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Catechist C. Olberding, Superior General,
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Our Lady of Victory Convent,
Huntington, Indiana

Venerable and Dear Catechist Olberding:

Most cordial congratulations on the Silver Jubilee of the founding of Our Lady of Victory's Missionary Catechists.

The Diocese of San Diego has every reason to rejoice with you and to fervently thank Divine Providence for your zealous Society.

In the wide stretches of desert land of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, as well as through the torrid zones of the Imperial Valley, your Missionary Catechists have kept the light of the faith burning brightly. Had it not been for the self-effacing and fervent apostolate of the Missionary Catechists the faith would have been lost to countless thousands living in the outposts of this jurisdiction. Besides teaching the children to know and love Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, your Catechists have faithfully exemplified the commandment of charity by performing the Corporal Works of Mercy.

For tens of thousands of poor children you made Christmas and Easter joyful realities, and these little ones of Christ took to their homes the lessons you taught them and kept enshrined in their hearts your inspiring slogan: "A Jesus por medio de Maria".

Indeed, your achievements cannot be measured by earthly standards, nor do we have any way to adequately express our appreciation.

Devotedly in the Holy Spirit,

+ Charles F. Buddy

Bishop of San Diego

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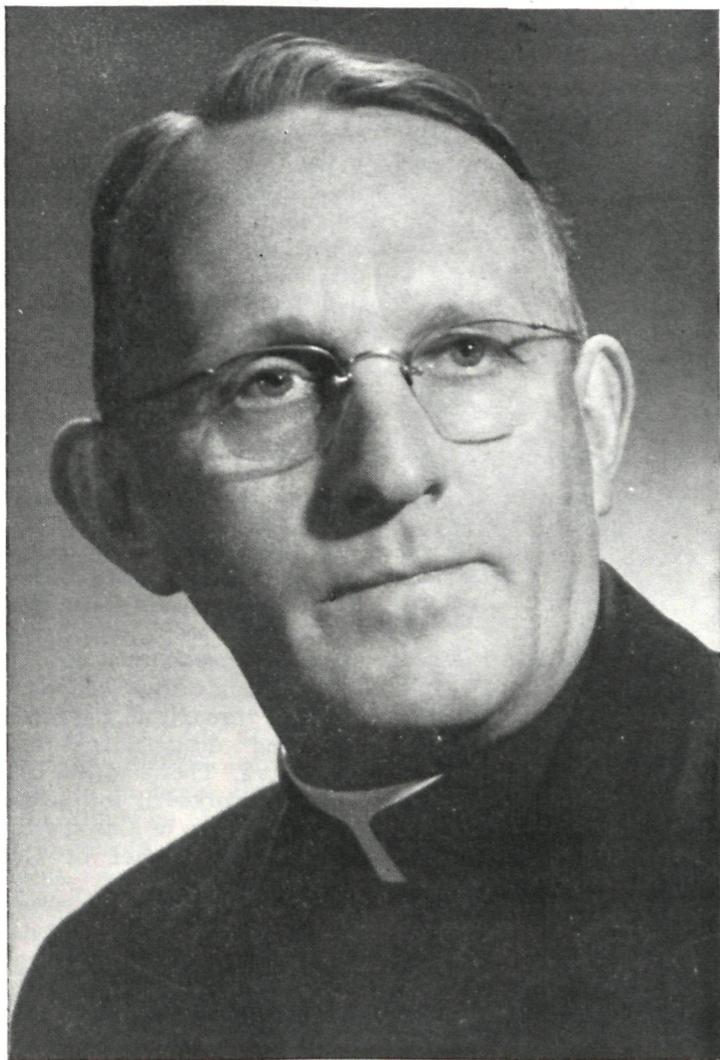
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Smiling through Adversity

by Right Rev. Monsignor
Laurence Forristal



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IN the year 1932 two events occurred which produced a profound effect on the Catholics of the city of Redlands. One was the coming of the depression to California and the other was the coming of the Missionary Catechists of Our Lady of Victory to Redlands.

In the Eastern states the depression began in the winter of 1929-1930, but in many parts of California it did not make itself felt to any appreciable degree until two years later. The coming of the Missionary Catechists to Redlands in September of 1932 was a blessing to the whole San Bernardino Valley, and the blessing was enhanced because they arrived just in time to handle the problems of the depression. Their Order, whose name has recently been changed to the *Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Victory*, was not established primarily to do social work, but to teach religion in districts where large numbers of Catholic children cannot attend a parochial school. Such districts are usually poor, and even in normal times have many needy families. During the depression the needy families became hungry families, threat-

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ened with starvation. Since it is impossible for hungry children to learn religion, or anything else, the Catechists found feeding the hungry to be an essential by-product of their primary work.

I was pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Redlands, at the time of the Catechists' arrival, and so was privileged to see them at work under the most adverse conditions. Two things stand out in my memory of the years 1932 to 1937—the Catechists' unshakable faith in Divine Providence, which somehow was always justified in a striking manner, and their ability to keep smiling in all circumstances.

