

If you receive THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST regularly, it is being paid for by somebody



Society of Missionary Catechists of Our Blessed Lady of Victory

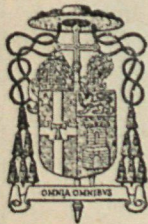
Volume I

Victory-Noll, Huntington, Indiana, April, 1925

Number 5

MISSIONARY CATECHISTS TO OPPOSE PROTESTANT PROPAGANDA!

Bishop of San Antonio, Texas, Calls Catechists to Diocese—Will Help Hold 250,000 Spanish-speaking Catholics to Their Faith.



Diocese of San Antonio

238 Duver Avenue

San Antonio, Texas, 2/19/25

My dear Father Sigstein:

I am so glad to see that you held on to your glorious plan as you unfolded it some years ago and that full success has come to reward your perseverance. You have started a work which is bound to be of untold benefit to our poor Mexican missions. Our Mexicans are religious and Catholic by natural instinct; it's in the marrow of their bones. Their great handicaps are dense ignorance, dire poverty, enormous distance in many cases from school and church. Worst of all they are preyed upon by legions of rich and persistent proselytizers. These are everywhere at work. It is amazing the money and the men which the Sects have at their command.

I hail your "Missionary Catechists" as one of the most effective means to counteract Protestant propaganda; to supply the awful dearth of Priests and parochial schools; to instruct our poor people and keep them in the Faith of their Fathers. We have the Far-East as an example. The Church in China owes much, perhaps most of it's glorious extension, to the faithful work of the bands of devoted Catechists. What's good for the East will not be bad for the West, and I expect much from your trained, zealous, devoted Catechists.

May God Bless your work, fructify it and increase it a hundred-fold. Yours in Xto.,

✠ *Arthur Drossaerts, D. D.*

Bishop of San Antonio

For many Catholics our Great Southwest has been the land of Spiritual Tragedies.


To Prepare The Way

Over in Spain they are educating forty young men as Missionary Priests for the needy Spanish-speaking Missions of the United States. After their ordination these self-sacrificing young Missionaries will labor exclusively among the poor Spaniards and Mexicans. They will come as **Other Christs** to preach the Gospel of love and of hope to these Spiritually starving Catholic people. No one can doubt in the least that these "Other Christs" will, like the Good Shepherd, seek out the lost ones of the flock and feed them with the bread of the Word of Eternal Life.

Now just as Jesus Christ had a precursor in the person of John the Baptist, to go before Him and prepare His way by preaching and teaching,—so these "Other Christs" will likewise have precursors in the Missions of the Southwest. These precursors are the Missionary Catechists. As true auxiliaries to the new Missionaries they will prepare their way among the poor, neglected little ones of the flock. They will teach them their Catechism. They will prepare them for the Reception of the Sacraments. They will nurse them in homes where "poverty reigns supreme".

Such is the glorious apostolate of the Missionary Catechists. It can only be fully realized if our subscribers pray fervently to the Divine Shepherd of Souls, begging Him to call and prepare devout, humble, self-sacrificing souls to associate themselves with our Catechists in seeking out the neglected and lost ones of the flock.

If one may judge by the constant



**APPROVAL
OF
ARCHBISHOP
DAEGER**

Nov. 26, 1924.

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.

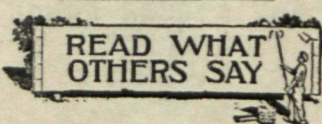
I wish **THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST** every success. May God bless those who help the Catechists by subscribing for their little magazine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
ALBERT T. DAEGER, O.F.M.,
 Archbishop of Santa Fe.



BISHOP OF SAN ANTONIO
 Read his letter on front page

demand for back numbers of the **MISSIONARY CATECHIST**, many readers are undoubtedly keeping a file for our little monthly. If you are not keeping your copy, may we ask you, dear reader, to kindly hand it to some friend and ask him to become a subscriber?



Dear Father Sigstein:
 I am enclosing my check for \$10.00 for life subscription to the **MISSIONARY CATECHIST**. I wish you every success in this very meritorious work and pray that God may bless your efforts to save to our holy Faith, the many Spanish-speaking Catholics in those districts referred to in your appeal.

Sincerely,
S. H. H.,
 Madison, Ind.
PRAYERS ANSWERED.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Father:
 I enclose donation which I promised if my petition was granted.
A FRIEND.

