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The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

MISSION INTENTION: "That Missions in War-torn China May Flourish." There is tangible proof to the introduction of Christianity into China in the 19th century. However, it was not until the following era that extensive evangelization was begun by John de Montecorvino. Persecutions followed and raged until the 19th century. Along came Father Ricci, a Jesuit priest, to begin what developed into the Renaissance of the Catholic Church. Members of the royal family received our holy religion, even the Dowager Empress and his fair daughter to the throne were devout Catholics. Persecutions, however, continued intermittently up to the Boxer Rebellion in the 20th century. This uprising, soon developed into a religious conflict. A trial by blood shed by millions and people alike watered deeply the land of China. However, the Church of China emerged from the conflagration stronger and more determined than ever to resume "the sweet yoke of Christianity."

A similar situation, although not religious in its nature, exists today in this distant land. Twenty-five priests gave their lives last year. Churches and convents and schools have been completely demolished. Dangers arise on every side. Yet our missionary priests and sisters remain staunchly at their posts of duty.

Out of their suffering, there bloom a more vigorous Church. Already signs are pointing in their direction. Priests within the walls are being called by the thousands who seek redemption. The Holy Father invites your prayers for their intention during the month of February.

Lincoln and the Missionaries Patriotic Americans have set aside February 12th to commemorate the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Every manner of entertainment will be enjoyed to perpetuate his memory. However, Catholic Americans may be interested in the story of two men who were also deeply interested in the slavery question.

Two hundred and fifty years before Lincoln made his famous declaration, Peter Claver, who called himself "the slave of the negroes forever," began his apostolate among the slave markets of Cartagena. He was a difficult and retiring man until the spur of necessity brought to light almost superhuman courage and zeal. It is estimated that 30,000 negroes were baptized by Peter Claver and slave years before the beginning of our Civil War. Pope Pius IX declared him Blessed. In 1888, he was canonized.

Another lover of the Negro, and a contemporary of Abraham Lincoln, was Charles Cardinal Lavigerie, founder of the Missionaries of Africa, known as the White Fathers. He respected the inalienable rights of every man, regardless of race, color or creed, and set about to win that same respect from those who flagrantly disregarded it. This saintly man of God indeed has left a trail of good deeds and his followers willingly gave up their lives to protect the unfortunate Negroes who were being so cruelly exploited.

I Believe; I Battle

The Right Rev. Msgr. Peter M.H. Wynhoven Editor-in-Chief, Catholic Action of the South

Too Your Catholicism St. John Bosco was often criticized by his own for publishing the good he was doing or tried to do for the salvation of souls. He amiably answered his critics: "The devil is up to date. So are we!" He went so far even as to distribute his autographed photo by the thousands.

Was this seeming vanity of his modern saint brought up as a biting argument against his cause at his canonization process a few years ago? No, for it was plain that this holy man had only one honest purpose in view, namely, to remind people constantly of what he wanted to accomplish for his poor abandoned boys whom he sheltered, keeping them from harm and training them for a useful, independent, respectable future.

St. Paul went even further in telling the world how good he was and what he had suffered for his cause as Christ, even in the extent of comparing his record of achievement with that of others. "They are ministers of Christ, I am more," he challenges; and he proceeds to prove it by summarizing all he did and suffered.

Why did St. Paul extol and bring to the public's mind his superiority of endeavor and devotion? Because he wanted to impress everybody with the worthiness of God's cause and point out the need of supreme exertion in behalf of Christ.

Hundreds of interesting, impressive and edifying stories can be told of self-sacrificing souls who, in the obscurity of a small, dark, and dimly lit room, have labored and labored with their research and inventions. Thousands of daily deeds of our heroic Sisters, who have given up the world with all its allurements to devote themselves to the service of the poor, old and infirm, have been recorded. They have taken to their hearts the cause of the sick and dying, and to the sick and dying, thousands of acts of continuous mercy with a romance behind each that could furnish material for an absorbing novel, based on the story of God's love, that would interest and make good reading, even to the non-believer.

College Building Benefit Listed The Nazareth College Guild has completed plans for a benefit card party to be held at the Hotel Hamilton, 100 North Broadway, Monday evening, Feb. 13.

St. Mary's League Plans Dance Feb. 18 Members of St. Mary's Junior League of St. Mary's Holy Home are looking forward to their annual dinner-dance which will be held on Saturday evening, February 18 at the Rochester Club at 7:30.

Bishop Is Named Monsignor Marston pastor of Kolozsvar, Transylvania, has been named Bishop of Győr and since the incorporation of Transylvania in Rumania is the first Bishop from among the Hungarian minority.

Rochester Diocesan Council N. C. C. W. 536 Columbus Civic Center

We note that the Women's Sodality of St. Michael's Church has changed its name to Daughters of Mary, and now numbers 450 members. Congratulations!

A letter received from Mr. Frank G. Drummond, Educational Director of the National Broadcasting Company, informs us that as Rochester is not on the Red Network it will not be possible for us to receive the Call to Youth program directly.

The NBC Spring series of the Call to Youth will be broadcast every Saturday, 12:30 to 1:45 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, through February 25, March 4, 11 and 18, and May 5, 12, 19, and 26. We recommend it especially to our Youth Groups, and to all those interested in our Youth and who is not!

College Girl Aims At Alderman's Job CHICAGO—A 22-year-old Chicago girl, a Catholic graduate of the University of Notre Dame, is making a candidacy for alderman in her home ward. She is Eileen McCarthy, who says it is her "desire to lead a movement for the betterment of youth."

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Benefit Party Held By P.T.A. in Geneva GENEVA—About forty-two tables were in play at the benefit card party held at the Park House under the patronage of the St. Stephen's Parent-Teacher Association on Wednesday evening, Feb. 1.

Annual Dinner The annual dinner for Commandery 106 and Ladies Auxiliary 262, Knights of St. John of Holy Cross, will be held at the Hotel Versail, Clinton Ave. N. Feb. 14 at 6:30.

Bermuda Cruise Entices Rochesterians "Bermuda at Easter time" will be the slogan of a number of Rochesterians who have made reservations for the Bermuda tour at that time, according to Victor DePree of the Central Travel Bureau.

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