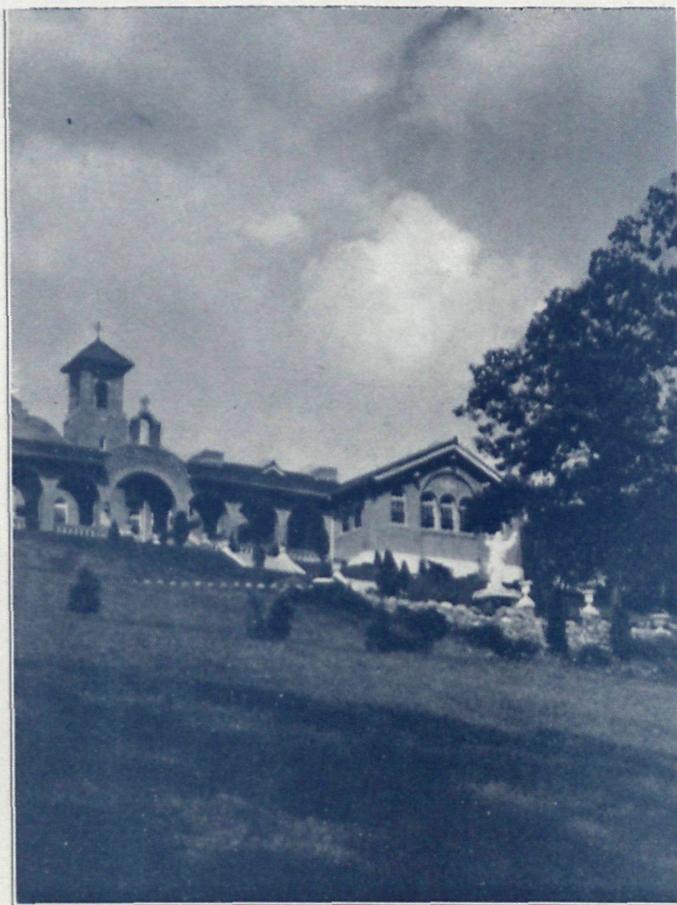


The Missionary Catechist



Victory-Noll beneath a storm-tossed sky



Our Patroness and Mother

Of all the beautiful titles given to Our Blessed Mother, none is more lovely than that of Our Blessed Lady of Victory. It was the saintly Pope, Pius X, who conferred this title upon Her after the famous battle of Lepanto when, by her miraculous intervention, a small Christian army and navy defeated the formidable Turks and saved Christianity in Europe. It was to Our Most Holy Mother under Her glorious title of Our Blessed Lady of Victory that the Society of Missionary Catechists was dedicated from its very inception. Not only is the Society itself dedicated to Mary, but each individual member is especially dedicated by the terms of her Consecration as the Slave of the love of the Sacred Hearts. It is to Mary, a royal Lady

and a majestic Queen but still more our mother full of benevolence and loving kindness, that we look for support, encouragement, consolation, strength, and protection.

Surrounded on all sides as we are by dangers, confronted with trials and subjected to tribulations, unreservedly do we dedicate ourselves to the service of our Heavenly Queen with lively trust in Her invincible power and Her maternal protection.

With the Crucifix in one hand and the Rosary in the other, with Mary at our side and Her name on our lips, we shall engage in conflict against the forces of evil and shall confidently look for victory from our glorious Queen and Lady of Victory in this warfare we shall wage, in Her name, for souls.



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Victory Noll - - What It Stands For

TO the older Missionary Catechists it seems a far call from the Academy of Our Lady in Chicago to the Victory Training Institute at Victory-Noll, Huntington, Indiana. Ten years ago the Academy of Our Lady was the "cradle" of the newly founded Society of Missionary Catechists. For four years it was truly the little "Bethlehem" where its members, under the direction of its Spiritual Director, were formed into an organized religious Society.

It was from here that the pioneer Catechists departed upon their first "Great Adventure" in the vast destitute mission fields of northern New Mexico. It was here also that the first investiture ceremonies took place. From this, their first home, the Catechists went to their second temporary training home at the Gary-Alerding Settlement House, at Gary, Indiana.

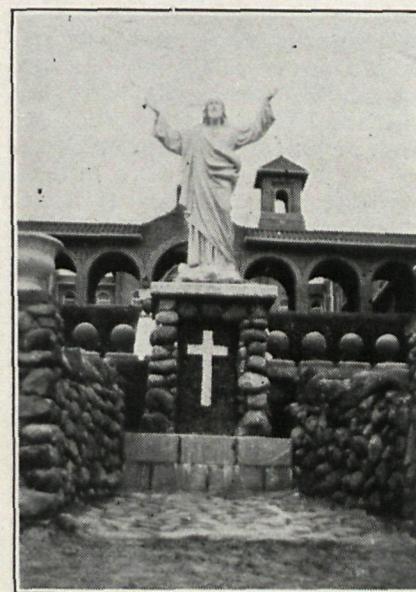
The Catechists had less than a year to wait there until the completion of Victory-Noll, their new training institute, sponsored by Bishop Noll and erected under the auspices of Our Sunday Visitor and Mr. and Mrs. Peter O'Donnell of California. It was with hearts overflowing with joy that the Spiritual Director and the newly-appointed Catechist Directress, on the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 1924, brought eight of their subjects to their new home at Victory-Noll.

Provisionally designed as the train-

ing institute where the young Catechists are prepared for their life work in the missions, Victory-Noll has had an auspicious beginning. It serves not only as the principal training institute of the Catechists, but it is likewise the motherhouse of the Society. It is a spiritual powerhouse from whence its members derive the spiritual life, strength and energy to go forth as Christ's devoted Catechists to save the Faith of the neglected poor in the destitute missions and settlements of our country.