PRIEST SENDS 79 SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Undoubtedly your "**MISSIONARY CATECHIST**" is going to be a great success just like the "**OUR SUNDAY VISITOR**" and "**THE ACOLYTE**". We need a paper like **THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST**. I hope that during the year you are going to have some articles on catechetical instruction in the school. I am enclosing a list of 79 subscriptions for the **MISSIONARY CATECHIST**.

(Rev.) **J. B. A.,** Pastor
 Cascade, Iowa.

WANTS IT FOR "LIFE."

Detroit, Mich., March 20, 1925
 Dear Father:
 In January I sent you a subscription for your paper and after looking over two copies have decided to send you \$10.00 and so become a life subscriber. I think you are doing wonderful work and deserve encouragement,—both yourself and your associates, the wonderful women who become Missionary Catechists.

Wishing you very success and hoping for remembrance in your prayers, I remain,
REV. B. T. M.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS.

WHAT HAPPENED ON THE STREETS OF SAN ANTONIO

There was a big procession. Thousands of men, women and children, with bands playing, and banners flying sang, as they marched through the streets of this old Spanish Catholic City. The Methodist Episcopal church had organized this public display, in order to commemorate one of its local jubilees. It was a very imposing spectacle. In the vanguard there were one thousand Catholic children, who waved Protestant banners, and sang Protestant hymns. The leader of the Catholic band was a handsome youth, who had the grace and the carriage of a Spanish cavalier. His life story may be briefly told, as throwing some light upon the methods of the Protestants in perverting the Faith of thousands of our Catholic children.

This boy, the son of a Spanish father and a Mexican mother, was born in a Mexican colony on the outskirts of the city of San Antonio. His father, Jose Cordova, had been brought up in Old Mexico, and at an early age had inherited the vast estates of the Cordovas. Like his ancestors for generations before him, the young man had always led an exemplary Christian life. Scarcely had he reached man's estate, when a terrible revolution swept the country. Penniless, he fled across the border, and found shelter with some poor, but hospitable Mexicans, living near the City of San Antonio. There was neither church nor resident pastor in the Mexican colony where he took up his abode. Consequently there was little opportunity, for the poor people to receive Christian instruction, and to take part in the Services of their Holy Religion.

It was on the occasion of one of the infrequent visits of the traveling Missionary, that Cordova was united in marriage to one of the young ladies of the settlement. Years passed. They raised a large family, but lived in abject poverty. In this condition they are found by Protestant Missionaries, who swarmed over the land. They brought food and clothing to the children, and in turn, invited them to attend their Sunday School classes. Subject to such pernicious influences, was it any wonder that the Cordova family soon lost the precious heritage of Faith? Manuel, the oldest of the children, was a bright, quick, clever lad. It was he who always carried off the honors in the Methodist Sunday School, and his teachers were not long in discovering the Religious sentiments of the boy, as well as his rare natural gifts, and in a short time they gained the consent of the parents to allow him to attend the big Methodist college, where he might study for the Methodist ministry. Other Catholic boys were there: why not he?

And thus we account for the presence of Manuel Cordova to-day at the head of the Methodist procession, leading one thousand children, perverts from the True Faith,—children of the descendants of the good old

Spanish Catholic Pioneers, who planted the Cross in this glorious Southwest land, and freely gave to the Church, Her first martyrs in the New World.

An American Lourdes

By Theo. A. Thome.

Why do Catholics of the United States flock to the Shrine of Lourdes in France, and to St. Anne de Beaupre, in Canada, and yet fail to recognize that Sacred spot near the City of Mexico, The Wondrous Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe? It was here that the Blessed Virgin appeared to the Indian, Juan Diego, and sent him, in the dead of winter, with his mantilla full of roses, and with Her picture miraculously executed by Her own hands, beautifully wrought on the robe itself, to the skeptical bishop who had doubted Her appearance.

To the average American Catholic, Our Lady of Guadalupe is somewhat of a "foreigner". He is, indeed devoted to Our Lady of Lourdes, but why neglect this sacred shrine on American soil, which is so close to the heart of our Mexican Catholic brother? If we made his shrine our own would we not come nearer to understanding him, and would he not become more trustful of his "Gringo" Catholic brother?

If there were an annual pilgrimage from, say Chicago, to Mexico City each year to take part in the Novena of Grace preceding the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th,

would there not be a wonderful understanding spring up between the Catholics of the United States and Old Mexico, and would it not prove a great boon to the Catechists now laboring so zealously among our brown brothers in the Southwest?

