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CATHOLICS everywhere — and many non-Catholics, too,—were saddened to learn of the recent illness of our beloved Archbishop Noll of Fort Wayne.. Masses and prayers were offered for his recovery if it were God's holy will. As we write these lines, it seems as if God is answering our prayers in that way, for the Archbishop is slowly recovering from his illness.

As most of our readers know, Archbishop Noll sponsored our community in its infancy and is responsible for its growth and development. If the Most Reverend Founder and Editor of *Our Sunday Visitor* had not promoted our interests in his widely read weekly, we would not have received recruits in those early years of our community. Young women who were called to a work such as ours would have had great difficulty in following their vocation if the Archbishop had not been so generous in giving time and effort to making us known. Not a copy of the *Visitor* goes to press without calling attention to the work of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters and the need for vocations.

To say that we owe much to our Archbishop is certainly an understatement. The Church in America owes him much. That God will spare him for yet a longer while is our fervent prayer. We beg our readers to pray with us for that intention.

OUR MISTAKE

IN this column last month we mentioned that the addition of six new convents this fall would bring our total number to fifty-nine. That was an error—one of those regrettable errors that the editor does not notice until it is too late to do anything about it. The number of convents we now have is *sixty-five*.

Next month we hope to publish a complete list of our convent addresses. Since it is not possible—because of lack of space—to print them frequently, we would suggest that you save the list for reference.

INTERRACIAL EDUCATION

THE porter was unusually gracious. I had noticed him on other trips, so this time I asked him, "Are you a Catholic?"

"No, Sister," he said.

"The reason I asked," I explained, "is that you are always very respectful to sisters, and I wondered . . ."

"Sister," he answered, "I've been educated to priests and sisters and Catholics and learned to know them and like them. I've worked in a lot of Catholic hospitals." He mentioned where. "They treated me so good I used to tell my wife the only way I could tell what color I am, was to look in a mirror."

It made me happy to hear that, but yet it is a sad reflection on the race question—his inference that such treatment was not usual. Maybe, on our part, we could all stand a bit of "getting educated to" our colored brethren.

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ON THE COVER

A professed sister, Sister Mary Kathleen, a novice, Sister Marita, and a postulant, Rosalie Lang, (now Sister M. Jude,) at the feet of Our Lady.

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S. P.
VS.
ST.

by Sister Mary Joachim



Sister Carol in the chapel at Hicks Camp, a mission of Azusa, California. Sister Mary Joachim has class in the vestibule. When the trains roar past, teaching stops, but Sister Mary Joachim has a solution.

TO many of our children, the only name we bear is "Sister." When a child comes to the convent to ask for a certain sister, she is easily identified as the Sister of the Altar Boys, or the Sister of the Third Grade, or the Sister of the Sodality. In one of our convents a little one asked for the Sister Who Knows How to Go to Confession. Whoever answers the door may smile confidently and say, "Oh, you mean Sister Mary Savio?" The smile will be confidently returned, the child assuring Sister Portress that she is the sister he would like to see. The following week he returns again to ask for the Sister of the Altar Boys.

Hearing two little girls earnestly ask for Sister Joshua one day made me grateful to remain in the oblivion of the Sodality Sister. But whatever her name, or whatever she may be called, the title every sister wants most of all is eventually to have the coveted St. before her name, and to help the children she teaches to win the same letters. And surely all of these children—the junior high, the third grade girls, the sodalists, the First Communicants, the fifth grade boys—will help Sister to win hers.

Besides these human saint-makers, there are many other factors to aid her. As the Sister of the Garages, the Sister of the Door Bells, the Sister of the Railroad Tracks, she has stepping stones toward her goal.

That last title might seem strange. Our Lord, in His tabernacle home, is not particular

on which side of the tracks He may be found. Wherever His people are, there He is glad to have His earthly home. Very often this is not only "on the other side of," but very close to the path of the speeding trains. And so, often teaching in or near the church, we find ourselves trying to compete with the roar of the passing streamliners.

In one little mission church, the trains are so close they seem almost to hurtle into my vestibule-classroom. One day I suggested to the little people in front of me that we pray for the passengers on the train while we waited for the noise to stop. "Ah, Sister," they chorused, "it's only a freight." Another sister, wiser than I, had suggested to her class to pray for the engineer. At least you are certain of him.

The next time our class was interrupted we put our charity to work at home and tried to think of God living in our souls. As the noise closed in about us, the children put their heads down and did their best to realize God's presence. From then on, whenever we are reminded by the helpful Southern Pacific, we try to pay a visit to our Guest within us. The children use this obstacle to learn that they are more than mere *freight*, that within them dwells the *Divine Passenger* whose presence is the beginning of the happiness they will know when they have fully earned their coveted letters.

Around Victory Noll

It must have been because of the Rogations in the spring. This year we were able to have the litanies and procession on all three days. Anyway, we had the largest cherry crop, and the cherries were the nicest we have had AROUND VICTORY NOLL for a long, long time. We picked and pitted for days.

Fortunately we had extra help, for the Alabama and Florida Sisters came in early—at the end of June. There were no summer schools in the Grove Hill (Alabama) missions this year for the simple reason that the convent had to be repaired and perhaps re-built. Termites threatened to eat the sisters out of house and home. All the floors in the convent had to be torn up and cement floors put in. How much damage had been done to the walls would be discovered during the repair job. One man said, "I would rather tear down the whole thing and build you a new convent." So who knows what the sisters will find when they return.

Father Ambrose, O.F.M. Cap., was back again for summer classes—moral theology this



In the quiet of an eight-day retreat Sister M. DePorres, like her eleven classmates, prepares to make her first vows.



