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*"I will go in unto the altar of God ..."*



Five priests and six nuns in one family! (See page 4)

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## Thou art a Priest Forever!

by Sister Jean Marie



THERE is a wealth of religious ceremony in the Church, each one brilliantly colorful and solemnly impressive. The ordination ritual, however, is unusually rich and expressive as its moving liturgy unfolds.

We were privileged to be present at a recent ordination ceremony. The crowded massive cathedral was hushed; the very atmosphere seemed permeated with reverent awe. The exultant strains of the magnificent *Ecce Sacerdos* then resounded throughout the edifice as red-cassocked altar boys entered from the rear, followed by acolytes and cross-bearer. A hundred and fifty priests in procession were followed by the ordinands walking singly. Each ordinand was vested in amice, alb, cincture and maniple, and wore a stole arranged in manner proper to deacons. He carried a folded chasuble on his left arm and a candle in his right hand. Our glance then rested upon the scarlet robes of the ordaining Prelate, empowered by Almighty God to place on the souls of these candidates a mark that will be their glory in time and throughout all eternity.

The bishop was robed in his pontifical vest-

ments, and the Holy Sacrifice was begun. After the singing of the Tract, the Ordination Rite commenced. The bishop was seated on a faldstool before the center of the altar and the ordinands prostrated themselves at the foot of the altar steps. After the Litany of the Saints was chanted, the ordinands approached the bishop who placed both his hands upon the head of each in turn. The priests, wearing red stoles, entered the sanctuary and passing behind the row of ordinands did likewise. The red-gloved hand of the bishop was extended over the ordinand's heads and the hundred and fifty priests raised their hands in blessing also. There was a moment of most eloquent silence. At times like this, there is a pause in life's experience when the momentous reality of God, and the utter inadequacy and unreality of everything else but God, strike us with startling force and vividness.

The stole which hung over the left shoulder of each ordinand was then brought over his right shoulder and arranged in the form of a cross. The bishop then placed over the shoulders of each a chasuble, folded behind and hanging down in front. The bishop anointed both open

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hands with holy oil, closed the hands, palms meeting, and an attendant priest bound them together with a linen cloth. The bishop delivered to each ordinand a chalice containing wine and water, on which was a paten with an unconsecrated host: he conferred power to offer sacrifice to God and celebrate Mass. The Mass was then resumed. Commencing with the Offertory, the newly ordained priests celebrated the Mass with the bishop, reciting each prayer aloud with him. After Communion, the new priests made their profession of faith, and the power to forgive sins was given. The bishop unfolded the chasuble on the back of each, praying God to clothe them with the garment of innocence.

The solemn prayers attendant upon the administration of the various priestly powers, and warning the candidate of the responsibility of his high calling, are fraught with sublime grandeur.

No greater gift can God offer to human being than to share in His Priesthood. No earthly honor conferred by the greatest and most influential dignitary is in any way comparable with this. The priest is indebted to no human being. These young men entered the church as ordinary members of the Mystical Body; they leave it with souls marked with the office of divine royalty.

That night we asked one of the newly ordained if he was still in the clouds or had he his feet firmly planted on *terra firma* once again. He responded, "I feel midway between." What more meaningful answer could have been given! He was that morning made an intercessor to stand between God in heaven and man on earth: to gently encourage man to ascend to God; to raise a fallen soul as the forgiving Christ would do; to instruct so that many could share the beauty of a God-filled mind; to edify by his example, kindling sparks in other souls to burn with an all-absorbing desire to walk with Christ in holiness of life. Yes, the priest is more than half divine. There is a God-imbedded yearning in his soul reaching out to every soul he contacts.

That day those new priests radiated sanctity; nevertheless, as the bishop placed the sacred Host on their tongues, we raised our minds and hearts to God petitioning Him to fill His priests with His Presence; to keep their days replete with prayer, work and relaxation for Him; to command the devil to leave His anointed alone. We know these priests of God retain their human nature and continue to be subject to the same temptations that beset the path of every one traversing this earthly journey. We felt a keen responsibility to pray fervently that these new priests would remain holy as God Himself is holy.

With what respect and reverence should Catholics be imbued in the presence of a priest, be he the lad they grew up with from earliest childhood or one they are meeting for the first time. Parents should realize their duty to instill into their children this reverence and respect.

No miracle at LaSalette, Lourdes or Fatima is comparable to the miracle that takes place each moment of every day throughout the entire world, as an *Alter Christus* transubstantiates. He places the sacred Host on our tongue and we become one with God our Creator. God conferred that power not simply for the priest's sake, but for you and me and every baptized Catholic.

While striving daily to elevate the humdrum recurring duties of our state in life to a supernatural level, let us frequently pause and make a plea to the Great High Priest petitioning:

O Jesus! Eternal Priest, keep these Thy holy ones within the shelter of Thy Sacred Heart where none may harm them. Keep unstained their anointed hands which daily touch Thy Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips purpled with Thy Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts sealed with the sublime marks of Thy glorious Priesthood. Bless their labors with abundant fruit; and may they to whom they have ministered be here below their joy and consolation, and in Heaven their everlasting crown. Amen.

