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He who looks at heaven with a pure heart, sees the clouds of earth, for although they appear to have some glory, they fade away before the splendor of the heavens.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE
Catholic Facts But Little Known

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By M. J. MURRAY

**SODALTALK**

Merry, Merry Christmas! Isn't it a wonderful day? Everyone is friendly to everyone else. Merry Christmas is the theme song. Did you ever listen to Mr. Choerl? He used to sing "Have a smile for everyone that you meet, and they will have a smile for you." Well that is just the way it turns out to be. A yawn may be infectious but just try a smile and a gay Merry Christmas. It is infectious. In fact it is downright contagious.

In your house just filled with the spicy fragrance of pine and balsam and do your ornaments glisten and sparkle? I have my candle in the window all ready to light when darkness comes creeping over the earth. It has the most welcoming friendly appearance shining out upon the snow. You know what Shakespeare said about the candle in the window? "How far that little candle throws its beams. So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

You know, I am busy making a Sugar Plum Tree for "the enfants du menage." It is very engrossing for it is my first experience. It is also very tempting and toothsome. I am afraid I shall forget my age and all some of the goodies, so I shall chat with you instead about Christmas Sodality news.

Did you wonder what happened to Sodaltalk last week? There's a long, long story connected with that episode. Be that as it may here is the latest gossip.

Thinking that two heads are better than one and seven or eight might accomplish wonders, the executive board met in solemn convocation Tuesday evening, December 13. To do what? Why nothing less than to plot our Union activities for the rest of the year. I told you seven or eight might accomplish wonders. Here are a few items from the congressional records.

You will be delighted to know the results from triumph made during the octave of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and offered to Our Holy Father, the Pope, as a Christmas gift. With seven parishes participating, Rochester submitted the following report:

Masses—5334
Communions—4765
Holy Apostles, Holy Rosary, Mount Carmel, Sacred Heart, St. Bridget's, St. Andrew's, and St. Peter and Paul's Churches contributed to this beautiful offering.

Speaking in numbers and items, Our Lady's Committee of Holy Rosary Church is stepping right out and doing things. There are only about six or seven on the committee but do you know what they staged? A cooked food sale, delicacies guaranteed to be home made, just the kind Mother used to make. With the help of the Eucharistic Committee these few girls put it over in a big way last Saturday. Miss Margaret Lally was chief chef of the food sale. The proceeds are going to be used to purchase the beads of the Little Office of the Immaculate Conception, the Sodality's annual prayer. I said these "few girls" but why not? Christ chose only twelve to teach and convert all nations.

Take my word for it, to hear them outside your window you would think it was the angels of heaven, themselves come down to earth.

Someday if you find your car pushed, waded or dived through the vestibule of Holy Rosary Church, don't get excited because it is just caused by some interested parishioners reading the clever Sodality bulletin board and the latest parish news. Take your time and be patient because in about half a second you will be buried in it yourself and blocking traffic.

I just wish I might tell of the perfectly fine work these same Sodaltalks have accomplished that will be less fortunate in their parish may have a happier Christmas. I swear it was the psychological effect of the boxes they used for donations which made them so successful. No matter how Scrooge-like a person might be, he could not resist those red boxes and cards, shouting "Merry Christmas."

Did you know that "Why Not" was the national Sodality slogan one year? When you come to think of it, it really should be symmetrical with Sodality spirit. Try saying it in your Sodality a few times. There is magic in it.

I promised to tell you about the Christmas party the Sodaltalks of St. Peter and Paul Church gave for their little orphan friends. All the "little children" wrote to Santa Claus telling him what they wanted for Christmas, and these letters were turned over to the Sodaltalks, who acted as his assistants, with the help of one or two other Sodaltalks. They answered their requests, and Santa Claus himself with his great Christmas pack chuck full came to their Christmas party on December 23 to bring them their gifts. The tall glistening Christmas tree added the final touch. Little hearts were happy and "a good time was had by all."

Blessed Sacrament Sodaltalks are not to be outdone by their neighbors. Their three day Retreat was a success with 75 attending the conferences each night. Every night this week is filled with Sodality activity, what with their original Christmas play, their party at St. Mary's Orphanage, their Christmas cheer and help to the less fortunate of their Parish, climaxed Christmas Eve with their carolling.

