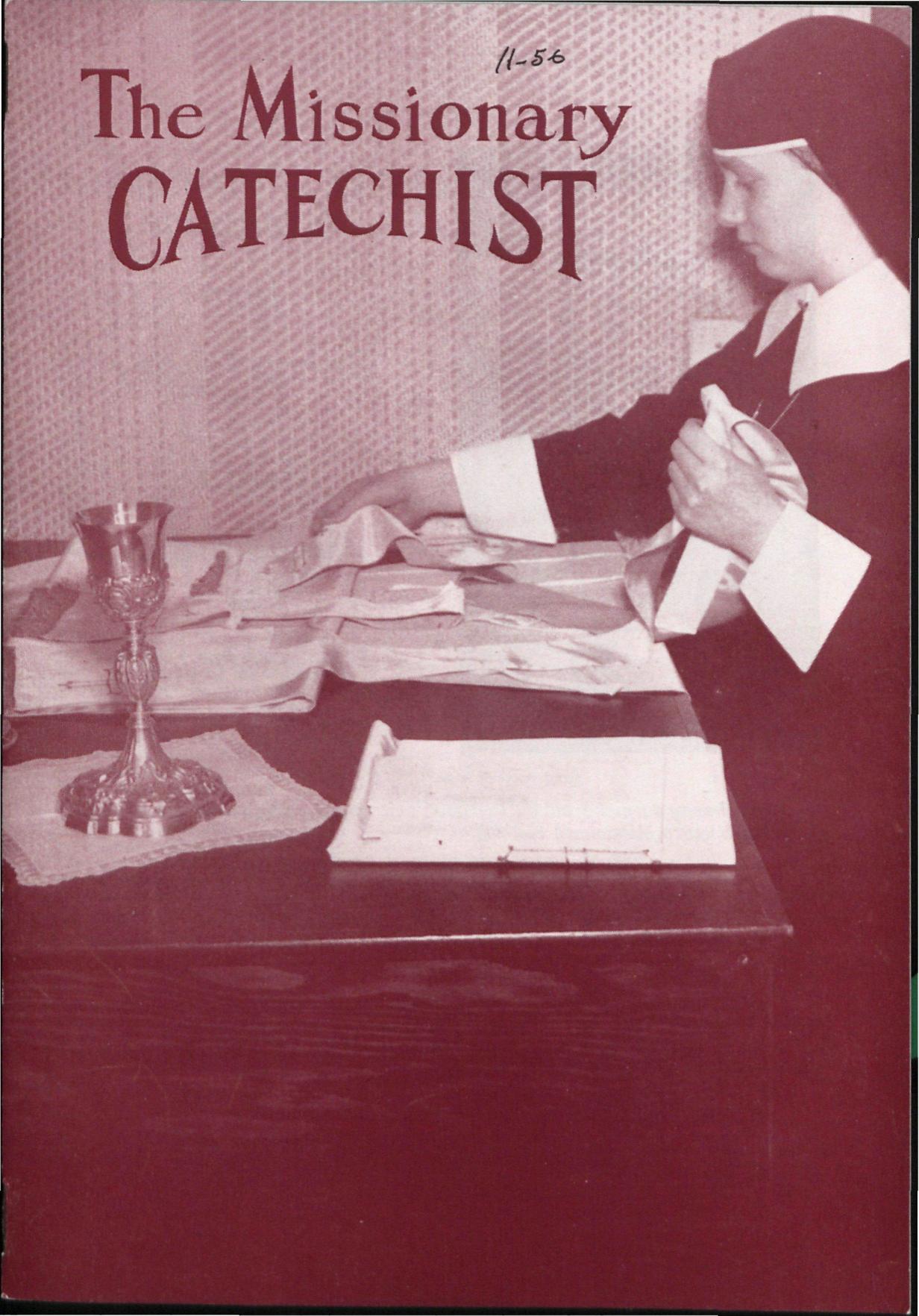


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*A Message  
from  
Bishop Pursley  
  
Apostolic  
Administrator  
of  
Fort Wayne*

*WE are happy to make public the good news which came recently to Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters.*

*Under date of June 16, 1956, over the signature of His Eminence Cardinal Valeri, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Affairs of Religious, the Holy See has granted to this community of sisters the Decree of Praise and Approval for their apostolic labor in thirty-four archdioceses and dioceses of the United States.*

*We were able to give this information to Archbishop Noll before his death. It brought great joy to him whose generous support has been so largely responsible for the growth of the Missionary Sisters of Victory Noll and the expansion and success of their work.*

*We assure the sisters of our continued interest and gratitude.*

*✠ Leo A. Pursley*

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Sister Ruth prepares the vestments for Holy Mass. Sisters are sacristans in mission chapels as well as in their own convents.

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At Victory Noll, their Motherhouse, the sisters receive their spiritual and professional training for their work. Convents are located in every section of the United States. To answer the many requests for more sisters, vocations are needed.

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# What's My Name?

by Sister Charlene

"THIS year will be different," I promised myself as I planned my first grade class program. "There are several things I must emphasize which I have not stressed enough in the past. And another thing, I'm going to see if I can't teach those little ones my name."

Not that I hadn't attempted this in the past to those at the tender age of six; but some of the interpretations were horrible enough to discourage of-

fering my name for such a battering again.

"My name is Sister Charlene," I began hopefully on the first day of religion class. "Do you think you can remember that until next week?"

This was a challenge. I noticed several children murmuring my name to themselves as they left the room after instructions. One or two came back to



We know OUR sister's name!

ask me to repeat it, and I did so as clearly as possible.

By the following week—there had been many other classes in between—I had forgotten about it until I lined up my little first graders at school.

“I bet I know what your name is,” came as a reminder.

“What is my name?”

“Sister Charlene.” It ran down the line like a chant. This was getting embarrassing. Teachers and passing children turned to look. Just the same, I was very much pleased, and so my downfall was imminent.

“What’s MY name?” asked one of the boys from the line.

I looked at him blankly. Such a reaction was totally unexpected. After the first week of classes, at which I had met for the first time over three hundred children, names simply did not stick.

“David,” he said helpfully. “Remember? David Mendoza.”

“Oh, yes,” I replied vaguely and explained why I had forgotten. He seemed satisfied. However, the following week he broached the subject again.

“Now, what’s my name?”

I searched my memory in vain. The name was gone. I had to admit that I couldn’t remember.

Another consequence of my resolution was the number of times I had to listen to my own name. Sometimes, at the close of class on Wednesday, I felt that I never wanted to hear it again. To say just plain Sister was strictly against principle. Instead it had to be

my whole name, dragged out to show off their knowledge to the full.

Each question, answer, and exclamation in class was punctuated with my name. After class, as I attempted to hear prayers, there were usually ten or twelve first graders tugging at my habit and forever chanting my name. They all had problems or questions, and the uninterrupted repetition of Sister’s name sooner or later brought the desired attention. After I had answered each child, and boldly suggested that it was time for all to go home, they skipped happily out the door singing several times on the way, “Goodbye, Sister Char-leene.”

