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"The Catholics of Egypt are few. Out of a total population of sixteen million, there are only forty-seven thousand native Catholics. There are nearly nine hundred thousand natives who belong to the separated church.

"Through these clinics we reach everybody. The people of the separated church come to us with their children. The Sisters are kind and thoughtful. Everything is done for nothing. There is no charge for the doctor or for the medicines. It is only natural that we have won the affection and gratitude of these people. As Our Divine Lord healed the sick, we work for them. Many of our converts come through these clinics.

"Medicines alone cost about Five Dollars a day. Every month we must pay about One Hundred and Fifty Dollars for this item. I suppose you understand what a burden it is. Please help us. These clinics are important to our work."

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FOR OUR MEMBERS

The missionaries offer Fifteen Thousand Masses every year for our members. These Masses are for the living and the deceased.

ASCENSION DAY

Next Thursday, May 18, is the Feast of the Ascension. On that day Our Lord gathered the Apostles around Him and then ascended to Heaven. From that day, they became His representatives. After Pentacost, they commenced their active work.

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MASS FOR PRIESTS

For some reason very few people ever have a Mass offered for the priests who serve them. Priests are soon forgotten even though they spent years and years in a parish.

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Rev. John S. Randall, Director

Mary's Mission Month

Queen of the Missions is one of the titles by which we know our Blessed Mother. It is to Mary that missionaries the world over turn for comfort and advice in their great work of winning souls to the knowledge of her Son. The Immaculate Lady, "our tainted nature's solitary boast," is also the beacon leading the neophytes, so newly won to Christ, on the road to salvation. She understands their difficulties, she appreciates their needs and she wins their veneration by the sinlessness of her own life and the depth of her suffering.

We can all cooperate with Mary in her reign as Queen of the Missions. During this month of special dedication to her honor, let us daily recite the short prayers required for membership in The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. They will require little effort on our part, merely one "Our Father," one "Hail Mary," and the invocation "St Francis Xavier, pray for us." At the direction of her Son's earthly Vicar, pray especially that missionaries may increase in the British Empire.

Kisubi, Uganda Africa

On March 14 Queen Emily Mukomugobi died at Rubaga at the advanced age of a hundred years. She was one of the last surviving eye-witnesses of the martyrdom of Christian Youths of Uganda.

The late Queen was born in 1839 during the reign of Sima II who kept a harem of 20,000 women. In such surroundings, in which woman was considered as nothing more than a plaything or a chattel, she spent her childhood and early youth. As a young woman she became one of the 85 wives of King Mukabya.

About this time Catholic and Protestant missionaries came from Zanzibar to preach the Gospel in East Africa. In 1884 Father Lourdel returned at the request of King Mwanga. Finding 18 catechumens sufficiently instructed he baptized them. Six of them were destined to be amongst the first martyrs of the nascent Church in Uganda.

Then it was that Queen Mukomugobi first heard of Christianity. She sought to discover more about this new religion. Before she could be baptized new religious trouble broke out. It was suspected that she had adopted the "religion of the Whites." When the King asked her whether she preferred to lose her ears, yes, hands or feet, she replied, "My limbs belong to God not to me." She was vehemently tortured and left for dead.

Another Attack

In 1889 another wave of religious hatred broke out and Queen Mukomugobi was forced to flee. She was still unbaptized. After a long and difficult journey through the trackless equatorial forest she reached Bukoba where she had the happiness of being baptized. She took the name of Emily. She settled down on a banana plantation near the tomb of Father Lourdel where she was brought into the Church. When her friends tried to move her to Kisubi, the burial place of her husband, Mutesa, she replied: "I serve a King mightier than Mutesa, Jesus Christ and a Queen of highest rank, His Blessed Mother. When I die, let my tombstone be a simple cross engraved with the words 'Pray for the soul of Emily Mukomugobi'."

Does anyone require a great example of Christian fortitude? If you have ever been tempted to question the sincerity of these native Christians, does not the example of this woman banish your doubts? She is but one of millions who have gladly surrendered themselves as subjects to Christ the King. Her fidelity is being repeated daily in tropical Africa. The priests and sisters who are moulding those contrite spirits, need your prayers and alms to continue their work. Will you not express your approval of their apostolic lives with a membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It is only $1.00 annually. Such a trivial sacrifice in comparison of the immeasureable benefits it brings to Christ's heroes!