Catechist Mary McConville, who is now Sister Frances Therese, was Superior of the Redlands community. Her faith and enthusiasm were infectious. When things were at their worst, with no relief in sight, she would say, "Don't worry, Father. We're making a Novena to the Little Flower. *She* will take care of everything." And she did, though there were times when everyone but the Catechists lost hope.

Once there was a milk bill of over seventy dollars. The poor fund was exhausted; the parish was barely able to carry its essential burdens. But a visitor from New York came to the Rectory with one hundred dollars "to be used for whatever you consider most urgent." Other donations came from other quarters, solving the problem temporarily from month to month. Then the Little Flower decided to produce a permanent solution. A Mr. Theodore Krumm set up a Food Store in Redlands for the relief of starvation, and for two years maintained it at his own expense. He was not a Catholic, but to all the needy of that district, without distinction of creed, race, or color, he was an

angel of mercy. He and the Catechists became acquainted almost at once, and worked in perfect harmony until the worst of the depression had passed. Everyone in Redlands came to know the Catechists in those years, and there were few who did not admire their spirit and their work.

Of course, their primary work, the teaching of religion to spiritually neglected children, was carried on constantly. And they had the faculty of spiritualizing all their material enterprises. There was nothing cold or impersonal about their relief of distress. If they knew anything about the mechanics of



Sister Frances Therese, first superior at Redlands. She directed the work there from 1932 to 1938.

modern social service with its card indexes and case histories, they kept the knowledge carefully concealed. The reproach of John Boyle O'Reilly, "Organized charity chilled and iced, in the name of a cold statistical Christ," could never be applied to their activities. They worked

hard and constantly, spending the greater part of each day with the poorest of the poor, and there was no trace of condescension in their attitude even towards those who were ungrateful or who failed to co-operate with their efforts. They never made a distinction between the deserving and the undeserving. All were treated as brothers and sisters in Christ.

In those days I often wondered how the Catechists found time to eat their meals, let alone to cook them. They usually returned from their work in various parts of San Bernardino Valley around sundown. Then they had their formal prayers, in addition to the prayers into which all their works were transformed. And I suppose they found time to cook and eat, since at least some material food was needed to support their unflagging zeal and enthusiasm. But I am certain they had no time left for frills or nonessentials, for such things as literature or the reading of poetry. Someone has said it is better to live poetry than to read it, or even to write it. The Catechists were living poetry in those years. Only people who had the poet's or the saint's vision of reality could keep smiling as they did through all the difficulties and disappointments of their work. They had the vision and they worked it into a poem in the teaching of Christ's little ones and the relief of God's poor.

SAN DIEGO NUMBER

This issue of our magazine features the work of our Sisters in the Diocese of San Diego. The Sisters have convents at Redlands, Brawley, Coachella, and Ontario. They are teaching in 52 centers and have over 8700 children enrolled in religion classes.



"Starting out" from Queen of the Missions convent. The Sisters leave each morning at nine-thirty for the day's work in the San Bernardino Valley, returning about five-thirty in the evening.

In the San Bernardino Valley

by Sister Sophia

ON October 6, 1932, ten Missionary Catechists (now known as Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters) arrived in California to begin their work for the salvation of souls in the San Bernardino Valley. Their convent, which was called "Queen of the Missions," was located at Redlands, the central point in the district in which the Sisters were to begin their work. Their field of labor at that time consisted of five parishes where they taught religion in twenty-two Catechetical centers. During the first year the Sisters enrolled 1500 children in their classes.

At the present time the Sisters are working in fifteen par-

ishes, where they have 3744 children enrolled in 30 Catechetical centers. During the past fifteen years, the Sisters have instructed 162 persons for Baptism, 6421 for First Communion, 3940 for Confirmation, and have arranged for the validation of 235 marriages. Numbers are always cold, yet they will not be so if we associate with each of the above figures a human being, a living, vital personality, a soul for which Christ suffered and died.

Catholic youth clubs form an important part of our work in the Redlands district. We have 15 Sodalitys of Our Lady with 287 members; 9 Junior Holy Name groups with 127 mem-

bers; and 11 Girl Scout troops with 198 members.

Queen of the Missions convent is a busy mission center during the year, but when summer comes around, it becomes a central home for all our Sisters working in Southern California. The present convent, with its twenty-acre orange grove, was purchased for us by *Our Sunday Visitor* for this purpose in 1941. Here the Sisters assemble for retreat, rest, and study, so that with the opening of the school year they will be prepared spiritually, physically, and mentally to resume their rather arduous labors in the vineyard of the Lord.

Joe's First Communion

by Sister Juliana

JOE wanted to make his First Communion. It was time for him to do so, for he was already ten years old. But Joe had never had much opportunity of attending religion classes, as his family was one of the thousands that follow the seasonal crops.

Then, too, Joe had a hard time learning and remembering the prayers and the catechism lessons. Perhaps that was because it was all new to him. At any rate he was much concerned about whether he would know enough to pass the examination for First Communion.

"Tell Jesus how much you want to receive Him, Joe," Sister said one day when he was particularly troubled. "Jesus won't let you down."