#### FIVE PRIESTS AND SIX NUNS IN ONE FAMILY

St. Francis of Assisi (feast, October 4) must have a special claim on the Windolph family. All five of Sister Mary Rita's brothers are Franciscans and four of her sisters are dedicated to God in four different Franciscan communities. The fifth is a Carmelite, and Sister Mary Rita is a Missionary Sister of Our Lady of Victory. The family picture is shown on the inside front Cover. Back: Frater Nestor (seminarian); Father Agatho Windolph, O.F.M.; Father Michael; Father Raphael; and Father Job. Seated: Sister Agneda (Franciscans of the Holy Family) Sioux City, Iowa; Sister Mary Rita; O.L.V.M., El Paso, Tex.; Sister Luke (School Sisters of St. Francis) Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. O. A. Windolph; Sister Bernard (Franciscans of the Sacred Heart) Chicago, Ill.; Sister M. Oscaria (Franciscan Sisters, Mishawaka) Gallup, N. Mex.; and Sister Monica, O. Carm., Middletown, N. Y.



#### OUR FRONT COVER

Three new missions have been opened this fall by our Sisters, two in Texas and one in Utah. (See Mission Addresses—last page)

At Brigham City, Utah, the Sisters will assist the Rev. Alfred Harding, Maryknoll Missioner, in the catechetical instruction of 1,000 Navajo children at the Intermountain Indian school.

Left: Sister Bertha explains the need of priestly and religious vocations for the home missions.

Below: It is from America's youth that America's future missionaries will come.

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*"O Lord, grant unto Thy Church saintly priests and fervent religious."*



Sister Mary Patrick and a high school group, Washington Courthouse, Ohio.

# Fiesta time in Santa Fe

by Sister Miriam

Missionary Sisters stationed at Our Lady of Victory convent in Santa Fe are able to enjoy an outstanding public event of both religious and patriotic significance, before they start their year's work of Confraternity organizing and teaching.

The Santa Fiesta has been celebrated annually for about two hundred and forty years; and it is almost impossible to be in the City of Holy Faith at Fiesta time without catching its spirit and joining in the celebration.

The Fiesta is held every year, usually on Labor Day weekend, to celebrate the Reconquest of the territory by the Spaniard, DeVargas, in

1692. It was a *re-conquest* because the Spanish, who had settled in New Mexico in 1598 and founded this city in 1610, were all killed in an Indian uprising. Although the missionaries had established forty Indian missions, one of the poor natives, inspired by the devil, planned and led the attack which killed twenty-one Franciscan priests and three hundred eighty Spanish colonists in 1680.

But the Spanish came again twelve years later, and their leader, De Vargas, was able to re-take Santa Fe without warfare. He asked for a conference with the Indians and went into the armed city with one priest and six unarmed soldiers to meet the Indian chiefs. This time the



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Pictures by courtesy of the New Mexico State Tourist Bureau, Capitol Building, Santa Fe.

Indians agreed to become Christians and to let the Spanish occupy the territory. Twenty years later the governor and his council proclaimed a fiesta to be held annually with Mass, Vespers and sermon to celebrate the event and to thank God for His blessing.

Each year's fiesta is marked by some additional event usually of religious interest to Santa Fe. In recent years we saw the dedication of the new Cathedral school by the Apostolic Delegate, and enjoyed the visit of Cardinal Stritch who broke ground for a new parish church.

Fiesta weekend begins with the burning of Zozobra (Old Man Gloom), a giant figure made of paper and cloth, with a huge, sad face. It hangs surrounded by brush, on a big hill just outside the town. We drove out to see it one year, but didn't stay until dark to see him burned, only watching the fire from our roof some six miles away. They say he writhes and groans and makes awful faces as he burns: the end of Gloom and the beginning of Fiesta Fun.

The day we saw old Zozobra we went to picnic near the Bishop's Lodge which is an interesting place, too. There's a vacation resort there now; but the real attraction for us is the little cabin chapel used almost a hundred years ago by Archbishop Lamy, the first bishop of Santa Fe. This place is mentioned in Willa Cather's book "Death Comes for the Archbishop."

The Fiesta schedule for Saturday morning usually features a children's pet parade. All during the day one can enjoy the spirit of Fiesta. The downtown streets are roped off, and everyone is walking around having a good time—children eating big, pink candy fluff-stuff; tourists asking street names that even natives don't know (one of Santa Fe's traditions); señoritas wearing lovely Spanish costumes; almost everyone with confetti in their hair. There are booths like those at a bazaar in the Plaza itself, with the smells and noises customary at an outdoor fair, but with accent on the smell of chili, and the sound of the musical Spanish language.

One of the best sights downtown is the Indian market in front of the Palace of the Governors. They have beautiful pottery, turquoise and silver jewelry, decorated moccasins, bags, belts, drums, and so on; but the colorfully dressed Indians themselves are even more interesting than their wares.

