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# Mission Intention for November

*by the Most Reverend Thomas J. McDonnell, D.D.*

## THE FREEDOM AND PROGRESS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

AS in Europe and America the future of the Church depends in great part on the education of the youth. The same is even more true in the mission countries. There the Catholic schools up to the present have sought to form not only leaders among the Catholics but have exerted a tremendous influence indirectly through the education of non-Catholics who have become leaders in worldwide affairs.

FREEDOM is an absolute condition for the beneficial operation of our schools. In some regions the government has recognized the importance of Christian education and is prepared to help the missions to fulfill their aim of education. In other regions, however, there is either indifference to the educational program of the missions or positive opposition. Added to this, the industrial expansion of the Oriental countries is encouraging the establishment of technical schools without any consideration of the formation of the complete personality.

IN China at the present moment, the schools are dominated by the Communist regime. Religious schools are permitted to remain open but the administration of the educational institutions and the program of studies are so confused and positively disturbed by the interference of Communist officials that it is most difficult to continue teaching in a truly Catholic atmosphere.

IN Japan there is a strict state supervision over all elementary schools. Many of the textbooks are poisoned with bias and misinformation about the Catholic Church. For instance, in one textbook the following statement was to be found: "We modern men no longer can believe those

gospel stories about the birth, miracles and resurrection of Christ."

INDIA'S constitution has indeed solemnly confirmed the right of minorities to establish schools and has even declared that there will be no discrimination in future help. In the execution of this truly admirable attitude, however, individual officials of the government have not executed this good intention.

IN Egypt, while there is a restricted form of freedom of education, the first three years of elementary school are so entirely under the supervision of the state that even Christian children are forced to accept Moslem teachers.

IN the Belgian Congo up to the present, there has been even government support of Catholic elementary schools but there are indications that a strong movement is under way to establish secular schools after the American type and discontinue government subsidies to mission schools.

THE growth of our schools in the mission countries is more urgent today than ever before. Communists not only in China but everywhere are endeavoring to gain control of the youth. There are at least 100 million youths of school age in the mission countries. The effort so far exerted to gain these youths has been tremendous on the part of our missionaries but the goal to be attained is far off.

DRAY God through Our Lady, Queen of the Missions, that this effort for the souls of men will receive every blessing of providence.

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## Apostolic Delegate Visits Victory Noll



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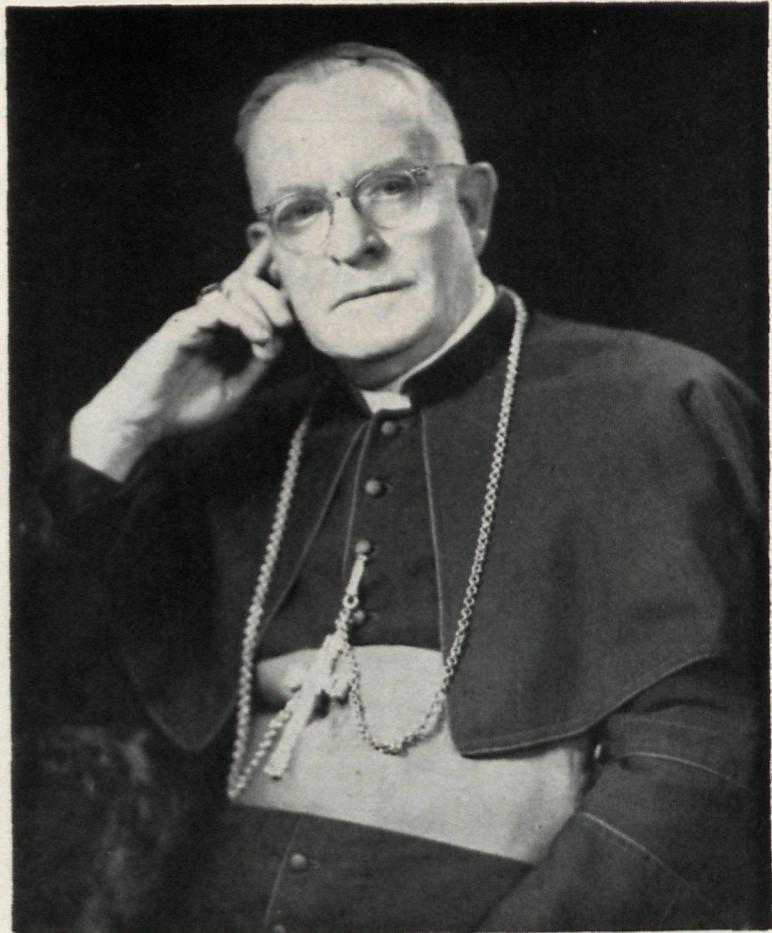
His Excellency, the Most Reverend Amleto Giovanni Cicognani is pictured above with our beloved Bishop Noll and with the Superior General, the members of the Council present at Victory Noll and the General Treasurer. The Sisters are, left to right: Sister Elaine, Sister Mary Louise, Mother Cecilia, Sister Mary Angela and Sister Margaret Mary.

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*Is Mary  
in  
Heaven  
with  
her Body?*

*by the Most Reverend  
John F. Noll, D. D.*



His Excellency, the Most Reverend John Francis Noll, D.D.,  
Bishop of Fort Wayne.

YOU have read, even in the secular dailies, that Pope Pius XII is considering the promulgation of the Assumption of Mary's body into Heaven as a dogma of Catholic faith. You will probably be asked many questions about this by non-Catholics, and you should have the right answers.