Victory-Noll stands as the sublime ideal animating the soul of every Catechist. It is the heart that fires her with the very spirit of Jesus Christ Himself, melting her heart and setting her all on fire with the most ardent love for the souls of the neglected poor He has called her to save. Under its benign influence she comes into possession of that supernatural joy and love and peace which surpasses all understanding.

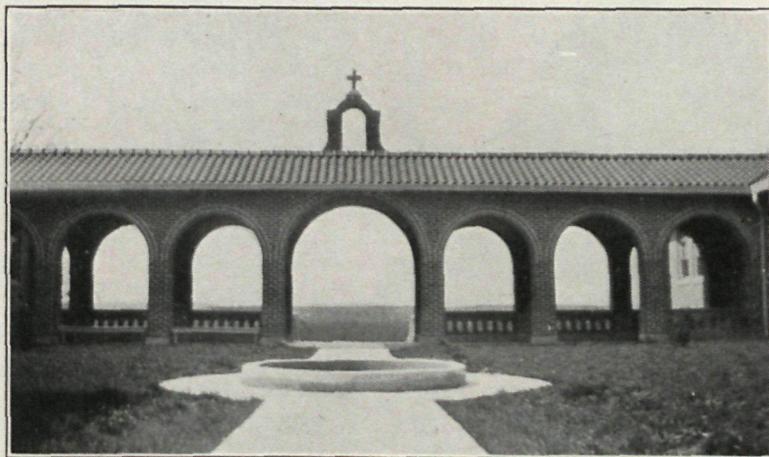
Since the active, or external life, of the Missionary Catechist is a life devoted to the love and service of Jesus Christ in the person of His poor, her training is peculiarly adapted to enable her to attain this end. Her essential end is, and ever must be, the sanctification of her soul. She begins this interior life by a two-fold act of renunciation and consecration. She renounces all things for herself in order that she may give all unreservedly and perpetually to Jesus through Mary. By this heroic act she



This majestic statue of the Sacred Heart stands in front of the Victory-Noll Training Institute and commands a view of the entire Wabash River valley. Gleaming in the clear light of day, or illumined by powerful reflectors at night, this beautiful figure of Our Dear Lord may be seen for many miles. On beholding it, instinctively one utters the very words inscribed on the base of the statue: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee."

enters upon the most intimate union of love with her Divine Lord and Master. She dies to self in order that Jesus Christ may live and reign as the Lord and Master of her life.

Even the casual visitor to Victory-Noll cannot fail to be impressed with the spirit of genuine peace, unalloyed happiness, willing service and unreserved devotion that permeates the very atmosphere of their home. One instinctively feels that these generous-hearted, self-sacrificing young Catechists have fully entered into the spirit of their consecration to the love and service of Jesus Christ and His Most Holy Mother; that it was purely out of love for Their Sacred Hearts that they left home, and relatives and friends and the good things of the world to enter upon their heroic missionary apostolate and to devote themselves to God's service in the person of the least of His little ones in the missions of the Southwest.



In the Patio of Victory-Noll

Would you love a great Cause
That was founded for God?



I PARKED my car a short distance from the main entrance and listened. Soft strains of music reached me. "Just my luck to run into a church service," I thought! Did I dare intrude? Before I had time to decide, the wide glass doors swung open and, two by two, the Catechists, bearing lighted candles, filed out of the building. As they walked they sang that lovely litany of Mary, the litany of Loretto. Their voices were soft and sweet and deepened by the fervor that rises from generous hearts consecrated to the service of God and souls.

A restful calm settled over my spirit and I leaned back to watch and enjoy. I had visited Victory-Noll before and prided myself not a little on knowing a great deal about the Catechists and their sublime mission. I was pleased with myself to realize that I could distinguish the different class groups by their uniforms as they marched past in procession. First came the professed Missionary Catechists. They were followed by the Juniors in identical garb but wearing a silver pin instead of the chain and medal worn by professed members. Then came the Probationers in black uniform and white veil and the Candidates in simple pale blue with white net veils.

Ah! I almost cried out in pleased surprise! Behind them, and preceded by a group of chanters, walked four Consecrates in Mary-blue uniforms and white veils carrying the statue of Our Blessed Lady of Victory in triumph upon a white, flower-covered bier. Lastly came Father Sigstein in cope and birrette.

The procession made its way around the building and returned to disappear into the chapel. I watched the doors close with a feeling of regret but a voice at my side prevented any lamentations.

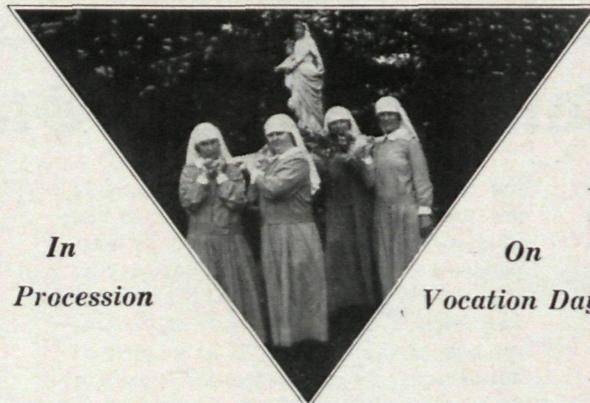
"Good-evening. Are you waiting for some one?"

I met the Catechist's smile and greeting with my characteristic frankness and an answering smile. "No, Catechist, but come—tell me what's it all about."

