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VICTORY-NOLL'S "BIG DAY"

The Right Reverend John F. Noll, D. D., LL. D., Dedicates
Victory Training Institute.

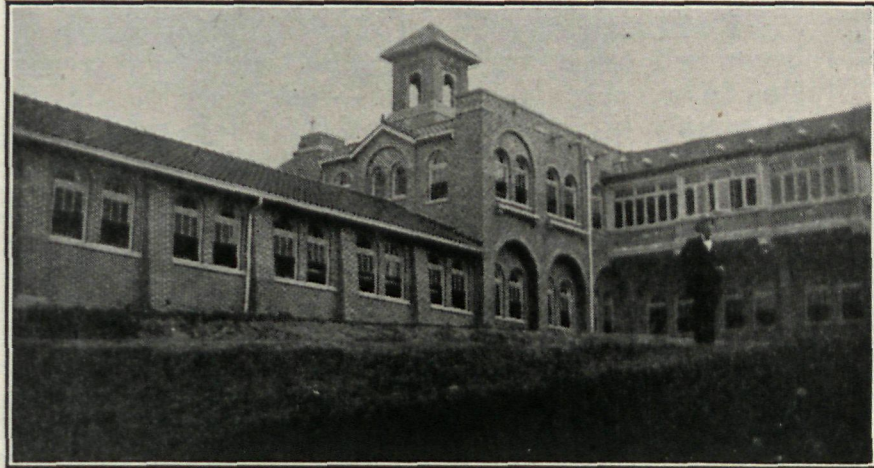
THOUSANDS ATTEND DEDICATORY SERVICES.

By Helen May Irwin, Staff Correspondent Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Greeted by approximately 5,000 people and hailed as one of the greatest Missionary Bishops of America by speakers on the day's program, Rt. Rev. John Francis Noll, D. D., LL. D., newly consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, opened his Episcopal appointments Sunday with the dedication of Victory Training Institute for the Society of Missionary Catechists at Victory-Noll, Huntington. The event was one of the greatest held at any institution in the Diocese and attracted widespread attention. A special car on the Erie railroad brought many guests from Chicago and other centers. Hundreds made the trip from Fort Wayne, Wabash, Marion, Muncie, Logansport, Lafayette, Elwood, Peru, Roanoke, Garrett and other places, over the traction lines. Huntington citizens turned out in great numbers and 600 autos parked at the Institute furnished transportation for many visitors. Over 700 guests were entertained at Victory-Noll from Saturday until Sunday evening.

Bishop Noll, who had been given a notable welcoming reception on Saturday evening by the Missionary Catechists and their guests, began the dedication day program on Sunday morning with the celebration of Mass at 7 o'clock, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Preceding the Mass the beautiful Chapel of Our Lady of Victory was blessed.

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock nearly seventy-five Priests joined



Bishop Noll for the dedicatory exercises. A distinguished prelate attending the event was the Most Reverend Elie Joseph Morel, Archbishop of Pondicherry, India, who was accompanied by Reverend Gavin Duffy, the famous Missionary. Interested in the work of the Missionary Catechists, they came from abroad to study the plan so that it may be adopted in India.

Bishop Noll opened the program with the blessing of the flag in the Chapel at the Training Institute, after which a procession was formed by the Prelates, Priests and Catechists, headed by the fourth degree Knights of Columbus in full regalia. The ranks of the Huntington assembly

were augmented by a delegation of 16 from Fort Wayne under Faithful Navigator William J. Lennart and Faithful Admiral Matthew C. Drennan.

The procession led to a grove on the grounds where, from an improvised platform, Bishop Noll addressed the immense assembly. He gave a graphic portrayal of the Missionary needs of the Country, particularly in the Southwest section, depicted the work for which the Missionary Catechists are being trained and extolled their labors among the Mexicans and Spanish-Americans.

Bishop Noll based his sermon on the text: "This is Eternal Life that

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"IF I HAD ONLY FOLLOWED MY VOCATION!"

The other day we received a most pathetic letter. It came from one of our readers and was filled with vain regrets over the loss of her vocation.