When I walk down the street or ride in a car, I am often jolted by a tiny high-pitched voice calling my name. It is a greeting that anyone half a block away can hear without effort.

Even in the local supermarket I am not spared. One day when I heard my name called out, I stretched to look beyond the counters and spied one of my first graders standing proudly beside her mother. They both looked quite pleased with themselves. The little one even followed up the greeting with a “Goodbye, Sister Charlene” though half the store separated us.

I often wonder if it wouldn’t be better just to be “that tall sister.” They wouldn’t yell *that* out in public. But the damage is done now. There is only one consolation. If I teach in the same mission next year, I won’t have to tell the first graders my name. I am sure that every child now in kindergarten will have been indoctrinated by one of my former pupils.



# A Fountain of Youth

by Sister M. John Joseph

IN history books we read that Ponce de Leon spent a good deal of his time searching for a certain Fountain of Youth. Ponce, poor fellow, never found his fountain because old age caught up with him too soon. I am sure, though, that Ponce was looking in the wrong place. You see, he was looking in Florida when all the while it was right here in Colorado. Yes, we have found a Fountain, a veritable fountain of youth.

Allow me to explain. Fountain, a mission from Colorado Springs, is a small town literally bubbling over with vivacious youngsters. Eureka! The Fountain of Youth!

Ponce had the idea that after visiting the fountain he would be tingling with new life and walking with a lighter step. Our Fountain does not boast of these marvelous powers. Instead, paradoxically, we hope that we may bring new life, and a lighter step on the way to heaven, to the children and their parents.

Our little mission church at Fountain was formerly a bank. Little did the tellers and cashiers think, as they stacked away the greenbacks, that one day children and adults would learn how to lay up treasures for heaven in that very same building. It is a good meditation on true values to have our church in a former bank. Now, that building really houses a treasure—one of infinite value—the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



The Church in Fountain was once a bank.

Many of the church furnishings are "hand-me-downs," but not all. Recently the children fairly burst their chests with pride over their successful carnival. With the profits they bought a brand new paten for their St. Joseph's Church.

Perhaps there is something in that name, Fountain, which really does have a youth-giving effect. Just to mention one reason for this observation: Mr. Dominguez lives there and he is now in his hundred-and-fifth year!

Next time you come to Colorado look up this town with the poetic name. Let me warn you it is not exactly a metropolis—in fact its elevation is more than its population—but if you love adventure, you'll love Fountain. We do!

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"Sister," said the little pre-schooler, "I have a dip-in-thing at home."

A bit puzzled, I waited for a little more explanation.

"It's got a cross with Jesus on it, and right below is a little place where you dip in and bless yourself."

SISTER ALMA MARIE

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**Three little Davy Crocketts see that Sister's bag gets to the car when class is over.**

**A**N "off-season" in a tourist business can be very profitable to some people—members of the flock of Holy Trinity Parish, West Harwich, Massachusetts, being the "some people" in this instance.

It's like this. With an influx of vacationists during the summer months, hundreds and hundreds of people need temporary homes. Finding living quarters suitable and available, many of the guests stay for the winter.

Now a certain parishioner of Holy Trinity Parish, Mr. John Taylor, has buildings which house a small portion of these many guests who live in this pleasant Cape Cod town during the summer months. To single out a unit—there is a very attractive motel with large rooms, and lighting, heating, and plumbing facilities. Families who decide to become permanent residents were soon settled in their own homes. However, the classroom situation for their children's religious education was not quite so settled. In fact, it was quite

## No Vacancy

*by Sister Mary Brigid*

in the air—the open air. With winter approaching, what would supply the demand for classrooms? A vacant motel?

"Here it is," said Mr. Taylor.

For this generous offer, Mr. Taylor's bank account shows only a deficit due to fuel bills, light bills, and general depreciation. One hundred and twenty-five children do not leave a building in exactly the same condition as they find it, at least, not after many, many visits. It's twice a week that the motel is taken over by this troop of young Catholics for their religion class.

Yes, how fortunate this "off-season" in the tourist business can be for some people; in this instance, not only for us and the children but also for Mr. Taylor. He is the wise man laying up for himself treasures in heaven that will endure forever.



**The children pour into Mr. Taylor's motel.**

# Land of Promise

by Sister M. Antoinette



**Sacred Heart Church, Punta Gorda, Florida, built in 1927.**

“HOW wonderful!” “Aren’t you the lucky person?” “That’s good mission territory.” “You’ll love it.”

So the remarks came from family, friends, associates, and I wondered just what would be my impression of Florida.

It is said that Florida is the fastest growing state east of the Rockies. It has an attraction and an appeal all its own, but then, for that matter, so have most states. It would be difficult to pick out its main attraction, but there are many,

and so it appeals to people of all walks of life and from all parts of this vast country of ours.

Thousands of visitors come back each year to enjoy the warmth of Florida’s sun and to fish in the blue waters of its tropical coasts and in its countless lakes and streams. Though many come purely for recreational purposes, countless others come for reasons of health.

I have heard it said, “When the sand gets into your shoes, you have no desire to leave.” It is not surprising then to



**Beautiful trailer park,  
Punta Gorda.**

find that many who come first for a visit return before long to make Florida their home.

As their backgrounds are varied, so are their interests. In our part of Florida, it is not unusual to find within a radius of forty to fifty miles a cattle ranch, a cucumber farm, a citrus grove, and some wildlife, besides the usual run of small businesses that cater to the daily needs of man.

Sprinkled through these miles you will find a river, a lake, and a dozen or so small streams that add beauty to the landscape and are a joy to the fishermen. Indeed, Florida has well been called "Fisherman's Paradise." Fishing boats and fishing docks are in abundance. Fishing enthusiasts have plenty of opportunity to try their luck and skill. There are about seven hundred species of fish known to exist in the Florida waters. Of these, about two hundred are of interest to fishermen, among the favorites being the giant large-mouth bass and the silver tarpon.

There is still much virgin territory, and as we drive past miles of wild grass, shrubs, and palmetto brush, we wonder what developments will find their way to these spots in the years to come.

In the southwestern part of Florida is our little town of Punta Gorda. Until December 1954 when our parish was established, it had been a mission for some thirty years.

During the war years there was a local air base and the little church was crowded. When the base was closed, the congregation dwindled, but now it is growing slowly, but surely.

