of America may come to the knowledge and love of God.

How sublime is the apostolate to which Jesus Christ calls the young women of Catholic America. "Of all sublime works," St. Dionysius wrote long ago, "the most sublime is to cooperate with Jesus Christ in the salvation of souls." O marvellous mystery of Divine condescension,—Jesus Christ, Omnipotence Itself associates with Himself poor sinful men and women in the redemption of the human race. One drop of His precious blood was enough to redeem an infinity of worlds peopled with countless millions of souls and yet the drop will not be applied unless men and women labor and suffer and die with Him for that purpose. O truly sublime apostolate to be associated with Jesus Christ in this wonderful work. Rightly does the Church put into the mouth of the apostles the words "Thy friends are too much honored, O my God."

In the harvest field today what section is more appealing than that to which God has called the Missionary Catechists who labor under the blue mantle of Our Lady of Victory amidst the little brown darlings of our Lady of Guadalupe. What people pleads so pathetically for help? What community so evidently blessed by God as this new one in honor of Our Lady of Victory; so American in its spirit of adaptation to immediate needs and new conditions, so intensely and traditionally Catholic in its insistence on the personal sanctification of its members and trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary if souls are to be saved.

We have had the privilege of saying mass for Mary's Catechists; we have met them individually; have talked with them; have seen with our eyes and heard with our ears what they hope to do, trusting not in human means but in the power and compassion and wisdom of the Queen of the Apostles, the beautiful NECK of the mystical body of Christ, through

whom God wants all graces to come to the children of men, and as we left them our heart was singing, singing joyously for it seemed to us that the Sacred Thirst of Him Who has waited so long, O so pathetically long, was soon to be satisfied.

O Mary! dear, dear Mother Mary, send holy zealous souls to Victory-Noll. Bless the little ones who gather there. Bless them with humility, with distrust of self, with trust in God; bless them with hope that will make them strong; bless them with love that will set them afire with zeal. Bless them with courage that they may triumph over all obstacles that will enable them to patiently endure the monotony, the discouragements, temptations from within and without; give them courage that they may always stand at the foot of the cross with Thee, the Mother of Sorrows. Give them a thirst for personal holiness. Unite them most closely to Thy Divine Son, the Vine in Whom they must always abide if they are to bring forth much fruit.

Young women of America, with you we plead. Listen to the cry that comes sweeping in from the Far-West. It is a cry of agony, the cry of Her, who after Jesus agonizes most as souls are lost. Listen to it: "Save my children." Listen and ask yourselves if you are not called to this great apostolate. Christ Jesus suffers in the thousands of Spanish-speaking Americans, needy of body and soul, for the sufferings of humanity are the sufferings of humanity's God made man that He might suffer for and with His children. Remember His promise: "As long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to Me." What unspeakable joy for you if you can recall at the moment of death a life spent in serving Jesus Christ in the person of the children of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Catechists Adelaide Martinez, Catherine Oberding, Head Catechist Sophia Renier, Hanna Barthen and Edna Like.

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THE TEST OF LOVE IS SACRIFICE

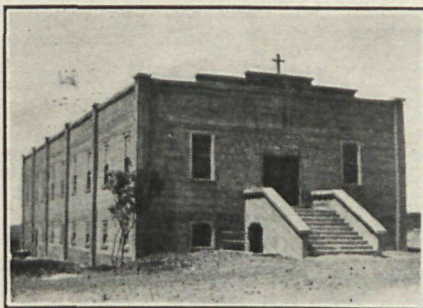
The Missionary Catechist is laboring among the destitute in a land of desert and mountain—as far from the comforts and conveniences of civilization as though she were in darkest Africa. She trudges across country in mud and snow, getting rained on and snowed on, half-frozen in winter, hot and dusty in summer, teaching, preaching, and healing by a life of sacrifice which speaks as the language of the lips neve could. Never to grow weary, never to grow cold; to be ever patient, sympathetic and cheerful; to hope always and to love forever—this comprises her conception and execution of her duty towards Jesus Christ in the person of His poor.

It is for these, His poor and hers, that the Missionary Catechist stretches out pleading hands to you. She begs you to associate yourself with her in her great work. Her poor need your help, and she needs your friendship.