"Father," the writer began, "if I had only followed my vocation ten years ago, how happy I should be today! But I missed it. Although I often felt a strong desire to do some Missionary work among the poor, yet I asked no one for advice in this matter except my mother and she promptly discouraged me. I never once mentioned the matter to our Parish Priest. The years quickly passed. And now, even though I would like so much to become a Missionary Catechist and join you in your glorious work, I know it is impossible for you to accept me because I have long since passed the age limit."

Would you believe it, dear Reader, that we receive many letters similar to the one penned above? For every child of Mary who is really desirous of doing something worth while for her Blessed Lord and Saviour and the souls of His dear poor for whom He Suffered and Died, this letter sounds a note of warning. Would you not have every reason to be disgusted with yourself if in the years to come you would have to reproach yourself for having failed to respond to the Divine Call to embrace a Missionary life and go out into the great harvest field of the Southwest to save thousands of immortal souls now in danger of being lost? Remember, there is question here of the loss of souls, each one of whom is worth more to Jesus Christ than all the world beside.

But you may say: "I do realize that the greatest work I can do here on earth is to labor for the salvation of souls and particularly for the souls of the poor, neglected children in our needy Missions. I realize, too, that since there are neither Priests nor Sisters to give Religious Instruction to these neglected children, Missionary Catechists are the only ones that can do this work. But, Father, I fear to take the step. I might make a serious mistake if I entered the Society of Missionary Catechists. What if I should not persevere?"

I will answer your question by asking you another question. Would you rob yourself of success and a good salary as a stenographer or secretary by refusing to accept a good position—even after you had fitted yourself for that position—simply because you feared that you would fail if you took up the work?

Of course, not. Surely that would be the mark of a very cowardly soul. Now, let us use the same argument with reference to taking up a purely Spiritual work. By reason of a good Catholic home and school training you are fitted to enter upon a higher state of life—a Spiritual life—a Missionary life. Impelled by a strong, persistent desire to take up Missionary work, you would gladly go out to our needy Southwestern Missions and there teach the poor, neglected children both to know and to love their God. But you are diffident. You are timid. You are faint-hearted. And you say to me: "Father, I may fail! I may not make good."

Surely this is not the language of a true child of Mary, who promised her Good Mother when she entered the Sodality that she would strive to bring souls to God. Rather should she say: "I know this desire I have to become a Missionary is the Voice of God's Grace calling me to make the sacrifice of comforts, of pleasures, and of the good things of this life. I know, too, that He Who calls me to serve Him in the person of His abandoned and destitute little ones in the Missions will give me the grace to undertake this Missionary life and the strength to persevere in it. I am assured that as a Probationer for two years in the Society of Missionary Catechists, I have ample opportunity for testing my vocation. Then even after my Profession I am not bound by vows for life as are the members of the various Sisterhoods, but I will take vows only from year to year. I will not live a formal institutional life, but I will live in the Society of Missionary Catechists as a member of a family. Should my dear parents become seriously ill, I will be permitted to go home and nurse them. And, finally, I shall be permitted to visit my parents' home every second year for a period of one month, beginning the second year after my profession.

"Why, then, should I fear to take the step which means so much for the salvation of thousands of souls and supreme happiness for myself both for time and eternity?"

Child of Mary, will you hesitate to make your decision NOW? We shall be pleased to furnish you with information concerning vocation to a Missionary life. Write us today. We shall also gladly mail you, free, upon request, an absorbingly interesting story entitled "In the Service of the Queen." Address:

REVEREND SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR,
Society of Missionary Catechists,
Victory-Noll, Huntington, Indiana.

"Doings" at Victory-Noll

By Catechist Margaret Molloy

Three professed Missionary Catechists of O. B. L. V. renewed the vows and pledge of stability in the Society consecrating their lives to the service of Jesus and Mary in the person of the neglected poor of the Southwest missions, and three Candidates pronounced the act of consecration uniting them forever in the bond of love with Jesus and Mary, receiving at the same time the white veil and Mary-blue uniform of Consecrates in the Society, at ceremonies of investiture and profession held in the beautiful chapel of Our Lady of Victory, at Victory-Noll, on the morning of July 4.

Rev. A. J. Blaufuss, rector of Sacred Heart Church, Baileyville, Kansas, who conducted the retreat in preparation for the solemn event, presided at the ceremonies and also preached the sermon for the occasion.

