

New Mission Movement!

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Readers of "The Missionary Catechist" will be much interested in learning that the new Board of Catholic Missions, appointed by the Bishops of the United States at their annual meeting in September, will hold a first formal meeting in Chicago on November 10th, and outline a definite plan to assist all forms of Home Mission activity.

According to a program arranged by the Bishops of the United States and the Holy Father, the entire United States will be so organized that the Catholic people in every parish, large and small, will have an opportunity to assist both Foreign and Home Mission work, and at the same time become recipients of rich spiritual blessings.

For many years our larger Dioceses have been organized for the support of the Propagation of the Faith, a Society which is more than one hundred years old, and which has been the principal means of maintaining foreign mission enterprises throughout the world. Not only have adult Catholics held membership in the Propagation of the Faith at the trivial cost of 5 cents the month, or 60 cents the year, but branches of the Society have been established in the schools in those same Dioceses.

According to the new plan, adults and children will both be solicited for memberships in the "Confraternity of the Propagation of the Faith for Home and Foreign Missions," and the fee will be 10 cents the month or \$1.00 the year for adults, and 5 cents the month or 50 cents the year for children. Perpetual memberships may be purchased once for all for \$50.00. From the annual \$1.00 membership

fee 60 cents will be sent to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to aid Foreign Missions, and 40 cents to the American Board of Catholic Missions to assist Home Missions.

By the word "Home Missions" is to be understood all missionary effort under the American flag; hence, even that which is conducted in Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands. Ultimately, it is expected that the work among the Indians and Negroes will be supported from the fund resulting from memberships rather than from a special collection.

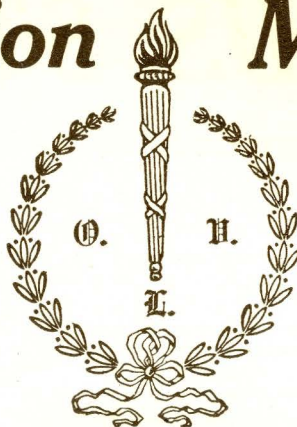
In addition to the annual membership contribution, Catholics will have an opportunity to give additional support to the Home and Foreign Missions on a Mission Sunday, which will be appointed in the different Dioceses each year by the respective Bishops. It is plain that many people will wish to give more than \$1.00 the year to assist the struggling Missions of the United States and to help convert the pagans in China, Japan, India and Africa. If we were to place a value on the blessings of the Faith which we enjoy, it would certainly be higher than \$1.00 the year.

Our ancestors received the Faith at the sacrifice of the lives of many mis-

sionaries. The pioneer workers in the vineyard of the Lord in this country were men who came from Europe when all was wild over here, and they were supported by funds contributed by the Catholics of Europe. Until a few years ago the United States of America received more assistance from the Propagation of the Faith than it gave thereto. Owing to the poverty which is quite general in Europe at the present time and the changed conditions resulting from the war, Divine Providence now turns to us and gives us an opportunity to reciprocate, and every Catholic should be most eager to make some little annual sacrifice for the Missions even if there were no direct returns to him.

However, the Church, whose one interest on earth is to save souls, has opened her spiritual treasury widely and gives to every member of the new "Confraternity for the Propagation of the Faith for Home and Foreign Missions" the most generous spiritual favors in the form of Indulgences. The only obligation which members assume in addition to the \$1.00 or more contribution is that of saying the Our Father and Hail Mary once daily, together with the invocation "St. Francis Xavier, pray for us." This brief prayer may be said any time during the day, or an Our Father and Hail Mary, which you have been accustomed to say either at morning or night, may be applied to the fulfillment of this duty.

Be sure to join this Society when it is started in your parish and encourage others to join it. Until such time as it will be formed you are welcome to send your Mission contribution to the Secretary of the American Board of Catholic Missions, who is the Rt. Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, Ind.



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