Under the direction of their mistress, Sister Sophia, novices learn to live their total consecration to Mary.

year. As always, we enjoyed Father's classes and profited from them, we hope. As always, too, Father was just as enthusiastic on the last day as he was on the first. And that, we fear, cannot be said of his pupils. We were still enthusiastic, yes, but it must be admitted that much of our enthusiasm on those last days was directed somewhat toward the missions. By that time assignments were out and it was only to be expected that we were looking ahead to another year of mission work.

Yes, the long-awaited Feast of the Assumption came, and with it the usual surprises AROUND VICTORY NOLL. Most of us looked first to see who were the lucky sisters assigned to our six new convents. Sister Mary Patrick is the superior in Burlington, Vermont; Sister Eleanor Marie comes from the West to be in charge of our new convent at Kennett, Missouri; Sister Mary Liguori is superior in Durant, Oklahoma; Sr. M. Frances Therese, Hawthorne, Nevada; Sister Mary Dorothy, Willows, California; and Sister Louise Marie, San Diego.

Next we found the assignments of our newly professed sisters. Sister M. Jane Frances goes to Brady, Texas; Sister M. Constance, Redlands, California; Sister M. Margaret Therese, Brawley, California; Sister Grace Marie, Ida, Michigan; Sister M. DePorres, San Basilio Convent, Los Angeles; Sister M. Angline, Las Vegas, New Mexico; Sister Ruth Marie, Monterey, Sister M. Ann Patricia, Santa Paula, and Sister Marita, Los Banos, in California; Sister M. Anne Veronica and Sister M. William Ann, Detroit; and Sister M. Edward, Salt Lake City.

Brother Marion, O.F.M.Conv., of Marytown, Kenosha, Wisconsin, visited Victory Noll shortly after our retreat and showed a Fatima movie to us. Brother has traveled all over the world to make known the message of Fatima. We were especially interested in the exquisite statue of Our Blessed Mother that he had with him. It is carved from wood and, although smaller, is otherwise exactly the same as the statue in Fatima. It is made by the same sculptor, Jose Thedim.

Other summer visitors included the Rev. H. T. Field of Burlington, Vermont, and the Rev. A. J. O'Neill of Rockford, Illinois. Father Field and Father O'Neill are editors of their diocesan papers which belong to *Our Sunday Visitor* chain. Many priest guests—relatives, pastors, and friends of the sisters—visited Victory Noll on profession day. Among them were: the Rt. Rev. Msgr. W. H. Schulte, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; the Rev. Francis Evans, C.Ss.R., of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; the Rev. Elmer Wieber, Jackson, Michigan; the Rev. R. J. MacMonagle and the Rev. Joseph Buescher, Euclid, Ohio; the Rev. William Mooney, LaCrosse, Wisconsin; and the Rev. Paul J. Courtney, Indianapolis. Brother Robert Lewandowski, S.M., of St. Louis, also attended the ceremonies on August 5. His sister, Sister M. Constance, made her first vows.

Sister Mary Eva's brother, Father Edward Geiskopf of St. Michael's parish, Milwaukee, entertained us recently with pictures he took on a trip last year to England, Ireland, and the Continent. The slides were most interesting, but best of all we enjoyed the running commentary that accompanied them. Father Geiskopf's flair for languages and his ability to imitate anyone—from the Italian sacristan in the Cathedral of Milan to the Irish curate in Birmingham—make a truly delightful combination.



Sister M. Anne Veronica shows her mother, Mrs. Patrick McNulty of Lorain, Ohio, her letter of admission to vows.



Postulant Margaret Betz, now Sister M. DePaul, puts an extra polish on the windows before reception day.

Another evening of fine entertainment was provided for us by Mr. and Mrs. George Sever of Washington C.H., Ohio. Last May the Severs visited the Holy Land and then flew to Rome to attend the canonization ceremonies of St. Pius X. The slides Mr. Sever showed us were excellent. It would be difficult to duplicate such a fine collection.

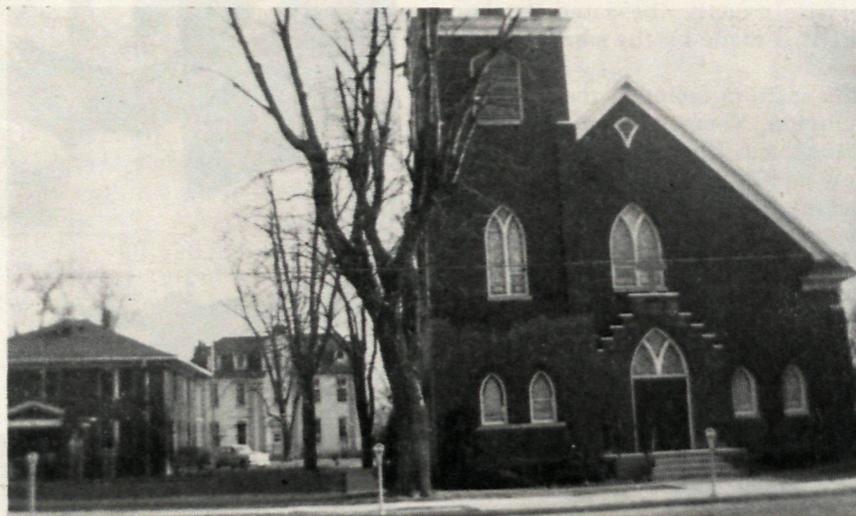
By the time this reaches you, we will have bade God-speed to our sisters who are leaving for the missions and will have settled down to another year of prayer, study, and work. The new postulants will be here soon. That will be nice. It doesn't seem quite natural to have only professed sisters and novices AROUND VICTORY NOLL, and no postulants.