Saturday afternoon features a historical parade, composed of typical old Western numbers, such as covered wagons, Spanish soldiers, and Indians on horseback. At its close there is



a re-enactment of De Vargas and his party entering Santa Fe to conclude a peaceful treaty with the Indians. Colorful Indian dances form part of the entertainment in the plaza.

The real core of the Fiesta is the solemn High Mass of thanksgiving on Sunday morning. One year recently it was held not in the Cathedral but outdoors, and we Sisters took part in the grand procession from the Archbishop's residence to the hillside park where the temporary altar was erected. St. Vincent's orphan girls led the march, followed by Sisters of Charity, Loretos, Dominicans and ourselves, with a big military band in the middle, and a Spanish band farther back. The Fiesta Queen and her court, replicas of De Vargas and his party, the Mon-

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# Back from Panama

by Sister Eugenia

IT was January 10, 1948 when Sister Monica and Sister Mary Bernarda boarded a plane at Chicago to begin a new work in the Republic of Panama.

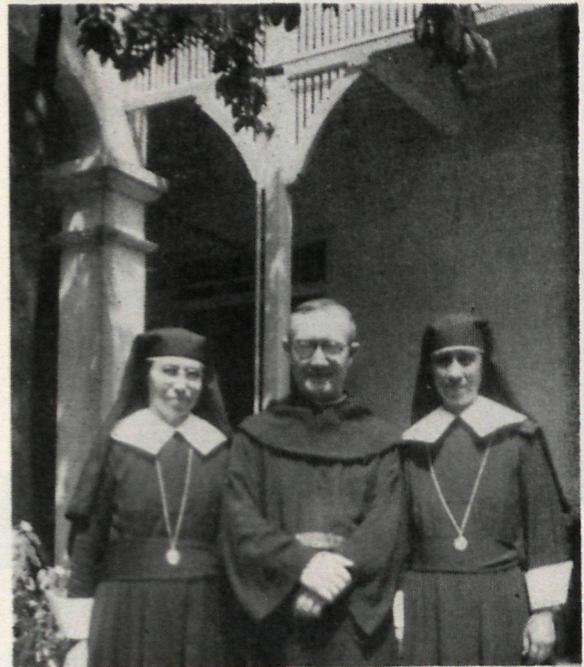
AT the invitation of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Francis C. Beckmann, C.M., D.D., Archbishop of Panama, they were enroute to assist the Archbishop in the development of a new community of religious women which he had recently founded.

NOW, after three and a half years, we were most happy to welcome our Sisters back home to Victory Noll and to congratulate them for their part in the formation of the first Panamanian community of Sisters. With Sister Monica as Novice Mistress, and Sister Mary Bernarda assisting her, the new Sisters have become thoroughly acquainted with the demands of community life, and have been started on their initial endeavors as missionaries.

THE new community, known as the Society of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, is well established and is doing active mission work both in Panama City and in the poorer mission districts of the Interior. Under the capable direction of Sister Catalina de Benedetti, newly appointed Superior, the Sisters are engaged in catechetical instruction, home visiting, census taking, organization of sodalities, and various forms of social work, including the operation of a day nursery for the benefit of poor working mothers.

Assisting them in the work of imparting religious instruction are many public school teachers who have been, and are being, trained as lay catechists.

FATHER ALFONSO OFICIALDEGUI, of the Augustinians, is Director of Lay Catechists, and has arranged a course of religion to be undertaken by these young women. The course, taught by priests, includes the study of liturgy, chant and pedagogy. Sister Catalina teaches catecheti-



Reverend Alfonso Oficialdegui, O.S.A., Director of Lay Catechists, is pictured above with Sister Mary Bernarda and Sister Monica.

cal methods to the teachers taking the course.

IT WAS with feelings of gratitude mingled with sadness that Archbishop Beckmann and the Panamanian Sisters bid adieu to Sister Monica and Sister Mary Bernarda on the day of their departure from Panama.

At this writing, Sister Monica is now in Santa Fe, New Mexico, engaged in confraternity work and the training of lay catechists.

Sister Mary Bernarda has been missioned to San Antonio, Texas; one of her special assignments is to teach our catechetical methods to three or four different communities of Mexican Sisters there.

SO—lay catechists are being trained in Panama and in New Mexico; and catechetical methods are being taught to Panamanian public school teachers, and to Mexican Sisters in Texas—the work of God goes on!

## The First Panamanian Community of Sisters

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Francisco C. Beckmann, Archbishop of Panama, with the Panamanian Sisters. Sister Catalina de Benedetti, third from the right, has been appointed Superior of the community known as the Society of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.



### FIESTA TIME IN SANTA FE

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tezuma seminary choir (Mexican students for the priesthood), and the clergy and hierarchy were all in the line of march or in cars. During the walk we faced more cameras than one could count, as we passed streets lined with tourists, Indians and local people.