"Oh, you mean the procession?" She expressed delight in a low laugh. "Today is Vocation Day at Victory-Noll. The 25th of every month we have set aside as a day of prayer, begging Our Dear Lord and His Blessed Mother, through the merits of the Incarnation of Our Divine Lord, and the Joyful Annunciation to Our Blessed Mother, to send us worthy subjects for our dear Society: to give those who have heard the Call, the courage and strength necessary to make the noble sacrifice and leave

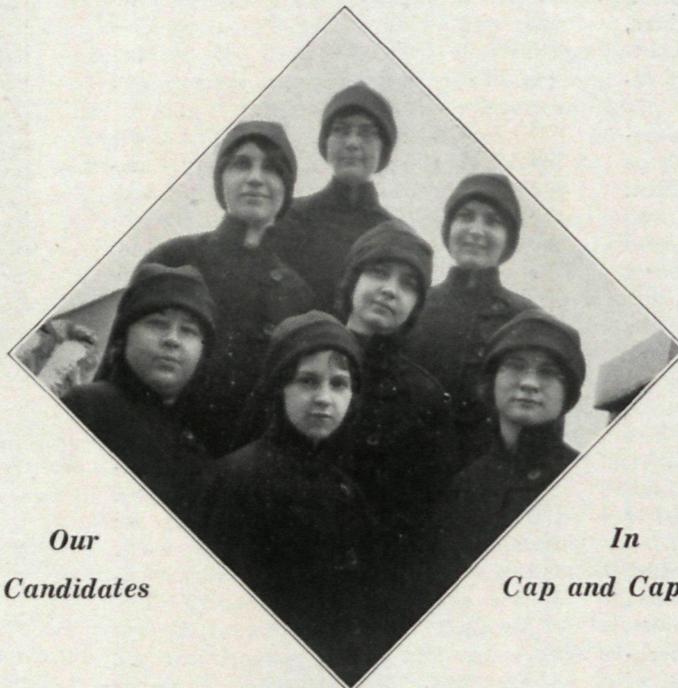
Vocation Day

all things to serve Jesus and Mary in the person of their poor and neglected. The procession is followed by Benediction of



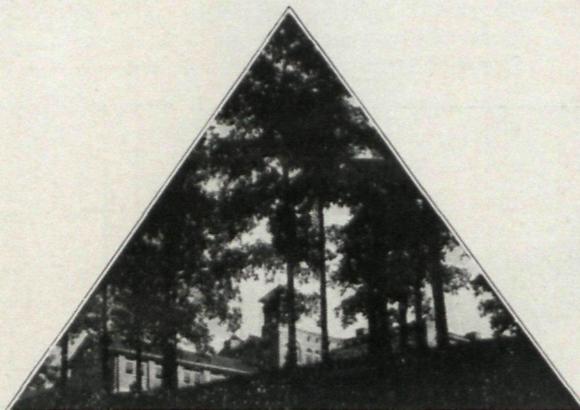
In
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Vocation Day



Our
Candidates

In
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Victory-Noll

the Blessed Sacrament, which closes the day."

"Why, how beautiful!" I exclaimed. "It must be a source of much joy and consolation to those out in the world who contemplate entering the Society to know that you are all praying for them!"

"Yes, it is beautiful. That very fact gave me the courage to take the final step. I was certain that Our Dear Mother who procured for me the great gift of a vocation to The Society of Missionary Catechists would, in answer to the prayers of that community, make me a worthy member. Confident in Her power, I came; and, in that same power, I trust to be preserved in this holy life until my death."

Fascinated, I watched the glow on her face and in my heart I rejoiced that I too was receiving a share of the Catechist's fervent prayers, as one who was doing all he could in a small way, to support one of their number and aid in the noble cause so dear to the hearts of Jesus and Mary and Their loyal Missionary Catechists.

TRUE LOVE OF GOD

Rev. F. J. Remler, C. M.

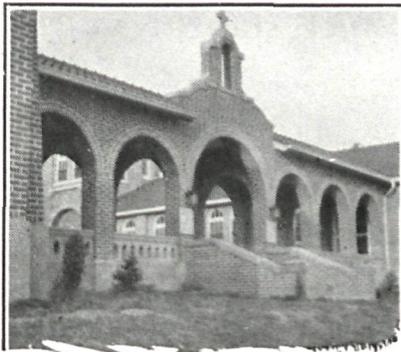
The Missionary Catechist is taught that the true love of God does not consist in a showy display of sentimental devotion, nor in the multiplicity of spiritual exercises, nor the inflicting upon her of painful acts of penance, but consists rather in the performance of her daily duties in the spirit of unreserved devotion and supernatural love for Jesus through Mary, and with the greatest possible purity of intention, thus leading a life of obedience, humility and detachment from the world, and in a cheerful simplicity and willingness to endure hardships and privations for the sake of making God known and loved by these poor and neglected souls among whom she is called to live and work in the missions.

The Missionary Catechists pronounce simple vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience for one year at a time. Their's is a sublime vocation—they are called to live and work in close imitation of the life and work of their Divine Lord and Master. Like Him, they go about everywhere doing good for God's poor. The Society of Missionary Catechists should make a strong appeal to the zealous young women who have decided to leave the world and consecrate themselves to the loving service of Jesus and Mary in the person of Their poor little ones in our destitute mission places.

You have not chosen Me: but I have chosen you: and have appointed you, that you should go, and bring forth fruit: and your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in My Name He may give it you.—Follow Me. (Jno. xv, 16, 19.)

Would you work for a Cause
That saves souls for His Love?

Would you pray for a Cause
That is noble—sublime!—



The Entrance to Victory-Noll

A FRIEND'S VIEW
Marie Sheahan

It isn't adobe, and as you walk through the patio you don't get the odor of musk, and as yet there isn't a bell in the belfry; yet Victory-Noll Training Institute, through its architecture and its religious setting, has the flavor of old Spain. Here the memory of the early Spanish Missionaries who brought the faith to the new west is stirred up. And rightly so, for here is being trained a new group of Missionaries—women, who are to carry the banner of religion and civilization to the outskirts of a "new" but "poor" Spain—to the Mexican population in our industrial centers as well as to those of that race who are in the agricultural regions of our romantic but exceedingly-barren southwest.

