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Feast Day
Saturday, December 3, you will remember, was the feast of St. Francis Xavier. I surely hope that you did not forget this great feast day but that every one of you made some effort to honor this great Apostle.

As we told you last week, St. Joseph's School, Rochester, merited the coveted award of a visit from the Bishop. I went along with him to St. Joseph's, where he celebrated Mass and talked to the boys and girls. Even though it was Saturday, I don't think any one of them was absent and, best of all, nearly every one received Holy Communion, and I'm sure that their prayer as they received the Body and Blood of Our Blessed Lord was for missionary priests and sisters working in lands afar.

The Bishop in his talk following the Mass congratulated these little people on the good work which they have done. He asked them to become other St. Francis Xaviers working and saving and other Little Flowers by praying daily for our missions. He told them, moreover, that the priests and sisters were no different than ourselves. They enjoy good times just as much as we do. Like ourselves, they would like to have stayed closer to home where they might visit their parents frequently. They hated to leave their friends and schoolmates just as much as we would. At hearing the call of Christ to go out into other lands and win other souls for Him, they have put behind them all these things in which we find so much happiness. The success of their sacrifice depends upon those of us who remain at home. Therefore, if these good priests and sisters are to be successful in their work, we must help them.

The boys and girls of St. Joseph's were thrilled to death with the Bishop's visit. Now the question is, "Who will win this award next year?" Will it be you? I know that you would like to win it and you will providing you get out there and work hard, both by your prayers and the saving of your pennies. Let's see now who it will be who will steal this honor.

Weekly Report
Well, boys and girls, you're glad to see that although you're busy with your own preparation for Christmas, "making a list and checking it twice," you are not forgetting your little mission friends in lands far away. It certainly will be a dual Christmas for every one of you. We'll be able to get over their way, but we can help them if we are willing to sacrifice some of our pennies to save them for God. These poor little boys and girls never see their Santa's red suit and white beard. How all they want to see that same little American friend, like yourself, will rescue them from paganism and give them the chance to be baptized so that they may love and love God.

Down in the quiet way the boys and girls of St. Margaret Mary's must have been working hard preparing their Christmas gifts for Com Infant Jesus. How happy he will be to receive the gift of six little ransomed babies. Yes, six boys and girls, these children lead the other schools of the diocese this week with that grand report.

"This money is for two babies as our gift for the Holy Jesus. We would like two Chinese babies and please name them Rose Marie and Vincent."—Eleanor Yoder, President, 11th Grade Mission Club.

"Our class has filled two cards for Christmas, and we would like our ransomed babies named Charles and William."—Marie Schmitt and Raymond Hattery, Presidents of the Fourth Grade.

The girls of the Fifth Grade would like their little Chinese baby named Francine. And from the Seventh Grade comes a request for another Chinese baby to be named Charles Joseph.

Nice work, boys and girls. I'm sure that the Infant Jesus will be most pleased with gifts and that your six little friends will remember you always in their prayers.

And if they're not the first in line, they certainly won't be second. Three guesses who? Oh, of course, I knew you'd guess right of it, but close on St. Margaret Mary's trail come our faithful friends from Portland Avenue, St. Andrew's. They are reporting the adoption of "Emmanuel" in our money for our fifth adoption. Please have a New-born babe baptized Mary Rita, Sixth Grade North.

The Eighth Grade would like a Chinese baby to be named Ellen. West worked hard to save a little Chinese baby and want her named Mary Immaculata. The pupils of the Sixth Grade North would like a little Chinese baby, also, and want him baptized Peter Paul.

"These children and girls are doing fine work and we encourage them to keep it up so that by their prayers and sacrifices more little souls will be brought to God."—These children of the Seventh Grade of St. Boniface School have raised five dollars to buy a pagan baby girl. We would be pleased to have her named Mary Terese.

Virginia Schmitt, Seventh Grade.

Many thanks, boys and girls, for what could be the nicest than the gift of a little ransomed baby? Save your pennies and we will hustle your order along to mission fields.