Henan, China: Heroic Missioner

"Spanish Priest Saves Chinese Villages: Under the mistaken impression that the village of Shangkiuhsien was a lair of bandits, a party of Japanese soldiers suddenly swooped down on it, determined to clean out the place. It would have fared ill with the inhabitants had not a Spanish Augustinian missionary intervened. Father Quintanilla explained to the Japanese officers that a mistake had been made and they immediately released the prisoners they had taken, accepting the priest's word that they were completely innocent. When order and tranquility had been restored, the people organized a public manifestation of their gratitude to the missionary who had saved their lives and property."

We have it on very reliable authority that the present war in China has done much to make the Church better known and loved. The sacrifices and Christ-like ministrations of the missioners have literally astonished the pagan peoples. They are seeking the source of this heroism. They are inquiring about the faith!

Broadcasts

You people who are thrilled by transoceanic broadcasts might be interested to know that two religious programs are available weekly. On Saturday evenings at 10 P. M. you can dial in the Shanghai station and hear a High Mass broadcast from the Cathedral. If the early rising sun on these beautiful spring mornings succeeds in arousing you more promptly than usual, you might tune in the same Shanghai station for a 6 A. M. program of Catholic teachings.

An Invitation

The feast of Pentecost, May 28th will be observed as Mission Sunday of the Sick. Some one has said, "We know that suffering, when we accept and interpret it in a Christian sense, when we, so to speak, dare to hide it in the wounds of our Lord, acquires a most holy meaning."

For the sake of the Agonizing Saviour therefore, ask your dear sick to offer their prayers and sufferings on Pentecost Sunday for the success of the mission apostolate.

PRELATES AT CATECHETICAL MEET

Over-flow crowds necessitated dual meetings, in LaCrosse, of some of the sessions of the first provincial Catechetical Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, just held for the Province of Milwaukee. Among those participating were, left to right: Auxiliary Bishop William R. Griffin, of LaCrosse; Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch, of Milwaukee, and Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara, of Great Falls, Bishop-Designate of Kansas City and Chairman of the Episcopal Committee on Confraternity. (N.C.W.C.)

Nazareth Plans Annual May Day Celebration

Social Swirl

By Mary Caulfield

Mother's Day will be fittingly celebrated at Our Lady Of Good Counsel Church. Members of the Altar Society will have their annual Communion breakfast Sunday, May 14, at 10 A. M. in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Frank A. Young is general chairman of the affair and Mrs. H. A. Schauer co-chairman. The following committee heads have been selected to assist them:

Tickets, Mrs. Richard Fitzharris; hostesses, Mrs. Thomas O'Brien; decorations, Mrs. Wm. Burke; refreshments, Mr. Leon Fischer and Mr. James Coyne.

Alumnae Conference

Mrs. William W. Bennett, May flower Drive, Mrs. William J. Maloy, Dorchester Road and Miss Helen Little, Westminster Road, will leave for Chicago next Monday to attend the Fourth Biennial Conference of the Associated Alumnae of the Sacred Heart, May 16, 17 and 18.

Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Maloy, president and recording secretary respectively of the alumnae association of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, are the delegates from Rochester, and Miss Little is membership chairman of the national organization and will preside at one of the sessions on the 17th.

Mother's Day Tea

The Sodalists of the Immaculate Conception Church will entertain their mothers at a tea on Mother's Day, May 14, in the church hall.

A tableau "A Pageant of Mother Love" will be presented under the direction of Miss Angelyn McCarthy. The cast includes the Misses Rita Crimmens, Eileen Cornelia, Catherine Barry, Mary Elizabeth Donavan, Rita Gress, Erma Hafner, Mary Elizabeth Knight, Marguerite Kraus, Louise O'Neill, Gladys Quinn, Bernadine Nundy, Mary Smith, Betty Smith.