Perhaps you may feel that you cannot organize a Circle of Associate Catechists of Mary, but would willingly become a member of one already organized. In that case you can be placed with an active Circle, should there be one in your locality, or affiliated to the Home Mission Circle at Victory-Noll.

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"WAITING FOR CATECHISTS"



Sacred Heart Church, Sweetwater, Texas, built by the present pastor, Rev. A. J. Campbell

"DOINGS" AT VICTORY-NOLL

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west through whom Christ calls out, 'I thirst—I thirst.' The sufferings of Humanity are the sufferings of Humanity's God, made Man that He might suffer for and with His little ones. Is there in the Catholic Church today a more sublime or needed apostolate? I know of none. Especially when we consider the ravenous wolves that are tearing to pieces these little ones. Oh, that Catholic America might realize today something of the suffering of Christ in these little ones: Truly Judas is at work and the Disciples are asleep."

Then, in a soul-stirring peroration, the eloquent preacher urged the new Probationers to persevere, and said: "Here, in this blessed spot, under the Mantle of Our Blessed Lady of Victory, you are as instruments that are

My dear Mary:

Your good wishes for me in my new state of life were more than I could have hoped for, since you were so very dubious about my entertaining a comparatively new religious Society, but your anxiety over my having chosen a life which must "necessarily embrace great hardships" is wholly groundless. In the first place it was not a matter of my own choice, but rather that of Our Lord's having chosen me,—"You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen You, and have appointed you that you should go and should bring forth fruit" (St. John xv. 16). As for hardships, we meet with them everywhere in the world, Mary. We cannot resist them, they are a part of man's inheritance, and why should we resist them since they pave the road to Heaven? Who endured greater hardships and at the same time experienced greater peace and happiness upon earth than the Blessed Mother of Our Lord? Who followed Our Lord most closely during His bitter Passion, and clung the closest to His Cross?—was it not She who said: "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior?"

To tell you of my supreme joy in being called to imitate Jesus and Mary in Their interior dispositions and exterior lives of instructing the ignorant and healing the sick, would be a hard thing for me to do. One must embrace such a life to fully understand its sweetness.

You recall how we honored Our

being forged to fight the battle of Christ for the extension of God's Kingdom."

Immediately after breakfast, the Missionary Catechists in training at the Institute presented for their guests their second "Academy" program. The object of these Academies, or programs, which are held at regular intervals, is to afford an opportunity for an interchange of thought, viewpoint, and ideas, through the preparation and reading of theses in which the students embody the truths, principles, and conclusions derived from their class work in the various subjects comprised in the curriculum of studies pursued at the Institute. Original sketches and vocal and instrumental musical numbers also have a place in these Academies.

The program on this occasion opened with an address of welcome followed by a soprano solo, "In May Time." A paper entitled "Does God Will Everything That Happens," illustrated the doctrine of conformity to the Will of God. In another, having for its subject "The Missionary Catechist as a Nurse," the history of the "Visiting-Nurse Movement" was interestingly traced from its inauguration by the Apostles in the earliest days of the Church, through the various ages of history. The value of this important adjunct of social service work as an aid to the spiritual and corporal betterment of mankind, was also convincingly emphasized in this paper. A group of Spanish songs met with signal favor, and an orig-

Letters To Mary

Blessed Mother by reciting together each evening, the Mysteries of the Rosary. Imagine then how happy I was to learn that upon my entrance I was to become the slave of Her love by practicing THE TRUE DEVOTION as outlined by Blessed deMontfort. Thus, in embracing the life of a Missionary Catechist, I am not only called to be a true spouse of Our Lord by the vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, which I shall make at the end of my two-year course of training, but also a most loving child of Our Blessed Mother by the solemn Act of Consecration which I made twelve days after my entrance into the Society. We have no fear of approaching Our Lord at Holy Communion or of storming Him with our petitions, since we go to Him always through His dear Mother, who is also Our Mother. He willed to come to us through Her, and I am sure it pleases Him to see us go to Him through Her. It seems I have but to ask and my prayers are immediately heard.

In my next letter I promise to tell you something of my life in training which I am sure will prove quite interesting.