Joe was delighted with this idea. It seemed to give him a confidence he had never before had. Now he studied even harder, and he made many little sacrifices for Jesus, giving Him the little things he could so that Jesus would give him the big thing—a sufficient knowledge of the catechism—which without supernatural help seemed so impossible to Joe.

At last came the day for the Pastor to examine the First Communicants. When it came Joe's turn to go in, he turned to Sister and said, "Keep reminding Jesus not to let me down." And the great Lover of little children must have given Joe an abundance of help, for in a few minutes he was out, his face wreathed in smiles, his ticket marked, "O.K." Now Joe was so happy he could scarcely wait for the big day.

Then three days before First Communion, we stopped at Joe's home for his baptismal certificate. His brother, with whom he lived, was not at home, and his sister-in-law was unable to find the certificate. She was almost certain that Joe had been baptized in the parish church, so we stopped there on our way home, and Father said he would look for it. Saturday evening Father called and said the baptismal record was not to be found. Sunday morning we again looked through the records, but Joe's name was not there.

Joe came early, smiling and happy. No one was more eager to receive Our Lord than he.



"Here it is, Sister! Here it is!" Joe's precious baptismal certificate arrived just in time for him to march into church with the other children on First Communion morning.

How could we tell him he would have to wait until the certificate could be found? It was a hard task, but tell him we must. Poor child! He said nothing, but the tears welled up in his eyes and slowly rolled down his cheeks.

A few moments later I saw his godfather's wife. She said that Joe had been baptized in Bellflower, and that his brother had gone there to look for the certificate. With a fervent prayer that the certificate would be found and the brother return with it in time, we proceeded to give last minute instructions to the children. It was nearly time for Mass; the children were lined up for the procession. Then suddenly I heard Joe's voice calling, "Here it is, Sister; Looking up, I saw Joe, his tear-stained face radiant, the certificate in his hand. Jesus had not let him down.

Militant Catholicism

by Sister Marie Celeste

"WELL, I don't see any other way except that Gus conduct the services when you are not here," said the superintendent of nurses. We said a silent prayer of thanksgiving. Gus had a quiet smile on his manly face; this was truly the triumph of his militant Catholicism.

GUS is a patient in the convalescent home for crippled children, where we visit weekly to give religious instructions to the Catholic patients. He is twenty years old and has been a cripple since the age of two. Gus is well instructed in his faith and loves all that pertains to it. He has a pleasant disposition, and by his courteous manner of speaking wins the interest and attention of those connected with the home. Everyone likes Gus.

MANY obstacles have arisen to prevent our children from practising their religious duties. In the event that we were delayed or absent from the Sunday morning instruction period, our children were assembled with the non-Catholics for the services conducted by various Protestant ministers. The superintendent of nurses countenanced this procedure until Gus talked to her.

"NURSE," he began, "why do you insist that we Catholics attend the Protestant services?"

"We feel that everyone should attend services, and you should be broadminded enough to attend any church services."

"But, Nurse, if you thought it was wrong for us to do so you would not want us to do it, would you?"

"Oh no," was her answer. "I am broadminded and have attended services a number of times in a Catholic Church and felt that I was worshipping God."

"Rightly so, Nurse, because it is the true Church, but for us, members of that true Church, it is impossible to offer to God the Protestant worship. If during that time, we may go to our rooms to say our rosary or study our catechism, we will be doing what God expects of us."

THE nurse reminded Gus of the problem of supervision. She felt that the Catholics

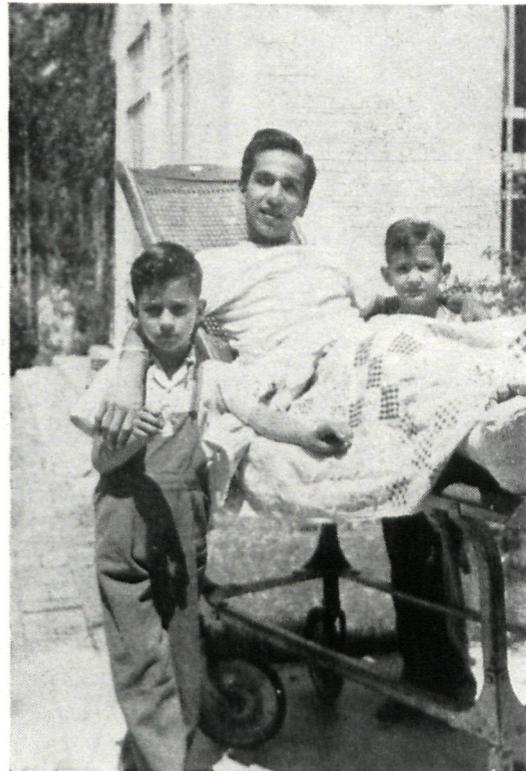
would have to be supervised while the other services were going on, since there were so many of them. The only alternative seemed to be to include them in the Protestant assembly.

Gus tried once more. "Pardon me, Nurse, for asking so many questions; but would you consider sending the Protestant children in with us when their minister does not come?"

"I would not." Her quick and emphatic answer seemed to make her realize the limitations to her so-called broadmindedness. Her manner was confused. But Gus went on quietly and determinedly.