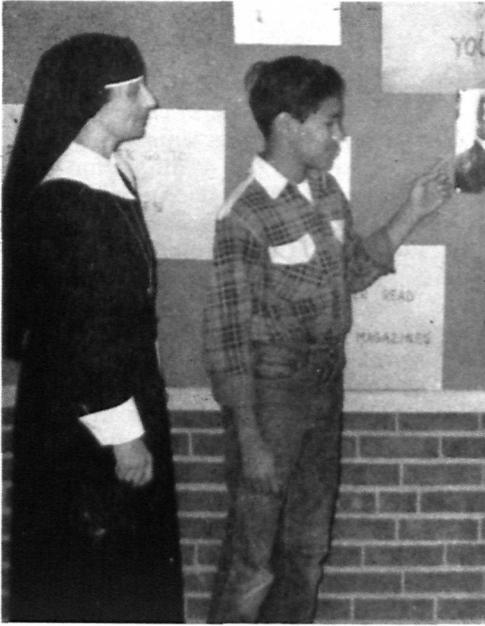
We Missionary Sisters give religious instructions in Punta Gorda and its missions twice weekly. We also conduct the choir and have clubs for boys and

girls, as well as for their mothers. In fact, our young mothers' club is one of our most interesting groups. They were formed primarily as a discussion club using as texts those booklets on child training. Soon they were asked by the parish unit of the Council of Catholic Women to sponsor all children's activities. They generously responded and now we do not know what we would do without them.

Florida is America's last frontier. To many, it is a land of opportunity for agriculture and industry. To others it is a means to better health. To a missionary it is also the land of opportunity, the opportunity to win souls for God. It is an important vineyard of Our Lord where the harvest is great, but the laborers too few.



**Banyan tree from India. The roots grow at the end of the branches, thus forming new trunks.**



Sister Justine with a future CYO-er. There are clubs for the younger boys and girls too.

LAST fall when we put on a membership drive to form a Catholic Youth Organization at Holy Ghost Center, Denver, we turned up with quite a blend of members. Some were in high school; others were working. Interests were so diversified that we hardly knew where to start. But with a program and outline material from several centers in Chicago, Washington, D.C., and St. Louis, we launched out for the year.

What makes a club successful? That is, when does it meet the needs of the group that belongs? There seems to be no pat answer, but numbers alone are not the guide. Still, if the group is too small, it is difficult to keep a good pitch of enthusiasm.

Years ago, a priest working with a youth group in a small parish told us, "There's nothing like an interest in dramatics to bind a group together." Without benefit of a Gallup poll we would like to wager that giving a play

## Short of Murder

by Sister Justine

was the activity that the CYO group at Holy Ghost Youth Center enjoyed the most.

Our dramatic ambitions were realized when we put on a one-night stand called "Short of Murder." The murder mystery was deep, dark, and fraught with suspense. Yet when the colorful sheriff walked onto the stage, the audience howled. We wound up with more of a comedy than a mystery.

After the play, the cast sat down to a turkey supper, and conversation rippled with all the blunders the players had made. Nevertheless, "Short of Murder" really *made* our club. Now, with breakfasts, parties, discussions, work, play, and study, the CYO is on the march.



Teenager night at the Center. Plenty of kibitzers.

# Open Season

by Sister M. Therese Martin

HERE in Pennsylvania we are in the heart of deer country. When the season arrives, there is a decided increase in the population of our town. No house is complete without its added decoration of a shingle welcoming the hunters. Traffic bulges a four lane highway to five. The service stations, which



must number nearly a dozen within a mile stretch, pick up in business. Even the grocery stores empty their shelves quickly. Hunters get mighty hungry.

One of the clerks in the grocery store told us that last year hunting was so good that he shot a turkey from his bathroom window.

It would be nice if hunting souls were that easy. Instead, one must hunt for a convenient hour to find them at home, aim closely at the spot in their heart that might be reserved for God, and pull the trigger carefully with a gentle fire of questions.

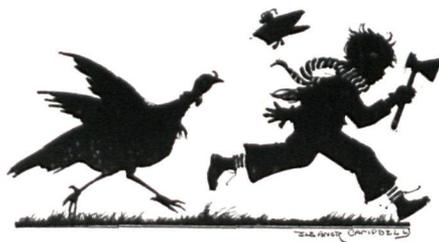
Several years ago one of the parishioners used his deer hunting license to its fullest advantage. He aimed for a deer in the woods and a moment before he pulled the trigger another deer stepped beside the first one. The lucky man caught two with one bullet.

Hunting souls sometimes works like that. You go "gunning" for one and by

the grace of God the whole family enters the Church.

Bright and early on the first day of hunting season this year a hunter and his friend decided to traipse the many acres of woods behind the friend's house. The whole day they spent from morning till evening looking for deer. Futile day! Not even one animal did they sight. When they reached home, tired and weary, they learned from the rest of the family that about nine o'clock that morning, two hunters had caught two of the treasures just behind the house.

Sometimes we missionaries wish we could be like St. Francis Xavier and roam the face of the globe seeking souls for Christ. If only we weren't confined to such a limited area! Yet all the time there are many souls to be saved right in our own back yard. We do not have to venture a step beyond our daily living. Opportunities to win souls for Christ are everywhere if we only look for them. And best of all, the season for this kind of hunting is never restricted. It's open all year round.



We were leaving church after Mass one morning when a little eight-year-old boy stopped me and asked, "Sister, are the confession rails opened yet?"

# Around Victory Noll



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Fillmore, Calif.



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Fort Wayne, Ind.



**Lillie Perea**  
Los Lunas, N. Mex.



**Martha Sijota**  
Sweet Home, Ore.



**Joyce Skroblus**  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

OUR new class of postulants might not be a large one, but it can claim several distinctions. One is that it has given our community its first set of twins, Arline and Joyce Skroblus from Brooklyn. True, we had a twin in last year's class, but her twin did not come with her.

Then there's Patricia Murphy from Canada, Sister Alice's sister. Frances Gilmore is our first postulant from the state of Montana. And graduates of Immaculate Conception Academy, Dubuque, are still coming to Victory Noll. Judith Rausch is this year's representative.

The new ecclesiastical divisions in Missouri were hailed with much interest Around Victory Noll and we congratulate the first ordinaries of the new dioceses: the Most Reverend Charles H. Helmsing, D.D., Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau; and the Most Reverend Joseph M. Marling, C.P.P.S., S.T. L., Bishop of Jefferson City.

Our newest convent in Missouri—Elsberry—is in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. but some of its missions are in the Diocese of Jefferson City. Flat River stays in the Archdiocese, while Kennett is in Bishop Helmsing's new Diocese.



**NOVICES WHO RECEIVED THE HABIT AUGUST 5; Left to right: Sister M. Aurora, Sister M. Pius, Sister M. DeMontfort, Sister M. Jane Therese, Sister M. Margaret Louise, Sister M. Joseph Adele, Sister M. Rodriguez, Sister Stephen Marie (back), Sister M. Karen, Sister Michael Marie, Sister M. Corrine, Sister M. Carmel Therese, Sister M. Chrysostom, Sister M. Georgianna, Sister M. Clement.**

The second new mission we opened this fall is at Green River, Wyoming. We are not strangers there, for our sisters from Cheyenne taught summer school in Green River in 1954 and 1955. The sisters who opened the new convent there are: Sister Denise, superior, Sister Marguerite, and Sister Loretto. To Elsberry went Sister Regina, superior, Mother Catherine, and Sister Mary Margaret.