The plums and apples and pears are getting ripe now. Soon there will be some glorious fall days of apple picking. It looks as if the crop will be a bountiful one.

As always happens, another year will pass quickly into eternity. Another class of postulants will receive the habit, novices will be professed, new assignments will be given, and new missions opened. Some of us will stay AROUND VICTORY NOLL to do the work here, but we know that in God's wise plan, no matter whether we go to the missions or stay at home, we will be working together for His honor and glory.—SEA

Bootheel Apostolate

by Most Reverend Charles H. Helmsing, S.T.D.



Sacred Heart Rectory, School, and Church, Caruthersville,—headquarters of the Mission Apostolate in Missouri.

KENNETT, Steele, and the neighboring towns that dot Missouri's extensive cotton fields extend a warm welcome to Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. We who know the Missionary Sisters are confident that they will reciprocate this warm welcome of southern hospitality with more than human affection. Trained to "become all things to all men" they will in a short time be one with our good people as they have become one with the people of the Lead Belt in Missouri and have captured their affection.

The "old timers" from Arkansas will tell you that Missouri's Bootheel (so called because on the map this section jets down like a heel beyond the southern boundary of the State) was swamp land rejected by Arkansas years ago. But rejects often prove valuable; and now in addition to being one of the richest areas of the State in agricultural products, the Bootheel (embracing the Counties of Dunklin, Pemiscot, and part of New Madrid) contains the largest percentage of Missouri's four million people, after the great metropolitan areas of St. Louis and Kansas City.

The tradition of Catholicity in this area goes back to Hernando DeSoto and the Conquistadores who discovered the Mississippi

River in 1540. It is alleged that DeSoto traveled as far north as Missouri's Bootheel. Indeed, U. S. Highway 61 follows the traditional "Camino Real" of the Spanish conquerors. Of course, the first priests were traveling missionaries. Father Marquette passed down the Mississippi beyond this point in 1673; and we know for certain that Bishop Rosati (1826-43) the first Bishop of St. Louis, sent his Vincentian missionaries down the Mississippi and into Arkansas. He did his best to provide for the pioneers in the face of a great scarcity of priests and the practically impassible roads through the swampy lands, but the pioneers who settled inland were cut off completely from priestly ministrations. Only recently, through modern drainage canals and road engineering, has the area taken on an entirely new aspect.

Many of our good Missourians (there are more than 100,000 in the area) had Catholic parents or grandparents; others had been baptized Catholic but otherwise cut off from Holy Mother Church for years, while still others with some contact with the Church have postponed baptism and entrance into the full stream of Catholic life. In addition, many thousand belong to no church whatsoever.

Sodalists of Mary

BOTH junior and senior sodalities are included in the youth activities of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. Especially during the Marian Year have the sodalists—both boys and girls—tried to live up to the ideals of their organization. To help them better to reach their goal, sister moderators planned special programs.

There was the Marian Day, for instance, held at Holy Ghost Youth Center in Denver. Ninety sodalists from our missions in Denver, Colorado Springs, Greeley, and Brighton in Colorado, and from Cheyenne, Wyoming, took part. The Rev. James R. Eatough, S.J., of Regis College, gave three conferences: *A Sodalist's Answer to Religious and Racial Discrimination, Courtship and Marriage, and Mary and the Sodalist*. In sectional meetings the sodalists discussed the sodality in the parish, in school, at work, and in the family.



Mrs. Fidel Martinez, the former Dolores Sandoval of Ave Maria Sodality, Las Vegas, N. Mex., offers her bridal bouquet to Our Blessed Mother.



Officers representing five sodalities under the direction of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters in the Denver and Cheyenne areas. The sodalists met at Holy Ghost Youth Center, Denver, for a Marian Day. Pictured with the officers is the Rev. James R. Eatough, S.J., of Regis College, who gave the conferences.



Masses were going on all morning), the young people kept up real interest in all the points on the program. A Marian contest was run with each participant identifying Mary's titles by the pictures hung all around on the walls. A lovely ceramic Madonna was raffled as a door prize. Breakfast and dinner were served by the ladies' sodality of the parish. The Marian Year prayer was recited during the Holy Hour which, with rosary and Benediction, closed the exercises."

Father Wirtz had no difficulty holding the attention of East Gary teenagers when he conducted a day of recollection for them.

A day of recollection in St. Francis Xavier's Parish, East Gary, Indiana, was attended not only by sodalists, but by all boys and girls of high school age. Father Gilbert Wirtz, brother of our Sister Christine, gave the conferences and conducted the discussion periods. Sister Justine, describing the Day with Mary, writes:

"Father's years at Catholic Central High in Fort Wayne have well equipped him for any high school activity. We sisters enjoyed his stories and examples as much as the boys and girls did. Despite lack of space (we were limited to the church basement until after dinner as Sunday



A Marian Contest livened the day of recollection at East Gary. Contestants identified titles of pictures of Our Blessed Mother.



Members of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Greeley, Colorado, and especially the sodalists, (see picture at left), rejoiced that their church was designated as the Marian Year Shrine for Northern Colorado. Sister Dolorita, sodality moderator, writes:

"The Church of Our Lady of Peace, built in California-Mission style, was so named since it had its beginnings toward the close of World War II. A side altar has a painting of Our Lady of Peace above it. Three windows depict Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Fatima, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The installation of three more windows in honor of Mary is one of the goals this year. The sodalists of the parish have been in the vanguard of the various Marian Year activities. They feel confident that this year has brought many graces to Our Lady of Peace Parish."