Victory-Noll is more than a novitiate. To be sure here a firm, spiritual foundation is consistently emphasized as the root-principle for its members. But here, too, practical training, of a kind to give a prophetic glimpse into the actual work which its members will do when they leave its walls, is also given. The blue-uniformed Catechists, who flit in and out of the building, are one moment in the Chapel, another working in the garden, another in the class-room learning methods of bed-side nursing and social service, and in between times learning to speak, to pray, to teach and to think in Spanish. For the poor people among whom the Catechists will work know very little of the English language.

Victory-Noll is located on a lovely hill overlooking the fertile and peaceful Wash River Valley. As one stands on this summit and looks through the thick woods, which, especially in the spring

At Victory-Noll every period of prayer, work, study, recreation and rest begins with the beautiful ejaculation, "All for Jesus through Mary." Thus the Catechists reconsecrate their service to Jesus through Mary innumerable times during the course of each day. And thus they render stronger that bond which binds their hearts to the Sacred Heart of their dear Lord and Master..

And store up those treasures
That live beyond Time?

and fall "ache and sag, and all but cry with color," to the surrounding hills, it is hard to believe that in this same world are a large population, working very hard and saving nothing; a population that had the Catholic Faith centuries before America was settled and yet because of greed and neglect, are now in danger of getting out of contact with that faith; a population poverty-stricken, exploited, and helpless. But the Catechist knows of their existence; she knows of their needs; she follows them into their homes; shares their sorrows; consoles them with religion. She prays for them at Victory-Noll; she works with them when away. This is her translation of the aspiration: "All for Jesus, Through Mary."

Miss Marie Sheahan, Head of Home Study Department, Loyola University, instructs the Catechists in Social Service Work at Victory-Noll.



CHRIST AND THE RICH YOUNG MAN

And Jesus looking on him, loved him, and said to him: One thing is wanting unto thee: Go, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven: and come, follow Me.—Who, being struck sad at that saying, went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.—Mark x, 21-22.

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, 1917, Father J. J. Sigstein, founder and spiritual director of the Society of Missionary Catechists, called upon Mother Coletta, Abbess of the Poor Clares Convent, Chicago. He unfolded the plans for the Society to her. Mother Coletta became very enthusiastic over the work. She pledged a perpetual novena and the prayers of the Poor Clares Convents, not only of Chicago but also of Cleveland and Omaha, for the success and perseverance of this noble enterprise and for the intentions of all those who in any way should become benefactors of the Society.

Let my counsel be acceptable to thee, and redeem thou thy sins with alms, and thy iniquities with works of mercy to the poor; perhaps He will forgive thy offences. (Dav. iv, 24.)

With a fervent "Thanks to Jesus and Mary," our Catechists acknowledge all the favors they receive and in this way express their gratitude to Our Dear Lord and His Blessed Mother from Whom every good gift proceeds.

Please renew promptly.

There was a pious but absent-minded old sexton in a certain city church who carried his habits of piety wherever he went. At times he would be seen dipping his fingers in a match box and making the sign of the cross on himself. And one time some of the Sisters actually saw him genuflect as he passed the center of the stage in the parish auditorium.

JOIN THE 2500 VLUB! 2,500 charitably disposed Catholics pledging themselves to give but \$1.00 a month for a year can amply provide for the maintenance of 100 Catechists for that period.

August 15th was Profession day at the Victory Training Institute. Fifteen Catechists renewed their vows and three pronounced them for the first time. Each professed Catechist means a new BURSE. Every donation, no matter how small, will help build up a BURSE or establish a new one. Contribute toward a Burse and let one of the Catechists going out into the field this fall be YOUR MISSIONER.

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When In Doubt, Pay Us a Visit.

Then learn of our Mission—
Our purpose and aim;—

A DAY AT VICTORY-NOLL

How does the Catechist at Victory-Noll spend her busy day is a question often asked and often answered. The answer I usually give apparently entertains as well as satisfies.

When the big regulator sounds at 5 A. M., fifty or more Catechists rub their eyes, make the sign of the cross and, with a fervent aspiration—"all for Jesus through Mary" arise, refreshed and eager to begin the day's work. Morning prayers, meditation and Holy Mass occupy the time from 5:30 until breakfast at 7:10. We enjoy our meals in the sunny, spacious dining-room where we are seated in true family style, at small tables.

Before breakfast a short but instructive reading from the "Imitation of Christ" is followed by other spiritual reading; we all converse during the meal. After breakfast, a short sketch of the life of the saint of the day is read. Then comes a brief work period. Every Catechist has particular tasks assigned to her which she performs during the "work periods." Some Catechists work out on the grounds and the garden; others in the various offices, kitchen and Chapel; while others again perform the hundred and one duties so important in a well-organized household.

Classes begin at 8:15 and continue until 11:15 interrupted only by a half-hour, outdoor recreation period at 10:00. Another short work period precedes the particular examen and community devotion at 11:45.

Dinner, at twelve, is preceded by a reading from the New Testament, for we use the wondrous story of the lives of Jesus and Mary as told in the Gospel narrative, as our daily text-book and model of the interior life. At 12:30 each one returns to her duties until 1:30 when we again repair to the chapel for community devotions. Then a one-hour per-

iod of "free-time" for rest and out-door recreation is introduced by a welcomed and nourishing lunch.

Music practice and work occupy the remainder of the afternoon until particular examen and community devotions before supper at 5:30. Fifteen minutes of private devotion, a half hour of study and spanish conversation, a half hour of recreation, then rosary, the little crown, night prayers and a final "thanks to Jesus and Mary" come at "The End of a Perfect Day."

Miss Josephine Brownson, Detroit, Mich., granddaughter of the illustrious convert, Orestes A. Brownson, gave a series of Catechetical lectures at Victory-Noll this summer. Miss Brownson is the author of the well-known series of religious books, Feed My Lambs, Catholic Bible Stories, To the Heart of a Child, and Living Forever, which develop her graded plan for Catechetical Instruction.