Many of the sisters who came to Victory Noll last summer for retreat drove their cars. We had license plates from Iowa, Missouri, Alabama, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, not to mention Indiana and Ohio. When the time came to leave there were always willing hands to help load. But there were a few mistakes. For instance, Sister Barbara Ann's bags got into the Union City, Pennsylvania, station wagon driven by Sister Barbara and Sister Loretta Ann. Sister Barbara Ann was to leave the following day by train for Nevada. Well, the hall was filled with baggage and some kind soul overlooked the second name on Sister Barbara Ann's

suitcases. She traveled to Nevada with a small overnight case and a couple of boxes.

We also heard that an Alabama bag got into the Kentucky car, but at least it went in the right general direction.

There were but few changes Around Victory Noll this year. Sister Mary Imelda is our new superior. Father Martinian, O.F.M.Cap., replaces Father Carmel as one of the professors in our religion department. Father Clement will continue to teach, and Father Thomas Aquinas still gives the weekly conference to the community.

The news that we are now a pontifical institute was received with much joy Around Victory Noll. It means that we are no longer diocesan, but are immediately subject to the Holy See. We are happy that the word came from Rome just a few days before the death of our beloved Archbishop Noll. When he heard it he could truly say his "Nunc dimittis."

## In the Home Field



Sister M. Amelia puts the last minute touches on the table decorations for Thanksgiving Day, El Paso, Texas.

### SUPREME SACRIFICE

The four lads had been attending a Protestant Sunday School, but now every Wednesday they came to our religion class.

"To think that we can never be President of our country," Butch observed, shaking his head sadly.

"Never be President?" piped up Don. "What do you mean? We're boys, aren't we? And we'll grow up to be men someday, won't we? And any man has a right to be President, doesn't he?"

"Ya-a-h, if he's elected," added Bill.

Gene only looked from one speaker to the other, puzzled.

"Nope, we can't be President," Butch spoke again. "We're Catholics and a Catholic can never be President of our country. My mother said so."

Silence followed while all pondered these significant words. Then came the supreme sacrifice. Butch spoke for them all: "Even if we can't be President, Sister, we're still glad we're Catholics."

SISTER MARY JOHN

### LEFT, RIGHT

Like most children Johnnie was enthralled by the story of the Last Judgment. He went home, talked about it, thought about it, and came back later with the fruit of his meditation.

"Sister," he said, "I know why God will put the bad people on His left side. It's because they are going to be left in hell."

At that one of the other pupils asked, "But why will God put the good ones on His right?"

I explained in simple terms that the right side is the place of honor. Joe, however, had another idea.

"He's gonna put 'em on the right because they done right."

SISTER RUTH ANTHONY

### WHAT MATTER?

When our busy pastor drops in on our high school classes he sometimes receives the most unexpected replies to his questions.

Father: What is the *matter* in the sacrament of baptism?

Boy: Why nothing's the matter, Father!

Father patiently explains that the matter is water. But why? His glance falls on the picture of John the Baptist baptizing Our Lord.

Father: Well, who was baptized with water?

Boys (in unison): We *all* were, Father!

SISTER BARBARA



Father registers his little girl for Sister Barbara Ann's religion class.



### MEET THE BANANA MAN!

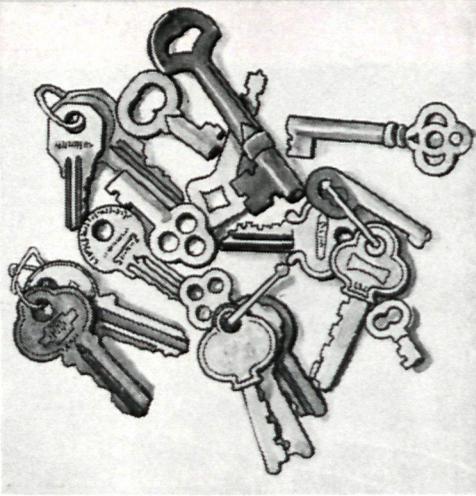
Too bad we can't show you this picture in color. The sign is deep red, the letters white, the horse (which you cannot see) is black, and the canopy every color of the rainbow. El Paso would not be colorful El Paso without the Banana Men. Of all of them John Lucas is perhaps the most interesting, for he not only sells bananas, but offers a thought for all who will read his message. He changes his board from day to day. One day it read: IT TAKES ONLY SIX OF THESE NEW FANGLED BOMBS TO MAKE ALL OF US EQUAL.

SISTER THERESA

### LESSON LEARNED

Margaret's mother came home from shopping with a new dress for her seven-year-old daughter. The little girl insisted on trying it on at once. To the mother's astonishment, as soon as it was fastened, the child dropped to her knees! Then she said with satisfaction, "It's all right, Mother. Sister said little girls' dresses should touch the floor when they kneel, and it does."

SISTER MAGDALENE



# Keys

by Sister Helen Marie

I remember! I used it this morning. It must be in my apron pocket. What a happy thought! It is!

But now we come to our really interesting keys, the keys to our teaching centers. First, one needs a key to open the gate. Then a key to open the door. And that not just for one center, but for **seven** different ones! **All** the centers do not have gates, so that helps a little.

One of our teaching centers is San Jose Hall. As we placidly approached it one day, Sister sighed. The key! Yes, it was still at home . . . The next time we were so happy we hadn't forgotten the key, but alas, our bliss was short lived. Our key wouldn't fit the key hole. Within the past week the San Jose Society had decided to **change the lock!**

Now let's end on a restful note. One day after school a roomful of our young hopefuls, who, I am sorry to say, have not yet assimilated the full import of our teaching on good behavior, respect for authority, etc., were being kept in. Some of them tried to impress the teacher with the fact that they **had** to go to catechism class. To which that much-tried individual responded (so the children reported), "I wouldn't let you out even if you had to go to heaven!"

A rather startling answer, but on second thought, what peaceful vistas of pure delight it opens up. Heaven! Here we come (we hope). All the children we have been (sometimes so frantically) ushering in and out. There they are before the gates of heaven. And look! Only one key, and St. Peter in charge of that. It can't get away! Now he's opening the gates for them . . . so easily. And they're all trooping in . . . so happily . . .

"**S**ISTER, do you have the key to the hall?"

"Oh, yes, just a minute! It's in my pocket."

Keys play a very important part in the life of the Missionary Sisters here in Las Vegas.

First, of course, one has to have a key to enter the convent. That is usually the easiest one to find, as it is almost always pinned to our pocket. But after that, well, take your choice. There are big keys, little keys, medium sized keys. Our smallest key is an inch long; it opens the room we teach in on Santana Street. The biggest one is three inches; it's for the Madrid chapel, another teaching center. And in between there is a proud family of keys, seventeen in all.

Even that most prosaic one, the key to the convent, has its story. One of the sisters went to teach at the hall nearby and later discovered she had left her house key in the front door. On returning after class, she was shocked to find it gone. No admittance. Resignedly she waited for the next sister to return from teaching. When they entered the convent, what did they find? An obliging mail man had opened the door, brought in the mail, and left the key there with the letters!