TRICKS OR TREATS

Neighborhood children visit the convent in Middlesex, N. J., and Sister Jeanette adds to their bag of goodies.



Too much clowning and there is a spill. Sister Ruth lends a willing hand to help gather the spoils.

NATURALLY!

Father had just invited the children to the Hallowe'en party to be held the following Friday. There was enthusiastic response to this invitation. He then told them that he wanted all the children of the parish to attend the closing of the mission the following night. They did not seem to hear this invitation. Finally Father said, "How many will promise me that they will come to church tomorrow night? Let's see. Raise your hands."

All hands went up. Then little Susan stood up and said, "And I'll wear my mask!"

SISTER CAROL
AZUSA, CALIFORNIA



SWELL GUY!

We began classes in a new district this year where the children have had very little or no religious instruction. We find them very eager to attend. One of the sisters was telling her class of older children how His Eminence, the Cardinal, had arranged to have religious instruction for them. An eighth grade boy remarked in all seriousness: "Gee, Sister, he must be a swell guy!"

SISTER JOHN
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

COUNTER ATTRACTION

Every now and then a ray of sunshine bursts through a cloud . . . like the report that the coach had called off football practice after school on Monday so that the Catholic seventh and eighth grade boys can come to catechism class. When one witnesses the fever that football arouses in the ordinary boy, one faces the fact that classes in religious instruction should not be offered as a counter attraction.

SISTER JUSTINE
EAST GARY, INDIANA



It's not always easy to remember to bring your catechism with you when you leave home in the morning. Next best thing is to look over someone else's shoulder.

HOD CARRIERS

Our old picket fence on the convent grounds is giving way to a new cement block fence in the rear on the north side. Because of the terrific dust storms we have had, it is necessary to fence in our property substantially before it blows away to Eagle Pass. Sister Loretta Marie and Sister Ellen can now qualify for the hod carriers union, for they had to help the old man in spreading the cement for the foundation of the fence.

SISTER NOREEN
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

THE REWARD

One of our families with seven unbaptized children for whom we had been praying and with whom we had been working for some time, has finally been brought closer to the Sacred Heart. The marriage was rectified. The mother and oldest daughter are ready for baptism. Three younger children have already been baptized and we hope the remaining three will be, after a little more discussion. The family is very poor, but they have made a valiant effort to attend Sunday Mass. And that is a major problem because of lack of adequate transportation.

SISTER MARY EVA
RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

MADE TO ORDER

In one of the places where we taught summer school, we were asked to teach the Spanish-speaking children in English. It turned out to be a new experience for them and a headache for us. Some of the English was terrific. For instance, we heard: "Bless me, Father, I have sinned; this is my first condition." "Lead us not into transportation" was another one.

One child said to me, "Sister, I'm not going to confession tomorrow because I don't want to go unless there is a little room." She meant a confessional. It had been ordered, but had not arrived yet. I told her that if it did not come, we would make a little room. And make a little room we did. We cut a hole from the top of a large cardboard, covered the space with a paper napkin, and propped up the whole thing with stones. A wooden box for a kneeler and a chair for Father completed the confessional. Margie was satisfied and went to confession.

SISTER SUSANNA
EL PASO, TEXAS



Dear Associates:

MAY we please the beloved patroness of our community and your organization by the devout recital of her holy rosary this month. Make an effort to recite it with the other members of your family for the added blessing our Blessed Lord has promised "to the two or three gathered in His Name."

Beginning with the December issue these pages are going to be slightly reduced in size. We shall continue to publish *Band Contributions*. Although the news items concerning the different Bands must necessarily be briefer, we shall try to pack more information in lesser space.

We are depending upon you to keep us informed of your "doings" on Band meeting days. What were the favors and prizes like? How were you successful in raising funds, and what do you plan for the future? This together with other information will make these pages both interesting and of practical help to others.

It is our plan to supplement these pages with a mimeographed newsletter to our *Promoters* (to be mailed out from Victory Noll quarterly). The primary purpose of this newsletter will be to keep our Associates informed of the particular needs of each of our mission convents which now number sixty-five and are spread over twenty states.

SISTER SUPERVISOR, ACM

PROVIDES BRIDE OF CHRIST TROUSSEAU

WE were very happy when Mrs. V. P. Samlanet, mother of Sister Grace Marie and a member of the *Community Mission Group of Louisville, Ohio*, wrote us asking for the privilege of providing Sister with the dark blue wool habit and veil, shoes, silver medal and chain which she wore on profession day. The Mission Group sponsors Sister and her mission needs.

our **A**ssociates

ST. JOSEPH BAND II (Chicago.)

Few Bands excel this one headed by Mrs. Aloysia Naumes in providing our Sisters with a steady income of mission contributions. The following excerpts from recent letters will bear out our statement: "It gives me great pleasure to



enclose a check for \$45.50 realized at my house party today with thirty-three women present." "Today we met at Mrs. Wydra's house and she had thirteen tables filled. The financial result was \$57.85." It is a grand feeling to get letters and enclosures like these.

Several of Mrs. Naumes' members go south for the winter, but they keep up membership dues, or (as in the case of Mrs. John Sullivan) send raffle and table prizes to one of the members who entertains for her.

ST. SABINA BAND (Chicago, Ill.)

WE do not hear from the Promoter, Miss Marie V. Dwyer, often but when we do there is always a check or a parcel forthcoming. We were glad to hear about the party of some old "Catechist" workers, and the lovely box of toys which were sent to Sister Mary Eva in Kentucky.

ST. GEORGE BAND (Chicago, Ill.)