In his address Father Blaufuss dwelt on the beautiful significance of the ceremony attendant on the pronouncement of the pledge of stability by the professed Catechists before a Host uplifted in the hands of the Priest accepting the pledge, and sealed, at its conclusion by Our Lord, Himself, when she receives the same Host in Holy Communion.

He congratulated the Catechists renewing their profession, and the new Consecrates, on the great grace which was theirs in being drawn through love by Jesus and Mary to lovingly imitate, through a life of charitable and missionary labors, their interior spirit. He spoke eloquently of the sacredness of the vocation to which the Missionary Catechists are called—of the beauty and happiness of a life lived in conformity with the spirit and rules of the Society, and dominated by a spirit of self-sacrifice—that virtue which lifts the soul to greater heights of glory in five minutes than can be attained in a whole life-time of self-seeking and self-aggrandizement, and which, as a spiritual alchemy, makes the simplest life noble, and the noblest life sublime.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given by Rev. J. J. Sigstein, spiritual director of the Society of Missionary Catechists, at the conclusion of the ceremonies. A happy gathering of relatives and friends of the Catechists renewing their profession, and of the new Consecrates, united with them and the community in their day of rejoicing.

The Catechists renewing their pro-

in training at the Institute tendered a reception to their sponsor and patron, Rt. Rev. J. F. Noll, D. D., recently appointed their new Bishop, on the occasion of his first Episcopal visit to the Institute. Following the serving of dinner to the Bishop and his party, a short program in his Lordship's honor was given by the Catechists in training at the Institute.

The program was prefaced by an address of welcome by Catechist Brickley and the presentation of a set of vestments made and embroidered by Head-Catechist, Sophia Renier. A chorus by the choir of the Institute, "The Lord is My Shepherd," commending the new shepherd and his flock to the tender care of the Loving Shepherd of all Mankind, followed. An old German choral greeting to a Bishop, preceded an original sketch, "A Mission Catechetical Class," in which a number of the Catechists had parts. This sketch delineating a model class in Catechetics, introduced the pathos and humor so closely allied in the teaching of Catechetical classes in the Southwest mission districts. A chorus of "My Own United States," with Catechist Penning as soloist, preceded Bishop Noll's response. The Bishop, in his usual felicitous vein, stated that of all the numerous receptions and farewell testimonials tendered him since his appointment as Bishop of Fort Wayne, this testimonial appealed to him most of all. This first visit to his beloved Institute after his consecration was like returning home to his own.

Bishop Noll also presided at the ceremonies attendant on the blessing and dedication of Victory Training Institute on the following day, July 5.

The blessing and dedication of the chapel took place privately in the morning preceding the celebration of Mass by Bishop Noll. The ceremonies in connection with the blessing of the building, at which Bishop Noll also

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profession are: Head-Catechist Sophia Renier, Chicago, Ill.; Catechist Mary Benes, Chicago, Ill.; and Catechist Marie Bodin, Sour Lake, Texas.

The new Consecrates: Catechist Genevieve Whitehead, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Catechist Clara Rathnaw, Detroit, Mich.; and Catechist Esther Fierst, Colorado Springs, Colo.

That same evening the Catechists

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YOU AND YOUR INTENTIONS ARE REMEMBERED

Berkeley, Calif, July 4, '25. Reverend Dear Father:

Would you kindly publish in THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST the following Heavenly favors which were granted to me? These favors were received from the Sacred Heart of Jesus and through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Anne, St. Anthony and St. Rita.

Following are some of the intentions for which I prayed and which were so graciously answered: Success in teaching; restoration of health; prevention of fire; peace of soul, etc.

B. B.

Frequently we receive letters from our subscribers like the above. We also receive requests from time to time from our readers to remember their special intentions in our prayers. Our friends will undoubtedly be pleased to hear that their intentions for both Spiritual and Temporal favors are remembered in the per-

petual Novena offered by our devoted Catechists at the Altar of Our Blessed Lady of Victory every day. The poor children under the care of our Catechists in the Missions likewise pray for all those interested in our work.

We wish to assure all our friends who are subscribers of our little magazine that our dear Catechists are not content with merely wishing them well, but pray for them daily and, furthermore, that they will be pleased, upon request, to include their special intentions in their perpetual Novena which they offer to Our Blessed Lady of Victory every day.