The Kitchen

Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Father:

Enclosed is my dollar for this month's 2500 CLUB dues. My health is improving very much, and I surely do thank you and the Catechists for your kind prayers. May the good Lord bless you and the Catechists in your wonderful work in the Missions.

Yours very truly, A. S.

Pray daily for the Society of Missionary Catechists and the success of its great work. For it is indeed true that more things are wrought by prayer than man dreams of.

If thou art able, do good. (Prov. iii, 27)

TRUE MISSIONARY SPIRIT

Missionary life with its indomitable, unconquerable spirit, implies a generosity which ennoble the heart and teaches it to bear the burdens of others joyously and its own calmly. It knows no limit or boundary of race, of parish, or diocese but looks far beyond these, realizing that all men are brothers, children of our Heavenly Father, and redeemed with the life blood of Jesus Christ.

During the past month we have received a large number of packages containing clothes, shoes, hats and other articles of wearing apparel for the poor children of the missions. A large number of these were sent to Victory-Noll. We are grateful for these contributions, but we would ask our generous donors to please save us the expense of forwarding these articles to our various missions by sending them to the Mission Centers regularly listed.

Please ship all items intended for the needy missions direct to our mission centers. Address: "Society of Missionary Catechists" at:

- 1 Anton Chico, New Mexico.
- 2 Chaperito, New Mexico.
- 3 Dos Palos, California.
- 4 Grants, New Mexico.
- 5 620 W. Fifteenth St., Gary, Indiana.
- 6 Holman, New Mexico.
- 7 3868 Block Avenue, East Chicago, (Indiana Harbor, Indiana.)
- 8 Box 30, Montezuma Route, Las Vegas, New Mexico.
- 9 Cerrillos, New Mexico.
- 10 Lubbock, Texas, Box 1658.
- 11 Santa Rosa, New Mexico.
- 12 Catechist Blanche Richardson, Supervisor of Archconfraternity of Christian Doctrine, Victory-Mount, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Express and freight shipments for Holman, Anton Chico and Chaperito are sent via Las Vegas, New Mexico.

The Catechists teach no secular branches; they conduct no schools; they engage in no institutional work. They labor exclusively among the poor and receive neither salary nor remuneration for their services.

Be one with us ever
Come failure; come gain!—



Catechist With Victor.

HOME AGAIN

Catechist Julia Murphy.

Silently we breathed prayers for the success of the beloved Missions we were leaving and happily anticipated our arrival at Victory-Noll. The train sped all too slowly across the familiar cornfields and pasturelands of Indiana as we neared our journey's end. Yes, we were going home again,—home to Victory-Noll.

During the years of our absence in the vast Mission Fields of the Southwest, we had heard with pleasure of the many changes being affected at our Victory-Noll home, and of the many new faces which would greet us upon our arrival.

Yet they were not strangers, those Catechists who awaited us at the station, though we had not met before. They are most dear sisters who, like ourselves, have consecrated their lives to the service of Jesus and Mary among the neglected poor.

We reached Victory-Noll and I saw at a glance that marvelous changes had been wrought in the landscape by the skill of a master artist. Flowers and shrubs added to the beauty of well-kept lawns and terraces. The up-to-date bird houses nearby invited many feathered songsters who apparently love to hover about the building and render sweet harmony in the cloisteral arches of the patio.

Within, an atmosphere of recollection, prayer and sisterly-charity pervades. This is reflected in the happy expressions of our Catechists who are preparing with holy joy and fervor for the great work which they will do in the Missions.

That evening when I knelt in our beautiful Chapel before our Eucharistic Lord and Our Blessed Mother, I knew that truly here was the great Fountain . . . of grace and blessings! Here so

Do all that you can
Then rejoice in the Lord.

many generous devoted young souls come daily to imbibe the spirit of Jesus and Mary and receive the spiritual treasures which they will later pour out upon the parched souls of the poor people in the scattered Missions. Here all are gathered together, as the members of one big, happy family, to learn the lessons of Divine Charity and to practice the virtues so necessary for the work that lies before them in the vast Mission Fields of the Southwest—white unto the harvest—awaiting the willing hands of God's reapers of souls.

It is the special vocation of the Missionary Catechists to give Religious Instructions to the poorest and most neglected children in needy mission districts. They also engage in social welfare work, and visit and nurse the sick poor in their homes. In the Mission Chapels they care for the altar and vestments; train altar



The Dining Room

boys and often lead public devotions in the absence of the Missionary.

It takes mighty good stuff to be a Missionary of the right type, the best stuff there is in the world.

—Theodore Roosevelt.

The Missionary Catechists, with the approval of Rt. Rev. Bishop Noll, have adopted the "Missa Recitata", or Dialogue Mass. In this Dialogue Mass all who are present recite the prayers usually said by the Mass server, as well as those parts usually sung by the choir at High Mass. To facilitate this recitation, the Catechists use the Latin-English Missal.

PROFESSION DAY

On the beautiful Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother following a splendid four-day retreat given by the Rev. Father Daniel Linfert, O. F. M., Detroit, Mich., at Victory-Noll, three Missionary Catechists pronounced their first vows, fifteen renewed them, five were invested as Junior Catechists, two as Probationer Catechists and seven as Consecrate Catechists. Investiture services were also held at Victory-Mount, Las Vegas, New Mexico, on the same day. Twenty Catechists renewed their vows at Victory-Mount.

The three newly professed members of the Society are: Catechist Margaret Dunsmore, Duluth, Minn.; Catechist Catherine Leven, Danville, Ill., and Catechist Gertrude Zenner, Schenectady, New York.

It is on a day such as this—Profession Day—that we feel, more than ever, the loving protection and secure guidance of Our Dear Lord and His Blessed Mother to whom the Society of Missionary Catechists and each individual member is unreservedly consecrated. Our hearts swell with gratitude as we thank Them and beg Their continued care over all our interests. We rejoice especially in the fact that already, after only ten short years of existence, our Society numbers seventy-nine professed members.