Field Mass under a New Mexico sky gives one a vivid sunburn, but it is worth taking part in such a wonderful event. That time we were up close to the sheltered altar platform, in fact, right next to the soldiers who fired salutes during the ceremonies. From there we could see everything: the dignitaries moving about the altar; the Fourth-degree Knights of Columbus in full dress; the Queen and courtiers in rich



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Spanish costumes; De Vargas, his soldiers and the Indian chiefs silhouetted against the bluest sky—and below on the hillside, throngs of people. The Archbishop preached, and we could hear his voice three times: the original, over the loud-speaker, and echoing from the hills.

Features of varying interest mark the afternoon, including a Merienda, or Spanish style show, more Indian dances, and special events of religious importance. In the evening Vespers are solemnly chanted in the Cathedral by the Montezuma choir. Immediately after Vespers, there is a candle-light procession to the hillside scene of the Cross of the Martyrs. There a sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament conclude the religious celebration of the Fiesta.

Monday, usually Labor Day, provides further frolic downtown; but we Sisters have enjoyed a final spiritual treat in recent years, when all the Sisters of Santa Fe were invited to the Loretto convent, to assist at the Mass of the visiting prelate. One year we heard kind words of encouragement from the Most Reverend Amleto Cicognani, the Apostolic Delegate; another time His Eminence, Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago, offered us a brief but deeply spiritual talk.

And so, we relive in the Fiesta the glorious past of our Southwest, and set out on a new year's work—to keep alive and strengthen the Holy Faith of St. Francis in the land where his missionaries planted the seed so long ago.

IN our visits to the hospitals we often find Catholics who have been away from Mass and the Sacraments for a long time, and quite frequently they need only a little encouragement to get back on the right path again.

RECENTLY we met a middle-aged man, a Spanish Basque sheep-herder, who gave up the practice of his religion when he came to this country. He told us, "*Hermanas*, I have been herding sheep for twenty-four years with no chance to go to church and I have forgotten everything."

HE knew very little English, so we spoke Spanish to him, which pleased him; but at that first visit, he gave us no assurance that he would even try to pray. When he told us that he had lost his rosary a long time ago, we promised to bring one for him.

THE next week, when he saw the rosary, he stretched out both hands eagerly for it, and with a beaming smile, exclaimed, "*Gracias, hermanas, gracias!*" (Thank you, Sisters, thank you!) Then, after holding it for a few moments he looked up sadly to say, "But, *hermanas*, I have



Catholics from Mobile, Alabama came more than a hundred miles to attend the first Mass at the new church in Suggsville. The choir sang the High Mass and after lunch gave an open air concert of hymns, spirituals and other songs.

People from Suggsville were amazed to meet so many Catholic boys and girls and to know that many of them had been Catholics from birth.

## In the Home Field

nothing to pay for it." We explained in Spanish that we wanted no money, but told him he could pay us by saying a few prayers for us. "*Si, si, hermanas*," he said, "I will pray—I will pray!"

HE left the hospital the following week, but we are sure that he is praying Our Blessed Mother's rosary, and that she will take care of his salvation.

Sister Edna  
Flagstaff, Arizona

ONE DAY we stopped to pick up six-year-old Bobby on our way to an out-mission for Mass.

"Can I read your funny books?" he asked, as

he spied the *Topix* and *Treasure Chest* which were lying in the back seat of the car.

"Yes, you may," Sister answered, and then she added teasingly, "I'll bet you like to come with us just to read our funny books."

"Oh, no, Sister! I like to come to see God, too."

"Can you see God at Mass, Bobby?"

"No, I can't see Him, but I know He's there. Gee . . . I'll bet He never misses a single Mass!"

Sister Marie  
Santa Paula, California

THE boys in my class had been rather mischievous on a certain day and I kept them after class to correct them. After encouraging them to be better, and knowing how quickly they find an excuse to stay away from class if we are hard on them, I added, "Now, I am not scolding you, I am just—" and before I had a chance to finish, Tommy, who delights in talking during class, quickly said—"You are just doing it for our own good."

Sister Kathleen  
Colorado Springs

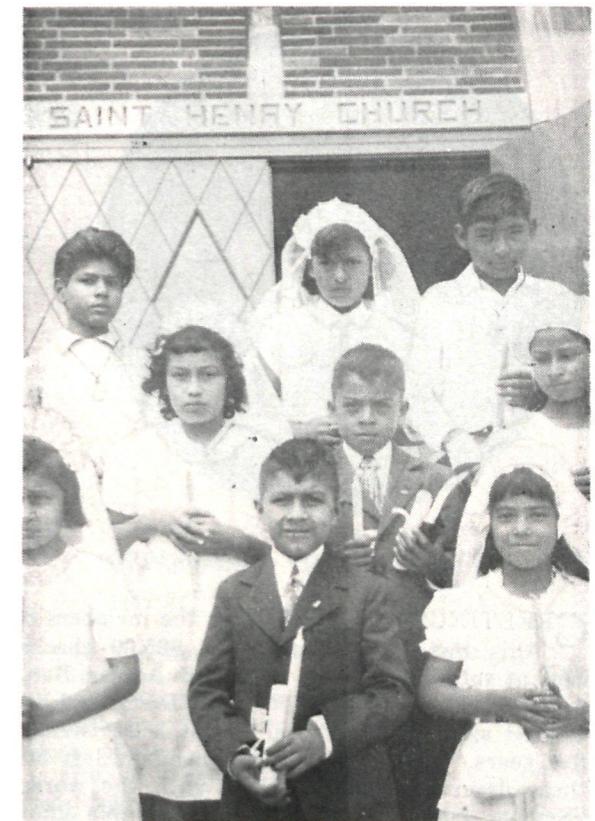
The Rosary Sodality had iron railings installed on the steps in front of the church. One of our tiny tots said, "Oh look, we got a new church." A little boy answered rather disgustedly, "Naw, the church just got new handles."