'DOINGS' AT VICTORY-NOLL

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officiated, were celebrated privately in the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, preliminary to the public ceremonies of dedication held on the grounds of the Institute.

The Catechists entertained the visiting clergy, relatives and friends at dinner following the public dedicatory services, and presented a program for their entertainment in the evening in the auditorium of the Institute.

The program began with an address of welcome by Catechist Molloy, followed by a chorus, "One Sweetly So'lemn Thought," and the recitation, by Catechist Benton, of "The Missionary Catechist," a poetical tribute to the Catechists, written by the late Rev. Dr. Shearin, America's foremost Literary Critic, Catechist Mendoza, a native of Old Mexico, next sang "Salve, Salve, Cantaban Maria," a melodious Spanish hymn to Our Blessed Mother. In an address having for its theme, "The Missionary Catechist as an Auxiliary to the Priest," Catechist Lo Rang sketched women's part in church activities down through the ages from the early Christian Era to the present day, which, with its peculiar social and industrial conditions has necessitated the establishment of communities of women who will serve as real auxiliaries to the parish priest—especially those of the mission districts laboring alone against almost superhuman odds to sustain in the Faith and to succor, a flock sometimes scattered over a territory of five or six thousand square miles.

In her talk Catechist Lo Rang out-

lined the part taken by the Missionary Catechist in furthering and cooperating in the labors of the Missionary Priest. She emphasized the point that the Catechists place no hampering limitations on the extent of their activities save to confine them within the broad sphere of personal service—working, like Christ, as individuals, with individuals. As Catechists, instructing the poor and neglected in the truths and practices of our Holy Faith, bringing into their homes as visiting nurses, the blessings of health and content, and as experienced social service workers, training them for good citizenship through a realization of their opportunities and privileges.

A vocal trio, "Ave Maris Stella," sung by Catechists Mendoza, Penning and De Vella, followed. An original Spanish sketch, "Americanizing the Spanish-speaking Catholic," in which Catechists Mendoza and Benton appeared gave an interesting exposition of Protestant Missionary methods among the Spanish-speaking Catholics of the Southwest. Following a soprano solo, "My Task," by Catechist Penning, the Catechists concluded their part of the entertainment with a chorus of Gounod's "Praise Ye the Father."

And so came to a close at Victory-Noll that day of dedication so felicitously enfolded the promises of years with the assurance of a future as bright as the promises of God to encourage the Missionary Catechists in their efforts to make the desert fields of the Southwest blossom with the rose of Faith, and to realize the desire of the everlasting hills to be encompassed in the Kingdom of the Sacred Heart, through the garnering of a vast harvest of immortal souls for the treasure house of Our Heavenly Father.

Chaperito, New Mexico.

There were many Communion on Holy Thursday. Devotions and Spiritual life is reviving among the people. The Padre needs so much to be done around the house, but no one comes to do it. He seems to be in need of support. He says he will not ask for help as there are priests in New Mexico poorer than himself. Some even unkempt, so much in need of clothes are they. We have distributed nearly all our old clothes, we have had a great supply and are very grateful to the charitable ladies for sewing.

CATECHIST JULIA DOYLE.

The Associate Catechists of Mary

THE VILLETONBURG THIMBLE CLUB

The Lay Auxiliary

Grandma Murray Entertains

By Troella V. Mills

It was her first party. Although a quiver with excitement she was not in front of the mirror studying the hang of her black silk—no, Grandma Murray was kneeling before a statue of Our Blessed Lady of Victory, whispering: "Dear Mother of Christ, I've come to you many's a time in trouble an' when we had sickness an' sorrow, an' you've never failed me. You understood my fears when Denny was lost, that time my little lad crawled under the seat of Doctor King's buggy an' was taken over into Blue Ridge Valley an' was gone all night. Poverty an' sorrow you knew full well, but—truth to tell—I'm most ashamed to be askin' your help in this, for it does seem a bit foolish for me to be havin' a party—an' me past seventy. I'm scared the chairs will be empty, an' I do want this gatherin' to be a success."