Leper's Christmas Fund

Father Damien of Molokai was a hero. Hundreds of Catholic priests and sisters are imitating his example today.

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Society for Propagation of the Faith
A Message From the Director

From our mission letters we take this letter from a missionary in a leper colony of the Philippine Islands. He writes:

"May we say a word about Christmas in Cebu? We celebrated Midnight Mass last year in the leper church with about 2,500 lepers present and a crowd of the unfortunate at every door. All lepers 'Hallelujah' when they heard a Christmas message, except a few little things that we try to give as presents for Christmas, and so on. Most of them are entirely cut off by their relatives. No one visits them outside to thank them for their one special comfort and happiness. It is a crowd into their exclusively leper hospital, where no one will deign to see them and give them the chance of our Lord in the great Christmas mystery."

"What a glorious Holy Communion!"—He writes after the line of God's poor souls, lining up to receive Him, hundreds of lepers at Communion! He could cure them but for some vast reason, he asks them to be cut out and displaced as if wax by a word that says, "No room."

So, for them Christmas really means the nearness of Christ!

Every Christmas it is the custom of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to cable its gifts from the people of this country to our Catholic leper asylums throughout the world. For the past few weeks, we have appealed to you to share your Christmas joy with the lepers by sending whatever means you can for those afflicted of God's children. A few generous souls have responded, but unless the remaining days before Christmas find more of our good people responsive to this appeal the lepers will stretch out empty hands with to our sorrow we cannot fill. No donation is so small for ten cents alone will care for a leper for a day, giving him as much happiness as he can find in this world in peace of soul and relief of body. We shall be only too glad to receive your contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Reverend John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, New York.

Seminarians Present New Lavatory Drama

CHICAGO. The world premiere of a new play by Emmet Lavery, noted Catholic playwright, was presented by the students of Mundelein Seminary at St. Mary-of-the-Lake here at the "Brother Peter's Return," adapted from the English novel by the anonymous Ursuline nun, "S. M. C. Plans are now under way for experimental productions of the play by the students of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., and St. Peter's College, Jersey City. The production at Mundelein was staged entirely by the seminarians.

Mr. Lavery is arranging for experimental productions of two other plays, "Second Spring," dramatization of the lives of Cardinal Newman and Manning, and "Eminence," which deals with Father Damien.

Laywoman Who Made Vow of Poverty Dead

LUTHER, LA. Death has taken Mrs. Omer Lynd, 70 years of age, who upon the recovery of a two-year-old daughter many years ago from a serious illness made a vow of poverty in the religious life. Until her death she wore the simplest of clothes which included home-made bonnets. Seven children survive.

work is another proof that great things can be done by small numbers if the real spirit of enthusiasm is there. Many thanks, girls.

"Here is five dollars from the little folks for a Chinese baby. She is to be named Mary Theresa. We have worked hard, but it was fun to see our pennies grow into dollars. We will try to save our pennies for another ransom."—Mary Brames, 11th grade, St. John's School, Clyde.

These little second graders have worked hard, and we know the Infant Jesus will be most pleased with their gift.

And last, but by no means least, comes news from St. Vincent de Paul's School in Corning that the Sixth Grade—pupils would like a Chinese baby to be called Elizabeth Ann.

A nice line-up of gifts for the Christ Child, I'd say. We might remind you that if you are stumped for a suggestion of "what to give," what could be nicer than the gift of a little ransomed baby? Save your pennies and we will hustle your order along to mission fields.

MASSES

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Rogers Parkway, Rev. C. J. Egan, Masses: Sunday, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Holydays, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30. Daily, 7:30 and 8.

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Plymouth Ave., St. Rev. Wm. J. B. Cameron, Masses: Sunday, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Holydays, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30. Daily, 7 and 8.

ST. DONIFACE
Gregory St. Rev. Wm. J. F. D'Appal, Masses: Sunday, 7:30, 8:30, 9 and 10:30. Holydays, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30. Daily, 7 and 8.

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