The period of training for a Missionary Catechist is three years.

The Catechists do not take certain names like the Sisters do. They retain their family name, prefixing to it the title "Catechist."

Candidates are received into the Society twice a year, on February 11th and September 8th.



Professed Catechists Home for the Summer Vacation.

You're aiding a Cause
Most dear to our God!



Special Sewing Class Making Altar Linen for Poor Missions.

Then love it, plead for it;
Pray for it, toil for it!

MARY'S

Someone has suggested that since the  are working so hard saving their  for the poor in  they would surely like to support a . It takes only three hundred  to support a  for one year. That doesn't mean that every  and  must save three hundred . But every  that you put into your  helps to make the three hundred . Every little  and  that helps, even if they send just a few  may suggest a name for the Burse. I am sure that the  would be proud to know that by saving their  they are supporting a  and that they are helping her  the poor little  all about  and the  also nurse the sick and care for the poor . It will make a  very happy to know the  are  and  for her. She will  for you too. I'll bet  and  will help too. They will be happy to know their  are helping to support a .

Will you  and tell me what you think about it?



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The Associate Catechists of Mary

C hoose a special way to help our missions.
 H ave a card party or shower for our benefit.
 A dopt a Catechist. She will always pray for you.
 R emember the Catechists and the Missions in your prayers.
 I nvite your friends to join and T ry to interest them in working for the Home Missions.
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO CAN KEEP US IN THE FIELD.

D ID you ever hear the story of the stingy old man who never had time to be bothered with the Missions? This is how the story goes: This old man lived alone in a beautiful big house. He had lots of money,—more money than he would ever use. Often he would say, "I believe in keeping my money and not throwing it away on a bunch of heathen." Whenever anyone asked him for a donation for the Missions, or some other charitable cause, his answer was always the same: "Let those people do like I did—work and save their money." No one had ever been able to convince him that the poor people in the Missions had no chance to save money or even to get a job of the poorest sort. He just wouldn't listen.

One day a little girl stopped him and asked him for a quarter. In spite of himself the old man was not a little amused to be "held up" as it were, by such a tiny child. "What do you want with a quarter, little one?" he asked. "Oh, I didn't really want it," she answered, "I just wanted to see if you were as stingy as all the people say you are."

Then she went on to explain that the children in her school were selling shoes on a set of books to get money for the poor Missions. "And," she added, "mother warned me not to ask you because you never give a cent to charity." Little Alice, for that was her name, had told mother that she

didn't believe that. She was sure Mr. X. was a very nice man, and she wasn't afraid to ask him. After this explanation, Mr. X. had experienced a strange feeling. He really felt that what people said about him was not true. He decided, however, that it wasn't too late to turn over a new leaf. So, with a little smile, he said to Alice, "Well, little lady, what is this money to be used for?" Alice then proceeded to tell him how a little Mission chapel had burned to the ground, and how they were trying to raise enough money to buy a new altar. Mr. X. took his check book from his pocket and made out a check for \$500.00 and handed it to Alice. You may be sure that the little Mission worker felt very happy to know that she was right and that Mr. X. wasn't stingy and was, after all, a very nice man. So, you see, again it takes "a little child to lead them."

In the conquest for souls, every Christian has a part. Not only the Mission-



SOMETHING NEW FOR A. C. M. MEMBERS.

The devoted members of the A. C. M. will be more than pleased to hear that on the first Friday of every month the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the living and deceased members. This is a priceless privilege which every-one of our zealous members will be anxious to avail themselves of.

them to accumulate than in one of our mite boxes. Of course, the mite box will take larger coins also, and every penny, nickel and quarter that goes into it, helps to support a Catechist. Just write and tell us that you want a mite box, and we will gladly send you one, or as many as you want. Not long ago a missionary priest paid of the entire debt on his Mission church in Texas with the pennies his people and their children had saved for a number of years. So, although a penny is small, it can do much good in quantities.

Little Juan, who is just a tiny chap, came up to one of the Catechists in the Missions and said, "Catechist, today I said a whole rosary for the good ladies you told us about that sent us our First Com-

munion suits." If such a spirit of gratitude prevails in the hearts of even these little children, and in their own small way then try to express their thanks, can we not readily realize what an infinitely better reward we can expect from Our Dear Lord, to Whom these poor, neglected children are so dear?

A. C. M. CLUB NOTES

Mrs. Wainwright's club, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, has kept up its splendid record in spite of the hot weather, and we received a check for \$49.00 as a result of their parties.

Miss Anna Heaney's two clubs also continue their faithful work, and regularly each month we receive \$25.00 from them.

From Our Lady of Lourdes club, Chicago, we have received \$25.00.

Have you a little mite box in your home? And if you haven't, wouldn't you like to have one to put your extra pennies in? Pennies do accumulate, you know, and really there isn't a better place for

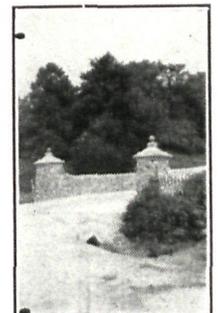
A FEW REASONS WHY

1 By becoming an ASSOCIATE CATECHIST OF MARY you help to support a Catechist.

2 You share in the Masses and prayers and good works of all the Catechists.

3 You bring much happiness to God's poor.

4 By your charity you honor God by saving souls and helping to spread His Kingdom on earth.





BUSY AT THE PRINTING PRESS

Our readers will be interested to know that the Catechists at Victory-Noll print much of the Society's literature, all the material needed for classes, etc. Our little magazine, THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST, is, however, printed at OUR SUNDAY VISITOR press, Huntington, Ind.