"Neither do we consider it right to go to your services," he said, "and we cannot do so. May I ask what the non-Catholic children do while we are with the Sisters?"

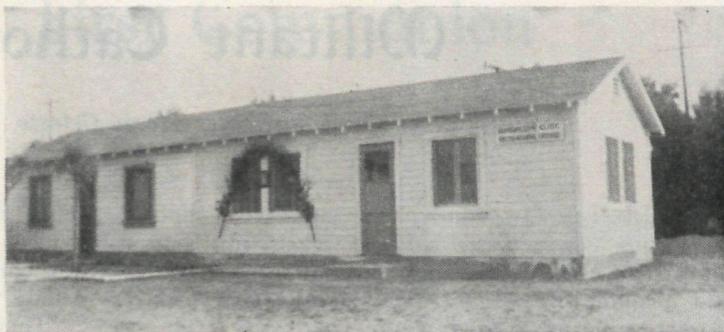
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Gus and two of his little friends at the convalescent home for crippled children.

And it Came to Pass

by Sister Mary Camillus, R.N.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Clinic, Brawley.

WE began our work in the Imperial Valley in the Fall of 1930. Although Brawley was the logical center for our convent home, it was impossible to rent a house there until 1932. Meanwhile the work was carried on from Calipatria, where the Sisters lived in a four room annex to the Church. In January, 1938,

the present convent was dedicated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of San Diego.

WE are now working in five parishes where we have 2000 children enrolled in religion classes in eleven teaching centers. In addition to teaching re-

ligion, much time is spent in visits to the sick and poor in their homes. Due to lack of proper sanitation, crowded living conditions, and improper nourishment, the health problem among our people in Brawley has always been a serious one. Tuberculosis and typhoid fever, especially, have been prevalent. For years a clinic to help cope with this situation remained a dream. Today it is a reality.

UNDER the inspiration and with the financial assistance of His Excellency, Bishop Buddy, the Guadalupe Clinic was built on our convent grounds. The clinic is operated under the direction of Reverend Henry Janvier, O.M.I., pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church in Brawley, who also supervised the construction of the building.

ALTHOUGH the clinic is not yet fully equipped, it is being used by the County Health Doctor as a well baby clinic and vaccination center. Consultation and medical treatments are being carried on under the direction of one of Brawley's prominent physicians. Since the opening of the clinic, approximately thirty babies have been examined and interviewed each month. The number of vaccinations for black smallpox and other contagious diseases has reached a total of more than two thousand. Routine clinic procedure, including physical examinations, tuberculin tests, and throat cultures, is being carried out.



Mobile X-ray Unit of the Tuberculosis Association was set up in our clinic for the benefit of adults and pre-school children.

HOWEVER, one of the most vital problems facing the community today is the need of adequate medical and hospital care of individuals in the lower income groups. As a result of this as yet unsolved problem, no further reference can be made for medical care and treatment.

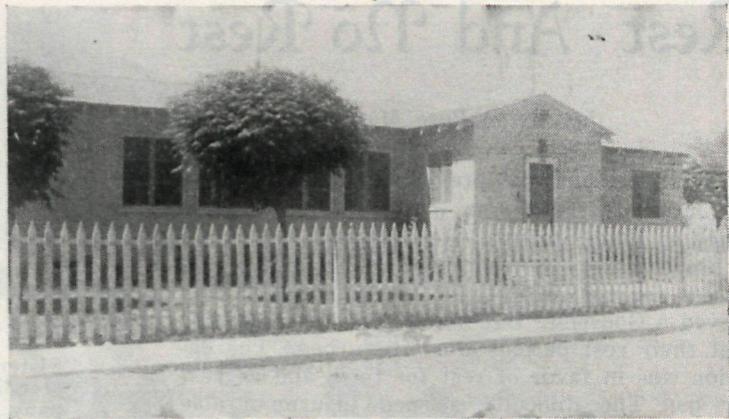
MOST of our present work with the sick poor is concerned with health teaching. An educational program, including the showing of health slides, has been launched. The purpose of this project is: 1st, to increase interest in supervised medical care; and, 2nd, to improve living standards, to counteract disease, and to better social conditions.

NURSING cribs are loaned to newborn babies for a three month period, for the purpose of protection, comfort, and isolation.

FROM our dispensary we give out cod-liver oil and vitamins to supply nutritional deficiencies; medications and dressings for surface wounds; aids for common ailments, such as colds, rheumatism, sore throats, and conjunctivitis.

COMMUNITY wide infection has resulted in Imperial County as a result of the high percentage of individuals dying without medical care or attention. Guadalupe clinic is cooperating with the Tuberculosis Association in every possible way. Two hundred and fifty-six adults and pre-school children were X-rayed by this Association at the clinic in November, operated at various centers and 1946. The Mobile X-ray Unit of the Tuberculosis Association schools in the Valley, enabling all adults and school children over twelve years of age to take advantage of the check-up. Where families had been exposed

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent, Brawley.



Children's mission at St. Margaret Mary's Church, Brawley, was preached by Reverend Jose Peno, S.J.



First, second, and third grade school children, Brawley. Four hundred and fifty children from the upper grades also attend religion classes on release time in Brawley.