The basement key, too, is very important. Someone calls for old clothing. The key to the basement—where is it? A search is made. Can't be found. **Now**

# True Devotion to Mary

“I CERTAINLY feel that I have genuine devotion to the Mother of God. I say the rosary every day, usually recite the litany, have pictures of Mary in my home, turn to her often in my difficulties—so why should I practice this total consecration you read and hear so much about these days?”

That, as the master of ceremonies would say, is a fair question. I would answer it simply by saying that Mary is necessary to us. To put it another way, total consecration is necessary to us.

Isn't that a rather sweeping statement, even a bold statement? No one is strictly necessary to us except God.

But I still maintain that Mary is necessary to us and I have no less an authority than St. Louis de Montfort to back me up. St. Louis, you know, before he was canonized had all his writings scrutinized by the Church. The saint assures us that Mary is not only necessary to us, but necessary to God! Those are his very words and you can read them yourself in his Treatise on the True Devotion.

Mary is necessary to God by a necessity called hypothetical. She is necessary simply because in His inscrutable designs, He willed it to be that way. True, God could have effected His plans for the redemption of the human race without Mary, but He did not choose to act in that way. How glad we are that He didn't! Even to imagine such a thing is difficult. The whole economy of redemption would have been different.

In the same way—because God wills it—Mary is necessary to us. She is necessary in a special way to all those called to perfection. Who are called to perfection—just priests and religious?

No. Being a Christian implies an obligation to sanctity. St. Paul is our authority for that. Again and again he exhorts his Christians so to act as “becomes saints.” (Ephesians 5, 3; Romans 16, 2). In his epistle to the Thessalonians he is still more explicit. “This is the will of God,” he writes, “your sanctification.” And didn't Christ Himself say, “Be ye perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect”? He was not talking to the apostles when He said that. He was talking to what we would now call the laity and His words are meant for us.

To become saints, to become holy, we need grace. Mary alone, as the Angel Gabriel told her, found grace with God. It is through her that we too will find grace. She gave birth to the Author of Grace, Jesus Christ. To Mary then we must go if we would receive that precious gift of grace, so necessary to our salvation and sanctification.

Mary is truly our mother. She became our mother when she consented to the Incarnation. We are members of the Mystical Body of Christ. Since Mary is the mother of the Head, she must also be the mother of the other members. Christ Our Lord solemnly affirmed this on the cross when He said, “Behold Thy Mother.”

If we are Mary's children, then we must act like children and be absolutely dependent on her. Everything we have must belong to her. We must give her *all*. This we do when we practice total consecration, true devotion.

Only by giving ourselves totally and completely to Jesus through Mary can we fulfill all of God's designs for us. Jesus came to us through Mary. He

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# our **A**ssociates'

ST. VINCENT'S BAND, *Ft. Wayne, Ind.*

Dear Associates:

**I**N this month when we as a nation are urged to "count our blessings" and be grateful to God for His provident care, we think it opportune to express our gratitude to His instruments in furthering our devoted care to the poor, —our dear Associates. Your money donations have helped to keep our Missionaries in their allotted mission fields, and the contents of your mission boxes have delighted the children in our religion classes or have been a source of help to the needy. May God love and reward each one of you with eternal blessedness, as we are sure He will do.

SISTER SUPERVISOR, ACM.

## LITTLE FLOWER MISSION CIRCLE, *Chicago*

**A** LETTER in September brought us a fifty dollar check from the Promoter, *Miss Veronica Foertsch*, and the welcome news that she had procured two new members for her band, which sponsors Sister Mary Gertrude and has been in existence for more than twenty years. God bless and richly compensate the members for their faithful donations over the years.



**W**E are glad to share with you a portion of a letter we received recently from *Mrs. Eunice F. Carl*, Promoter of *St. Vincent's Band* of *St. Jude Mission Society, Fort Wayne*.

"Our club is sixteen years old and we have monthly social meetings at which we play cards and collect dues. We have an annual Christmas party consisting of a banquet and the exchange of gifts. The name of our club is very dear to us for in bygone girlhood days we were all members or associated with *St. Vincent de Paul Parish* of this city."

## OUR ST. LOUIS (MO.) BANDS

**B**OTH *Mother of Perpetual Help* and *Florentine Bands*, headed by *Mrs. A. J. Lammert* and *Miss Clare Luechtefeld*, respectively, sponsor *Sister Florence*. The members were happy to see "their Sister" this summer when she stopped off in her natal city for a brief visit. We do not doubt that she had much to tell them of her mission experiences for she entertained us on more than one occasion with interesting accounts of them while here at *Victory Noll*.

The Promoter of *Child Jesus Band*, *Mrs. James Butler*, was not favored this summer with a visit from her daughter *Sister Mary Edna* whom the Band sponsors. Instead *Mrs. Butler* had a delightful visit with her daughter in *Santa Fe, New Mexico* where *Sister* is stationed. Upon her return home, *Mrs. Butler* wrote us, "It was so interesting to see the Indians and to note how they respond to the Sisters' teaching."

# Club Mention



## ST. PATRICIA CLUB, Chicago

A NEW mission group makes its debut in these pages this month. We are happy to introduce *St. Patricia Club of Chicago*, headed by *Mrs. Lucy F. Gones*, the mother of Sister Hilary, a novice at Victory Noll. The club's first check was received in July with the promise that there would be one every month after that. This south side club has nine members at present.



## ST. MICHAEL GUILD Palos Heights, Ill.

A MONTHLY check is received from the Guild which sponsors Sister Lourdes. *Mrs. Charles J. Dowling* serves as Secretary. During the month of August, *Mrs. Alvin Halbach*, one of the members, came to Victory Noll to attend the investiture ceremonies of her niece, Sister M. Joseph Adele, one of our first year novices.

## ST. PHILOMENA BAND, Chicago

ONE of the first mission bands to be heard from in the fall as the new season gets off to a good start is this Band headed by *Miss Mary Schaefer*. There are sixteen ladies in the band and they pay one dollar a month dues. We are very grateful for their aid to our work.

## BANDS, CLUBS, GUILDS DONATIONS September 5 to September 27, 1956

Adrian, Chicago, Florence Dietz .....	\$25.00
Charitina, Chicago, Helen Ford .....	6.00
Holy Family, Chicago, Jos. Walz .....	22.00
Holy Ghost, Elkhart, Ind., M. Nye ...	85.00
Holy Souls, Chicago, Mrs. McGovern	10.00
Les Petites Fleurs, Chicago	
Mrs. Peggy Kusmerz .....	24.00
Little Flower, Chicago, V. Foertsch ...	50.00
St. Francis, Louisville, Ohio	
Mrs. V. P. Samblanet .....	50.00
St. John, Chicago, Mrs. Bechtold ...	35.00
St. Joseph, Chicago, Mrs. A. Naumes	90.00
St. Justin, Chicago, Mrs. F. Kiefer ...	15.00
St. Katherine, Chicago, Mrs. Hammer	15.00
St. Michael, Chicago, Mrs. Dowling ..	10.00
St. Patricia, Chicago, Mrs. L. Gones	5.00
St. Philomena, Chicago, M. Schaefer	50.00

## VIA MATRIS BAND, Chicago

ABOUT September first, we received a check from the Promoter, *Miss Anna Aldworth*, for \$10.50. This Band is making a noble stand to aid our Sisters in spite of its ranks' being greatly reduced. Several members have died within the last few years and others could not continue as active members. The Band sponsors *Sister Joseph*, formerly of Chicago and a personal friend of the Promoter.





