


Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions

THE FEAST OF THE MOTHER AND CHILD



A group of men were surrounding one of the most gorgeous cribs in the country. Their amazement was supreme. Such a spectacle none of them had ever gazed upon. The sight of that crib was the crown of their Christmas joy. Before it they stood. Their enraptured eyes were bursting with the fulness of the vision. "Oh look!" cried each one after another as they pointed out some fanciful detail or ornament. It seems they missed not a single thing but soon their eyes became weary from following the shifting, pointing fingers that hurried their gaze all over the spacious crib.

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Catholic Women In the News
(NCWC News Service)

President Franklin D. Roosevelt and other friends, including many persons high in public life have sent messages of condolence to the family of the late Mrs. Josephine McGowan, prominent in social and political movements for a number of years, who died at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, on Thanksgiving Day.

The first building in Great Britain dedicated to St. Bernadette, who was canonized December 8, was begun that day when the Bishop of Nottingham, the Most Rev. John F. McNulty, laid the first stone of a school-chapel at Snettinton Dale, Nottingham.

The "Life of Louise Nicolle," by Father Constant, O.P., Paris, which will be soon off the press is anxiously awaited by all who are interested in the beatification cause of this social worker.

Funeral services were recently held for Sister Mary Alma Kitts in the chapel of Mount St. Mary-on-the-Hudson Academy, at Newburgh. From 1927 to 1931, she was director of the teacher-training department at the academy and for 18 years supervisor of schools of the Newburgh Dominican Sisters.

The newest member of the "Immortals," the Catholic fiction writer, Francis Mauriac, in an article which appeared in Echo de Paris the week that he was formally received into the "Academie Française" paid tribute to the memory of his mother. He said in part, "for she had to die in order for us to realize that that heart, now freed from life, had maintained in us, even to its last beat, all that we still preserve of nobility and purity."

Would that we might match the simplicity of children's lives and pastimes: Hardly a thought until later of the One that made Christmas. Their eyes search the length and the breadth of the earth and come only finally, if at all, to the fundamental reason of all their preparation, of all their decorations, of all their gifts and givings.

Grace Would Tint Joy

What new joys would be in store for them if they began as our young friend did—with the infant? Grace would then tint every joy; joys would become more manifold and lasting; Heaven would be in our hearts and our smiles. Poverty would be turned to riches and sorrows would melt away. We would be with Him in the fortifications of the rocks where His highness dwells, sheltered from the harm and the dangers of the world.

Christmas is the Feast of childhood but how many of our little ones realize why? How many elders think to tell them? Santa Claus is the name held in veneration and Christ, I am sure, does not object to his bringing happiness to the eager heart of childhood but He may object if Santa occupy the whole of that heart. If the little eyes were only carefully trained upon the scenes made sacred by the earth's most astounding prodigy: the birth of God in a manger; perhaps the image of the Christ-child would not be so faded from our thoughts.

Perhaps the reputation of that story of a King born poor, placed in a stable and enthroned upon a Virgin's lap becomes wearisome to us. Its simple beauty has lost its fascination. We have outgrown it. Our modern minds grieve at the lack of change. The ever-insisting urge for something different crowds out of our souls the inborn longing for eternal realities, no matter how grand they are, regardless that our very being was divinely attuned to such realities.

New to Him

One Christmas eve the story of the Christ-Child was broadcasted from a station in a large city in the East. Sitting cozily at his radio was a man of Jewish persuasion. He listened on the family holding their breath lest he lose a single word of this extraordinary number. At the finish of the little talk, the man said in an ecstatic way that he had never before heard that story nor had he ever heard anything quite so beautiful. It was new to him and perhaps he still cherishes some fragments of the most beautiful story that ever will be told this side of Heaven.

The Feast of the Mother and Child will always be charming to the Catholic heart. We may overlook the tiny statue in the crib but we cannot ignore the Christ in our hearts for long. There comes a day in every life when the significance of Christmas breaks upon us with overpowering force. Love cannot be resisted forever. But we can prolong the day of its victory and some people that have done so have reported once they tasted and saw that the Lord is sweet.


There is always one at the crib of Christ, that is responsible for His being there and will be responsible for our being there too if we but allow Her to bring us with Her. Mary cannot be separated from the Child She brought into the world and much less can we be separated from Him if we attach our hearts to that of His Mother. Never try to find the Child unless you first seek His Mother. It was in Her arms that the shepherds found Him. It will be Mary that will present us to Christ at His crib and at His throne in the skies.

Under the Eagle's Wing



Henry Capineri, New York pastry cook-artist, has had an eventful career since entering the United States illegally in 1926. Subsequently, he exposed an immigration blackmail plot and won the right to aspire to American citizenship. His NRA model in sugar won first honors in a national prize with a design which he called "Altar of Sweetness." He has just received word that his wife and children in Italy will be permitted to join him here. Inset is of the artist.

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IT ISN'T NEWS

Under this caption Vincent de Paul Fitzpatrick, managing editor of the Baltimore Catholic Review, contributes a lively paper to a recent issue of America. It contrasts the slanting publicity given to accounts of sin and crime—with the silence meted out as a rule to lives of simple, though often heroic, beauty. Naturally the writer drew in part on the missions to illustrate his point.

gracious expression of good will towards the cause of the Missions.

"THANKS"

We wish to extend our thanks to all who supported the Propagation of the Faith Society on Mission Sunday.