Miss Estelle Doyle has been appointed general chairman. She will be assisted by the Misses Rita Crimmens, Dorothy Doyle, Evelyn Drechsler, Margaret Grant, Virginia Gress, Jean Koestner, Angelyn McCarthy, Mary McCarthy, Mary Rigney, Mary Skelly, Helen M Namara, Norma Schuetz, Isabel Schuetz and Ruth Walsh.

Piano Recital

At 1:30 on Mothers Day the Junior pupils of Joseph M. La Porta will gather at his home at 85 Cleveland Street to play in a combined piano and violin recital. There will be solos, duets, trios and recitations depicting composers, lives and works.

The performers participating are: Marie Amico, Bobby Bubes, Leon Bufano, Lucia Cottone, Lillian Dalberth, Joseph De Maria, Gloria Figler, Edward Francis, Leonard Gold, Richard Grana, Austin Mee, Nancy Mee, Daniel Mully, Gemma Mully, Miriam Noshay, Anita Paul, Ruth Pender, Eugenia Sanikowska, Albert Snyder, Joanne Webb.

St. Mary's Church

Plans have been completed by the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua, for a May dance, softball game and a breakfast for the women of the parish. The breakfast is to be held after the 8 o'clock Mass on Mother's Day, May 14.

Peter E. Dohndt has been named chairman of the dance committee.

The business meeting of the Holy Name Society was followed by a social program under the direction of F. H. McElwee.

Theater Guild Expansion Planned

Los Angeles — Expansion of the Catholic Theater Guild to nearby cities has been projected by Director Charles Costello. Plans are being made for the formation of units in Santa Barbara.

The Annual May Day at Nazareth College has been set for May 17. His Excellency, the Most Reverend James E. Kearney, will open the exercises with Mass in the college chapel. Following the Mass a procession of the students will visit the clan shrines erected on the campus, and special ceremonies will mark the homage offered at the large shrine decorated by the Sodality of Our Lady.

The crowning of the May Queen, a May pole dance and pageant are scheduled for the afternoon. Miss Eleanor Hogue is General Chairman.

The committees for May Day are: Pageant, Jean Sanlwachter, Honorary Chairman, Dorothy Craig, General Chairman. Music, Helen Murnan, General Chairman. Reception, Jeanne Malone, Chairman. Properties, Rita Twitchell, Honorary Chairman, Jean Mott, General Chairman. Costumes, Alice Daly, Honorary Chairman, Katherine Lotspaht, General Chairman. Refreshments, Jean Cullain, Honorary Chairman, Ann McCarthy, General Chairman. Publicity, Bernice Boldt, Honorary Chairman, Helen Ferkamin, General Chairman. Decorations, Margaret Lynch, Honorary Chairman, Helen Murtha, General Chairman. Announcements, Mary Howard, Honorary Chairman, Gertrude Hart, General Chairman. Procession, Helen Hendricks, Honorary Chairman, Jean Cullain, General Chairman. Programs, Margaret Burgett, Chairman. May Pole Dance, Alice Conheady, Chairman. Attendants' Costumes, Ann Moynihan, Chairman.

Nazareth Lists Dance May 12

Plans have been completed by the Fermin Mission Unit of Nazareth College for the annual Mission Dance to be held at the Pittsford Town Hall Friday, May 12. Miss Rita Dressius, President of the Mission Unit and General Chairman, has named the following committees:

Alice Quirk, finances; Marie Garvin and Rita Conley, orchestra; Ruth Smith and Margaret Oberlies, tickets; Mary Welch, ballroom; Jane Bauman, Marie Weidman, Marguerite Bielle, Frances Cave, O'Reilly and Mary Lou Curtin will assist with the tickets.

PLAN BANQUET AT HOLY REDEEMER'S

The Sacred Heart Sodality of Holy Redeemer Church will hold a Mothers and Daughters Banquet at the parish hall on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 P. M.

The Rev. William F. Stauder, Pastor will be the toastmaster.

General arrangements are under the direction of Mrs. Charles M. Laurer, President of the Sodality.