Many of the members of this Band, including the Promoter, Mrs. Lee Walters, also belong to St. Luke's Band, and they are to be commended for keeping up membership in two Bands. Before the end of

the year, Mrs. Walters always manages to send us their annual dues which are applied to Sister Mary Genrose's Burse.

Con-Mention

HOLY SOULS BAND (Berwyn, Ill.)



This is a small but very active Band, headed by Mrs. J. V. McGovern. If a proof of this were needed, we might mention that the group kept right on holding meetings throughout the summer. The August 8 meeting was held at a city park.

Another proof would be the year-end totals of Band donations which in 1953 amounted to \$226. The members, like others, do not always find it easy to make the meetings because their health is not always the best, they have dependents who need their presence at home, the place of meeting is distant or the weather inclement. But they make the effort which counts, especially at the end of the year!

DOLORES MISSION GUILD (Chicago.)

We wish to pay special tribute at this time to five fine women who belong to Mrs. Anna Klingel's Band. They are Mrs. Edward McGeehan, Mrs. Elsie Anderson, Mrs. Hattie Ferris, Mrs. Anna Deibert and Mrs. Anna Schmidt. These ladies can be depended upon, year after year, to pay their dues and entertain the other members at benefit parties for our sisters. The group sponsors Sister Mary John, formerly of Chicago.



In addition to mounting medals and pictures for the missions, the guild members collect coupons with cash values for us.



ACM BAND CONTRIBUTIONS

July 9 to August 18, 1954

Charitina Club No. 1, Chicago, Helen Ford	\$ 8.00
Charitina Club No. 2, Paris, Ill., Mary C. Gibbons	10.00
Child Jesus Band, St. Louis, Mrs. Jas. Butler	20.00
Christ the King Band, Detroit Mrs. Joseph Brusich	1.50
Dolores Band, Chicago, Mrs. A. Klingel	61.75
Florentine Band, St. Louis, Clare Luechtefeld	6.50
Holy Souls Band, Berwyn, Ill., Mrs. J. V. McGovern	25.00
Les Petites Fleurs, Chicago, Elsie Jachmann	14.00
"Martinettes", Cincinnati, O., Janette Brown	1.00
St. Anne Band, Ft. Wayne, Mrs. Geo. Deininger	9.60
St. Anne Band, Milwaukee, Mrs. Robt. Schrimpf	29.00
St. Bridget Band, Covington, Ky., Mary L. Schmeing	25.00
St. Catherine Band, Los Angeles, Mrs. M. McMannamy	37.50
St. Joseph Band No. 2, Chicago, Mrs. A. Naumes	36.00
St. Luke Band, Chicago, Mrs. Lillian Potter	18.25
St. Mary Sod. Band, Detroit, Ann Huhn	35.00
St. Mary Miss. Soc., Ft. Wayne, Mrs. A. Hake	1.00
St. Philomena Band, Chicago, Mary Schaefer	16.00
St. Raymond Band, Chicago, Mrs. Kathryn Quinlan	18.00
Srillians, Cincinnati, O., Miss Eleanor Hanekamp	3.00
Via Matris Band, Chicago, Mrs. Regina Belz	75.00



Fatima, U.S.A.

by Sister Alice Marie



St. Joseph Church, Los Banos, California, decorated with flowers and streamers in the papal colors for Fatima celebration.

NO, it isn't the name of a post office in some isolated section of our country, and it isn't the name of a communal housing venture sponsored by some Catholic Action group. It is the name which we Missionary Sisters have given to an annual religious celebration of the good people of Los Banos, California.

The celebration began spontaneously as a tribute of gratitude to Our Lady of Fatima. After World War II, the people of St. Joseph parish realized that no service man from the Los Banos area had been killed in action. The yearly festival was inaugurated and patterned after the religious festivals in Portugal.

Mr. Frank Faria, a native son of Portugal and now residing in Los Banos, has tried each year to add some feature to the decorative theme to recall similar occasions in the homeland. The arch in front of the church is reminiscent of the arches erected for the various religious processions in Portugal. Persons living on opposite sides of the main street are responsible for the erection and decoration of their arch and vie with their neighbors to have the most elaborate one.

For the past several years Mr. Faria has strung a huge rosary on the facade of the church. Its great opaque beads, glowing softly with concealed electric bulbs, and the great

cross of neon lights shine over the entire neighborhood.

The novena preceding the climax of the celebration is conducted in the Portuguese language. Confessions and Communion multiply as the days go on. Reverend Thomas J. Morahan, the pastor of St. Joseph's parish, whose own devotion to the Mother of God is so remarkable, watches gratefully as the faithful approach the rails in ever increasing numbers. We sisters are thankful also. Our home visiting makes us aware of the goodness and the self-sacrificing lives of the older generation which have made the San Joaquin Valley so productive and so famous throughout the entire country. It is good to see these people enjoying the spiritual benefits of the Fatima novena.

The church last October was decorated tastefully and profusely, with flowers and the papal colors, by Mr. Faria and his zealous committee. The imported statue of Our Lady of Fatima was placed on a beautiful carrier and brought to the front of the church. Soft varicolored lights playing over her features added pathos, yearning, and a mystical loveliness that seemed to bring the exquisite statue to life. And high above the main altar her image was reflected in a soft purple shadow on the ceiling where her spirit, as it were, hovered over these her grateful children. Even the little ones tilted

their heads way back to see the shadowy outline of their Mother.

The adult's and children's choirs sang their native hymns in the Portuguese language. Many of the older folks hummed along. Handkerchiefs were lifted surreptitiously to the faces of both men and women, as scenes of the homeland were relived.