Sister Viola  
Kendallville, Indiana.

It was "Report Card time" again and one of the seventh-grade boys with an inquiring look on his face asked, "Sister, will my report card be better than it was last time? My father says he doesn't want to see it done up in technicolor again."

(He had received a D—in red.)

Sister Mary Regina  
Elko, Nevada



These are a few of the many children who come with their parents each year to work in the fields of Indiana. Many of them live on isolated ranches in Texas, far from church and school. They usually arrive here in March and stay until October. In order that they might receive additional religious instruction during their stay in Indiana, a summer school was conducted at one of the migrant camps near San Pierre. When Sister Marion prepared this group for their First Holy Communion, the entire "doctrina" had to be given in Spanish.

LITTLE ANNA started Religion classes this year and at the beginning was very shy. She sat close to her big brother who is all of seven years of age and he often glanced at her reassuringly. But when Sister held up the picture of Creation and asked Anna to point out something that God made, she just put her head down and wouldn't say a word. Big Brother instantly came to her rescue. Putting his arm around her, he said: "She was going to say He made the mountains!"

Sister Josepha  
Middlesex, New Jersey

# News Items About



ADRIAN BAND (Chicago, Ill.)

GREETINGS come to us from the members of this Band in the form of \$25.00 checks, sent at intervals during the year. Adrian Band is presided over by *Miss Florence Dietz*, and has existed as a Mission Band for at least twenty-five years. There are only six members left but these deserve to wear badges with the words, "Semper fidelis" engraved on them. We know they are reaping blessings for themselves for time and eternity, in aiding our work for God's poor.

## SRILLIANS OF OUR LADY (Cincinnati, O.)

THE *Srillians*, whose Promoter is *Miss Marie Gouy*, sponsored a huge card party which was attended by 219 people on the night of May 23 (eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Victory). They cleared \$373.26. Some of this money was sent to Sister Marguerite, Grove Hill, Alabama, whom the Band sponsors, and the rest was sent to Victory Noll.

We quote from Marie's letter. "We had to get more tables and chairs. We had to make more tickets, too. Those who came were surely mission-minded. They asked us to let them know when we would give another card party. I am sure if we make this a yearly affair, we shall get a following."

## MARY, QUEEN OF OUR HEARTS BAND

(Lombard, Ill.)

GOOD things come to us from these ladies under the symbol of the number ten. There are ten members in the Band, presided over by *Miss Wilma Wengritzky*, and they have completed a decade of years in contributing to Sister Mary Elizabeth's Burse.

## A GROUP OF MEMBERS OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF ANGELS BAND, LOS ANGELES.



Reading from left to right: Mrs. Marguerite Sauthier, Promoter; Miss Eleanor Eufield, Mrs. Eufield. Standing: Mrs. C. D. Drew, Mrs. Betty Miller. Seated at table: (In white blouse) Mrs. Heinz, (at her right) Mrs. Lupi. In far corner: Mrs. Marie Webster, Compton, Calif. Seated in front of Mrs. Webster is Mrs. Mary McNally. Behind, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Meyers. To Mrs. Meyer's right, Mrs. Normile, Miss Alice Meng, Mrs. Pauline McKennon and Elrena Meng. In right foreground, Miss Joan Miller, Mrs. Helen Meng and 7 mo. old son.

The picture was taken on June 27th. Mrs. Betty Miller, hostess.

# Our Associates

## OUR FORT WAYNE MISSION FRIENDS

AMONG these we rate *St. Jude Mission Society*, headed by *Mrs. Irene Potthoff*, from whom we have already received donations amounting to \$177.50 this year, and *St. Mary's Mission Society*, headed by *Mrs. Augusta Hake* who has sent checks totaling \$187.00 for the same period. Each of the two Mission Societies are sub-divided into nine mission bands, from whose members annual dues are collected. An occasional card party, given by some of the Bands, enables the members to send us over and above their usual dues. *St. Anne's Band* of *St. Mary's Mission Society* (*Mrs. George Deininger*, Promoter) has a monthly card party which brings in an average of \$50.00 a year, besides their dues. Various members of *St. Jude Mission Society* give considerable aid to the Holy Family Center in Fort Wayne, where our Sisters teach Catechism to the Colored.