IF and when the Pope should make that declaration, it will not mean that he is creating a new doctrine, but rather that he is promulgating a truth in which all Christians believed for a thousand years, and which practically four-fifths of all the Christians in the world believe today.

IT may seem strange to you, but the doctrine of the Assumption of Mary was accepted, and a feast commemorating that privilege was celebrated, in what is now the Greek Schismatic Church even before the Christians in Rome and Western Europe observed the feast.

NOVEL as this doctrine may seem to modern Protestants, any different teaching would

seem to be utterly repugnant to Catholics. Mary, according to Holy Scripture, was conceived immaculately, which meant that she was never under the dominion of original sin and, therefore, of Satan. It was she who was credited, thousands of years before she was born, as being the woman who "would crush the serpent's head." Since death is the consequence of original sin, and since Mary did not inherit that sin, it would not have been necessary for her to die at all. It was not necessary that Jesus should have died. He could have redeemed the world by coming down into it, as He did at Bethlehem, and then returning immediately to His heavenly home. But just as her divine Son chose to die, so also did Mary.

ACCORDING to Tradition she died in Jerusalem, and all the Apostles, with the exception of Thomas, were miraculously transported to her bedside. Thomas, as he did on the occasion of the Resurrection, came too late, but he insisted on having a last view of Mary's body.

The grave was opened but her body was not there. The singing of angels was heard and the Apostles drew the very reasonable conclusion that her divine Son had taken into Heaven that body from which He took the flesh and blood with which He redeemed the world.

**D**O we not read in Holy Scripture that Enoch and Elias—holy men—were transported from earth without dying? It is believed that before the end of the world they will return to earth and die—in fact be martyred.

**B**UT just as Christ applied His own divine merits to Mary's soul at the time He created it, so also did He anticipate the general resurrection and take Mary's body to Heaven so that the one perfect creature would be in Heaven, glorified as to soul and body, as we all hope to be after the resurrection.

**N**OT only theologians, but also philosophers, hold that "universal belief is a very forcible argument in favor of the truth believed." But there was universal belief of all Christians in Mary's bodily assumption into Heaven for one thousand years. Our non-Catholic friends, un-

fortunately have been reared in prejudice against Mary. They do not honor her at all, even though God Himself honored her more than He honored any other creature, even though He sent an Archangel from Heaven to honor her in His name, even though Jesus was "subject to her" throughout the thirty years of His life with her at Nazareth.

**B**UT modern Protestants constitute less than one-fifth of all Christians. Roman Catholics count 100,000,000 more members than all the Protestant denominations taken together; and the Greek and Orthodox Churches, which count 150,000,000 people have believed in the Assumption of Mary's body into Heaven.

**P**ROTESTANTS will say they can be convinced only if you can point to a Bible text which tells of her assumption, but most of the New Testament was not yet written when Mary died. Moreover Protestants only have the Catholic Church's word that what they call the New Testament Bible is inspired at all. But there is a Scripture text which quotes St. John in the Apocalypse saying that he saw a vision of "the woman" — body and soul — clothed in glory (XII, 1). You hardly need to be told that on the feast of the Assumption we commemorate the death of Mary, as we, on other feasts, commemorate the death of saints; also the carrying of her body into Heaven—called the Assumption; also her coronation in Heaven as described by St. John quoted above. A crown of twelve stars was placed on her head, which evidently means that in Heaven she reigns as the Queen of the Apostles.

**W**E repeat, dear reader, that you are not asked to believe anything that you have not already believed if the Holy Father will declare the Assumption of Mary's body into Heaven to be an article of faith, but it should lead you to honor her as she would like to be honored for the world's sake. She told at Fatima how she wanted her clients to live immaculately after repenting and doing penance for their sins. That is, she wanted her immaculate heart honored not for her own sake, but as the greatest incentive to right living.

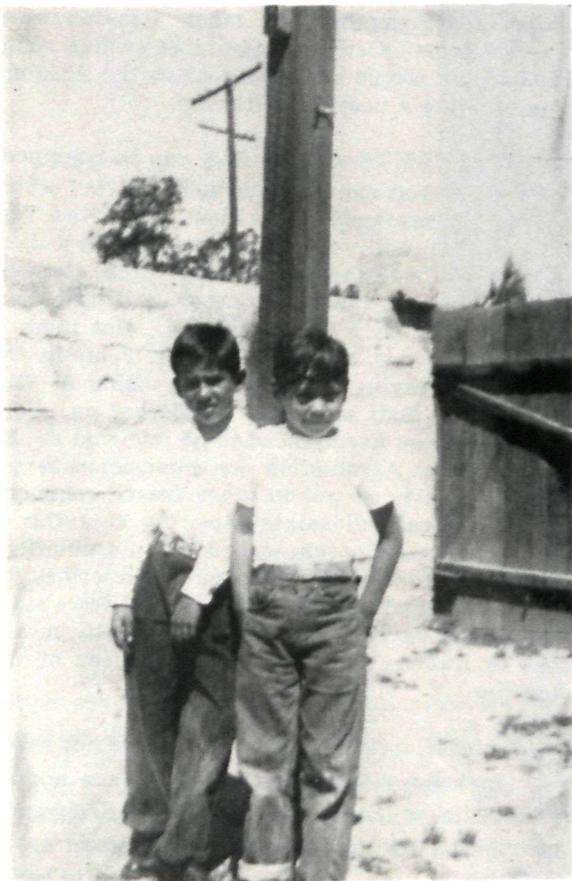


Mary is taken up into heaven; the angels rejoice, and blessing God, praise Him with one voice, Alleluia. (From the Offertory for the feast of the Assumption.)