The final day of the great celebration arrived. A solemn High Mass of thanksgiving was offered by the Missionary Father. The Knights of Columbus led the clergy and the acolytes in the colorful procession. Various parish organizations were represented by religious banners. Lovely queens, who preside at the local fiestas in honor of the Holy Spirit, took their places in the front of the church with their attendants. The Mass ended on a note of triumph as the choir and the many bands outside the church began the national anthem of Portugal.

A group of young men in uniform lifted the carrier to their strong shoulders. Three children from the Missionary Sisters' classes, dressed as the children of Fatima, took their places in front of the statue.

As the bands played and the people prayed aloud, the colorful procession made its way slowly and reverently through the downtown streets to the Holy Ghost auditorium. There the Fatima group of statues was lovingly enshrined in a replica of the Cova da Iria and the rosary was prayed continuously during the entire day. The choirs alternated in singing the



Service men and small children from sisters' catechism class (Eleanor, Irene, and Frank Saude of Volta, California,) pose with statue of Our Lady of Fatima before start of procession.

loved hymns, and long lines of parishioners and visitors venerated the rosary held in the hands of Our Lady of Fatima.

On the social side, the committee served a free barbecue to all attending the celebration. This was a mammoth undertaking since thousands had gathered for the great festival. Outside on the lawn, ranch and town families met and greeted relatives and old friends. The auction of livestock and Portuguese cookery added to the general excitement.

At nine o'clock in the evening the church bells pealed out joyously. We Missionary Sisters waited the climax on the side porch of our convent home. Cars drove up in the darkness; their occupants parked them and put out the lights. All was silent except for the faint chatter or cries of tired babies.

Suddenly in the distance we saw the lights of the cars of the police escorts. Silently they disappeared into the side streets. Then came a soft rosy glow from the red flares carried by the leaders in the procession. Thousands of persons followed, carrying large votive lamps and answering the rosary led by the Missionary over the loud speaker. The voices of the choir could be heard in the distance.

As the people took their assigned places, slowly and reverently, the young service men held the statue below the beautiful arch. Father began a panegyric on the virtues of God's most holy Mother. His voice rose in a very crescendo of loving triumph. And then the darkness of the velvet night was splintered by the thousands of voices.

"Viva Portugal!"

"Viva America!"

"Viva Nuestra Senhora da Fatima!"

The band played softly and we watched the many lights curve down slowly and gracefully in an obeisance of reverence. The beloved Son of Our Lady of Fatima gave His benediction to her kneeling children from the top of the church steps. The bells tinkled softly. We arose from our knees and prepared to re-enter our convent, thrilled at this wonderful manifestation of a people's love for our Mother.

One of the sisters exclaimed softly. We turned. Through a mist of tears that would come in spite of us, we saw the boys lift the carrier and start up the church steps, the statue still turned toward the people. It had to be that way—because, like great white night moths hovering about a delicate rose, thousands of white handkerchiefs waved a tender farewell to a most beloved Mother.



Mary's Loyal

BALTIMORE (MD.) HELPERS

Dear Loyal Helpers:

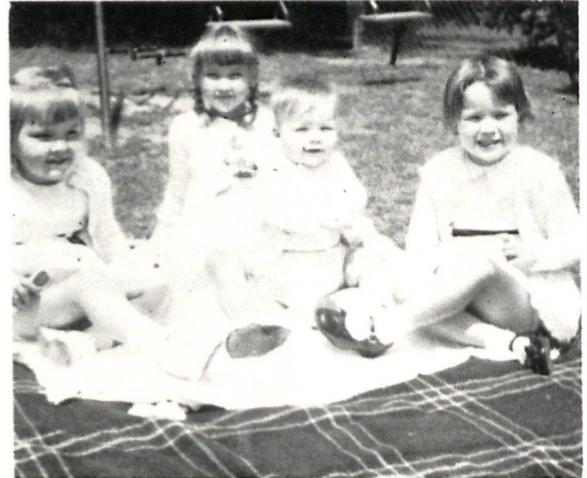
ON the last Sunday of October, which this year falls on the last day of the month, we keep the Feast of Christ the King. It seems very fitting that this feast should be kept at this season of the year for many reasons. The countryside shows us trees decked in scarlet and gold which remind us of courtiers in the presence of their king. Then, too, the Church year is drawing to a close. The succession of feasts in honor of Our Blessed Lord which began with His appearance in this world as a Babe at the beginning of the year, and then showed Him alternately as Christ the growing Youth, Christ the Leader and Teacher, Christ the Redeemer, Christ the Risen Lord, now reveals Him to us as Christ the King and Ruler over all peoples and nations.

LET us not forget that the *entire* month is also dedicated to a queen—Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. Be sure to be faithful in reciting your rosary daily.

IN following the liturgy of the Church we go quite naturally to Jesus through Mary. Whenever our Sisters teach religion to boys and girls they teach them to use our motto—*All for Jesus through Mary*. Try to adopt this beautiful motto yourselves. We think the month of October a very appropriate one for beginning the practice.

Mary-ly yours,

SUNSHINE SECRETARY, MLH.



Reading from left to right are Patty, Susan, Stephen and Joan Brown. They are the nieces and nephew of Sister Joan, OLV.M.

NORWALK (WIS.) HELPERS



Above are pictured Karen (left) and Jeanice Schmitz (right), sisters, of Norwalk, Wisconsin. Their aunt is Sister Gertrude Marie, OLV.M.

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LOUISVILLE, (O) HELPERS



In the picture at left are the Ruppel children: Dale, 7 years, Carol, 11 years and Joyce, 4 years. They are the nephew and nieces of Sister Grace Marie, OLV.M.