Would not this, the Jubilee Year, be an auspicious time to inaugurate this annual pilgrimage, when many of those who will be unable to visit Rome may make this journey to the American Lourdes, and there plead that the faithful of these two nations may be united in one body for the honor and glory of God and the extension of His kingdom on earth?

LIKES COMPACTNESS OF T. M. C.

Your organ, THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST, has struck a good note. Not the least of its merits, is its cheery compactness. Your heavenly patronage is in earnest of success.

Affectionately, J. D.

If you like THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST why not become a life subscriber?

"The Rediscovered Country," an unusual treatise on the Southwest, handsomely bound, 32 pictures, only 25c postpaid.



"Steps" to Practical Catholicity

If you like THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST send in your life subscription.

THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST
Huntington, Ind.

Devoted to the Greater Honor of Our Blessed Lady of Victory and the dissemination of information concerning the Catechetical and Social Service Activities in the Mission Field at Home.

Published monthly with ecclesiastical approbation by the SOCIETY OF MISSIONARY CATECHISTS OF OUR BLESSED LADY OF VICTORY, as its Official Organ, and the organ of its Lay Auxiliary, the Associate Catechists of Mary. Articles of interest to non-members.

Subscription Rate: In U. S. 50c per year for single copies; 10 copies or more to one address, 40c each per year. Life Subscription \$10.00. Canada and Foreign, 75c per year. Payable in advance.

Proceeds devoted entirely to the support of Missionary Catechists in the Mission Field.—Contributions, both financial and literary, solicited.—Advertising rates on request.

Entered as second-class matter December 30, 1924, at the postoffice at Huntington, Indiana, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

Rev. J. J. Sigstein, Spiritual Director of The Society of Missionary Catechists Editor

S. Cyril Hettich
Business Manager

Printed by Our Sunday Visitor Press,
Huntington, Indiana.



ALL
FOR JESUS
THROUGH
MARY

Society of Missionary Catechists
of
Our Blessed Lady of Victory.

THE MOST REV. ARCHBISHOP A. T. DAEGER,
O.F.M., D.D.

Honorary President, Santa Fe, New Mexico

THE RT. REV. MSGR. JOHN F. NOLL, LL.D.

Editor of "Our Sunday Visitor" in whose
Victory Training Institute the Catechists re-
ceive their first period of Training, Instru-
ctor in Catechetics, Huntington, Indiana

THE REV. J. J. SIGSTEIN

President and Spiritual Director, Victory-
Noll, Huntington, Indiana

CATECHIST SOPHIA RENIER

Head-Catechist and Directress at Gary-Aler-
ding Settlement House, Gary, Indiana

CATECHIST CAROLINE MEISTER

Catechist-Directress at Victory Training In-
stitute, Victory-Noll, Huntington, Indiana

CATECHIST BLANCHE RICHARDSON

Senior-Catechist of Mission Center, Ocate,
New Mexico

CATECHIST JULIA DOYLE

Member Board of Directors and Senior-
Catechist of Mission Center, Chaperito, New
Mexico

THE REV. MICHAEL DUMAREST

Vice-President and Financial Secretary, Wagon
Mound, New Mexico

THE REV. ANTHONY J. BLAUFUSS

Secretary, Baileyville, Kansas

MR. CHARLES J. ECKERT

Acting Secretary, Santa Fe, New Mexico

MR. S. CYRIL HETTICH

Publicity Director, Huntington, Indiana

MR. RONALD P. FAHEY

Lecturer, Chicago, Illinois

MRS. L. N. ROWE

Organizer of Associate Catechists of Mary,
Victory-Noll, Huntington, Indiana

IN HIS STEPS

A Popular Exposition of the Spiritual Life

III.

"Have you heard, children," asked Sister Charitina at the opening of her class, "about the ordination of a Jewish convert to the Holy Priesthood out in Oregon last month?"