All that we offer to God in charity to the dead, is changed into merit for ourselves, and we shall find it increased a hundredfold after our death—St. Ambrose.

## Looks Can Be Deceiving

NO, these are not two members of the local juvenile gang, defying Sister to try and get them to come to class. On the contrary these "post-supporters" are future candidates for the priesthood, and two of the most faithful pupils at catechism class.



DAVE, on the left, is Sister's Man Friday and has been for the past three years. On Wednesdays and Fridays Sister calmly spends the last precious minutes before going home in helping with prayers and lessons. Dave, meanwhile, is busy putting away Sister's teaching equipment,—her briefcase neatly packed, and blackboard and charts in their proper place, so that when Sister is ready all she needs to do is drive off amid a chorus of good-bys.

By now Dave can almost give a First Communion course himself, for even though he is in the fourth grade release time class, he still likes to come after school to help out or just listen to the Communion class. Seemingly, he does not mind hearing the same stories many times over.

PETE is Dave's best friend, and is not far behind in learning how to be helpful. They take their religious obligations very seriously, and try to help the younger members of their families learn their prayers. Neither are sissies, however, and are quite able to hold their own in any situation.

DAVE'S older brothers, not quite so interested in their religion as he, have a deep respect for him. Robert, who is in my seventh grade class, once told me proudly, "My brother's going to be a priest." Then he went on in a confidential tone of voice, "Why, Sister, when I go to bed, Dave kneels there and says his prayers, and many times I go to sleep and wake up again—and the guy's still praying!"

Sister Lorraine  
Santa Paula, California

### THAT INCLUDES EVERYTHING!

A VERY interesting little pupil is our six-year-old Eloise. She is crippled and lies strapped almost continually on her back. Her arms and legs are so fragile that ever so often she is found with one or other of her little limbs in a cast. She has "broken" about fifty times, sometimes just from turning over a bit too far, if the strap gets too loose. No one can handle her correctly except her parents. Naturally she wants to be picked up by her father and taken for a walk as often as possible. She must be handled in just a certain way by the hips, and so stands up as it were, in his arms.

ELOISE'S active little mind seems to help compensate for her physical defect. After a lesson about the Fatherhood of God, and how "fathers are people who take very good care of us" she evidently tried to 'cash in' on this information.

"Daddy," she said one evening, "please take me for a walk."

"I'm tired," teased her father.

"But God gave you to me to take care of me," she added.

"Oh," said her father, "that just means giving you a place to live, a bed to sleep in, something to eat, and things like that."

"NO SIR, daddy," she insisted, "that includes EVERYTHING!"

Sister Mary Magdalen

*The Missionary Catechist*

# Joe of L.A. Reporting

by Sister Eugenia

"HONEST," my father says to the Sisters last Sunday after Mass, "I never woulda believed it if somebody woulda told me a year ago that Joe would be going to high school at this time."

He is kinda proud of me on account of I do not want to quit school any more like I used to. However, at the same time he is telling the Sisters he is disappointed that I am taking a scientific course in high school instead of a business course like he wanted me to.

But as I told him, "Pop, I am not interested in being a business man and making a lotta money. Instead of this, I am going to be a great scientist and discover some kind of a medicine or something that will help everybody in the whole world."

"All right, all right," my father says, "Go ahead and be a great scientist. But you know I haven't got any money to send you to college." Then he says to himself like he always does when he is upset about something, "First it's a detective, then it's a boxer, now it's a scientist he wants to be."

I DO not mind when my father tells me these things in this way, as I realize he is worried lately on account of the chicken business is not doing so good. He tells the Sisters he is thinking seriously of being a chef again like he used to be when he had the cafe in L. A.

These Sisters have heard him say all this about six times before, but they are standing there and listening like they are hearing it for the first time. As usual, they tell him to be sure to make every effort to see that I can keep on going to catechism class.

"Of course it isn't necessary to tell you, Mr. Pampalonis, that religious instruction is very important," they tell him, to which he agrees with them like always in everything.

IN a way I wouldn't mind if we did move back to Los Angeles, on account of I might stand a good chance of going to a Catholic high school, and be taught by priests and brothers, like my pal Augustino.

As you already know, Tino said good-bye to

everybody in September when he went to Santa Barbara Mission so he could study how to become a Franciscan Padre like Father Serra. Needless to say, it is kinda lonesome for us around here since Tino went away.

And besides all this, we do not have our boys' club any more, on account of Jim Callahan is living in San Francisco now. You probably remember reading in the papers all about the big church wedding when he and Miss Carter were married by the bishop in July.

ONE good thing, most of the boys are starting to come back from up north now. They were up there with their whole families working in the grapes. Just last night my friend Tony comes over with a new kid by the name of Armando Barrera. After the three of us raid the ice-box, Tony reminds me that I never got to finish telling him about Father Pro.

"Where did we leave off?" I ask him. "We got to the place where Miguel Pro Juarez was studying to be a Jesuit priest in Mexico," he tells me, "when all of a sudden a persecution breaks out and all the boys have to quit studying and go in hiding."

This new kid is all eyes and ears, as he has never had much of a chance to hear anything like this before, on account of most of his life he has spent traveling around from place to place working in the tomatoes.

SO I explain to him a little of what it is all about. He is greatly thrilled when I tell him how all these young men and boys get dressed in whatever clothes they can get together, and leave the Jesuit house at El Llano in groups of twos and threes. They do not know what kind of danger they are going to run into. So before they leave, they all agree together that every day they will pray for each other by saying this little prayer, "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, keep us always in Your holy company."