### ST. IRENE AUXILIARIES (*Chicago, Ill.*)

WE like to say that our Auxiliaries are doubly generous because some of them belong to other Mission Bands beside their own. We are sure to get an annual check from them when the snow begins to fly, and when our brows are puckered over the problem of paying our bills at the end of the year. This check, signed by *Miss Madeline Sebraska*, together with other mission donations, enable us to enter upon the New Year with a smile of confidence.

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS BAND (*Chicago, Ill.*)

A BIG card party held at Bowman's Dairy Plant the last Monday in September usually results in a nice fat check for our Missions. One of the hardest workers is *Miss Florence Kuenster*, who organized the Band back in 1938. Others who deserve much credit for these annual parties are *Mrs. Eleanor Mahoney*, the mother of seven children, and *Miss Marion Dempsey*.

### OUR LADY OF VICTORY MISSION GUILD (*Omaha, Neb.*)

THIS band sponsored a lovely First Communion project, but we ask you to turn to our children's page (*Mary's Loyal Helpers*) to read about it. *Mrs. Mary D. Neary* is president of the Guild.



## ACM BAND CONTRIBUTIONS

July 11, 1951 to August 15, 1951

Bl. Martin de Porres Band, Lewiston, Minn., Mrs. I. Lehmann .....	5.00
Charitina Club No. 1, Chicago, Katherine Hennigan .....	7.00
Dolores Mission Guild, Chicago, Mrs. A. Klingel .....	36.00
Good Shepherd Mission Club, Chicago, Mrs. H. F. Staley .....	10.00
Holy Family Band, Chicago, Joseph Walz .....	18.00
Immaculate Conception Band, Chicago, Ill., Mary A. Perkins .....	25.00
Immaculate Conception Band, Detroit, Mich., Lillian Dunn .....	21.75
Les Petites Fleurs, Chicago, Betty and Ann Accomando .....	5.00
Our Lady of Fatima Band, Huntington, Ind., Mrs. Dan Herzog .....	5.00
Our Lady, Queen of Angels Band, Los Angeles, Mrs. Sauthier .....	26.50
Poor Souls Band, Berwyn, Ill., Mrs. J. V. McGovern .....	16.00
Sacred Heart Mission Soc., Newark, N.Y., Mrs. Sue Albanese .....	100.00
St. Anne Band, Ft. Wayne, Mrs. Geo. Deininger .....	4.50
St. Anthony Band, Chicago, Mrs. A. Beck .....	33.30
St. Catherine Band, Los Angeles, Mrs. M. McMannamy .....	12.50
St. George Band, Chicago, Mrs. Lee Walters .....	37.30
St. Helen Band, Dayton, O., Helen Melke .....	11.00
St. Joseph Mission Club, Baldwinsville, N.Y., Mrs. H. Reeves .....	8.00
St. Luke Band, Chicago, Mrs. E. H. Potter .....	30.35
St. Mary Mission Society, Ft. Wayne, Mrs. A. Hake .....	12.00
St. Michael Mission Guild, Palos Hts., Ill., Mrs. J. McCann .....	10.00
St. Raymond Band, Chicago, Mrs. Kathryn Quinlan .....	13.00
Srillians of Our Lady, Cincinnati, Marie Gouy .....	3.00

# Miracles of Grace

by Sister Helen

“WHO can tell me some miracle that Jesus did when He was on earth?” I asked the class of First Communicants. They had been studying “Jesus and I” with its Life of Our Lord so simply told.

Up went the little hands. “Jesus stopped the storm.” “Jesus fed five thousand people with five loaves and two fishes.” “Jesus changed bread and wine into His Body and Blood.” And then one little tyke said, “Jesus forgave Mary Magdalen’s sins.”

Could I tell her that was not a miracle, but only the outpouring of God’s mercy on a sinful soul? No, for who knows but that that was the greatest miracle of our Divine Lord’s life—a miracle of grace which brought the sinner of Magdala to the Feet of Christ and changed her into the Saint who stood with Mary the Mother of Jesus at the foot of the Cross.

WE knocked at a door. “We are looking for Catholic families. Is this a Catholic family?” “I should be a Catholic, but I haven’t been to church for a long time.” Then came the story. She had been married by a priest, but her husband was not Catholic, and gradually she drifted away from the Church. She had three children, one a boy of nine years, but none of the children had been baptized. She promised to do something about it. Now she is a weekly communicant.

We knocked on another door. “We are looking for Catholic families. . . .” “Well, this family should be partly Catholic, at least. My husband used to be a Catholic, but he never goes to church now.” “You are not Catholic?” “No, but I think I might like to be. We have a little girl, too, who I think ought to have some religion.” Soon this woman was enrolled in a convert class and on First Communion morning she and her little nine year old daughter made their First Communion together.

We were coming out of Sacred Heart Church. Sister stopped a young woman and a little girl. “Are you visitors?” Sister asked. “No, we live here, but we are not Catholics. My husband is a Catholic though and we sometimes come to church with him. He had to work this morning, so we came with his sister.” Sister took the woman’s name and address and a follow-up call resulted in enrolling her in a convert class. On First Communion morning she, too, received her First Holy Communion with her little daughter.