# Mary's Loyal

Dear Loyal Helpers:

**W**HILE this school year is still young, it is well to remind you of the two simple rules which all members of our children's club agreed to keep at the time they joined.

1. Offer one Hail Mary every day that God may bless the missionary labors of our Sisters.
2. Send in Sunshine money once in a while, which you have saved from your weekly allowance or, better still, which you have earned to aid our work with the underprivileged and poor.

If it is hard to remember to say the daily Hail Mary, you can choose a certain time—like when you are tying your shoes in the morning. (We don't have to be on our knees when we talk to God and His saints.) Again, if it is

your habit, or the custom of your family, to offer a Rosary daily you can include the intention to pray for our Missionaries along with the other intentions.

*Mary-ly yours,*  
SUNSHINE SECRETARY, MLH.

## GRATITUDE MARK OF NOBLE SOUL

**S**OME years back when *Reverend Father Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.*, used to address our Sisters during Holy Hours he conducted in Victory Noll chapel, he often repeated these words, "Gratitude is the mark of a noble soul."

We know that Thanksgiving Day has been set aside by our great nation to offer, publicly and privately, our thanks to God for the many blessings with which He fills our lives.

You can show your gratitude to God for your own Christian upbringing and Catholic school training by keeping faithfully your two rules in *Mary's Loyal Helpers* mission club.

## EAST AND WEST DO MEET IN SPIRIT OF PRAYER AND SACRIFICE!



To the left is **KATHERINE LESAK**, of **LOLITA, TEXAS** who says, "I have been praying my Hail Marys every day and I am still saving my Sunshine pennies. Here is a picture of me in my school uniform."



To the right is **MAUREEN CHICOINE**, of **SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK** who writes: "The silver medal of Our Lady of Victory is very lovely. I'll wear it especially to remind me to say the daily Hail Mary for your Sisters. I liked the two articles: 'Not If I Can Help It' and 'Lorenzo Goes Back' in The Missionary Catechist for July and August."

# Helpers' pages



NOVEMBER PUZZLE



- 1. This month is dedicated to .....
- 2. November 2nd is known as .....
- 3. It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead .....
- 4. We can aid the Souls in Purgatory .....
- 5. The priest wears these when offering a Requiem Mass for the dead.

Put the **LETTER** in front of the corresponding **NUMBER**.

- A. Black vestments
- B. That they may be loosed from their sins.
- C. All Souls Day.
- D. The Holy Souls in Purgatory.
- E. By offering indulgenced prayers for them.

If there are other boys and girls who read these pages and would like to join our club, write *Sunshine Secretary* at Victory Noll and ask her to make you a member. It costs nothing but a little effort on your part.



## ROYAL OAK (MICH.) HELPER



To the left is pictured **JUDITH KING** of **ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN**. Judith is twelve and in the sixth grade. She writes, "I love your Order, I really do" and begs us to pray that "my years will go by a little easier and faster" until she is old enough to join us. Meanwhile she helps us with her prayers and sacrifice money.

"I am sending one dollar for your magazine. My sister Patsy and I are starting a mission club. Its name is *The Leaping Leopards*. I am president, Patsy is vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

*Leota Cecil, age 11.*

*France (A.P.O. New York, N.Y.)*

*Fine, Leota! Perhaps a younger brother would be willing to be a rank and file member.*

# Seven Sets of Brothers

by Sister Evelyn Marie

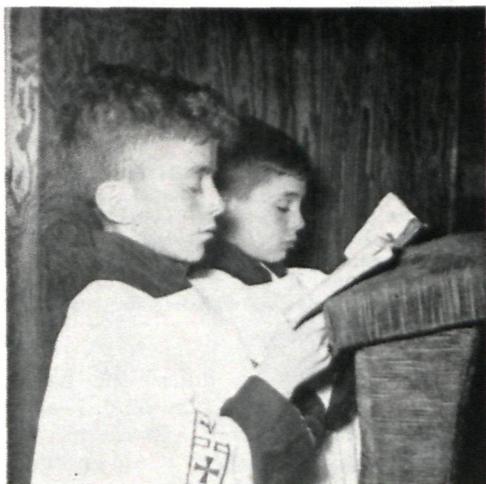
**S**ANTA MARIA de Guadalupe Church in Ogden, Utah, holds a record, we believe, for brother combinations in its Knights of the Altar unit.

There are seven sets of them and we would like to introduce them to you.

While we were taking these pictures we overheard one of the brotherless members of the Knights say nostalgically, "I wish I had a brother."

"Is it because you would like to have your picture taken that you wish for a brother?"

"No!" came the reply, "but who wouldn't like to serve Mass with his very own brother?"



## SINCERE

Vigil and Jacob Acuna have persisted in their desire to become altar boys by doggedly overcoming a number of difficulties that would have discouraged many another lad. They walk a mile each way to attend the weekly meetings of the Knights of the Altar.



## DEPENDABLE

Anthony and Leroy Aragon. Leroy is president of the unit that now consists of 24 members. Anthony immediately preceded his younger brother as chief officer of the group.



## HELPFUL

Larry and Harry Martinez are often mistaken for twins. They share in common the virtue of always being ready to assist their elders at the most opportune times.

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FORT WAYNE 2, INDIANA

1385 VAN BUREN STREET  
GARY, INDIANA

427 SOUTH OAK STREET  
KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA

Box 115  
SAN PIERRE, INDIANA

1009 EAST DAYTON STREET  
SOUTH BEND 14, INDIANA

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Box 14  
DELHI, IOWA

#### KENTUCKY

264 SUNSET AVENUE  
RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

#### MASSACHUSETTS

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WEST HARWICH, MASS.

#### MICHIGAN

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DETROIT 2, MICHIGAN

Box 187  
IDA, MICHIGAN

#### MISSOURI

Box 285  
ELSBERRY, MISSOURI

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FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI

Box 405  
KENNETT, MISSOURI

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ELKO, NEVADA

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Box 26  
WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA

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DURANT, OKLAHOMA

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SMETHPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

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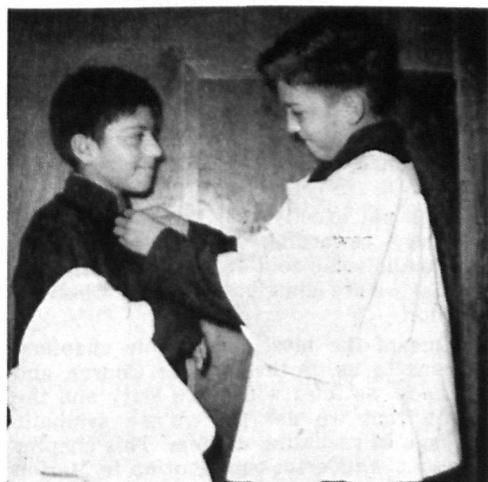
#### AMIABLE

Anthony Ligori (middle) ushers his brothers Dominic and Theodore into the sanctuary to prepare the altar for Holy Mass. Smiles are plentiful when these boys are around. Genuine good humor is their outstanding virtue.