Miguel Pro and his friend Rios and two other novices start out on horseback. They are going to try to get to Zamora. This is where Rios lives, and his father and mother are anxiously waiting to receive the four boys into their home.

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# Retreat for Junior Sodalists

by Sister Kathleen



The Reverend Gerald Schellinger, Chaplain at Queen of the Missions Convent, gave conferences to the retreatants.

It was my privilege to be visiting at Queen of the Missions Convent, Redlands, California, when a retreat was held there for the Junior Sodalists—fourth, fifth, and sixth grade boys and girls from Redlands and the surround-

ing towns. The children attended Mass in their own parishes and arrived at our convent, via buses and cars, at about eleven o'clock that Sunday morning early in March.

There were two hundred



Two hundred and thirty-five Sodalists filled the glass enclosed swimming pool to capacity during the conferences.

and thirty-five retreatants and it was the first experience these youngsters had of drawing aside from the things of this world and concentrating their attention upon their immortal souls. The conferences were held in—of all places—our glass enclosed swimming pool. Of course, there was no water in it; instead folding chairs and benches had been placed there to accommodate the retreatants.

Our Chaplain, the Reverend Gerald Schellinger, gave the conferences, which were practical and easily understood by this age group. During his three conferences, Father spoke on the virtues and ideals of a Sodalist, and gave the retreatants the saintly little Dominic Savio, who was beatified that day, for their imitation.

When Sister explained to the retreatants that they were to observe silence throughout the day, one youngster asked, in all seriousness, "What do you do when you don't talk?" Nevertheless, these boys and girls observed the prescribed silence very well. It was suspended during the lunch hour while they enjoyed the picnic lunches they had brought with them.

# Held at Queen of the Missions

Children's religious books, pamphlets, and papers were placed on a large table easily accessible to all, and it was encouraging to see the children looking them over, making their selections, and then sitting quietly reading or meditating until another bell would call them elsewhere.

I was edified when I saw a number of the boys and girls standing before the outdoor shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, singing hymn after hymn to Our Blessed Mother.

The Sisters conducted the different groups on walks through the spacious grounds, and along the canyon at the rear of the orange groves. Later in the afternoon, colored slides were shown on "The Way, the Truth, and the Life," an explanation of the Apostles Creed by children.

The retreat closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in our Chapel, into which, somehow or other, the children managed to crowd. As the children filed out of the chapel, we heard them saying quietly to one another, "Now we can talk again." One boy remarked, "Gosh, I'm tired. I'm going home and go to bed," and we could sympa-



Religious books, pamphlets, and papers played an important part in the children's retreat.

thize with him for we know from experience that retreats can be hard work.

After bidding Father and the Sisters good-by, with many inquiries as to when they could make another retreat, the chil-

dren made their way to the buses and cars waiting to take them home. The retreat had been a new experience for the sodalists; we prayed it might be productive of lasting spiritual good.



Children standing before the outdoor shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes sang hymns to Our Blessed Mother.

## LIKE A QUEEN

SIX-YEAR-OLD Judy had never seen Sisters. Her mother, who feared the little one might feel strange when she attended her first catechism class that afternoon, was trying to describe a Sister to Judy. But Mother, a recent convert, was soon at a loss for words. It was then that eight-year-old Donna spoke up, "You see, Judy, a Sister has a headdress—like a Queen."

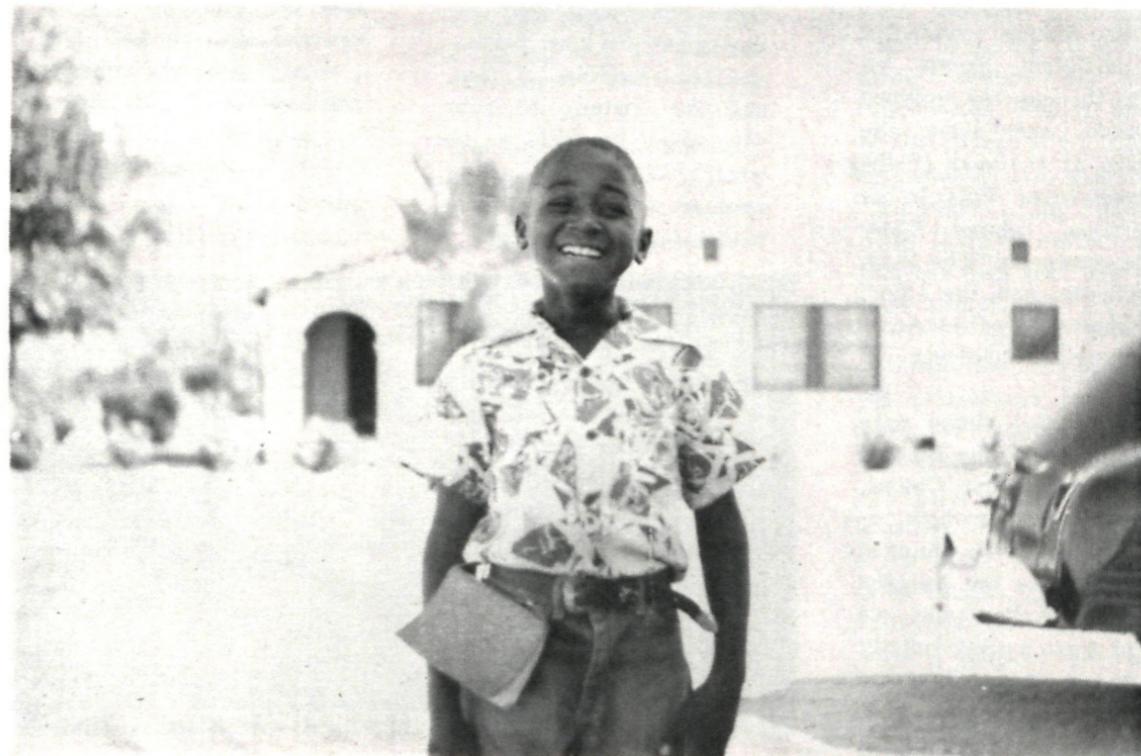
The explanation satisfied Judy and she showed no surprise at all when she met the Sisters.