When a clock pealed out three silvery chimes, every chair in the sun parlor of Dennis Murray's beautiful home was filled. Grandma and Mary, (my daughter-in-law, as the senior Mrs. Murray called Denny's excellent wife) placed sewing baskets and linens on the little tables around which the guests were comfortably grouped. "I 'spose none of you will mind a bit o' stitchin'; its for Him. Do you remember, Adele Carroll, when I gave a Chapel last year? Well, my little Church in the Southwest will soon be finished, an' I'm goin' to send a box of linens for it, an' I wanted my good friends to share my joy by makin' this box a really, truly gift to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus in the Tabernacle."

Hearty approval and promises of help were given, so the gentle, silver-haired hostess continued: "Pears like the old time hospitality of my day is dyin' out in Villetonburg—no neighborly calls, no friendly help nowadays. That's why I want you to come here of an afternoon or evenin' an' we'll sew for the Altar. An' while we're about it, we might as well exchange helpful household ideas. If

we got several good ones each meetin' we'd soon know as much as a bunch of almanacs."

"Indeed we would," agreed little Mrs. Davis. Perhaps I have been doing some task a hard way just because my mother did it that way, while my next door neighbor may have an easy short-cut for the same work."

"Now, 'spose we take these ideas accordin' to the letters of our names. You will give us a good idea the next time, Mrs. Anderson, and then you at the next meetin', Adele."

"Very well. If you ladies will come to my house for the next afternoon of sewing, I'll try to think up something for the occasion, though goodness only knows what it will be," laughed Mrs. Anderson.

The work on Altar linens went on with happy industry until a delicious lunch was served by Kathleen and Patricia Murray who had just returned, rosy-cheeked, from school, with Bob politely pushing the tea wagon, but thinking of the treat in store for him as soon as he could escape to the kitchen, for sandwiches, salad, cream pie and coffee are irresistible to an always famished, growing boy, and Bob's sisters claimed he could eat fence rails if they had salt on them.

When the guests had eaten and a satiated Bob had wheeled the plates away, Grandma handed every lady a gay fancy-work bag. "In these bags, I've tucked a bit of linen for you to make at home, and when it is finished return it to me for my box—an' be sure to offer your sewin', your washin' an' ironin' as your gold, frankincense an' myrrh."

"That's such a beautiful idea, Grandma, that I shall take a few more pieces," said Miss Carroll.

"I'll never get these done by Christmas," wailed Mrs. Leonard in a hopeless tone.

"Then git them done when you can," advised Grandma. "The three Wise Men did not reach Bethlehem on Christmas Day, but Baby Jesus waited for them, an' their gifts were none the less acceptable."

"I never thought about it in that light. I shall do my best," was the earnest rejoinder.

"That's all we are ever expected—Oh, Denny! You are home so early today," exclaimed Grandma as her son walked in. "You're still in time for a bite o' lunch, dear," she added with motherly solicitude.

"Good afternoon, ladies," beamed the genial head of the house of Murray, though he lovingly insisted that his mother was the venerated guiding spirit of the home, and the devotion of Mary and the three children confirmed his decision.

"Look at the cute little work bags your mother gave us with Altar sewing in," said Mrs. Weldon.

"Making you work, I see. Did you keep a bag for yourself, Mother?"

"Tut, tut, why should I? Haven't I my sewing table?"

"That's a poor excuse—making these ladies work and getting out of it yourself for lack of a sewing bag. Well, you've got to have a bag, too," he added with mock severity. "Here's one for you."

Smiling indulgently at his frowning face, betrayed by his twinkling eyes, Grandma untied the package and disclosed a beautiful leather purse. "Denny boy, 'tis too fine for me."

"Open it, mother."

The trembling hands obeyed and drew from its depths a check. A tense moment ensued as she adjusted her tear-dimmed glasses to read: "FOR AN ALTAR FOR YOUR LITTLE CHAPEL, FROM DENNY AND MARY."

"Oh girls! it's for an Altar for my little Church in the West. Laddie, dear, you know how to warm my old heart, an' you, too, Mary. God love you."

The guests became enthusiastic and promised to help make linens, not only for this little Chapel donated by Mrs. Murray, but to work for other needy places as well. Mrs. Weldon suggested "extending our Parish a little until it includes some poor mission field, that will bring a blessing on our own Parish."