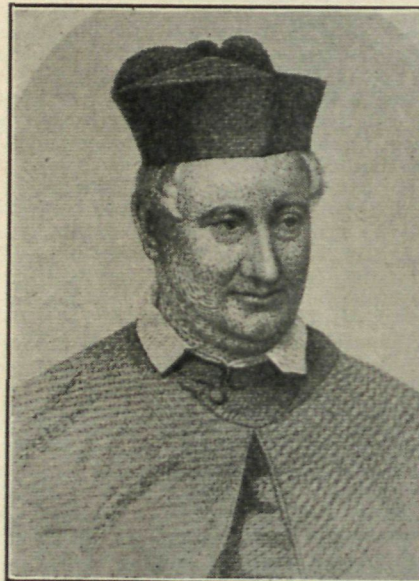
"O, yes, Sister," replied Rosemary, "I read all about it in OUR SUNDAY VISITOR and I thought it was really wonderful. But isn't this unusual,

erned under the Old Law. This was a prohibitive Law—a Law of servitude and of fear. It was the Law under which the Jews—always a 'stiff-necked' and rebellious people—were ruled with the iron hand of Justice and held in subjection by servile fear. And under the reign of this Law, Almighty God spoke to His people amidst flashes of lightning and rolling of thunder, punished their murmurings and rebellions by fire and sword and permitted them to be destroyed, or led away captives, by their pagan enemies. And so we may rightly judge that if some one told these chosen people of the Old Law that this same God—now so terrible in His threatenings and punishment—would, in the course of time, reveal Himself as a God of love, promulgating a New Law of Love to take the place of the Old Law of Fear, these people would scarcely have believed it.

"Have you ever thought, my dear children, how highly privileged we are in being called to live under this New Law of Love which Our Dear Saviour brought from Heaven? He tells us that He came into the world "to give us life and life more abundantly". He came to teach us to live according to the New Law of Love which was to supplant the Old Law of Fear. He began by teaching the Beatitudes. These Beatitudes He set forth in the most wonderful sermon that was ever preached—the Sermon on the Mount. In this sermon He laid down for all time the principles of the New Law of the Life of Holiness demanded of His followers. Now the foundation of this New Law is Perfect Love. And this love is to be taken for the exact fulfillment of the whole Law of God. Just listen to His explanation of this New Law of Perfect Love of Charity: 'You will never be able to keep the Ten Commandments with a perfect spirit if your aim is to observe them one by one. You must strive after the principle underlying them all—and this principle is love.'

"Now I want you children to fix clearly in your minds the distinction between this New Law of Love and the Old Law of Fear. This New Law is a positive Law, not merely something negative. This Law, St. Paul tells us, if perfectly observed, 'casts out all fear.' In the Old Law there were maledictions rather than benedictions; prohibitions rather than directions. The New Law, on the contrary, does not merely forbid men to do what is wrong or sinful, but rather encourages them to live a higher and holier life. We are not merely shown what we must not do, but rather are taught what we must do in order to please Our Good God. Under the reign

(Continued on page 6)



Father Frederick Faber, D. D.

Sister? One hears so seldom of the conversion of Jewish young men and of their ordination to the Holy Priesthood."

"Yes, it is rather unusual, Rosemary. But I have read of some remarkable conversions among the Jews and some of these converts have done much for the glory of God as Priests. I remember reading some time ago 'The Spiritual Letters of the Venerable Francis Mary Libermann.' He was the son of a Jewish Rabbi in Alsace, was converted to the true Faith, and later—as first Superior General of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost—became the chosen instrument in the Hands of God for the conversion of the poor, abandoned negroes.

"And do you know, children, as I was reading these letters, the thought came to me: How difficult it would be for the ancient Jews—accustomed as they were to regard Almighty God as 'The Lord of Hosts' and 'The God of Vengeance'—to consider Him in the light of 'The God of Love', assuming human nature and becoming a sweet, tender little Babe for love of His creatures.

"The Jews, you know, were gov-

"The Rediscovered Country" an unusual treatise on the Southwest, handsomely bound, 32 pictures, only 25c postpaid.