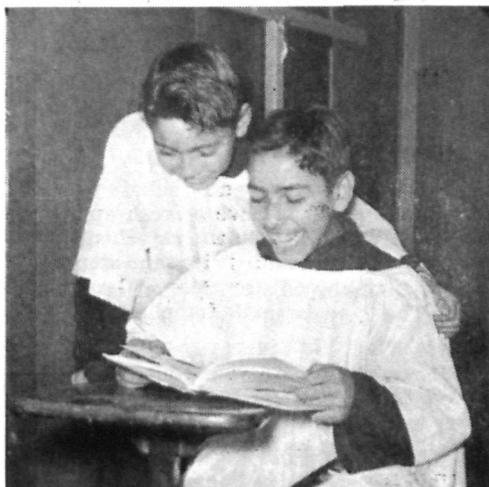
#### DEVOUT

Richard and Theodore Cruz are newcomers to the unit this year. They have become an edification to all. Here they are performing their duties at the altar.



#### DEVOTED

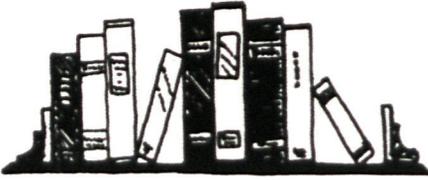
Theodore and David Garcia are inseparable. They show a true spirit of brotherliness both in and out of the sacristy.



#### COOPERATIVE

Patrick and David Galvan came to us as seasoned servers from Colorado. They have proved to be a real asset to the Santa Maria group.

# Books



**Communists Still War on God!** by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maurice S. Sheehy, Ph.D. 25 cents.

**Light on Jehovah's Witnesses** by Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D. 10 cents.

Here are two timely pamphlets published by Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Indiana. Originally published as articles in the Visitor, these reprints are welcomed in a more permanent form.

**Enthronement of the Sacred Heart** by Rev. Francis Larkin, SS.CC. Catechetical Guild, 260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul 2, Minn. Paper, 50 cents.

Before giving details of the Enthronement, Father Larkin tells the story of Father Mateo, the Apostle of the Sacred Heart. This book should do much to promote the social reign of the Sacred Heart.

**Talks for Catholic Children** by Daniel J. Charlton, S.J. Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Indiana. 50 cents.

These simple little talks for children cover basic doctrines and include sixteen short chapters. They have a fresh approach and should be helpful to the catechist. Each chapter is accompanied by an attractive little sketch by Sister Mary Georgiana, O.S.U. The type is small for children.

**Venerable Libermann: Spiritual Guide for Our Times** by Rev. Pierre Blanchard. Holy Ghost Fathers, 1615 Manchester Lane, N.W., Washington 11, D. C.

This is not a life of the Venerable Libermann, but rather an analysis of his spirituality. It was first published in *La Vie Spirituelle* and has been translated from the French by the Rev. Joseph A. Lauristis, C.S.Sp.

Father Libermann's life was marked by a strong spirit of faith, the logical consequence of which was that he abandoned himself to Divine Providence in the smallest details. He was adept in the direction of souls and his message, set down for us in these pages, will be helpful to those who are seeking perfection.

**The Church and Its People.** Catechetical Guild Educational Society, St. Paul, Minn. Paper, 50 cents.

Here are fifty-six selections from books and magazines covering the Church and her people. Authors include Chesterton, Arnold Lunn, Frank Sheed, Ronald Knox, and others equally well known. There are articles on the Mass and the sacraments; on the saints, on conversions. There is an article for every mood, for every taste.

**The Splendour of the Church** by Henri de Lubac, S.J., translated by Michael Mason. Sheed and Ward, New York. \$3.50

In his introduction to this work the author tells us that what he has done is meditate, in the light of faith, on certain aspects of the mystery of the Church, as an attempt to work himself into the very heart of the mystery. The result is a book that could not have been otherwise better named, for reading it, one will certainly be overwhelmed with the Splendour of the Church.

It is not exactly easy reading, but it is eminently rewarding reading and should make us do some soul searching to discover whether we are contributing to the Church's splendor.

One of the most remarkable chapters, it seems to us, is that on the Church and Our Lady. So intertwined are Mary and the Church that we use the same symbolic language in speaking of them. This chapter alone is a wonderful contribution to Marian literature.

**The Merciful Monsignor and His Prayer Card** by Alberta Schumacher. St. Clare Convent, 60 Compton Road, Cincinnati 15, Ohio.

The Merciful Monsignor is the author's well-chosen name for the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raphael J. Markham, S.T.D., founder of the

Apostolate of the Prayer Card. It is a beautiful tribute from one who admired and loved him, and marks the silver jubilee year of the Apostolate.

Some years ago Mrs. Schumacher wrote an article in *Our Sunday Visitor* drawing attention to the My Daily Prayer cards designed especially to assist the dying. Mrs. Schumacher's articles evoke a tremendous response. (How well we know!) Quite naturally, at his first opportunity, Monsignor made it a point to visit the young woman who was responsible for literally deluging him with requests for his prayer card. The present little booklet, beginning with an account of that visit, relates many of the heart-warming anecdotes told of the late Monsignor.

Copies of this book and of the prayer cards may be obtained from St. Clare's Convent in Cincinnati.

**Saint Joseph** by Henri Rondet, S.J., translated and edited by Donald Attwater. P. J. Kenedy and Sons, New York. \$4.

Father Rondet has given us a much needed book on the beloved, but too little known St. Joseph. He traces devotion to him from the early Church to our own day.

The second part of the book is really an anthology containing selections from the Fathers, from St. Teresa of Avila, St. Francis de Sales, Bossuet, Newman, and others. The work is illustrated with fine examples of St. Joseph in art.

A book like this should do much to increase devotion to the Foster Father of Our Lord.

**To Protestants—in Utmost Respect** by Marjorie Hoagland. *Our Sunday Visitor Press*. 50 cents.

A book or pamphlet for Protestants written by a convert is always timely. The author treats of the most common stumbling blocks for those not of the Catholic faith: dogma, infallibility, the papacy, Our Lady, the saints, etc. She writes admiringly and somewhat at length about Pope Leo XIII so it is unfortunate that she gives the wrong dates for his reign, 1846-78, the years during which Pius IX reigned.

**Parishioners' Handbook** by Rev. John B. Fee. Jefferies & Manz, Inc., 2415-45 E. York St. Philadelphia 25, Pa.

Everyone who sees this little pamphlet will wonder why no one thought of such a thing before. It is exactly what is needed in every parish, no matter what size. Its practical information includes not only the usual things like arranging for baptisms, sick calls, marriages, etc., but touches on devotional practices in the home, manners in church, and some excellent general suggestions on such matters as the CYO, Catholic Charities, distributing Catholic literature, etc. Included also are forms of address to be used in writing Archbishops, Bishops, Monsignori, etc. Who hasn't looked in vain for that in an ordinary handbook of English.