Rest - And No Rest

by Sister Rose Mary

WE understand the predicament of our kind-hearted friend who owns the large guest ranch in Palm Springs. Her generous invitation to use the large ranch dining room for religion classes for the children of Cahuilla School had proved a Godsend. But her guests had protested that their rest periods were disturbed. The decision was in favor of rest for them and no rest for us. The difficulty seemed insurmountable since the school is located in a desert place.

A MENTAL picture of the desert in which the Master must have taught, inspired us to try a sandy stretch of land nearby. The first two classes went well, but one of California's infrequent rainfalls changed the dry sand to a wet mass. The children came to us on released time, and soon another decision was made. "You will have to find a more suitable place or the children cannot be released," the principal told us.

WE knew that the principal was concerned about the physical health of the children. But picture our concern for their spiritual health.

WE took our problem to our pastor, who discussed it with the Altar Society. After a few weeks of deliberation, the final decision was made. A large bus was hired to take the children of Cahuilla to the Big Church in the city for their instruction periods. Our restless searching had come to a happy end.



Sisters drive to Cahuilla school each Monday to meet children and accompany them on bus trip to the church in town where they have their religion class. The children thoroughly enjoy the "outing."



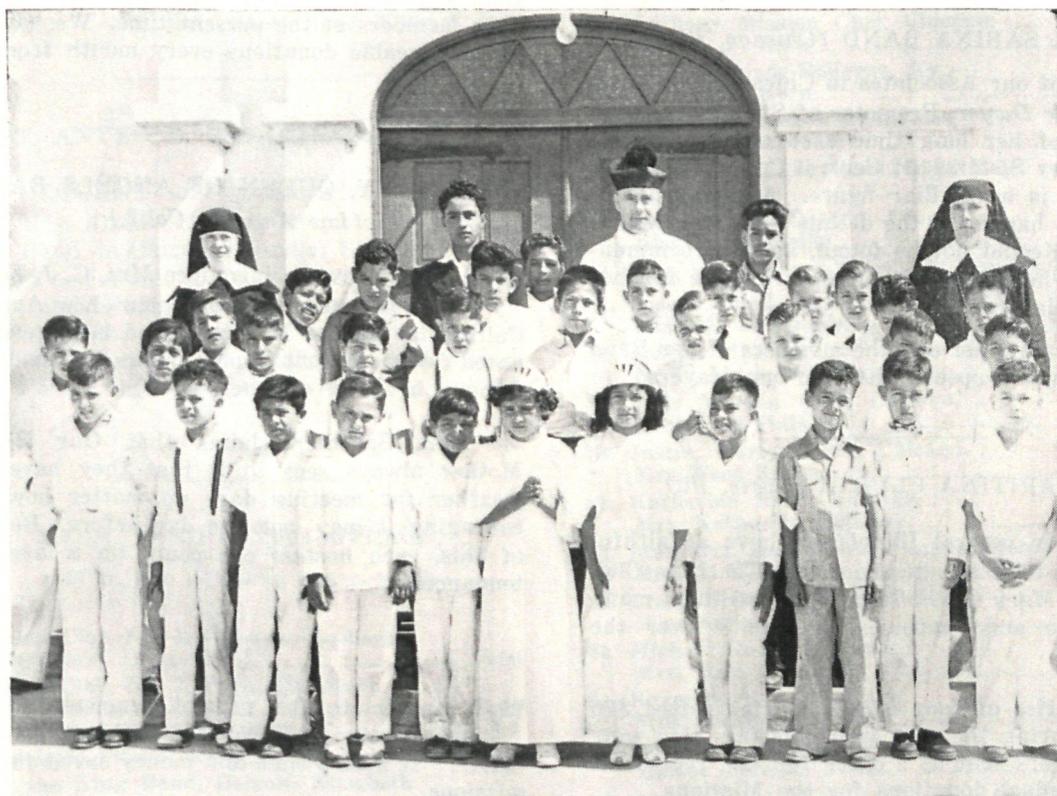
THE plan is working beautifully. The children enjoy the bus ride which is like combining an outing with religion. The Sisters accompany them as guardians; recently a Sister smilingly observed, "We seem to be where we started from—No Rest!"

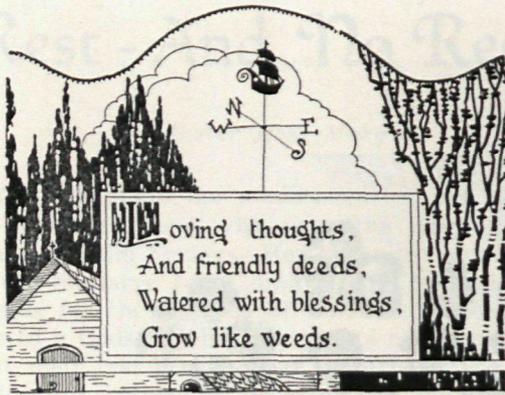


Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent, Ontario. The Sisters have 1900 children enrolled in religion classes in nine centers located in five parishes.