Wonders of This Continent

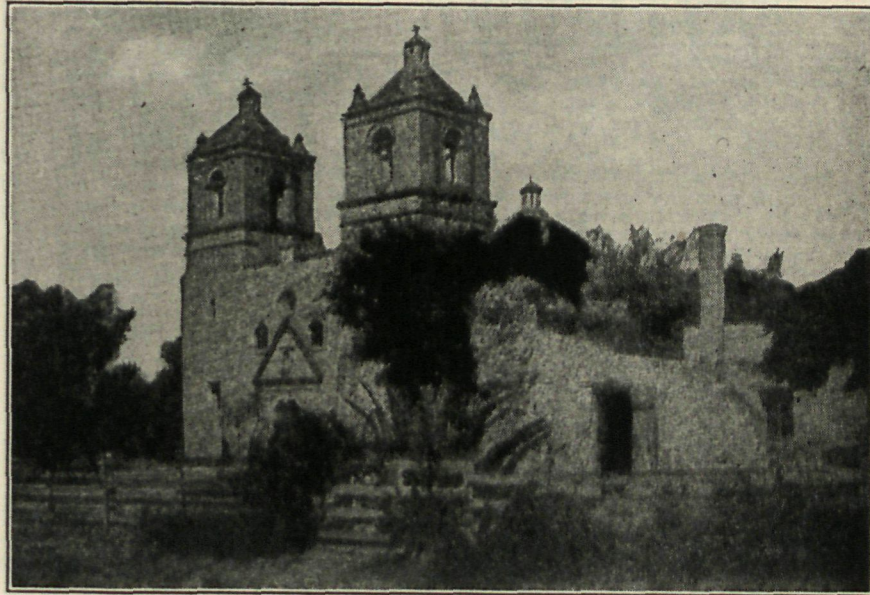
“The quaint curved lines of the architecture of these Ancient Missions—half Moorish, half Indian—are the most remarkable on the Continent and there are none more picturesque in the world.”

There are no structures in our Country that possess such interest as the old Franciscan Mission Churches on the Golden Shores of the Pacific. The quaint, curved lines of their architecture, half Moorish, half Indian, are the most remarkable on the Continent and there are none more picturesque in all the world. Whether they stand intact, partially restored, or in ruins, they have an alluring charm, a romantic history and an unending attraction that is distinctively their own.

Books without number have been written on these ancient Mission Churches of California and the story of their noble inception, their successful establishment, and their rapid decline and final destruction, all combine to form an inspiring story that makes a powerful appeal to every truly Catholic heart. Little wonder then that the old Franciscan Missions in lower California have become the mecca of thousands and tens of thousands of American tourists.

But the Missions of California are but of yesterday compared to the Missions of New Mexico, the latter having the greater advantage both in antiquity and in variety.

But there are Missions far to the South about which very little, if anything, is known, even by Catholic travelers and tourists. These are the Missions of San Antonio, Texas. Here we have great piles, Moorish-Spanish in style, built more than two centuries ago and standing today as miracles of the genius and patience of the same saintly Franciscan Padres who built the historic magnificent



Missions in San Antonio—1. Immaculate Conception (First Mission) Built in 1713

Missions which stand enshrined just outside of the ancient Catholic City of San Antonio, Texas. The most famous of these is the Mission of San Jose. Its delightful ivory-carved Moorish tower rises shimmering in the clear blue Texas sky. The others—The Immaculate Conception, San Juan Capistrano and San Francisco de la Espade—are but slightly inferior in beauty. Within the walls of these Missions are stairways, archways and

domes, built of hand hewed logs—the workmanship of men of genius.

It is pity that these real gems of Catholic architecture should be either unknown or unappreciated. Our Catholic people need not make trips abroad to see the wonders of the Old World. Let them but travel through our Catholic Southwest where today stand the most picturesque monuments of the past and they will see Missions unrivalled in any part of the world.

SUPPOSE----

Supposing your baby were down with Diptheria and you had no money to get a doctor, or a nurse, would you not feel the need of

A MISSIONARY CATECHIST to nurse your child back to health?

Supposing you were the Mother of a large family of children and you wanted your children to get Religious Instruction, but there were no Sisters or Parochial School within a hundred miles, would you not feel the need of

A MISSIONARY CATECHIST to teach your children their Catechism?

Supposing you were so poor that you had not enough to feed, clothe, and shelter your children, would you not feel the need of

A MISSIONARY CATECHIST to supply you with the necessary food and clothing for your dear ones?

Supposing you were a Missionary Priest in New Mexico and had charge of twenty missions as big as three New England States combined, would you not feel the need of

A MISSIONARY CATECHIST to provide vestments and altar linens for your poor Chapel?

MONEY TO LOAN

At Reasonable Rates

on

Catholic Churches

and

Institutions

Thos. McDonald & Co.

11 South LaSalle Street
CHICAGO

Every Catechist Should Have:

THE TRUTH OF THE CATHOLIC RELIGION

An Explanation of Its Fundamental Doctrines and of the Essential Points of Difference Between Catholic and Protestant Belief.

By JAMES LINDEN, S. J.