Praying Jesus and Mary to bless you in all your undertakings and begging Them to draw you closer to Them in loving union with Their Sacred Hearts, I am

Affectionately your friend in O. B. L. V.,

Catechist Blanche Richardson.

inal sketch in the Spanish language evoked much interest and amusement. Following a chorus by the choir of the Institute, Msgr. Noll concluded the program with a congratulatory address to the new Probationers and Consecrates, and their parents.

Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given by Msgr. Noll terminated the formal exercises of the day. During the afternoon the guests enjoyed a tour of inspection through the beautiful building and about the lovely grounds.

The new Probationers are: Catechist Raphael Mendoza, Catechist Ida Keller and Catechist Anna Wilhelm, of Chicago, Ill.; Catechist Evelyn Benton, Pensacola, Fla.; Catechist Cordelia Bahl, Hays, Kans.; Catechist Madelon Lo Rang, Guttenberg, Iowa; Catechist Josephine Penning, Dubuque, Iowa.

The new Consecrates are: Catechist Catherine McHugh, South Bend, Ind.; Catechist Eleanor Coogan, Dayton, Ohio; Catechist Helen Brickley, Chicago, Ill.

DEDICATION!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

The date for the dedication of the Victory Training Institute, heretofore only tentative, has been definitely set for Sunday July 5th. The relatives of most of the Catechists, besides a great many friends, are expected, and we wish to announce here that the readers of The Missionary Catechist are also most cordially invited.

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR CATHOLIC YOUNG LADIES:

Dear Child of Mary:

Why can't you do something really worth while in life? Why not do something "big" for Our Lord, His Blessed Mother, for Holy Church, for spiritually starving souls? But you will say: "I can never do it!" That is precisely where you are wrong and we shall prove it to you.

Now, let us take your case. You have, most likely, a comfortable home, devoted relatives, a good position. Yet there are times when you don't seem to be satisfied with yourself. You seem to think then that you are living a narrow, self-centered life. Often you may have wondered if you really could not be of service to Catholics less fortunate than yourself. Often the thought may even have come to you that it would be a wonderful thing if you could reach out a helping hand to God's poor and neglected little ones of the flock so dear to His Sacred Heart. But you dismissed the thought and considered yourself either unfit or unworthy for a Missionary career.

Now, I'll come directly to the point and prove to you that what others have done you can likewise do. First of all, like every true Catholic young lady, you pride yourself on being a good Catholic and a true child of Mary. As a good Catholic, do you realize that you have a duty towards those of the Faith who are famine-stricken in soul? Surely your generous heart would dictate that you make an effort to save those in danger of losing their body. You would be the first to throw a life-line to a drowning person. But here there is question not of saving the body, but of saving the soul. By the dictates of justice and charity, we are bound to save souls, especially the souls of the poor, the ignorant, the neglected. God the Holy Ghost tells us that "He who saves the soul of another will save his own soul." Justice dictates that where Faith is implanted in the hearts of children it should be saved.

Within our borders there are two million Mexicans whose Faith cannot be saved without outside help. If those of us who are so fortunate as to live in the well-established communities of the East will but remember that their Spiritual lives will be required at our hands. Now, as a child of Mary, you must realize that your interests must be closely identified with Hers. And since this Good Mother has such a special interest in, and such an ardent love for the Spanish-American people of our Catholic Southwest, who have loved Her and clung to Her throughout the ages, surely you must be interested in their spiritual and temporal welfare. Remember that countless numbers of the children of these Catholic parents are losing their Faith. They have neither Priests nor Sisters to instruct them in the saving Truths of Religion. They are lacking even the barest necessities of life. You, as a child of Mary can save them. The SOCIETY OF MISSIONARY CATECHISTS offers you the lofty ideal of service in behalf of these neglected little ones of the Missions. They invite you to become associated with them in instructing these needy, neglected children in the truths of Faith, in preparing them for the Reception of the Sacraments, in visiting and caring for the sick poor in their homes.

In every life there comes one big opportunity for making a decision. Upon this decision hinges our future for time and eternity. Now, this may be *your big* opportunity. Your decision right now is the thing that really matters.

Upon request, we shall gladly mail you, free, an absorbingly interesting story entitled "In the Service of the Queen."

Information concerning vocations to a Missionary life gladly furnished. Correspondence invited. Address:

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