Boys and girls of the First Communion class at Indio. Pictured with the class are Reverend Richard Maher, Pastor, and Sisters Elaine and Mary Alice.





Associate Catechists

ST. KATHERINE BAND (*Chicago, Ill.*)

THIS Band, headed by *Mrs. Katherine Hammer*, is so eager to make money for our Sisters that the members do not stop their parties even in the heat of the summer. A recent letter from the Promoter informed us of a Bowman Dairy party on the eighth of July.

There are twenty-seven ladies in the Band and the members meet twice a month. To lessen the labors of the member who entertains, a second hostess assists.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY BAND (*Brooklyn, N. Y.*)

OUR Brooklyn Associates work for Sister Mary Liguori, sister of *Catherine Binz*. Miss Binz organized the Band.

We can always count on a large check from this group of ladies in the month of June.

There are thirty-four members in the group. Last year a member who had moved to Boston, Massachusetts, flew by plane to New York in order to be present at a monthly meeting.

ST. MICHAEL GUILD (*Chicago, Ill.*)

DURING the summer, *Mrs. Dale Bryant*, Promoter, made a fifty mile detour on a vacation trip East, in order to visit us at Victory Noll.

Our Associates will recall St. Michael's Guild is an infant among our Bands, being less than a year and a half old. There are twenty-four members at the present time. We have received sizeable donations every month from the group.

ST. SABINA BAND (*Chicago, Ill.*)

MOST of our Associates in Chicago know *Miss Marie Dwyer*, Promoter of St. Sabina Band, because of her long time association with our Missionary Sisters. At Central Committee meetings she is a familiar figure. A more capable person to handle all the details connected with a big raffle could not be found, and our community owes her a great debt of gratitude for her untiring labors.

We salute her and the members of her Band and promise a special share in our prayers.

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF ANGELS BAND (*Los Angeles, Calif.*)

WE do not have to introduce *Mrs. C. J. Sauthier*, Promoter of one of our Los Angeles, California, Bands. Her crocheted bedspread donated for the benefit of our Sisters has made her famous in ACM circles.

Mrs. Sauthier claims that Our Blessed Mother always sees to it that they have fair weather for meeting days no matter how discouraging it may look the day before. Because of this, each hostess can count on a large attendance.

CHARITINA CLUB II (*Paris, Ill.*)

DOWN in central Illinois we have a faithful group of Associates known as Charitina Club II. *Miss Mary C. Gibbons* organized them many years ago and continues to preside over the group.

A series of four euchre parties netted \$70 for us during the past year. Besides this sum, the members sent us a check for \$20, representing individual donations for the Missions.

WE appreciate the prompt renewal of your subscription to THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST. It means time and money saved for our missions.

of Mary



MARY'S HOMECOMING

Her sojourn here on earth was spent
And now the time had come
When angels would take Mary up
To her eternal home.

The Heavenly Father welcomed her—
This lovely, holy one—
Whom He ordained before all time
To mother His own Son.

The Holy Ghost said, "My beloved,
Thou art all fair to see:
The stain original has found
No 'biding place in thee."

And Jesus, Her beloved Son,
Placed on her brow serene
A diadem, while naming her
Of men and angels, queen.

Mary E. Nye, Promoter
Holy Ghost Band, Elkhart, Ind.

ST. ANTHONY BAND (Chicago, Ill.)

A FREQUENT and generous contributor is Mrs. Agnes A. Beck, Promoter of St. Anthony Band, in Chicago, Illinois. She is indefatigable in her efforts to make new friends for our Sisters and to raise money for our work among God's poor. It is a source of special delight for Mrs. Beck to visit Sister Margaret at our East Gary Center, her car laden with gifts for the Sisters.

A. C. M. BAND CONTRIBUTIONS

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Charitina Club No. 1, Chicago, Katherine Hennigan	\$ 13.00
Charitina Club, No. 2, Paris, Ill., Mary C. Gibbons	20.00
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Via Matris Band, Chicago, Dorothy O'Brien	35.00



Mary's Loyal

MARILYN AND THE "EGYPTIANS"

LOYAL HELPERS meet Marilyn Bornhorst (who writes us from Fort Loramie, Ohio) with her little dog, Petsy.

Dear Loyal Helpers:

"DING-DONG," rings the school bell just over the way. Does it make you glad or sad or "mad"? To be sure you are glad to increase your store of knowledge. You would not want to go through life a dunce. You are a bit sad remembering the carefree summer days when you didn't have to study. But—to be perfectly frank—you did your share of work about the house or field, too, didn't you? It wasn't all play. I hope no one is grumpy, though, because that only makes things harder.

Mary-ly yours,
SUNSHINE SECRETARY

A HOOSIER HELPER



This will introduce you to Josephine Ann Faurote. Josephine is 14 years old and lives in Decatur, Indiana.

Our missionary friend is 11 years old and in grade six in the Egypt school. She told her teacher, Sister Mary Yvonne, about our missionary work among the Mexicans and other needy children. What do you



suppose Sister did? She planned a race between the boys and girls to see who could raise the most money for the Missions. Marilyn tells us a bit sadly that the boys won the race. Besides helping the foreign missions, our Loyal Helper sent us \$5.00, the gift of her classmates to Victory Noll.

