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## As Guests of St. Joseph

Continued From Last Week

We had traveled three or four days with the March winds most of the company. Our guardian angels attracted them, I thought. It always seems to me that the angels and the winds are greatly kind. It was to those faithful spirits that we owed the kindness of the reception—we invariably met with from the generous-hearted but poor villagers, not one of whom ever refused us; to their management we owed the always suitable and willing provisions for our nights shelter. Of that we are certain. But, alas! in those three or four days, despite the kindness of all whom we had met, we had not been able to collect more than eight or nine francs. We were very far from possessing the sum we had set our hearts on bringing home with us.

On the fourth day—which was wet—we determined to walk farther than usual, if possible. But by evening, when we arrived, worn out, at another little village, we had obtained even less than our worst day hitherto.

'We went to the Cure's house. He was a holy old man, and though he told us his people were very poor he gladly consented to our collecting; nay, he insisted on our visiting every house in the parish. We told him the hope we had of a miracle from St. Joseph. He agreed with us that the case was desperate enough to require a miracle. "And one of no mean order, mes Soeurs," was his opinion. "But I fear," he added, "that the answer to your prayers can scarcely be given in my parish, much as I should like it. St. Joseph would find it hard to raise you up a benefactor from among my poor flock."

As his parish was large and scattered the Cure insisted upon our remaining there several days to stay it thoroughly. To make our stay as comfortable as possible, he procured lodgings for us with a pious widow who resided in a cottage quite near the parish church.

The first two days' visiting was most discouraging. We received scarcely anything—the people were so poor. But all gave spiritual alms, each one promising to pray especially for us, and above all to ask St. Joseph. This was a very great comfort. The third day our collection was no larger. And by the afternoon we had almost completed our rounds. We visited in turn three cottages that stood in a lonely row in the quiet valley on the very outskirts of the parish, but our fortune did not improve.

I was very weary and disheartened. "St. Joseph seems to have failed us entirely in this parish," I said to my companion. "And M. le Cure will be so vexed. I think he had hopes of that miracle being accomplished here. Shall we turn back, mes Soeurs? Do not think there are any more houses; the valley seems quite wild down there, and the river is widening out."

"It seems to me, dear Sister," said Soeur Rose-Marie, still hopeful, "that just at the bend of the river I can see a small cottage. And in any case, there is a shrine just a little farther along the road, with a statue of Our Lady and the Divine Child. Let us go to them for an alms."

We said a fervent prayer at the feet of the Blessed Mother and then resumed our walk. Evening was coming; the shades of twilight crept across the bright blue sky; it was a wild, beautiful scene.

There was a cottage round the river bend. Going to the door we knocked and it was immediately opened by a tall, bearded man of most gentle and venerable appearance.

"Enter, my Sisters, enter. I pray you," was his hospitable invitation. And bidding us be seated, he inquired with great kindness of manner what our errand was. Becoming accustomed to the dimmer light indoors, we now saw beside the fire that

burned pleasantly on the hearth a lady of sweet and gracious mien, with the loveliest little child imaginable upon her knee. She, however, did not take part in our conversation about the affairs of the convent in which the benevolent father of the family seemed to be greatly interested. To me all was like a beautiful dream of the Holy Family—the three, the peaceful, dim interior and the atmosphere of almost heavenly rest and perfect harmony. I was very glad that we had not missed visiting the most charming and sympathetic family in the whole parish.

At last we rose to go. The father rose also to accompany us to the door, and the lady smiled sweetly upon us. Just at the door our venerable host presented us with a package of notes as his contribution to our fund, and with a few kind words he bade us good-by and God-speed.

It was not until we had reached our lodging and were counting up the alms of the day that we discovered the amount that had been given to us.

"Soeur Rose-Marie!" I exclaimed joyously. "our prayer has been heard! We shall be able to pay that debt for our Mother, yes, and have two hundred francs over. Oh, I am so glad—so grateful to dear St. Joseph! It is all his doing! How pleased, too, M. le Cure will be that our petition was granted in his parish! No doubt it is owing to his prayers and those of his pious parishioners that such good fortune has befallen us."

The next morning after holy Mass, which we heard in thanksgiving for being so befriended, the Cure came to inquire how we had fared the previous day. We told him, thanking him for his kindness and, above all, for his prayers—that St. Joseph had raised up for us a benefactor from among his flock. At the same time we showed him the notes that we had received in the lonely cottages in the valley. Great was the delight of M. le Cure, but his surprise was even greater.

"I cannot think," said he, "of a single family in the whole parish who could have saved such an amount. Can you describe to me just where they live and what sort of a family they are?"

We told him with minute detail. But the more we said the more puzzled he grew. "I cannot understand it," he said at last, shaking his head. "To my knowledge there is no such family among my parishioners. Still, that might pass—the other members of the household might have been absent at the time. But you say they lived at the bend of the river, beyond the shrine, and at a fair distance from the three cottages that stand in a row? Now you must have made a mistake in that—there is no cottage there. I know the place perfectly. There is no building at all beyond those three houses."