Sister Louise Marie  
Coachella, California.

## FOR NO OTHER REASON

Sister (to youngster who was paying no attention in class): Manuel, do you really want to make your First Communion?

Manuel: Of course, I do. Why do you think I studied all those questions and said all those prayers? I sure do!



"Boy, am I the lucky duck!" is how this happy youngster expressed his joy to Sister Evelyn Marie, when she met him a few hours after his baptism at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Indio, California.

## In the Home Field

### TENDING SPIRITUAL NEEDS WITH BODILY "KNEADS"

We had the habit of dropping in at the kitchen door for our Friday evening classes at the Bustos' home. We taught the children at six thirty, and at this hour the mother was usually preparing supper for the family.

One evening, as we entered the house, a pretty picture of Christian home life presented itself to our gaze. Gregorio, age 3, and Audelia, age 5, were playing with a kitten in the corner of the kitchen. Baby Cristobal was standing on a chair drawn up to the kitchen table where his mother could keep an eye on him. Alonzo, nine, and Miguel, eight, were sharing one chair and had their attention fixed on their mother who stood at the kitchen table making bread. Propped open in a mixing bowl was a Catechism from which the mother asked the catechism questions while she busily kneaded the dough with her hands.

Sister Blanche  
Huntington, Indiana



"Over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house we'll go." Only in this case it is to St. Joseph's Center and the river is dry. Also the road has no faint resemblance to new fallen snow. It is the bumpiest, rockiest highway one could travel.

The Catechism Center is not a town. It is only a collection of small homes with not a tree at hand. Only the sunwashed rocky soil meets the eye until in the distance one can see the circle of purple mountains which hem in the beautiful San Fernando Valley.

One is reminded of Judgment Day when we blow the horn to announce our arrival. From here, there, and everywhere children come bounding out, heedless of the contact of bare feet on the sharp rocks and pebbles. Rocks are so profuse in this colony that one day when telling the little ones that God knows all things, I said, "God even knows just how many rocks are here."

One child responded in wide-eyed surprise, "Golly, God sure knows a lot!"

Sister Estelle  
San Fernando, California.

## WHAT IS PURGATORY?

Children often surprise us by their answers. In one of our classes a group of youngsters was asked the question, "What is Purgatory?" One little fellow, with all sincerity, answered, "Purgatory is a place where we catch up with our sins."

Sister Antonia  
Redlands, California.

## A GOOD HIDING PLACE

Teddy went to Mass one morning with his Grandma, and since they were rather late, not wishing to make a disturbance they knelt on the kneeler back of the last pew.

The little fellow could see nothing back there, and after a few seconds he suddenly asked in a loud stage whisper, "Who are we hiding from, Grandma?"

Sister Edna  
Ely, Nevada.

## GENEROUS DONATION

"And let's try to bring Jesus lots of golden pennies when we come to class next week," was Sister's last reminder to the prayer class before dismissal.

The following week, as the little ones were filing past the chart to contribute the golden pennies which represented their prayers and sacrifices, Sharon whispered to Sister, "I could find only one golden penny for Jesus. My other ones are all brown looking," whereupon she dropped a shiny new penny into the envelope. Then Sister realized that, as Sharon was a newcomer at class, she did not understand the significance of the golden pennies, so after the other children left, she explained the meaning to Sharon and a few others who had not been present at the original presentation of the plan.

Eager and responsive eyes showed a readiness to comply with this way of proving love, but Sharon still insisted, "I want Jesus to have this penny anyway because I didn't know how to make the real ones and this is all I have to give Him today."

Sister Melita  
San Fernando, California.



Sister Jeanette explaining golden penny chart to prayer class.

# Associate Catechists



*The sky is low, the  
clouds are mean,  
A traveling flake  
of snow  
Across a barn or  
through a rut  
Debates if it  
will go.  
A narrow wind  
complains all day  
How someone  
treated him. . .*

Emily Dickinson

*Dear Associates:*

THE bleakness of Nature at this time of the year, as manifested in leafless tree and shrub, leaden skies and penetrating winds, reflects our heavy spirits as we again witness our young men leave home, fireside and loved ones in a nation-wide military draft.

IN spite of these depressing events, there are yet many blessings for which we can render thanks to Almighty God on Thanksgiving Day and every day. We still have in our beloved country freedom in the matter of worship, daily Mass, the Sacraments and Catholic schools where the children are taught to know, love and serve God. These are precious privileges which many Catholics in other parts of the globe do not now enjoy.

LET us then raise thankful hearts to God and beg of Him a continuance of these spiritual favors. Let us show this gratitude in a practical way by helping others who may not have received the great gift of Faith, or at least the fullness of it. This can be accomplished either through personal contact, or by aiding those whose lives are devoted to spreading the truths of our holy religion.

*Devotedly your*

SISTER SUPERVISOR, ACM

## HOLY GHOST BAND

*(Elkhart, Indiana)*

THIS is our "small but mighty" Band of which we are very proud. When we tell you there are only twelve members in the Band and that in less than nine months they have sent us \$170.00 this year, we know you will agree with us they have won laurels, or to use a more modern expression we should say, "Orchids to them!"