We sincerely appreciate the splendid service and co-operation rendered to us at all times by those at OUR SUNDAY VISITOR who are in any way connected with our publication. The cheerfulness with which they assist us in every possible way and the genuine interest they evince in the improvement and success of THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST proves that their labor, like ours, is done "for the love of Jesus and Mary."



Joanna E. Walsh, Thomas O'Brien, Leo McCarthy, Sarah E. Ford, Anna Loeller, Miss H. Blum, Mrs. Lorenz Elsen, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Rice, Kingston, N. Y.; Brother of Miss M. L. Karney, Evanston, Ill.

"May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."

JOURNEY'S END
Catechist B. Lawler

I can see it from the window of the study-room when I look up from my book toward the northwest of the grounds—the white cross standing out clearly against the green trees—the cross that marks the journey's end. It stands on the top of the hill in the center of our cemetery. Some day it is to be replaced by a life-size Crucifixion group. Tablets depicting the Mysteries of the Rosary will be set at intervals along the path leading up to it. Already luxuriant roses bloom beside the path. Shrubs and trees lend their beauty to the green-carpeted expanse. Portulaca creeps over the graves of our two departed Catechists.

Only a few months ago we carried one of our dear Spiritual Sisters up the winding path and laid her to rest in the shadow of the cross. To most of us at Victory-Noll this was our first great sorrow. But yet, returning amid a sweet spiritual joy, more than one recalled the words.

"O, Sweetest Rabboni, how glad I shall be

To die with the hope of a welcome from Thee."

NOVENA

Are you praying for some special temporal or spiritual favor? If so, unite with our Catechists in our perpetual novena to Our Blessed Lady of Victory. Fill out the petition blank below and send it to us. All your intentions will then be offered to Our Immaculate Mother.

- Spiritual Favors
- Temporal Favors
- Special Favors
- Restoration of Health
- Employment
- Conversions
- Peace in Families
- Vocations
- Successful Operation
- Happy Death
- Poor Souls
- Miscellaneous

Name _____
Address _____

There are those who say that the religious life crushes the affections. The personal love of Christ which glorifies the life of a Religious, while it claims her whole heart, serves to intensify, supernaturalize, and enable her love for her dear ones, making it divine.

We receive many letters telling us how much our readers enjoy THE MISSIONARY CATECHIST. If it brings pleasure to you it no doubt would do the same to "the other fellow." So be a joy spreader. Subscribe for a friend or acquaintance, or get them to subscribe. Subscription rates are only 50 cents per year,—\$10.00 for life. And don't forget to remind them that they are doing a real work of charity in helping the Catechists feed, clothe and nurse the destitute little ones in the Missions.

OUR OWN FAR WEST

A vivid and interesting illustrated Mission lecture. Written and prepared especially for the Crusade by a Missionary Catechist.

May be rented for a nominal fee from
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Cincinnati, Ohio

SEE IN PICTURES WHAT THE CATECHISTS ARE DOING FOR HOME MISSIONS!

PROVIDERS

Reverend dear Father:
May God bless you and your dear Society.

You not only help the poor abandoned children of Mother Church in the Southwest, but you have certainly helped me by means of your splendid Annuity Plan.

How happy and grateful I am that you were so kind as to place the annuity interest to the benefit, not only of myself, but upon my death, to my dear parents. Now I need not think that they will be left unprovided for if the good God shall call me. Then, the best of all, I am also certain that my money will go to the cause so dear to my heart, the salvation of souls, and not to ungrateful relatives.

Christ was the first great missionary, but He, too, had and needed a provider, the humble St. Joseph. Though we cannot be in the mission field itself, still by your annuity I feel that I, too, am helping and working for the missions in the humble but very necessary role of St. Joseph, the provider.

Thanking you again, dear Father, for relieving me of all financial and filial worries towards my parents, and above all, for the participation in the many prayers, works and sacrifices that will be offered by the Catechists for me and my dear parents, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
L. J.

Write today for full particulars concerning our Annuity Plan. Address: Rev. J. J. Sigstein, Society of Missionary Catechists, Huntington, Ind.

There is something priestly, almost sacramental, in being the parents of priests or religious—in having one's children called by the King, from among thousands, to serve Him in His "Corps Elite."

IS YOUR DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER PRACTICAL

What do you really understand by PRACTICAL devotion to God's Most Holy Mother?

Do you ever stop to think that by True Devotion to Mary we go to Jesus, the Source as well as the End of our devotion?

Have you ever thought of Mary's place in the designs of God for the salvation of souls?

Has it ever occurred to you that Mary is the Mediatrix of intercession? That She is not only the Mediatrix of intercession but also Mediatrix of the ordinary graces that come to us from Jesus?

No doubt you have heard these things mentioned in sermons, or perhaps read of them in devotional books, but have you ever paused to consider what they should mean in YOUR LIFE?

The great St. Bernard tells us that Mary is the ordinary channel of grace.

Blessed de Montfort likewise tells us that since Jesus came to us through Mary it is but fitting that we should go back to Him through Her.

All these truths are brought home to you in the practice of "True Devotion" as a member of the Confraternity of Mary, Queen of Hearts. Write today for full information.

ADOPT A CATECHIST

Three Pillars Of Our Society



BISHOP NOLL

In the early struggling days of our Society's foundation when friends were few and their value above that of rubies, Rt. Rev. Bishop John F. Noll had the vision and the insight to comprehend the spirit that inspired and permeated the formation of the new Society of Missionary Catechists. He likewise had the foresight to perceive the possibilities that lay in its development. Taking the Catechists under his own personal protection, he erected for them, by means of the donations of Mr. and Mrs. Peter O'Donnell of California and friends of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, the Victory Training Institute. As a dearly beloved sponsor of the Society he has thus made it possible for the Catechists to receive their Spiritual training and Religious Instruction under the most favorable conditions. By his paternal protection he has also made it possible to promote rapid growth and development of our dear Society.

"Let us not love in word nor in tongue, but in deed and in truth."
—St. John.