SEPTEMBER Trees Puzzle: Box elder, cedar, cherry, maple, pear, fir, ash, balsam, beech, birch, chestnut, weeping willow, cottonwood, dogwood.

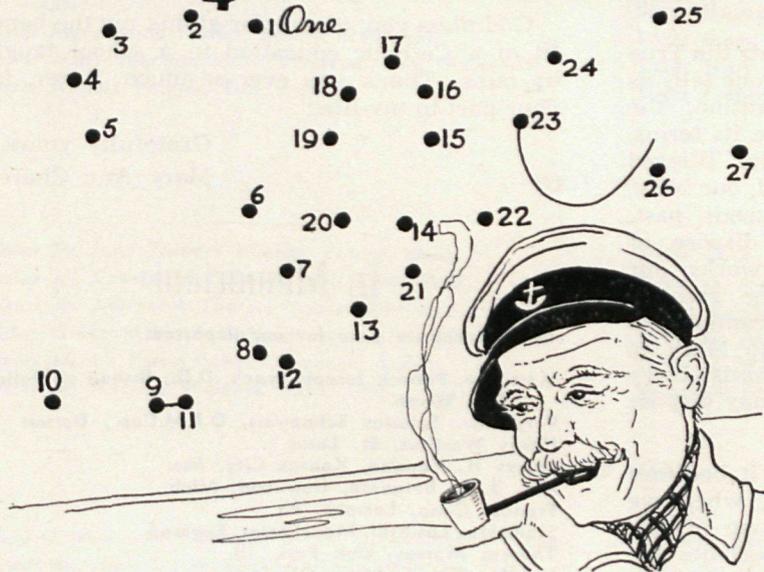


Heard from lately

- Barbara Berdelman,
Ft. Wayne, Ind.
- Mary J. Carter,
Poplar Bluff, Mo.
- Bernadette Cerney,
Detroit, Mich.
- Kathleen Gorman,
Springfield, O.
- Vicentita Herrera,
Blanco, N. M.
- Lorina Mick,
Bridgeport, W. Va.
- Sandra Pagano,
Syracuse, N.Y.

OCTOBER QUIZZIE DOT PUZZLE

What letter -
or three letter word -
covers $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of the earth?



Work this easy dot puzzle and send it to Sunshine Secretary, MLH, Victory Noll, Huntington, Indiana for a holy card.

PICTURES WANTED!

Has your picture appeared in these pages? If not send us yours and we will be glad to print it. We prefer individual school pictures because they are taken by professional photographers and are small and clear.

Beginning with the December issue, *Mary's Loyal Helpers'* pages will be slightly smaller, so that a group picture appearing on these pages cannot be more than two and one half inches wide, and about two inches high. It is true we can take a picture which is three or four and one-half inches wide and reduce it in size, or else "crop it," which means cutting off the sky at the top, the grass at the bottom and perhaps something on the left and right sides, too, to make it fit into the required space. Keep this in mind when group pictures are taken and stand close to the camera.

True
Devotion
to
Mary



“CERTAINLY, I will pray for you!”
How often we say that! And do we always keep our promise? We *mean* to. St. Francis, when he made a promise to pray for someone, would kneel right down wherever he was and fulfill it. Only too often we awaken to the realization that we have not kept our part of the bargain.

Of course we should not worry too much about it. God knows our good intentions. However, we do want to fulfill our obligations. For those who practice the True Devotion to Our Blessed Mother it is easy.

When we consecrate ourselves to Mary we give ourselves to her entirely as her willing slaves and as her entire property, that through her we may belong wholly to Jesus Christ. We try to do all our actions with Mary, in Mary, through Mary, and for Mary, in order that we may do them perfectly with Jesus, in Jesus, through Jesus, and for Jesus, for the glory of our Heavenly Father.

In these two indispensable elements the True Devotion to Mary consists. The first one tells us how we should make the consecration; the second one how we should live up to its terms. In this consecration we give to Our Blessed Mother, and through her to Our Lord, our body, our soul, our interior and exterior goods, past, present, and future. We let her dispose of everything—our prayers, our good works, our indulgences, and sufferings—for the greatest glory of God. Strictly speaking, we cannot give away our merits. We give them to Mary to keep for us. It is different with our satisfactory and impetratory works. These she may dispose of as she pleases.

Do you not see, then, how easy it becomes to pray for this intention or that, when we practice the True Devotion? As one of her faithful clients expressed it, Mary becomes our bookkeeper, as it were. She, to whom we have generously given the right to dispose of us as she pleases, will ever be mindful of our needs and place them before her Divine Son.

South Bound Brook, N.J.

Dear Sister Mary Patrick

I guess that I am just about the last person you ever expected to hear from. It's quite possible that you don't even remember me, because four years is an awfully long time. In case you don't, Sister, here is a hint. I am the girl you walked up to after catechism one day during May 1950, and asked whether or not she would like to go to a high school taught by nuns. And for some unknown reason to her, that girl, despite the fact she never heard of St. Peter's High School before that instant and despite the fact that she would be the only one going there out of a graduating class of forty-two, seized that opportunity and has not regretted it for one instant. That same girl, who of course is I, Mary Ann Charest, is eternally grateful to you, Sister, for more than one reason.

However, I think the prime reason will be very pleasing to you, Sister, and one which you probably knew long before I did. I am going to become a nun. I am going to enter the Sisters of Charity of Convent Station, the ones who teach at St. Peter's High School, in September.

God bless you, Sister, for being His willing instrument in effecting my association with them and their work which will soon be by my work—all for the love of God.