THEN there was Danny. His dad had been born and raised a Catholic. His mother was a convert. But neither mother nor father ever attended Mass nor received the Sacraments. Danny, of his own accord, decided to come to class. He attended instructions faithfully, going to and from class in a cab with some other little boys. Danny wanted to make his First Communion, but he never got to Mass. He lived too far to walk to church, besides there was no one to wake him up or to help him get ready for Mass. The months went by. Danny wanted more and more to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion and there seemed to be less and less hope of his being able to do so. Then one Sunday Danny was at Mass . . . and his mother was with him! After that they came regularly. In our parish the children receive their First Holy Communion kneeling between their parents. As First Communion day drew nearer there seemed to be no hope that Danny’s father would accompany him to the altar rail. At the practice with parents and children, Danny’s mother was there, but not his dad. However, grace was at work and Danny’s prayers were not to go unanswered. He received his First Communion kneeling between his mother and his dad.

Then there was little Alice. Alice’s dad is not a Catholic, and though her mother is a convert, she had not been to Mass nor the Sacraments for years. When the adults came for practice neither Alice nor her mother was there. The next few days Alice did not come for class. We went to the home. The following day Alice was at class. Saturday we stopped for the mother and took her over to church for confession. Yes, she received Holy Communion with Alice on First Communion morning.

ONE Sunday morning Father gave us a little map showing the location of a home far out in the country which he had visited the night before. “Mr. Blank came for me about ten o’clock last night,” he said. “A woman living near him is dying with cancer. She was baptized and reared a Catholic but married a Protestant minister and left the Church years ago. A few of her children are converts, most of them are nothing. I gave her the Last Sacraments. Will you go over to see her today?” We went. We brought her a crucifix. Eagerly she pressed it to her lips. We talked to her a little while, said some prayers, had her repeat the Act of Contrition after us. That night she died.

**B**UT perhaps the greatest of all the miracles we have witnessed has been the conversion of the Stone family. We met them in our routine house to house visiting. The mother and father had both been reared Catholics but married out of the Church. They had five children. Only the second oldest child was baptized. We arranged for the four older children to come to instructions. Each Saturday we called for them and delivered them. Each week we heard the same question, "Sister, when can we be baptized?" Each week we gave the same answer, "Not until either your mother or daddy comes to Mass regularly on Sundays." The weeks went on. We visited the home often but apparently without accomplishing anything.

Finally, the father began bringing the children to Mass. Sometimes he would come after them and sometimes he wouldn't. If he didn't, we took them home, as the children live too far from church to walk. (Transportation is really a problem here, especially as buses do not run on Sunday. Very few families live near enough to either church to walk.) First Communion time was drawing closer, still neither Mr. nor Mrs. Stone attended Mass.

Then came Easter, and Mrs. Stone went to Mass with the children. After that she came regularly. We continued to work with the mother and children. The Pastor worked with the father. We begged prayers for this family from everyone we knew and we especially enlisted the prayers of a saintly man in the parish, an invalid, who spends his days and the greater part of his nights in prayer.

And at last the week before First Communion the four Stone children were baptized and the marriage was validated. On First Communion morning we waited half in hope and half in fear

until Mr. and Mrs. Stone and their four older children walked into the church and took the place reserved for them. We murmured a fervent *Deo Gratias*.

It is a beautiful sight to see the First Communicants kneeling between their parents as they receive their Eucharistic God for the first time. But it is awe-inspiring to know that among those parents are some who have not been to the Sacraments for five, ten, fifteen, or twenty years. "And a little child shall lead them."

We were meditating on this with feelings of humble gratitude the morning after First Communion, when one of the children said, "Sister, you know Mr. Long? He received Holy Communion yesterday for the first time in fifty years." "Did he have a relative in the First Communion class?" we asked. "No, but he wanted to receive Communion the same day the children did."

**O**FTEN we read with admiration mingled with awe of the wonders of Lourdes, Fatima, St. Anne deBeaupre—of diseased and mangled bodies restored instantly to health. We thank God for the manifestation of His goodness and power as shown forth in the working of these miracles.

But this year as weeks and months went by and we witnessed the terrific struggle of souls before they surrendered to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we realized that many conversions were made only through miracles of grace. And often we wondered if even the infinite goodness and power and mercy of God must not be almost exhausted by the perverse but free will of man. Miracles that restore health to the body—wonderful, yes. But far greater, we think, are those that restore life to souls.