Do you tell others about the work our Missionary Sisters are doing for poor people?

DO YOU HAVE A SUNSHINE BAG?

EVERY Loyal Helper should have a *Sunshine Bag* in which to drop sacrifice pennies to help our Sisters in their work among the poor children in the Mission districts of our Southwest. Have you lost yours or misplaced it? If so, let Sunshine Secretary know and she will send you a new one.

We hope to hear from all our Loyal Helpers during the school year. Every penny helps spread the kingdom of the Sacred Heart through Mary, His dear Mother.

Resolve to be loyal to Mary and the Missions.

A ST. HENRY (O.) HELPER



Here you see Madonna Post who is also 14 years old. She finished the eighth grade at St. Wendelin's rural school in June. Madonna and her sister, Mary Alice, are truly loyal Helpers. They are proud to belong to our Mission Club.

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Helpers Pages



SUMMER PRAYER



OUR PUZZLE FOR THE MONTH

During the summer you listened to the birds as they sang in the tree-tops or watched their swift flight. Can you tell us the name of the smallest of birds — the bird which drinks nectar from flowers?

Send your answer to

*Sunshine
Secretary
Victory Noll
Huntington,
Ind.*

What fun it is to be a child
Upon a summer's day!
O God, You know what fun it is
To be a child and play!

The sky is a blue china bowl,
And in it the clouds float,
And one is like a big white Swan
With a long, curly throat!

And one is like an old, old Man
With a grey beard, and there
Is one just like a Lady with
A veil around her hair!

O God! What fun it is to lie
Upon a hill and look
At pictures in the sky instead
Of in a silly book!

O God! What fun it is to hear
The daisies talking to
The wind, as he comes running by,
And says "how do you do?" . . .

*From "The Child on His Knees,"
Mary Dixon Thayer. By permission
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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sisters:

Your prayers for me really were heard because I came out first of the girls in our class. I got a nice statue of the Infant of Prague for a prize.

Today I made a shrine for the Sacred Heart, with flowers from our garden, and we will renew the Consecration of our family to the Sacred Heart before it. I also had a May altar during May.

Sincerely,

Joanne Whitefield

ANSWERS TO THE JUNE PUZZLE

1. The Blessed Trinity
2. Corpus Christi
3. Sacred Heart of Jesus
4. St. Aloysius
5. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
6. St. John the Baptist
7. St. John Fisher

Leisure Time Activites

by Sister Clara

"SISTER," called Elena, all out of breath, "remember last week? Well, I came home and found Mother sick in bed, so I washed my hands and took care of her just like Mrs. Keith told us to!" Elena finished her announcement triumphantly, amid the evident approval of the rest of the group, some of whom were just a little envious because they had not been the "lucky" ones to report actual experiences.

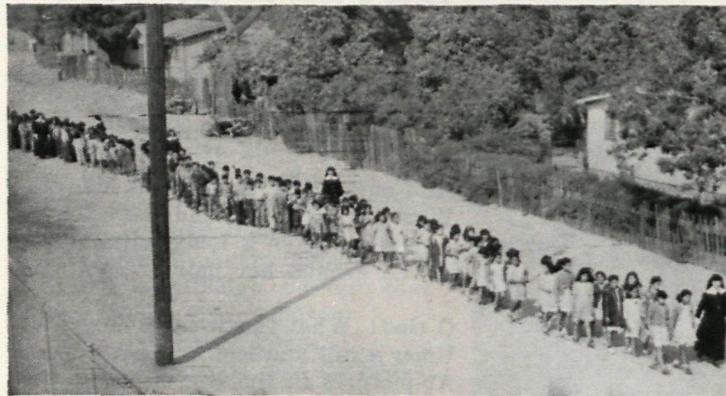
MRS. KEITH was the Junior Red Cross instructress who had given a number of practical instructions on "Home Care of the Sick" to our Girl Scout Troop.

IN another of our large centers the girls were working on the "Cook" badge. One of the requirements for this badge was the careful inspection of labels on canned food to determine the quality and weight content of the can; another was a visit to a grocery store in order to compare prices. This proved to be quite interesting (and we hope helpful) to the girls, who often went to the store for their mothers but who had payed little attention to brands, prices, or quantity.

THESE are only two examples of the useful training we are trying to give the children by means of Scout troops, Junior Holy Name Clubs, and Sodalties. In the first instance, the girls learned to take care of the sick in the home; in the second they learned to shop more ef-



A group of sodalists from the Redlands missions.



Grades one, two, and three from Ramona school on their way for religious instructions in San Bernardino.



Lined up to salute the flag before class at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, San Bernardino.



Sister Sophia with group of Girl Scouts from Redlands missions.

ficiently and more economically; all of which should make them better homemakers of the future.

It is surprising, too, what an insight into individual problems one obtains through recreation get-togethers.