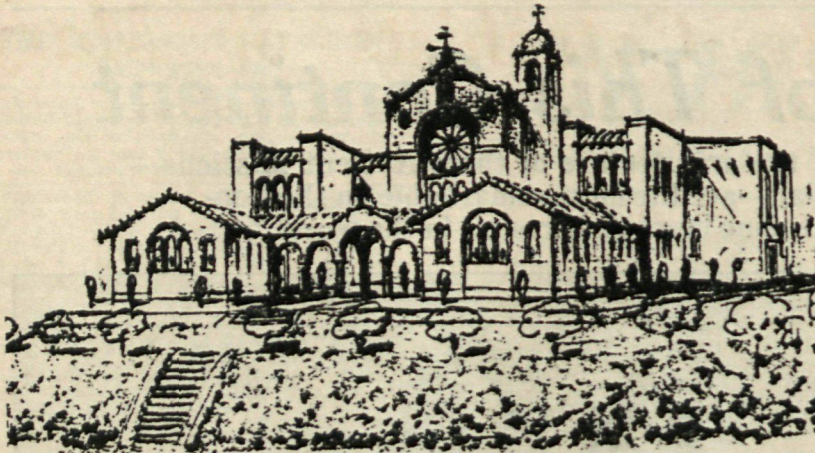
Cloth, Net 50 Cents

B. HERDER BOOK CO.

17 South Broadway

St. Louis, Mo.

Our prayers and our help will follow them that their sacrifice be not in vain.



OUR SUNDAY VISITOR'S VICTORY TRAINING INSTITUTE
VICTORY-NOLL, HUNTINGTON, INDIANA.

The Victory Training Institute is located on Victory-Noll—a slightly hill—over-
looking the far-famed Wabash Valley. It is built on the California Mission style,
the most picturesque and at the same time the most thoroughly American Catholic
type of architecture, we have in this country. The Institute is constructed of
cream colored brick, with a red tile roof. The interior is modern in every
particular, especially in the decorative effects, the woodwork, and the electrical and
heating equipment. The altars, statues and church furnishings are in strict con-
formity with the character of the building.

John Kenower & Sons

Huntington, Indiana

Finished the LUMBER for
VICTORY TRAINING INSTITUTE

The success of the Victory Training Institute will be
dependent upon the type of real service it renders.
The existing success of the Fort Wayne Builders Sup-
ply Company is based upon the same quality—service.

Ask Those We Serve

FORT WAYNE BUILDERS SUPPLY CO.
840 Hayden Street Fort Wayne, Ind.

IN HIS STEPS

(Continued from page 4)

of this Blessed Law of Charity we are
so free from the shackles of the Old
Law, becoming heirs of Heaven and
entitled to 'that freedom wherewith
Christ has made us free.'

"Just let us take a few examples
of the effects of this New Law of
Love as against the effects of the
Old Law of Fear. In the New Law
Our Blessed Lord does not say: 'Curs-
ed are the adulterers', but: 'Blessed
are the pure of heart for they shall
see God.' He does not say: 'Thou
shalt not bear false witness against
thy neighbor' as was said in the
ancient Law, but: 'Blessed are the peace-
makers for they shall be called the
children of God.' Finally the Old Law
says: 'Thou shalt not steal'; the New
Law says, 'Do unto others as you
would have others do unto you.' So
you see, children, under the terms of
this New Law we are urged to do
something positively good, not merely
warned against doing that which is

wrong. Under the principle of this
Blessed Law of the Gospel, the soul
easily soars aloft to the Mountain of
God—the Mount of Christian Perfec-
tion. We are now under the sweet
influence of the Beatitudes of Our
Lord, and love—not fear, is the gov-
erning spirit of our whole Christian
life. Here we are not so much con-
cerned with sin, but are really con-
cerned in striving to acquire Perfect
Charity. The supreme motive in all
that we do and think and say is God's
good pleasure, His love and His glory.