The Promoter and founder of the Band is Miss Mary E. Nye. A remark contained in her letter, dated June 18, is significant. "Maybe you did not notice but the Band passed the \$800.00 mark on the second thousand (to your community) with the last contribution."

## ST. JUDE MISSION BAND

*(West Allis, Wis.)*

THIS Band lets several months go by and then pops up with a goodly sized check. Mrs. E. J. Polakowski, the Promoter, has the enviable gift of writing a very beautiful and legible hand. This fact, coupled with the checks she encloses in her letters, makes her communications very desirable. It's been a few months since we heard from her—so we're hoping!

## ST. LUKE BAND

*(Chicago, Ill.)*



In less than half a year, six new members have joined.

Our Sister Mary Patrick, whom the Band sponsors, spent the summer in Europe. She visited relatives in Ireland and later joined a pilgrimage to Rome.

# of Mary

## OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART BAND

(Appleton, Wis.)

DURING the summer months, when the members of other Bands were vacationing, it was a pleasant surprise to get a check for \$102.00 from the Promoter of our Appleton, Wisconsin, Band, *Miss Helen Arens*.

Her letter, too, ended in a very encouraging note. She said, "We are going to continue this year, starting the latter part of this month, and will try to make the amount greater."

## ST. ANTHONY BAND

(Chicago, Ill.)



On June 30, 1950 the members of this Band had already been credited with \$225.00. If they do as well during the following six months, they will rate among the best contributors for the current year.

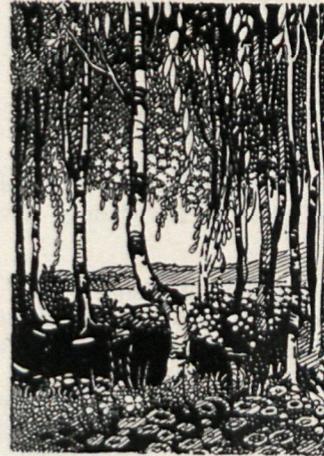
THE Promoter, *Mrs. Agnes Beck*, knows that we voice our gratitude chiefly through prayers for our benefactors. Her confidence in our power of intercession for her dear ones and large circle of friends is evidenced by the many intentions she sends us. We hope her deep spirit of Faith is rewarded either by the happy fulfillment of these intentions or else by the bestowal of other graces and blessings by our All-wise and All-loving God.

## RAP-IN-WAX COUPONS

Receipts from Rap-In-Wax coupons this year totaled around \$15.00. Thanks to all who saved their coupons for us.

Ours is no trifling aim. Eternal life is the object of our pursuit.—St. Cyril of Jerusalem.

November, 1950



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Srillians of Our Lady, Cincinnati, Miss Marie Gouy .....	3.00



## JOE OF L.A. REPORTING

(Continued from Page 7)

"Why doesn't Miguel go back to his own home?" Armando wants to know.

"Because," Tony tells him, "his home is no longer in Saltillo, as his family have fled to Guadalajara."

"That's right," I tell them. "And even here in this large place, which is the second largest city in Mexico, there is not much safety."

**N**EXT thing Armando is anxious to find out, "Did they get to Zamora all right?"

"Yes," I tell him, "but things are kinda bad here, too. All the churches are closed, and every priest that can be found is in jail."

"Pretty tough," Tony says. "Tough?" I say to him. "Why, it takes Miguel Pro all of five days after he gets to Zamora before he can find out where there is a priest so he can hear Mass and receive the Sacraments!"

**A** COUPLA days after this, maybe four, Miguel and Rios decide to carry some food to a few priests who are hiding in the hills of La Beatilla. One of these priests happens to be a cousin or something to Rios.

Needness to say, Miguel and his friend are taking a great chance, on account of if they are caught, they might be accused of being priests themselves. In fact, even some of the good people they pass on the streets think they are priests and greet them with great respect, calling them "Padre" and "Padrecito." In case you do not know what *padrecito* stands for, it means a young priest.

"Golly!" says Tony to me, when I am telling him this, "Wouldn't they have some way of proving to Amaro's soldiers that they are not priests—at least not yet?"

(Amaro, as you already know, is the leader of the revolutionary army which has taken command of the town of Zamora.)

"Even if they could," I tell him, "it wouldn't make any difference, on account of, according to the revolutionaries, practically everybody, even the *viejos* (old men) who ring the church bells are to be considered as priests, and are thrown into prison and tortured, also."

**R**IGHT here Tony looks like he sometimes does when he is trying to work out a hard prob-

lem in mathematics.

"How does it happen," he says to me kinda mad-like, "that these guerrillas get so much power to do all this—and in a Catholic country like Mexico? Why didn't the people call out their own army to defend themselves?"

I start explaining to Tony that for some reason or other Mexico did not have a regular army. The only troops they had were made up of prisoners and the lowest class of people, and so, practically all of their military chiefs were bandits or desperadoes.

"Do they get caught?" Armando wants to know next. "Who?" I ask him.

"Miguel and Rios," Tony says, when he sees me looking kinda puzzled-like. "He wants to know did they get arrested when they were taking food to those priests hiding in the hills of La Beatilla."

"No," I tell him. "They manage to find the poor Indian hut where the priests are living in disguise as peons, but they don't stay there for the meal. They all go further up into the hills to eat the food, as it is safer. It's a good thing they do, as they no sooner get out, when all of a sudden fifty Carrancistas appear on horseback, and stop at the hut. They are riding the countryside and looking for more horses to steal."