But Soeur Rose-Marie and I knew that no mistake had been made. We had been made begged M. le Cure to accompany us to the place, so that he could verify our story himself. Puzzled and wondering, he complied willingly, and we three went down the valley. There were the three houses—we were on the right road. There was the shrine; and now we approached the bend, and even walked around it to be absolutely sure. There was no cottage there.

We located the exact spot where we had seen it—beside a large flowering bush and sheltered by these tall trees. But the house was gone. M. le Cure was right. It was he who spoke after a long silence: "My Sisters," he said, kneeling down, "this is consecrated ground whereon we stand. Beyond a doubt it was the Holy Family whose hospitality you enjoyed last night. And it was St. Joseph himself who so generously came to your assistance in your necessity. Let us recite the Te Deum."

"Thamonda!" in Magnificat. The student roll of Louvain University comprised 2632 names last year.

## News From Ireland

**Cork.**  
The Carlow Urban Council have decided to take up the matter of providing several hundred new houses for the working classes in the town.

**Cork.**  
Thomas Lillis has resigned his position as Coroner for West Clare.

**Cork.**  
Rev. W. Coghlan, P.P. Milford Charleville, in forwarding to the "Cork Examiner" £22 from the parish for the Irish Parliamentary and National fund, says the people of the district recognize the great services of the party under Mr. Redmond's leadership. Rev. A. Forrest, P. P., Inishannon, has sent £16 for the same purpose and expresses confidence as to the success of Home Rule.

**Derry.**  
James McCarter, of Ardmore, near Limavady, who met with a serious accident under peculiar circumstances at his father's residence, died on December 17. The deceased slept in a loft which was reached by a ladder from the kitchen. He missed his footing and fell on the back of his head on the floor below, sustaining fracture of the skull.

**Dublin.**  
A fatal fire occurred at 4 Killarney Parade, North Circular Road, Dublin, on Saturday night December 16, resulting in the death of Patrick Mangan and his son. It appears that after the family retired to rest, a lamp in a room either exploded or fell from a chair, lighting both the double bed and a cot. Patrick Mangan, the father was in the kitchen at the time, and when he heard the alarm rushed upstairs and lifted the two children from the cot, and the mother carried the third child from the double bed. In trying to save the children, Mangan received terrible injuries, his face, hands and body being burned. The children, James and Eliza were also dreadfully injured. All were taken to the Mater Hospital. Mrs. Mangan and the younger child were fortunately uninjured but, after a time of great suffering, the father, who did not utter a word of complaint, died on Dec. 17, and his little boy passed away in the evening.

**Fermanagh.**  
An old age pensioner named Edward Gunn has died at the Lisnaska, Fermanagh, Workhouse hospital, at the age 105 years.

**Kerry.**  
Martin Galvin has been appointed porter in Tralee Union at a salary of £20-per year with rations and apartments.

Miss Nora Trant, a native of Trale, was solemnly professed in the Mercy Convent Killarney, on December 19, and assumed the name of Sister Mary Francis.

**Died.**—Recently, William Murphy, Knockavanna.—December 17, Patrick Casey, Leith.—December 17 James Casey, Lissole.—Recently, John Holtihan, Waterville.

**Kildare.**  
Edward Coonan has resigned his position as assistant county surveyor after a service of twenty-four years.

**Kilkenny.**  
The Kilkenny County Council has unanimously passed a resolution of confidence in the Irish Parliamentary party.

**Lisago.**  
The death has taken place in Edenderry of Louis Williams, at an early age.

**Leitrim.**  
The death of Sister Mary St. Margaret, of the Marist Order, Carrick-on-Shannon, took place on December 14, in the 28th year of her age, and in the 8th year of her life which she had devoted to the service of her Divine Master. Deceased was held in high esteem, not alone by the Sisters chocolates and Bon Bons, from the Order by whom she was beloved, but also among children placed under her care to whom she in every sense of the term was a "guide, philosopher and friend."

## Catholic News Notes

Wednesday of last week a triennial Synod was held at St. Louis City, La. About one hundred priests were in attendance.

The Guild of St. Luke, a body of Catholic physicians and dentists of New Orleans, has rendered its services to the parochial schools of the Archbishop.

Word has been received in America of the death in Belgium of Rev. Eugene Henry Porcile, formerly superior-general of the Fathers of Mercy, New York, and for many years rector of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Brooklyn.

In Louisville, two fine churches were dedicated last year; this year two more will be finished and dedicated and a third begun.

While Cardinals Farley and O'Connell were sleeping in Hotel Bertolini, at Naples, a vicious lumber yard fire adjoining threatened the hotel.

The distinguished Count William Redding, of Cuba, signally honored by Pius X, was found dead in his room on the 28th ult. He was very wealthy.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception at Peoria, Ill., are building a new convent close by that city.

Two Sisters of the Holy Cross, St. Mary's, Ind., are in Europe securing candidates for their congregation.