"Robert Louis Stevenson wrote an immortal story on Father Damien, Apostle to the Lepers of Molokai, but there have been hundreds of others, priests, Brothers and Sisters, who have labored as heroically as Father Damien. Their deeds have not been chronicled. They wanted no publicity; neither did Father Damien, nor Brother Dutton. They labored for the glory of God and the good of souls.

"For many it may have meant a real sacrifice to renew their membership in the Society this year. All who have offered their prayers or given alms according to their means will share in the good works the missionaries will be able to accomplish on mission fields far and near.

A missionary in a foreign field writes: "God has taken the sacrifices you made for the missions and changed them into His seven Sacraments over here." We shall never know in this world how much has been done for souls through our prayers and sacrifices. So "let us not be weary in well-doing." In due time we shall reap our reward.

Nazareth Academy

A Christmas playlet "Once in Bethlehem" produced by special arrangement with Walter H. Baker Company, will be presented by members of the Junior and Senior Dramatic classes in the auditorium Thursday, December 21. The cast is as follows: Samuel, the inn-keeper, Marguerite Fuenerer; Nathan, a stable boy, Claire Sigl; Jeriah, a blind man, Margaret Volpe; Marah, his daughter, Dorothy Long; Zimri, a merchant, Anna Mae Foley; Joab a poor traveler, Margaret Habalou; Esther, his sister, Mary Leane; Three rich travelers, Janet Allen, Helen Meisenhalm, Betty Mahoney; a beggar, Dorothy McMahon; three lodgers of the inn, Virginia Schairer, Frances Richuisa, Eleanor Gano; St. Joseph, Anne Marie Doyle; blessed Virgin Mary, Margaret Grant; Shepherds, Mildred McMaster, Ethel Meyer, Margaret Burgess; Angel Chorus, Lillian LeRoy, Dominica Occhino, Nazarrine Ransalotti, Ruth Weber, Margaret O'Connell, Rosemary Burke, Mary Cameron, Marjorie Chatterton, Jean Saalwacher, Martha Jane Burns, Elinor Deegan, Ruth Page, Ruth Walsh, Dorothea Kilne, Bernadette Welch, Helen Hendricks, Catherine Long.

INTEREST IN THE MISSIONS

The following article appeared in a recent issue of The Fraternal Leader, the official organ of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association.

"If every Catholic in the country became a member of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the income of this great society for the help of the missions from the United States alone would increase by nearly twenty times. This means that while many now give generously for the work of the missions, others give nothing at all. Hence, pray that these careless and thoughtless Catholics may become aware of their duty and opportunity to help the missions; and when you have a chance to do so, talk with them about the missions or give them a mission magazine to read, and you will share in all the work they do hereafter to help the missions.

"The reasons for the apathy and lack of interest toward our missions of so many is not ill-will, but rather many distractions and a multiplicity of other interests which tend to keep them from thinking much of mission work. Your influence and tactful remarks to them may do a great deal to get them more interested in mission work."

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Corpus Christi Church Christmas Music Program

The program of Christmas music at Corpus Christi Church for Midnight Mass, Christmas Eve and for the 11:00 o'clock High Mass Christmas morning will be as follows:

Christmas Carols — Helen Ankner
(a) "Silent Night" — Gruber
(b) "Emanuel" — ———
———Rev. Carlo Rosini
Introit ————— Tozer
Kyrie — (Mass in honor of St. Gregory) ————— J. Singenberger
Gloria — (Mass in honor of St. Gregory) ————— J. Singenberger
Graduale ————— Tozer
Credo — "Missa B. Matris Dei" ———— Tappert
Offertorie ————— Tozer
Supplementary: "Adeste Fideles" ————— Barlow
Pedro Ribavaldin Quartet and Male Choir.

Sanctus — (Mass in honor of St. Gregory) ————— J. Singenberger
Benedictus — (Mass in honor of St. Gregory) ————— J. Singenberger
Agnus Dei — (Mass in honor of St. Gregory) ————— J. Singenberger
Post Communion ————— Tozer
Male Choir — (at Benediction after 11:00 o'clock Mass)
"Pans Angelicus" ————— Claude Cosler Ed Finein Casar Frank
"Tantum Ergo" — Male Choir — Trevis
"Holy God" — Congregation ———— Traditional
Members of the Quartet are: 1st Tenor, Geo. Tallente; 2nd Tenor, Al. Bayer; Baritone, Ed. Finein; Bass, Frank Dietrich. The following are members of the Male Choir: 1st tenors, Geo. Tallente, Claude Cosler; 2nd Tenors, Al. Bayer, J. Flanagan, Pat. McCracken, Al. Shields, Robt. McDonald, John O'Brien; Baritone, Ed. Finein, Frank Vetter, Ralph Cook, Joe Mangione; Basses, Frank Dietrich, John Derringer, Thomas Driscoll, Geo. Ruedenauer, Harold Shardlow, Al. Henry.

Miss Helen Ankner is the Organist and Miss Dorothy Lefele, the Assistant Organist. Herman J. Pohl is the Director.

Hospice for Homeless Women

New York (NCWC) — A hospice for homeless women has been established in this city under the name of "Teresa Joseph Cooperative." Peter Maurin, of the Catholic Worker, started the project with his plea for greater hospitality among Catholics, while the project was brought to fruition by Fathers Stephen Secor and John Nicholas, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, in which parish the new hospice is located.

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