ARCHBISHOP DAEGER

At the conference of Bishops of the U. S. in 1919, the most Rev. Albert T. Daeger, O.F.M., Archbishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico, met for the first time the Rt. Rev. Bishop Wehrle, O.S.B., of Bismarck, N. D. They discussed missionary conditions in their respective dioceses, both lamenting the difficulty of securing enough Sisters for their poor missions. It developed that the first Missionary Catechists had been promised to Bishop Wehrle. But after his conversation with Archbishop Daeger he said: "Now, since Your Grace is poorer than myself in this respect, I cheerfully yield my claim to the first band of Missionary Catechists to you." Thus the first band of Catechists was sent to New Mexico to Archbishop Daeger, who welcomed them in person, to a home adjoining his own in



Santa Fe. He gave his hearty approval to the Constitution and Rules of the Society and gave it the standing of a Missionary Society in his Archdiocese. He is the Honorary President of the Society.

FR. BLAUFUSS



The Rev. A. J. Blaufuss has been intimately associated with the Society since its foundation, and has during the years of its existence been a source of never failing strength and consolation to all its members. It was he who conducted the first band of Catechists to their newly-appointed mission field in New Mexico nine years ago. He preached to the Catechists their first Spiritual retreat and acted as spiritual guide in their difficulties.

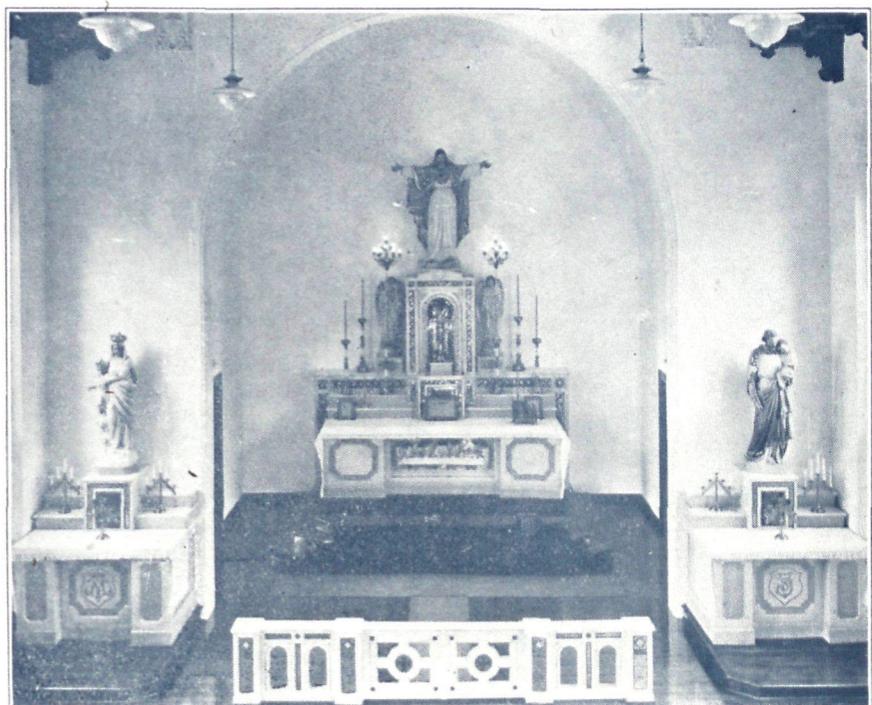
Throughout the years his zeal continued unabated. His talents, his labors, his money, have all been placed at the disposal of the Society, and to him belongs, humanly speaking, the fullest measure of credit for its successful establishment and its remarkable progress.

Blessed is he that understandeth concerning the needy and the poor: The Lord will deliver him in the evil day. (Ps. XL, 1.)

THE HEART OF VICTORY-NOLL

Midway of the building—Victory-Noll—a long, bright corridor runs past the door of the wonderfully lovely chapel. There are three or four steps up, and one stands face to face with the adored "Master of the House," the Christ of pleading, Who stands with outstretched arms above the white altar. Dozens of times a day each Catechist passes this open door as she goes about her ordinary duties, and never without a loving look into the beautiful face of Christ. It has grown to be a simple and natural thing, that glance of adoring greeting, often varied by a moment of earnest prayer in passing—it is only the affair of a minute or two to go up the steps and kneel within the chapel for a word of gratitude, or petition, or love. It sounds almost irreverent to say that one feels a sense of glad comradeship running through the selfless devotion of this household to its beloved Master. But something of the sort is there, something that radiates the very spirit of Christ and makes unkindness or selfishness or personal consideration an unheard-of thing.

MARY STEPHENS.



“Mucho Trabajo Poco Dinero”

Pablo was a willing little youngster who called at our Mission in Anton Chico each morning to carry in our wood. On this particular morning, however, he was more communicative than usual. With a humorous twinkle in his eye, he said as he was leaving, “Mucho trabajo; poco dinero!—Much work; but little money!”

When we think of the vast amount of missionary work to be done in the Southwest; when we consider the new missions we should like to open; the clinics and “clinic car” we should like to start for the sick poor, besides the great number of Catechists needed to carry on the work with the resultant increase in expenses, we are inclined to repeat our little lad’s exclamation:

“Mucho trabajo; poco dinero!—Much work; but little money!”

But the twinkle is in our eyes even as we repeat it, for we know that Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother have our work at heart, and that

**YOU, too, dear friend of Jesus’ poor little ones,
know the value of these precious souls!**

It is, therefore, with the greatest confidence that we list the following BURSES for September, knowing that through your Charity they will show a marked increase before the first of October:



OUR LADY OF LOURDES	\$908.27
OUR LADY OF MERCY	\$ 25.00
LITTLE FLOWER	\$653.05
HOLY NAME OF JESUS	\$340.00
ST. JUDE	\$ 50.50
GOOD SHEPHERD	\$ 5.00