The Third Order of St. Francis numbers at this time 2,419,542 members. They are more numerous in Italy than elsewhere.

An ivory crucifix, the work of Leonardo da Vinci was sold in Madrid, Spain, to an American for \$125,000.

Catholic Wisconsin built a \$400,000 Chapel at the University of that State. High Mass is celebrated in it every Sunday.

At the auction sale of the Holy Library in New York a French copy of the Imitation of Christ by Thomas A. Kempis, brought \$5,750.

Mgr. Canevin, Bishop of Pittsburgh, is preparing for the next meeting of the National Catholic Educational Association.

At Opelika, Alabama, St. Mary's Chapel built by the Alumnae of St. Joseph's College, was dedicated by the Bishop of Mobile.

Several churches in the Middle West announced at New Year that they were free of debt.

Milwaukee will build a church for colored Catholics; its site cost \$8,000.

The worst flood in twenty-five years is reported from the Shannon and tributary rivers in Ireland.

In Austria, church organization is developing rapidly. Twelve departments embrace every field of Catholic activity.

In Rome there is a Home for working girls from 16 to 35 years of age, in which for a small sum they find both lodging and home under the care of the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Haylers, 44 East Main St.**  
Valentine Novelties, Red Heart boxes filled with hard candies, chocolates and Bon Boms, from John Stapleton, Miss Julia Cox, H. Friesner & Son, Mrs. W. Ward Dake, Allen Fruit Co., Union Oil Co., Dr. Walker, O'Neil, Mrs. G. E. North, Brewster, Crittenden Co. a crate of oranges each; Rev. J. F. O'Hara. Miss

## Welcome for Cardinal O'Connell

His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell is expected to arrive in Boston on January 29th, and preparations for a royal welcome are being made. It is expected that more than 200,000 people will welcome the first prince of the church ever created in New England.



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His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell has been permitted to take Cardinal O'Connell off the Canopic at quarantine. The city sanitary monitor will convey the reception committee of 200, headed by Bishop Anderson, down the harbor. A small delegation will board the Canopic, and the first greetings will be extended by Bishop Anderson. The Cardinal with his suite will then go on board the Monitor, which will proceed to Long Wharf, where welcome will be given by Mayor Fitzgerald, on behalf of the city. The procession will then form, numbering about 2,000; and the Cardinal will be escorted directly to his home.

## Sisters Return Thanks

The Sisters of Charity wish to thank those who remembered the Hospital during Christmas tide. The following donations were received:

- Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, \$25; T. E. Dunn, \$100; Mr. L. Madden, Burke, FitzSimons and Hoxton Co.; Philip Yawman, \$50; each; Very Rev. D. J. Corrigan, Rev. D. Laurens, Dr. O. E. Jones, Mrs. John Connor, Mrs. Wm. Ward Dake, A. S. Eastwood, Mrs. J. A. H. Women's Aid Society, Mrs. Margaret Fay, Joseph T. Cunningham, Michaels, Stern, & Co. \$25 each; Brewster, Crittenden Gold Storage Co., A. Friend, \$50 each; Jas. Reynolds Co., \$15; Rev. J. F. Connor, Dr. Harry Barber, Dr. James E. Fleming, Thos. J. Neville, Miss Susie Engert, \$10; Dr. L. A. Whitney, Dr. J. A. McDoyan, Dr. T. A. O'Hara, Dr. George A. Marion, Mrs. Josephine Kleck, Miss Anna Kolb, Mrs. Alexander B. Howe, Mrs. Mrs. M. Comerford, Miss Matilda Kupper, A. Friend, P. Mesgher & Sons Co., A. E. Benjamin, \$5 each; Mrs. Dailey, \$2; A. Friend, \$1 each; F. & C. Crittenden, 25 turkeys, Dr. J. P. Calkin, Dr. Phillip Conboy, Dr. Geo. Carroll, M. J. Hyland, W. P. Webber, John H. McAnarney, Dr. J. F. Brady, a turkey each; Rev. D. W. Kavanagh, a turkey and 11 pounds of cranberries; Dr. and Mrs. McNamara, a turkey and basket of fruit; Mrs. J. M. E. O'Grady, a turkey and three pounds of cranberries; Rev. F. A. Neville, Dr. John Stapleton, Miss Julia Cox, H. Friesner & Son, Mrs. W. Ward Dake, Allen Fruit Co., Union Oil Co., Dr. Walker, O'Neil, Mrs. G. E. North, Brewster, Crittenden Co. a crate of oranges each; Rev. J. F. O'Hara. Miss

St. Mary's Church, New York City, has received a donation of \$10,000 from the Rev. John H. McCarty, Bishop of New York, for the purpose of building a new church building. The Rev. John H. McCarty, Bishop of New York, has received a donation of \$10,000 from the Rev. John H. McCarty, Bishop of New York, for the purpose of building a new church building.

## Appeal for Diocesan Charity

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