There is nothing for Miguel and Rios and their friends to do but crouch down in the cornfield and listen to all the cursing and talk like that which is coming from the horse-stealers.

**A**FTER a few more narrow escapes like this, Miguel and Rios get word from their Superiors telling them to try and come to Guadalajara if they can, as most of the novices are already there.

In order not to attract attention, Rios plans to escape into the mountainous country of Michoacan and join Miguel and the others later.

**S**O Miguel sets out one night dressed as a peon, in a ten-gallon hat, white linen trousers and a bright-colored woolen *serape* over his shoulders.

He is not a bit scared, even though the roads are filled with troops. In fact, he is kinda enjoying the whole thing.

First he passes through the gates without any trouble, then he goes to a certain spot, where he meets another novice by the name of Carrillo, and two other fellows.

# Thanksgiving

## At the Preface

"It is truly meet and just . . . AT ALL TIMES . . . To give thanks."

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Teach me, Lord, to live this prayer,  
That I may thank Thee every day  
For EVERYTHING.  
I do at times give thanks for what SEEMS good:  
For health, success; for love and gain;  
For all that pleases Self.  
And yet how thoughtless—blind—  
To thank Thee not for what is truly good:  
For pain, unkindness, censure, blame;  
For every hurt that comes  
From person, place or work.

By these keen instruments wouldst Thou,  
Divine Physician,  
Remove the harmful growths of Self,  
To give new life; Thine Own true Life,  
And peace—abundantly.  
But I am blind—see not Thy loving Hand;  
Then, in resisting, suffer more  
And spoil Thy work.

Had I accepted all with gratitude  
I might long since have been a saint,  
And happy  
(A grateful heart cannot be otherwise).  
Forgive, then, Lord,  
My blindness and my squandered life,  
And give me grace, this day, to see  
Thy chastening Hand in all my hurts  
(Nor blame Thy instruments);  
The grace to take each purifying cross,  
And then—  
Give THANKS with all my heart!—D. M.

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Bishop of Fort Wayne



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After three days of walking and hiding, and sleeping under the open sky, they get to a railroad station at Negrete and take the train from there to Guadalajara. Nothing happens to them on this train ride, except they are overtaken and tormented by an army of lice.

The first thing Miguel does on arriving in Guadalajara (after getting rid of his unwelcome guests) is to try and locate his family."

"Does he find them all right?" Armando wants to know. Right here my father comes in the back door with a quart of ice-cream for us, so I tell Armando, "Yes, Miguel finds his family without too much trouble,, but I will tell you all about that some other time. *Bueno?*"

"*Si, bueno,*" he says, while my father hands him some chocolate cookies to go with his ice-cream.



# Mary's Loyal

cross and chain, and Annette received a silvered cross and chain.

We think you should know that it was through the generosity of *Miss Mary Grippe*, of *Arvada, Colorado*, and her friends, who provided the prizes, that we were able to conduct this contest.

Congratulations to the winners, thanks to everyone — children and grownups who sent stamps and better luck next time to the losers!

*Mary-ly yours,*

SUNSHINE SECRETARY, MLH.

*Dear Loyal Helpers:*

WE are happy to announce in these columns the winners of our summer cancelled postage stamp contest which opened July 1st and ended on September 20th.

We are sorry to say that no boys took part in the contest. Therefore, all the awards went to our girl members. The Helpers who sent us the largest amount of cancelled stamps were *Arlene Trombley*, age 12, and *Mary Lou Trombley*, age 8, of *Standish, Michigan*. Together they sent us a pound of stamps and we credited each girl as having tied with a half pound of stamps.

The box of cancelled stamps sent us by *Helper Joan Butts*, age 11, of *San Antonio, Texas*, was found to contain the largest number of special value stamps (mostly commemoratives). Consequently, she rates as one of the prize winners.

The first Helper to send us a box of stamps after the announcement of our contest was *Annette Wagner*, age 11, of *Butternut, Wisconsin*. We felt she earned a "promptness prize." For this reason we added her to the number of winners.

Four prizes were promised and four have been awarded. *Arlene* and *Mary Lou* received silver medals and chains, *Joan* received a gold

## DANVILLE (ILL.) HELPERS



*Donald Dietzen*, age 11, and his sister *Mary*, age 7, of *Danville, Illinois*, examine a crystal rosary made by one of our Sisters. The picture was taken when they were at *Victory Noll* visiting their aunt, *Sister Kathleen*. Sister is now stationed at our new convent in *Colorado Springs, Colorado*.



# Helpers Page

## NEWS O' THE MONTH

The following composition was written by Margaret Pearman, age 13, who lives in Colton, California. Her religion teacher is our Sister Mary Kevin. We know you'll agree that Margaret has paid a fine tribute to Sisters in general and to our Sisters in particular.

There is an old saying "live and learn." This could be changed to "live and teach" and applied to the Missionary Sisters. The work of these nuns is to teach the beliefs of the Catholic Church. They visit prisons and bring comfort to the prisoners. They visit homes and in many instances cause fallen away Catholics to return to the Church.

Nuns always seem to look quieter, more gentle, and more devout than Catholics who are not members of religious communities. They always seem to be of a nicer disposition and to have patience. Perhaps if we would imitate these Sisters, we would find it easier to be good and avoid evil. We would have stronger wills and less occasions of sin.

We should all be grateful to these Missionary Sisters who have given their whole lives to God and to teaching, and who, with their patience and understanding, have taught us to believe in, to practice, and to appreciate the Catholic Faith.