Thus was the Villetonburg Thimble Club formed with Grandma Murray as president, a president who knew nothing of parliamentary law, but who who a skilled sewer, used her time to purpose, and having known poverty had sympathy for the poor.

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Royal Knights for the Day

Leading the 5,000 over the (k) Noll

SCENES AT VICTORY-NOLL, DEDICATION DAY, JULY 5, 1925

75 Priests Formed the Vanguard

The Bishop on the (k) Noll

The Sermon in the Grove

Raising Old Glory



TOP ROW: Catechists Genevieve Whitehead, Catherine McHugh, Clara Rathnaw, Esther Fierst, Eleanor Cogan, Mathilda De Ville and Helen Brickley.
 SECOND ROW: Miss Clara Foley, Catechists Josephine Penning, Raphaela Mendoza, Rev. J. J. Sigstein, Catechists Anna Wilhelm, Madeline Lo Rang, and Miss Clorinda Quintana.
 THIRD ROW: Catechists Ida Keller, Agnes Kozla, Cordelia Bahl, Margaret Molloy, Evelyn Benton, Bridget Hynes and Adelaide Martinez.
 BOTTOM ROW: Catechist Mary Benes, Head-Catechist Sophia Renier, Catechists Caroline Meister, Hanna Barthen, Helen Srill, Marie Bodin and Edna Like.

“Dios Les Proveera!” -- God Will Provide!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church,
Fort Collins, Colo.
Catechist Adelaide Martinez,
Dear Hermanita:

My conscience would not allow me to wait any longer to answer your kind letter. Now is the time for making up for my past negligence. I have never forgotten all the hard work you did in the Church and house here. I owe you a very special remembrance at the Holy Altar.

I suppose they told you all about the nice celebration we had here in honor of “Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.” Father Ruensa, the Pastor of Del Norte, preached the sermon. Had you been present you would surely have all the information desired on the subject of the devotions of the Mexican people. The devotion of the Mexican to the Blessed Mother of God dates from the time of her apparition to Juan Diego Guadalupe in the sixteenth century. Their love for the Catholic Church is closely connected with their love for their Blessed Mother. Even those who are deceived for a time by the Protestant Missionaries will not give up their beads and sooner or later recognize their mistake. There is a saying that “a

Mexican never dies without the Priest.” Twenty million Mexicans were baptized within ten years following the apparition of the Blessed Virgin to Juan Diego. Her protection is plainly visible in the manner in which the Mexicans, even though deprived of the help of the Church, have kept the faith.

You can tell your friends that our people will spend hours saying the rosary. They sing the “Hail Mary” and have special hymns between each mystery. Their spirit of Faith is remarkable. They always say “Si Dios sea servido.”

The children learn the principal points of Christian Doctrine by listening to the Canticle and to singing the same themselves. Remember the sacred song, “Vamos feliz todos juntos” wherein all the things we are required to do and believe for our salvation are contained. And, too, “Al Cielo suiero ir”, in which are explained all the Commandments of God and the Church. Also the most tender love for the Infant Jesus and His Blessed Mother in “Vamos todos a Belen” which is sung at Christmas while going from the Church door to the Crib. Most Mexicans do not sing

anything except sacred Canticles saying that the beautiful Castilian language should not be profaned by common songs.

Our people are a contemplative race. They are hungry for the word of God and you can keep them in Church as long as you have something good with which to nourish their souls. At our Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Father Ruensa spoke an hour and a half, the Mass lasted until 1:00 o'clock and yet the people were waiting.

You will be glad to hear that our church debt is surely being reduced. The winter was rather hard on our people. They had scarcely enough to live on. Your good father was saying last Sunday that something must be done to get bread into poor homes. Our good and charitable Mrs. Landis sent me a box of clothes. I am sure these will make many happy. I wish we had a few dozen good kind souls like her. Some of our people cannot bring their children to Church or school because of lack of clothes to keep them warm.

My sister was pleased with the kind letter and often speaks of writing to you. She is trying to follow your example of devotedness to the Padre.

May Our Dear Lord bless you with all kinds of favors every day of your life, I remain

Your sincere friend,
Rev. Father J. P. Trudel.

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In the Heart of the Steel District.