No price was listed with the copy we received. It is a small, compact booklet and is certainly available in quantity prices. Every pastor could well afford to give a copy to his parishioners. If they would use it, it would be that valuable to him.

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## True Devotion

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wills that we should go to Him through her. It is as simple as that. Simple, yet profound; for no matter how long we have been practicing this devotion we will be forever sounding new depths. Mary herself will become our teacher, and the prayer of the saintly Father Olier will be realized in us:

O Jesus living in Mary,  
Come and live in Thy servant,  
By the spirit of Thy holiness,  
By the fullness of Thy power,  
By the perfection of Thy ways,  
By the truth of Thy virtues,  
And in communication of Thy  
mysteries,  
Triumph over all our enemies  
By Thy spirit, for the glory of Thy  
Father. Amen.

## The last word

by the Editor

Just two years ago we changed the format of our magazine and I began this column called The Last Word. Any illusion that there was originality in the title was quickly dispelled. The ink was hardly dry on the first run when I noticed the expression in at least two other magazines. Funny I hadn't seen them before.

I resolved to change to a new head, but before I could do so, someone else had the Last Word. The doctor. Off went the editor to the hospital and Sister Regina came to Victory Noll from El Paso where she had been superior.

Under Sister Regina's editorship THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST appeared each month, better than it had been before. Now Sister has left us to be superior of our new convent in Elsberry, Missouri. We hope she will soon send us a first hand account of the work of our community in northern Missouri.

This then is the last Last Word, for I still intend to change that title, even two years later. Next month is an anniversary month for THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST. Our first issue appeared in the month of December—in 1924. So it's a good month for changes.

It's Christmas, too, and we hope you think of TMC when you think of Christmas presents. We need new subscriptions very much if we are to make our work better known. May we depend on you to help us?

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### In Service

NOT many Missionary Sisters receive a commendation from the United States Army. (See opposite page.) We would not have learned of Sister Loretta Marie's distinction had not Father Fitzgerald thoughtfully forwarded a copy of Father Phillips' letter of appreciation to Mother Cecilia.

Sister is now stationed in Mathis, Texas. Her successor in San Antonio, Sister Vivian, will, we know, continue the good work at Fort Sam Houston.



Sister Loretta Marie (standing, left) is shown here with three of her classmates who also were at Victory Noll this summer. Next to Sister is Sister Eva. Seated, left to right: Sister Gabriel and Sister Maria Anita. Sister Loretta Marie was a delegate to the general chapter held in August.

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### Archbishop O'Hara

It was with sorrow we learned of the death of Archbishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City. To his indefatigable zeal we owe the tremendous strides made by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the United States. He was sorely missed at the Tenth National Congress of the CCD held in Buffalo only a few weeks after his death.

The late Archbishop was always interested in our community and was among those who encouraged Father Sigstein, our founder. We beg our readers to remember in their prayers the soul of the great churchman whose zeal for Catholic education was so tireless.

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### In Memoriam

Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara, D.D., Archbishop-Bishop of Kansas City  
Oscar Clawson, Chicago  
Mrs. Evelyn Renier, ACM, Temple City, Calif.  
Margaret Kearney, ACM, Fort Wayne.  
Marguerite Doris, ACM, Baldwinsville, N. Y.  
Mrs. Hubert Berghoff, ACM, Fort Wayne.  
Helen Picker, Detroit  
Mary Osiwala, Detroit  
Joseph Easly, Philadelphia  
Mrs. Helen C. Keegan, Chicago  
Mary C. Murray, Evanston, Ill.  
John W. McLaughlin, Chicago  
Mrs. Frank Miller, Chicago  
Mrs. Edward McDonough, Chicago  
August M. Welter, Chicago  
Mrs. Marie D. McHale, Chicago  
Edward Roach, Memphis, Tenn.

Department of the Army  
Office of the Chief of Chaplains  
Washington, D. C.

22 August 1956

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

Reverend and dear Mother General:

It gives me great pleasure to forward the inclosed commendation for Sister Loretta Marie.

I know that if Chaplain (Major General) Patrick J. Ryan, the Chief of Chaplains, were here, he would want to take care of this matter personally. I speak for him when I say I know he would sincerely appreciate the work done by Sister Loretta Marie at Fort Sam Houston.

May God's continued blessings be upon you, Sister Loretta Marie, and all the Sisters of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(signed) William R. Fitzgerald  
Chaplain (Major), USA  
Chief, Religious Affairs  
Division

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HEADQUARTERS FORT SAM HOUSTON  
Office of the Post Chaplain  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

15 August 1956

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation.  
TO: Sister Loretta Marie  
Our Lady of Missionary Sisters  
San Antonio, Texas

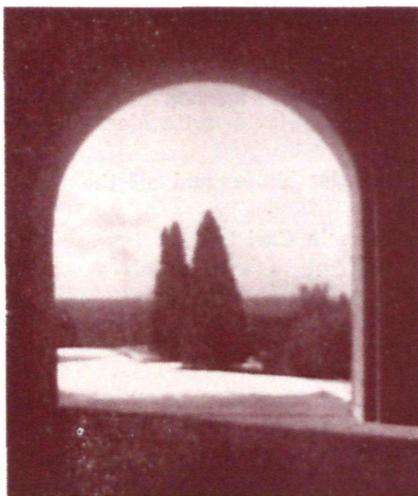
1. The Victory Noll Sisters were first engaged to work at Fort Sam Houston in 1950. From that date to the present time the Sisters have rendered outstanding assistance to the Catholic Chaplains of the Post.

2. During this whole period from 1950 to 1956, Sister Loretta Marie has been the Superior of the Victory Noll convent in San Antonio. She has always shown the warmest interest in any undertaking suggested by the Chaplains, and she has committed herself and the other Sisters often at great sacrifice to accomplishing those plans. Her counsel was highly valued and frequently sought by the Chaplains in the solving of the new problems which continually arise in the ever changing scene of our military personnel.

3. Sister Loretta's personal efforts over the years exemplify the wide range of duties the Sisters performed. She gave convert instructions to adults. She conducted catechetical instructions for our children who attend public school. The First Communion and Confirmation classes were taught by her. She canvassed the whole Post from door to door taking a religious census each year. Many marriages were rectified and personal religious problems solved as a result of the census work. She visited the sick who were confined to their homes. The altar boys were under her direction as were also the rehearsals for the children's processions on Holy Thursday and the May Crowning, and the Christmas program.

4. During the time that Sister Loretta Marie has been superior in San Antonio the Victory Noll Sisters have made an incalculable contribution to the spiritual welfare of the Post. May this letter be an expression of appreciation from the Catholic Chaplains and the laity of Fort Sam Houston to Sister Loretta Marie for her devoted service in their behalf.

(signed) George M. Phillips  
Chaplain Major USA



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