In one of our missions we accompanied a bus load of Sodalists and Junior Holy Name boys on a trip to the mountains. Here in California playing in the snow is a treat, and the group thoroughly enjoyed the sleigh riding, snow-balling, and hiking in the mountains. They did full justice to the "nose-bag" lunch which each one brought along. I was amazed at the happier spirit, the greater confidence,

and the more respectful attention shown by that group following the outing. Away from the confining discipline of the classroom, the children are more natural and are more apt to give a clue to problems that have puzzled the religion teacher.

AND IT CAME TO PASS

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to the disease, everyone, including the smaller children, was X-rayed.

TUBERCULOSIS cases found positive had to be cared for at home, as the County Sanatorium, which has room for only twenty-two patients, is always filled to capacity. In their pro-

gram of home visiting, Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters assist the County Nurse in checking up on the care of these patients. The Sisters have found that it is almost impossible to keep the other members of the family from becoming infected when the patient must be cared for in the home.

OUR Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, themselves ardent lovers of the Mother of God, consider it a real privilege to work among these poor people, ninety-nine percent of whom have a vivid faith, pulsing with great love of Our Lady of Guadalupe. They have the assurance, too, that whatever they do for these least of Christ's little ones they do for Him.

MILITANT CATHOLICISM

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"Most of them listen to the radio."

POSSIBLY a thought of the type of program the children listened to came to the nurse, or perhaps the calm insistence of Gus convinced her. She made her decision abruptly. Gus would conduct our classes when we were unable to be present.

HE is doing splendidly in his apostolate of substitute teaching. The children learn their prayers and the simple lessons which Gus gives them. His open profession of faith encourages the younger children to practice their religion.

WE wish there could be a "Gus" in many of the public schools and institutions where the faith of our Catholic children is often confused and undermined, or entirely lost.



St. Louis de Montfort, pray for us.

THE MONTFORT FATHERS
Bay Shore, New York

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters
Victory Noll,
Huntington, Indiana

Dear Sisters:

We wish to offer you our most sincere congratulations on the Silver Jubilee of your founding and to offer our own prayers of heartfelt thanks to God and His dear Mother for all that you have done to help us spread our Blessed Founder's devotion to Mary. It is no mere coincidence, but a special favor of Divine Providence, that the canonization of our Blessed Founder and your Silver Jubilee should take place at the same time. Your fervent prayers for the canonization have been heard by a most loving and kind God.

Please remember us all in your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Our Lady,

(Rev.) Eugene J. Moynihan, S.M.M.

I am thine and all I have I offer Thee, O most amiable Jesus, by Mary, Thy Holy Mother. (300 days Ind.)

Words often deceive, but deeds show the reality of love.—St. Catherine of Siena.

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Mission Intention for September

MORE MISSIONARY VOCATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA

by Bishop-Elect Thomas J. McDonnell

WHEN one remembers that in the first quarter of the 18th century the Venerable Anthony Margil, O.S.F., crowned his labors by establishing a Missionary College of the Propagation of the Faith in the city of Guatamela for the training of natives to the priesthood, it is disheartening to realize that today there are but 125 priests to care for 3,450,572 Guatamelans, or one priest for 27,602 people in that country. This is but one concrete example of the retrogression which has fallen upon the Church in Latin America which has created a problem requiring immediate action on the part of the Holy See and sympathetic understanding on the part of American Catholics.

WHAT has happened during the past four centuries to cause this lamentable state of affairs? What transpired during only the last two hundred years since Venerable Margil opened the doors of his missionary college in Guatamela? Why has there been this falling off in religious vocations among the young people of Latin America, where a magnificent structure of Catholicity flourished two centuries before a single cathedral was erected in what now constitutes the United States?

Contributing Causes

THERE were many contributing causes which led to the present state of affairs in Latin America. First among these may be listed the patronage of the Spanish crown, which at times attempted to usurp the power of Rome in the matter of ecclesiastical appointments and the control of church affairs. Second, the rivalry between Spain and Portugal, which paved the way for conflict between the natives and the colonists. Third, the suppression of mission activity and the expulsion of the Jesuits in the

18th century. Fourth, the introduction and wide adoption of Freemasonry. Finally, the struggle for independence in the various states and the consequent border warfare between them.

While the Paraguay Reductions, established in 1609, marked the highest form of parochial activity, the consequent dearth of priests, because of reasons given above, weakened the whole fabric of the Church's activity in Latin America. Today the greatest proof of that debilitation may be found in the weakness of parish life. Experienced priests are needed to rekindle the dormant flame of the once glorious faith that flourished there.

Today there are some 586 priests and 559 sisters from America filling out the depleted ranks of missionaries working in South America, Central America, and the islands of the Caribbean. While it is to be hoped that this number will be augmented to help fill up the deficiency, it is the desire of the Holy See that Latin America supply from within her own borders the vocations necessary to implant and revivify the faith.

Father Considine in his book, *Call for Forty Thousand*, assures us that "there is among these people a tremendous spirit of solidarity founded on the charity of Christ, which has never left them even though they are today without priests and religion." Also, that while "vocations are relatively few in all these countries, there is a depth and beauty in the spiritual life of many." These are the hopeful signs in the darkened vision of the Church in Latin America, but they are the signs which may be definitely highlighted in the future if the Catholics of the United States will storm heaven for "more missionary vocations among the people south of our borders."



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