Catechists Martinez and Renier visited the home of a poor man who has tuberculosis. We do not think he will live many days. He seemed to be so happy because he made his Confession last night to the Missionary Father who is here. This poor man's wife is sick and not able to take care of him. We found also her married brother sick in bed too weak to be up.

There are four in this home and all of them sick. I feel, dear Father, when leaving such a home as this that I am doing something in giving up my life to this work so dear to Jesus and Mary. The little trials and crosses that accompany it are sweet and make one feel very happy.

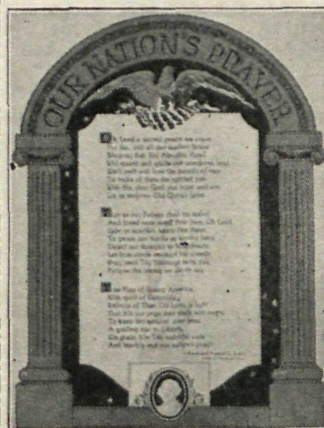
I meant to write to you about a visit we made this afternoon to a Spaniard at the Steel Mill's hospital.

He has been in bed for months. He will never get well. This poor man has not been to the Sacraments for over fourteen years. Catechist Martinez talked to him for two hours. We left a Crucifix and a Sacred Heart badge with him. He has lost his Faith. While waiting for Catechist Martinez

I said my Rosary for the conversion of sinners.

We left the hospital at 5:00 o'clock and called on our poor sick people and left them something to eat. We received a box of eatables and shared it with these poor sick people.

CATECHIST SOPHIE RENIER.



Our Nation's Prayer

As used by the author, Rev. Francis C. Young, Chicago's Poet-Priest, during the flag-raising, Dedication Day, at Victory Training Institute.

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they may know Thee, the One True God and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent."

"The greatest calamity that can befall a human being," he said, "is to live in this world without knowing anything definite about the God Who created him to know, love and serve Him and therefore to be happy with Him for all Eternity; without knowing anything definite about the God Who Redeemed him. It is strange to say that more than two-thirds of the world's people, more than one billion, know nothing definite concerning Almighty God, nothing concerning the story of His love as exemplified in the Redemption. There exists the haziest and vaguest idea concerning both God and things Eternal.

"If ignorance of the One True God and of things Spiritual and Eternal be the greatest evil in the world today, then any organized movement that seeks to overcome it must be the greatest benefit, and those who enlist themselves in this work must be the greatest benefactors. Holy Scripture tells us that 'those who instruct others unto justice shall shine as the stars in heaven.'

"It is a boon we cannot overestimate and those who engage themselves in this work must be commended by both God and man. Our Lord Himself tells us that those who leave father and mother and home and kindred for His Name's sake shall receive a reward a hundredfold. Heaven is defined as the portion of those who labor for the spread of the Faith: who forsake all for Christ's sake and abandon themselves wholly to His service engaging in the spiritual works of mercy. For those who look after the aged, the poor, those whom fortune has not smiled upon, who are performing that which we know as Social Service, are occupying themselves with the Corporal Works of Mercy.

"This Institution was erected to train young women to engage in this kind of work. The Society of Missionary Catechists was founded that they might be trained for service and then sent into a field ripe for the harvest. Where is this field? It lies along the southwest border line of the United States beginning at Galveston, along the northern coast of Mexico and up into California. In that territory there are 2,000,000 Mexicans and Spanish Americans, all Catholics by preference, that is they have been baptized and have to some extent practiced their Religion. But we have not had a sufficient number of Priests and Instructors to minister unto them. Accordingly, it has become necessary to prepare teachers to do something for them. The ladies who enter this Society here at Victory-Noll leave home for their work, but they are not wholly severed from it, for they may go home occasionally to visit their parents and they obligate themselves only from year to year. But their training develops a tender personal love of the God whom they will serve and there is no likelihood that they

will forsake their field of labor after two, three or four years. The success of their work will rather inspire them to be lifelong laborers in the service of the Master.

"Why were the Mexicans so neglected as regards Religious training? I welcome the opportunity of answering that question. The northern part of Mexico is very sparsely inhabited. It is very mountainous and difficult for people to receive the educational advantages with which we have been blessed. They live under a hostile government.