"How different is not this high
standard of the Christian life from the
low standard of those Christians who
always experience a sense of fear, of
temptation and sin, and of the conse-
quences of sin; who are always going
in upon themselves—troubled, wor-
ried, scrupulous about their failings,
real or imaginary, about their pre-
sent Spiritual condition and of the
future state of their soul. They do
not seem to regard Our Dear Lord as
a Merciful, Loving Saviour, but
rather, like the Jews of old, do they
look upon Him as a Severe Judge ready

Kewanee Boilers

Heat most of the finer
Catholic Institutions
in this Country
**KEWANEE BOILER
COMPANY**

Kewanee Illinois

Fred H. Breimeyer

Plate, Window, Mirrors,
Skylight and Ornamental

GLASS

CHURCH WORK A SPECIALTY
1327 Rockhill Street
FORT WAYNE INDIANA

Painting and Wood Fin-
ishing in Victory Train-
ing Institute

by

JOS. M. FOSTER

907 Poplar Street
HUNTINGTON INDIANA

to punish them for the least infraction
of His Law. All during life they are
haunted by the sense of fear for their
salvation. With them there is not the
loving confidence of a child, but the
servile fear of a slave. They are not
really trying to live a Spiritual life,
but are merely trying not to die a
Spiritual death.

"Children, believe me when I say
that I really pity such poor souls. I
have often said, if they could only be
made to understand that they should
strive to do something really positive
instead of always being so fearful of
doing that which is evil. If these tor-
tured souls would only learn to make
more acts of love and fewer acts of
contrition then I feel quite certain that
they would understand what the great
St. Augustine meant when he said:
'Love and then you may do what you
please.' Once freed from the re-
straint of the Old Law of Fear they
would begin then to live a life of Per-
fect Charity—a life that would bring
to them deep spiritual joy, peace of
soul, and supreme happiness both here
and hereafter."

Our Advertisers specialize in supplying Catholic Institutions. Give them a trial order.

The Associate Catechists of Mary

General Organizer for A. C. M.
Huntington, April 2, 1925.

Dear Associate Catechists:

I want to again thank those who were so kind to me in Chicago while I was working there. Then let me bow my introduction to those I haven't met. I have taken up this work at the suggestion of the Spiritual Director and will work under his supervision. Am ready and willing to help any Promoter in any manner I can. Last week one Chicago Promotor added seven new members to her Band, and with her aid I secured four pledges for the support of a Catechist. No doubt after Lent, we can expect to find this page crowded with letters on the activities.

Sincerely in O. B. L. V.,
MRS. L. N. ROWE.

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE FOUNDER OF "SISTERS OF SERVICE"—CANADA.

St. Patrick's Rectory
Toronto, Ont., Canada

Dear Father Sigstein:

I have followed with increasing interest the Missionary endeavor of the Catechists of Our Blessed Lady of Victory among the Mexicans of Texas and New Mexico. Their work among the most abandoned souls of Christ's flock is undoubtedly most agreeable to God and useful to His Church in America.

The pressing needs of the home-mission field have awakened in the

The Lay Auxiliary

ranks of the Church a keener sense of responsibility and a growing eagerness to face and undertake this stupendous and imperative task. We have not the sufficient number of Priests to grapple with the problem that immigration from Mexico has created for the Church in America. Were the Church to wait until a greater number of Priests were ready for the field, She would be courting failure, for we know that other proselytizing agencies, backed with wealth and organization, are at work among our own. This danger of Protestant influence may not be felt by the Mexicans of adult age. The Faith given to them by the Spanish Padres is still too deeply anchored in their heart. But their children—they are very much exposed to being lost to the Church of their Baptism if help is not forthcoming.

It is the call of these most abandoned children of the South and of the West that the noble band of your Missionary Catechists has heard. They are yet few in numbers, but I am perfectly convinced that in the ranks of Catholic America there be treasures of unexplored zeal and devotedness. The call of the Master for harvesters will be picked up by many good, zealous, energetic Catholic girls who are just waiting for an occasion of this kind to give the best of their lives to Him Whom they love and wish to serve. And, if young women are to be found who give their lives to God in the greatest of all causes, generous hearts, we are sure, will come to their help and assistance

and make their apostolic dreams come true.

The same needs have prompted a similar work in Canada. The "Sisters of Service" are doing in the North for the soul of the New-Canadian what your Catechists are doing in the South for the Mexicans. Having been associated with our Canadian Missionary endeavor since its inception, I am in a fair position to appreciate the value of your own contribution to the Church in America. Fully convinced of the necessity of this work on the firing line of the great battle that is being fought for the mastery of souls, I pray God and His Blessed Mother to give to your noble undertaking growth, strength and success.

Yours devotedly,
REV. G. DALY, C. S. S. R.

—o—
And This From Catholic Iowa:
HOLY NAME RECTORY
H. F. Roney, Pastor
West Union, Iowa.

March 27th, 1925

Dear Father:

Your circular appeal for the work of Victory-Noll was received and read with interest. I shall try to interest my congregation in this work.