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## Memoriam

Mrs. Martha Grabowski, Du Bois, Illinois  
sister of Sister Martin, O.L.V.M.  
Mr. Bert Springer, ACM, Hettinger, North Dakota  
Mrs. Julia Goetz ACM, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Mrs. John Kocks, ACM, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Mrs. Helen Doehring, ACM, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Andrew Korthals, Chicago, Illinois  
Mrs. Louise Wolters, Kansas City, Kansas  
Mrs. John Fehrenbach, Bethel, Kansas

## *Our Lady of the Rosary*

"She will comfort you in your discouragements, solace you in your fatigues, raise you up after your falls, reward you for your success. She will show you her Son, your God and your all. When your spirit within you is excited or relaxed or depressed, when it loses its balance, when it is restless and wayward, when it is sick of what it has, and hankers after what it has not, when your eye is solicited with evil, and your mortal frame trembles under the shadow of the tempter, what will bring you to yourselves, to peace and to health but the cool breath of the Immaculate and the fragrance of the Rose of Sharon?"—(Cardinal Newman.)



I am not scared  
of  
Witches,  
ghosts,  
For they are only  
Make-believe;  
We are watched  
o'er  
By angel hosts,  
God says, and He  
Cannot deceive.

Dear Loyal Helpers:

THIS month, with rosaries twined around your fingers, you'll offer to our Blessed Mother "buds white and red and gold"—Hail Marys springing from hearts filled with tender love for the Queen of Heaven and her Divine Son.

OFFER many, many prayers that peace may be restored to this war-torn world. Remember, especially, in your rosaries the pressing needs of those valiant Missionary priests and sisters in foreign lands where religious persecution is being waged against the Church. Pray for our home Missionaries, also, begging God to help us form strong, courageous members of Christ's Mystical Body, so that when our turn comes to show forth the Faith that is in us, we may be faithful witnesses to those Sacred Truths for which others are suffering and dying in many parts of the world.

DON'T forget the daily Hail Mary you pledged to say that God may bless the work of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters!

Mary-ly yours,

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TWO FORT WAYNE (IND.) HELPERS



Loyal Helpers meet our new Helpers, Henry Joseph Schmitt, Jr., age 3 years, 8 mo. and Catharine Anne Schmitt, age 1 year when this picture was snapped. They live on the outskirts of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

# Helpers Page

## NEWS O' THE MONTH

**T**HIRTEEN girl students, enrolled in Sister Loyola's sewing class at Notre Dame Academy, Omaha, Nebraska, were happy to combine sewing lessons with a bit of Catholic Action in behalf of poor children enrolled in our Christian Doctrine classes. Under Sister's capable supervision, these young ladies turned out five dresses and eight slips for poor girls destined to make their First Holy Communion this past summer. A careful examination revealed considerable handwork of small, neat stitches. As Mrs. Mary D. Neary, President of Our Lady of Victory Mission Guild, Omaha, wrote, "We are sure each little garment enriches two girls—the seamstress and the wearer!"

## BUTTERNUT (WIS.) HELPERS



Above are Betty, Annette and Carole Wagner, sisters, of Butternut, Wisconsin. They help our Sisters with their prayers and sacrifices.

October, 1951



## MORE MISSIONARIES!

Pray for Home Missions and those overseas;  
Say Mary's Rosary,—get on your knees!  
Beg God that young hearts may follow the star  
Of their vocation to fields near and far.

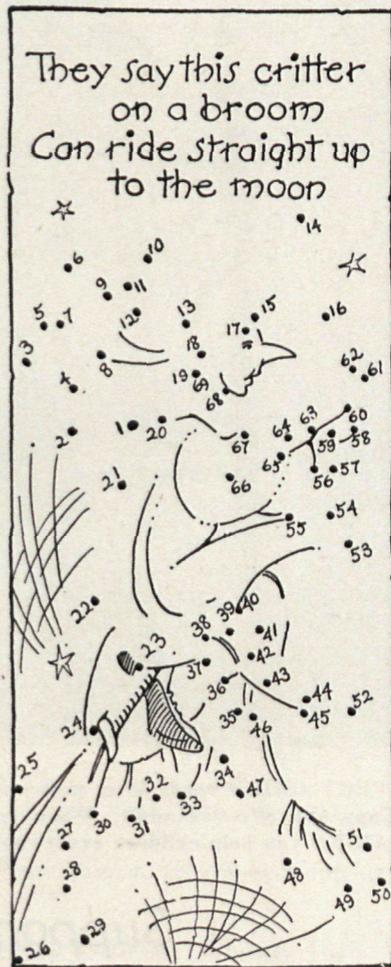
*Ruth Ann Schumacher, 8th grade, Greeley, Colo.*

## OCTOBER'S (HALLOWE'EN) PUZZLE

They say this critter  
on a broom  
Can ride straight up  
to the moon

Here is a Hallo-  
we'en puzzle. It  
is very, very  
easy.

Send the worked  
puzzle to Sun-  
shine Secretary,  
Mary's Loyal  
Helpers, Victory  
Noll, Huntington,  
Indiana, and she  
will send you a  
holy card.





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CHILD

NEEDS

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CARE

and

ATTENTION

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission, 1166 K Street, Brawley, California.

Good Shepherd Mission, Box 95, Coachella, California.

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*Pray your Rosary,  
for World Peace!*



At East Gary, Ind. Sister Valeria shows her altar boys how to make rosaries.