"While perhaps it is not generally known, for 70 years the Mexican government has been anti-Christian. The same laws drafted against the Catholic Church have been directed against all forms of Christianity and all Religions that would send their Missionaries into the field would experience the same persecution. No outdoor services are permitted in Mexico. A meeting such as this here today would not be allowed. I may not ring a Church bell in Mexico; I may not officiate at a marriage and have it accepted as legal. Those are the kind of laws the government has made. The Mexicans are not permitted to send their children to Parochial schools, no Religious garb whatsoever may be worn and because of these conditions the Church cannot be held to blame for the lack of Spiritual advancement and educational development.

"Here in this Country they breathe the air of freedom. The peons working on the ranches are held in ignorance and practically in slavery in order that they may not become better educated and go up farther north.

"Religion must be brought to them and it will be many years before the Catholic Church will have enough Priests to minister to them. The people could not have the Religious advantages of which they are so much in need unless lay workers instruct them, that they may be held to the day when Priests can be sent to them. In the name of this Institution I wish to thank you for your attendance. You are assembled at one of the beauty spots of Indiana and you are most welcome to come here and to bring your friends. This institution is working for the benefit of America."

Grand Knight Martin O'Malley, of Huntington Council, Knights of Columbus, gave a stirring patriotic address on the "Flag of Our Country". He congratulated Bishop Noll on having been instrumental in establishing the Training School, beautifying the spot and making it one of the most attractive in this section of the State. A most cordial greeting and welcome was also expressed to the visitors in behalf of the Catechists and the City of Huntington.

The procession again formed to the Training Institute, where a trumpet resounded. "America" was sung and the great flag carried to the flag staff by officers of Our Lady of Good Counsel Circle, Daughters of Isabella. They were Mrs. Monica Mast Boggs, Regent; Mrs. Clara Lahr, Mrs. Oda

Willey, Mrs. Mary Herzog and Miss Ruth Kindler. As two service men, Herbert Zahn, of Huntington, and John Mack, of Elwood, raised the starry emblem to its lofty height, the assembly united in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Mrs. Helen Hartke a prominent vocalist of Chicago, sang "My Own United States". Reverend Francis C. Young, Poet-Priest of Chicago, gave the history and then recited "Our Nation's Prayer", of which he is the author. An autographed illuminated copy was then presented Bishop Noll by the author.

At 6 o'clock a special supper for Bishop Noll and all of the clergy, also all other guests of the Training Institute was served by the Catechists assisted by the members of the Victory Circle of the very efficient Auxiliary of the Catechists at Huntington.

The day's celebration was in the nature of a reception for the Bishop and Priests of the Diocese as well as a dedication, and a special program of entertainment was given in the assembly hall in the evening by the Catechists. Bishop Noll presided and gave a short address. Other speakers among the clergy included Rev. J. J. Sigstein, Founder and Spiritual Director of the Society of Missionary Catechists at Victory-Noll; Rev. B. Biegel, Rector of St. Joseph's Church, Elwood, a Priest who has labored in the Diocese of Fort Wayne for the past 36 years, and Rev. Gavin Duffy, of India. An attractive musical and literary program given by the Catechists in honor of the visiting clergy, which was heartily commended by Bishop Noll, terminated the day's festivities.

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Having been a busy mother, she held all red tape in proper contempt, and with her staunch heart and kindly tongue had qualifications for successful presidential activities. Mrs. Leonard was made Vice President, (Bob said they did not know what else to do with her) and Adele Carroll was entrusted with the duties of secretary and treasurer.

When the last guest had departed, Grandmother Murray stole up to her room to kneel before the statue and whisper softly:

"Mother of Christ, I'm sorry I ever doubted that you were interested in every part an' plan of our lives, be it sorrow or sunshine. Forgive me, for I had quite forgotten about the time Jesus an' you went down to Cana in Galilee."

Wichita, Kans.

I enjoy every copy of the paper so much and look forward to receiving it each month. With every wish and prayers for success in your great work, I am, Very respectfully yours, Miss G. F.

National Military Home

Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. Father: You will please find a Money Order for \$5.00 for the benefit of the Missionary Catechist, Huntington, Indiana. Yours respectfully, W. K.