I think I heard you speak at the Rural Life Conference in Milwaukee last fall. I am greatly interested in this subject. It is a work not only in the Southwest country, but for many Railroad towns, like the one near me—Oelwein, Iowa. These towns should have workers to take care of the Mexicans. I have urged the pastors there to get some kind of settlement-house workers to settle in their country and to work among children. I have long contended in parishes like mine, covering 450 square miles, a pastor should have some religious lay-workers to assist him. In some 70 parishes in Dubuque Archdiocese we have no Sisters. These religious workers, combining settlement-house and social welfare work with religious life, are needed in these rural districts. Such workers would have to live just for the work and just get a living out of it, as we could not afford large salaries. They could teach children in the far-distant country, instruct converts, do social service work and bring back the ought-to-be's. There is a real need for such workers. If you have more literature on the work of the Catechists, please send it to me.

Every best wish,
H. F. RONEY.

—o—
PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS.

—o—
Catholics in prosperous Communities in the East are living in Spiritual luxury. Catholics in the destitute Missions of the West are living in Spiritual want.



Missions in San Antonio—2. San Jose (Second Mission) Built 1720

Send for "The Service of the Queen" in pamphlet form. It's free.

If you like the little MISSIONARY CATECHIST, why not show it in a substantial way by getting at least one of your friends to subscribe for it?



Over in England, the Catholic weekly papers are not put to the expense of soliciting subscriptions. Their friends do this for them.

Extract from the Diary of a Missionary Catechist

Had a nice class at Aurora. Mrs. Lopiz, store-keeper, told us we could take children into her home after this, since Church has no flue for stove.

Tuesday had to return to Aurora on sick call. We found the sick woman with two small children in miserable hovel. They were very poor so we made up a bundle of clothing for them. We also visited two more homes of poor, distributing clothing.

We visited one poor home where there were sick children. The Mother to show her gratitude presented us with a small china statue of the Sacred Heart. This is about the poorest family we know.

Saturday we started teaching our girls to sing for Benediction. They are eager to learn and try very hard.

Next Saturday our class in "Flower-making" will be started. In this way we hope to cultivate in our "Children of Mary" a great love for beautifying the Altars of our Sacramental Lord and the Shrines of His Blessed Mother.

"To live", says Arthur Brisbane, "and to know that the Spirit is more important than the body, come to New Mexico."

Both THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST and OUR SUNDAY VISITOR—the greatest of our Catholic weeklies—may be had for \$1.25 a year, three years \$3.00.

Some Catholics are forever giving to the sweet cause of Charity, but are never getting any returns therefrom. They get no personal satisfaction from their gifts. Why? Simply because they fail to see Jesus Christ in the person of the poor, Whom they are called upon to assist. Let them but recall that, as Catholics, we are taught that purity of intention and the desire of loving and serving God in the person of the poor, form the keynote of true Christian charity. He, Who is Truth itself, has assured us that "Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these, My brethren, you have done it unto Me."

NO SUBSCRIPTION CRUTCHES.

If the Readers of THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST will but pass on their "used" copies to their friends, or better still, send in a subscription for them, there will be no need of resorting to "Subscription Crutches"—paying princely commissions to paid subscription agents to increase our circulation. Send in a subscription today!

Sample copies of THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST gladly sent upon request.

You Will Enjoy Reading "The Rediscovered Country"

An unusual Treatise on the Great Southwest of Our Own Country
Handsomely Bound, 32 Illustrations
ONLY 25c POSTPAID

Send for your copy today. The Edition is Limited
THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST
Huntington, Indiana

DRENNAN & DISSER

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
**Religious Articles, Church, School, Office, Stationery
Supplies and Catholic School Books**
Phone Main 1693 1116 Calhoun Street, Opp. Cathedral
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

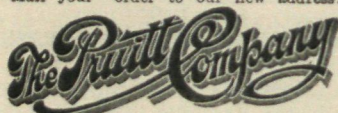
FORT WAYNE FOUNDRY & MACHINE CO.

Structural Steel and Ornamental Iron Work
General Machine Work
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

LARGER QUARTERS for our LARGE STOCK of

Rebuilt Multigraphs, Typewriters,
Check Writers, Envelope Sealers
and Office Labor Saving Devices of
Every Description.

Send for List of Catholic Institutions
we have supplied.
Mail your order to our new address:



117 1/2 N. Market St.

Chicago, Ill.