God bless you, Sister, for giving me the benefit of a Catholic education in a school taught by nuns. Thank you ever so much, Sister, for your part in my life.

Gratefully yours,
Mary Ann Charest

In Memoriam

In your charity pray for our departed:

Most Rev. Patrick Joseph Lynch, D.D., Bishop of Dallas-Fort Worth
Very Rev. Salesius Schneweis, O.F.M.Cap., Detroit
Henry Westhus, St. Louis
James H. Vaughn, Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. J. L. Bergeron, Ironwood, Mich.
Frances Cima, Latrobe, Pa.
Stanislaus Losinski, Manchester, England
Thomas Murray, Oak Park, Ill.
Loretta O'Neil, ACM, Chicago
Anthony Koblinski, Detroit

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

Reception and Profession

On August 5, the Feast of Our Lady of the Snow, the ceremonies of reception and profession were held at Victory Noll, Huntington, Indiana, Motherhouse of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. We were saddened that day because of the serious illness of our beloved Archbishop, the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne. Archbishop Noll delegated his chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Feltes, to receive the vows of the sisters. Msgr. Feltes was assisted by the Rev. James P. Conroy, Victory Noll Chaplain and the Rev. Francis Evans, C.Ss.R., of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, brother of Sister Mary Martin who made her perpetual vows. On the same day eleven sisters celebrated the silver jubilee of their religious profession.

The Victory Noll ceremonies climaxed the eight-day retreat conducted by the Very Rev. Alphonse Heckler, O.F.M.Cap., of Milwaukee. Seven other retreats ended on August 5 likewise: Redlands and Monterey, in California; San Antonio, Texas; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Ely, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah; Denver, Colorado; and Middlesex, New Jersey.

SILVER JUBILEE

Sister Frances Meyer, St. Bernard, Ohio (Redlands)
Sister Dorothy Marie Trapp, Peru, Ind.
Sister Dora Wilke, Chicago
Sister Marie Vianney Denzig, Elkhart, Ind.
Sister Margarita Aragon, Dilia, N. Mex.
Sister Maria Anita Gutierrez, Dilia, N. Mex.

Sister Monica Ulibarri, Dilia, N. Mex. (Santa Fe)
Sister Bertina Espinosa, Ocate, New Mex. (San Antonio)
Sister Eva Alberding, Decatur, Ind.
Sister Loretta Marie Bergerie, New Iberia, La. (San Antonio)
Sister Gabriel Wathen, Equality, Ill.

FINAL VOWS

Sister Mary Lucille Huegel, Iona, Iowa (Salt Lake City)
Sister Lorraine Masters, Humboldt, S. Dak. (Monterey)
Sister Anthony Kirkessner, Lebanon, Pa. (Middlesex)
Sister Mary Francene Merkosky, Cavell, Sask. (Salt Lake City)
Sister Mary Paula Fortier, Detroit (Redlands)
Sister Mary Joachim Kelly, Portland, Ore. (Redlands)
Sister Angela Palmer, Fort Wayne

Sister Rita Marie Snyder, Chicago (Redlands)
Sister Mary Adele Massaro, Clairton, Pa.
Sister Barbara Marie Witt, Belleville, Ill.
Sister Mary Jane Cholewinski, Culver, Ind. (Redlands)
Sister Germaine Stadler, Topeka, Kans. (Salt Lake City)
Sister Mary Jeanette Garbacz, Cleveland
Sister Mary Martin Evans, Omaha
Sister Francesca McGarry, Wickliffe, Ohio (Redlands)

FIRST VOWS

Sister M. Jane Frances Wieber, Fowler, Mich.
Sister M. Constance Lewandowski, Milwaukee
Sister M. Margaret Therese Ayers, Watertown, S. Dak.
Sister Grace Marie Samblanet, Louisville, Ohio
Sister M. De Porres Schmit, Coggon, Iowa
Sister M. Angline Walczyk, Elba, Colo.

Sister Ruth Marie Ellert, Waterloo, Ind.
Sister M. Ann Patricia Moorhead, Richmond Heights, O.
Sister Marita Terlau, Lakeside Park, Ky.
Sister M. Anne Veronica McNulty, Lorain, Ohio
Sister M. William Ann Maloney, Hampton, Va.
Sister M. Edward Noone, Seattle, Wash.

RECEIVED HABIT

Regina Morrissey, Jackson, Mich. Sister Regina Marie Adelaide Majerus, Wabasha, Minn. Sister M. Peter Loretta Rudell, Baltimore, Md. Sister M. Christopher Sara Romo, Los Angeles. Sister M. Rita Ann Margaret Betz, Euclid, Ohio. Sister M. De Paul Rosalie Lang, St. Louis, Mo. Sister M. Jude Leida Horwedel, Howard, S. Dak. Sister M. Jean Anne Betty McCullough, Indianapolis. Sister M. Michelle

Therese Zimmerman, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Sister M. Philip Marcella Jacquez, Blanco, N. Mex. Sister M. Concepcion Vivian Arnold, Christmas, Ariz. Sister M. Lenore Katherine Swede, Brooklyn, N. Y. Sister M. Stephen Patricia McCabe, LaCrosse, Wis. Sister M. Ronald Kathleen Cummings, Jackson, Mich. Sister M. Matthew Doris Westhus, St. Louis, Mo. Sister M. Joseph Thomas.

New Missionaries



On August 5 twelve novices made their first vows at Victory Noll and are now in the missions, beginning their life work for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Can you give your life to the mission apostolate?

If not

you may wish to help our Missionary Sisters carry on their works of mercy and would welcome our 2500 Club as a convenient way to do so.

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