I have an announcement to make. Doesn't that sound pretentious? Fine, that's the atmosphere I want, and you can expect it. Well, here it is. January 3 has been set for the next Union Meeting in the Columbus Civic Center as per usual. Don't miss it. I am giving a week's notice, but not a weak one. (To which last you may answer, a pun is the lowest form of wit. I'll admit it.) So, put on a model meeting right there for you. Then we are going into a huddle around some confidential tables and we are going to talk success and failures, problems, and projects, remedies, stimulants, etc., everything that comes into your mind. Be there, you can't afford to miss it.

Merry Christmas to you all and may the little Child Bless you and yours with health, happiness and Christmas Peace.

**Back Through
the Years**A Glimpse Through the Files of
The Catholic Courier and Journal

March 19, 1892

St. Patrick's Day was fittingly observed with a solemn pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop McQuaid, assisted by the Rev. James J. Leary and the Rev. J. H. Harley, deacons of honor; the Rev. John G. Van Ness, deacon of the Mass; the Rev. C. O'Laughlin, subdeacon, and the Very Rev. Msgr. H. De Rooge, master of ceremonies. The Rev. Dr. Edward J. Hanna delivered the sermon.

March 26, 1892

In a dramatic and musical entertainment given in St. Rose's School, Lima, the following took part: George Rensland, Daniel Haggerty, Patrick Slattery, Francis O'Shea, Arthur Slattery, and the Misses Bridget and Jennie O'Connell, Julia and Katie Kenning. The accompaniments were played by Miss Annie Keenan, organist of St. Rose's Church.

Dr. Albert Lettingwell's lecture on "Ireland" on St. Patrick's day in Dansville realized over \$100 for St. Patrick's Church of that town.

The following officers were elected by St. Joseph's Society: President, Wilhelm Holla; Vice President, Joseph Mack; Secretary, Christian Blot; Treasurer, Heinrich Hall; Finance committee, Caspar Klee, George Wegman and Joseph Prior.

Progress was reported on the building of St. Bernard's Seminary with additional contracts being let for heating apparatus and furnishings.

April 2, 1892

A retreat for the men of St. Mary's parish, Auburn, was opened.

Henry M. Schlick, commander-in-chief of the Roman Catholic Uniformed Union, announced the following staff appointments: Commissary, F. X. Foery; Engineer, Rudolph Vay; Aides-de-Camp, Frederick Kleinhans and Sigmund Volt.

April 8, 1892

Louis Ernst, one of Rochester's best known Catholic citizens, died April 3, 1892. He served with the 140th Regiment, New York State Volunteers through the entire Gettysburg campaign during the Civil War and in other engagements and emerged with the rank of Colonel. For many years he was in the hardware business. Funeral services were conducted at St. Joseph's Church in the presence of Bishop McQuaid.

The smart thing might have said—but didn't—was said in many a friend.

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Indian Catechist Invaluable

The value of a catechist among the Indians can not be exaggerated. I am new here. It is my first experience of Indian mission work. I do not as yet know the language of my Assiniboin. When I see my catechists at work among their tribesmen and witness the good effects of their graphic instruction, I feel that it would be a tragic thing for these Rocky Mountain missions if I had to dispense with the services of my faithful catechists and depend on my own efforts to keep in the faith our Catholic Indians and win to the Church those still outside the fold. Realize that broad and butler needs are foremost in the public mind today. Hence, the difficulty of pre-empting a spiritual need in such a way as to find friends who will help supply it. Yet I venture to cry: Halleluia!

1933 FIDES CALENDAR

The 1933 calendar of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has, by unanimous consent, been pronounced the most artistic and informative published thus far. Besides its usual features as a Catholic calendar, showing plainly all holy days of fast and abstinence, suggestions for prayer, and other information is given about the mission map of the world and individual mission fields. The Mission Intention is listed each month, also days on which a plenary indulgence may be gained by members of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The art work on the calendar has received special attention, beginning with the cover which shows a beautiful reproduction, in four colors, of the "Queen of the Missions." The calendar sells at ten cents each, one dollar per dozen, \$5 per hundred.

Need for Canceled Stamps
A means of helping the missions which should be easy for those who cannot give actual cash at this time, is that of gathering canceled postage stamps. These stamps are much in demand for art work and for other purposes, and can be made to yield income for missions.

Persons employed in offices have a good opportunity of accumulating canceled stamps: a quantity is soon gathered in places where much mail is received. Many homes, too, receive considerable mail. Take advantage of the stamps that come your way and send them to some mission society or to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y.

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