MARGARET PEARMAN  
Age 13, Colton, California

## A LAS VEGAS (NEW MEX.) HELPER



By means of the accompanying picture, we are pleased to introduce *Angelina Gonzales*, age 13, of Las Vegas, New Mexico, who joined our Loyal Helpers last spring. About that time, fourteen others in her classroom joined, but Angelina and her friend, *Elicea Garcia*, have been the most enthusiastic members of our mission club for boys and girls.

Both girls express the hope that they may be members of our Order of Missionary Sisters



when they are old enough to join. Our Sisters have taught religion to the children of Las Vegas, New Mexico, for almost twenty-five years. It is heartening to see that some of these now wish to join us.

## NOVEMBER PUZZLE

In the paragraph below certain words appear in *italics*. These words only have been scrambled. Write alongside the scrambled word, the word correctly spelled after you have unscrambled it.

Our *national* holiday, known as Thanksgiving Day, originated in 1621. A feast of thanksgiving to Almighty God, by command of Governor Bradford, took place after the first crops had been garnered by the *Pilgrims*, who were the survivors of the *Mayflower*. Ears of corn, pumpkins and other vegetables were piled on the festive board, together with deer and wild *turkey* taken in hunting. Gradually, it became a custom of the governors of the several New England Colonies to appoint a day of thanksgiving annually after the *harvest*. In 1864, President Lincoln appointed a day of national thanksgiving. Since then the Presidents have issued a Thanksgiving proclamation, generally designating the last *Thursday* of November.

REMOLFWAY  
THREVAS  
SIMPLIRG

LANNITOA  
HUTYARDS  
YETRUK

Send your worked puzzle to Sunshine Secretary for a holy card.

Answers to October Puzzle. The hidden cats are in catsup, the witch is in switch, the goblin is between the words "go" and "blinking," the bats are in acrobats, the pumpkin between the words "pump" and "kind," and the ghosts between the words "Greg" and "hosts."

*Below are extracts from a letter received by Mother Cecilia from the Sisters.*

September 8, Nativity of Our Lady

Dear Mother Cecilia,

Greetings through Mary, Queen of Martyrs. Colorful Colorado reveals many beauties along the seventy miles between Denver and Colorado Springs, but it is nothing to compare with the warm welcome we received upon our arrival at 14 West Costilla Street.

Representatives of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Nurses were at the door of our new convent waiting to welcome us with their gracious hospitality. For weeks these women have been giving generously of their time and service to make our convent a comfortable home. We are most grateful to them, and to Father William Kelly, who has directed the entire project.

After a prayer of thanksgiving in our chapel, we were conducted on a tour through the house. Two large rooms next to the chapel will be used for classrooms. There is a kitchen on this floor which may be used for social gatherings for the children. Our living quarters are on the second floor, consisting of a dining room, community room, bedrooms, a well-equipped kitchen, and a general utility room which we call "our laundry," for it contains a labor-saving Laundromat. It is a lovely convent and we are very happy in it.

Wednesday morning our fondest dream became a reality when His Excellency, our Most Reverend Archbishop blessed the convent and celebrated the first Mass in our chapel, thereby giving us Our Eucharistic Lord as the ever-present Head of our house. The same evening open house was held for the public from five until eight o'clock.

Now we are engaged in contacting our people and opening our classes in catechism. News of our mission work will be sent to you a little later. We know you will be praying for us.

Devotedly in Jesus and Mary,

Your Sisters in Colorado Springs.

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It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins. (II Machab. 12, 46.)



An excellent view of Pike's Peak and surrounding mountains may be seen from the windows of the convent.

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### *Music Reviewed*

The music here listed is published by J. Fischer & Bro., 119 West 40th St., New York City.

OFFERTORIES for Sundays in Advent by Gubing No. 8480, twenty cents; for Sundays in Lent by Gubing No. 8464, twenty-five cents.

GREGORIAN MASSES and Selected Chants, for Advent and Lent. Modern notation No. 8527, eighteen cents.

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### *In Memoriam*

Mrs. George Hilker, Fort Wayne, Indiana (ACM)  
Mrs. John Haley, Fort Wayne, Indiana (ACM)  
Mrs. Henry E. Warner, Ventnor, New Jersey.  
Miss Mary Agnes Casey, Canova, South Dakota.  
Mr. Floyd Stevenson, Whiting, Indiana

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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## Sisters Welcomed at Colorado Springs



Photo by Charles Wunder, Denver Catholic Register

His Excellency, Archbishop Urban J. Vehr pictured with the Sisters who will staff the new Queen of Martyrs' catechetical center in Co'lorado Springs, Colorado. The Sisters are (left to right) Sister Mary Colette, Sister Kathleen, superior; Sister Florence, and Sister Aquina.

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*Eternal*  
*Rest*



Remember your departed relatives, friends and the War dead in that which some of our readers have been pleased to call our "Purgatorial Society," but which really consists of special suffrages in behalf of the deceased members of our

**ASSOCIATE CATECHISTS OF MARY.**

These are DAILY prayers in the month of November for the Holy Souls, offered in all of our convents. In addition, the Holy Souls participate in the benefits of a First Friday Mass offered MONTHLY at Victory Noll for the living and deceased members of the Associate Catechists of Mary.

An alms given with the intention of aiding the Holy Souls will also benefit these dear friends of God.

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Sister Supervisor, Associate Catechists of Mary  
Victory Noll,  
Huntington, Indiana

Dear Sister:

Enclosed find (\$10.00) (\$1.00) to enroll .....  
as a (Perpetual) (Annual) Member of the ASSOCIATE CATECHISTS OF MARY. Please send me a Certificate of Membership made out in the name of the deceased.

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