Assisting Mrs. Laurer are the following members: Entertainment, Mrs. George Noll. Tickets, Mesdames Charles Werner, Frank Weichbrodt, Francis Wallock, Lewis Stephan, Josephane Scheuch, Anna Staub, John Kastner, George Noll. Decorations, Mesdames Cornelius Schwan, Michael Storandt, Edward Scheid, William Kruse. Reception, Mesdames George Vogt, chairman, Henry Spiegel, William Mulahan, Cornelius Schwan, Edward Scheid, Michael Storandt, Louis Stephan, William Holahan, Louis Roos, John Kastner, Josephine Scheuch, Frank Weichbrodt, George Noll, Francis Wallock, Sophia Gorzka, Henry Metzger.

Catholic Journalism, Wiped Out In Germany

BERLIN.—Maerkische Volkszeitung, which recently celebrated its golden jubilee, has ceased to appear.

"Economic difficulties" was the reason given by its editor. It was published by the same house as Germania and was regarded as a Berlin local paper addressed especially to Catholics.

Germania—ceased to appear on December 31. The Berliner Kirchenblatt had been under interdiction for seven months. With the disappearance of the Maerkische Volkszeitung, the last vestige of Catholic journalism vanishes from Berlin.

Ask your neighbors to keep indecent magazines off the stands.

IN MEMORIAM

The following tribute is paid to Sister Rose Alice, former head of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, who was buried last week.

You who in life could never quite grew old,
For only dreams eternal lived in you,
Have gone to God, a chalice soul pure as dew.
The Beatific Vision to behold.
In your great heart a tale benign was told,
A starry tale of truth whose magnet drew
A stream of souls to Christ the long years through.
Who now in prayer your dreams of God unfold.

And we who weep beside Time's "walling wall"
In our aloneness, we shall mellow grow
In peace . . . resigned, as you would have us be,
In harmony with Death's last Angel-call . . .
While memories that light the long Ago
Love's radiant guide to God—and you—shall be!

—Sister Mary Claire, O. S. F.

The Committal services for Sister Rose Alice were conducted at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rochester by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, Vicar General of the Rochester Diocese, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Grady of St. Bernards Seminary; the Reverends Edward J. Byrne, Walter Kohl, Victor Hurley, Philip McGhan.

A group of physicians from Elmira and a large delegation of the alumnae of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing were present.

St. Rose's Wins Spelling Match

LIMA.—Way back in 1832, pupils representing St. Rose School first won the town spelling championship and in the intervening years have maintained that record without interruption, and the contest held last Friday afternoon, once again found two of St. Rose School pupils, Lyda Mae Miller and Kenneth Mix, in a tie for top honors, after they had defeated two of their class mates, June O'Dea and Margaret Riley and seven representatives of the 7th and 8th grades of the high school.

After the correction of papers at the end of the first round of 30 words, it was found that a four-way tie existed between the eventual winners and Jean Marble and Ray Parmiter of the high school and 10 additional words were then given, which resulted in victory for the St. Rose School entrants when each had missed only one word.

The winners will be entered in the county finals to be held at Geneseo early next month and with them will go the best wishes of their many friends for their further success.

The words were pronounced by Miss Pauline Hennessey of the high school faculty and who was assisted in correcting the papers by Sister M Teresita of St. Rose School.

Mother's Day Speaker

LIMA.—Mrs. May Hughes, Rochester widely known Catholic laywoman, will be the guest speaker at the annual Mother's Day Communion breakfast, of Court Fitz-Simons, CDA, to be held in the town hall dining room, immediately following the 8 o'clock (E.D.S.T.) Mass at St. Rose Church, which the members and their guests will attend in a body.

Committees in charge are: arrangements, Mesdames Edwin G. Webb, Arthur J. Lenhard and George Hanrahan; program, Misses Vera Costello and Gertrude Hanrahan.

Bishop Gives First Blessing to 77 Kin

BOSTON.—Seventy-seven relatives were among the first persons to receive the blessing of the Most Rev. William A. Rice, S.J., after his consecration as Vicar Apostolic of Belize, British Honduras, in Immaculate Conception Church here yesterday.

Included in the group of kin who received the Bishop's blessing were three sisters and four brothers.

Next Sunday Bishop Rice will pontificate at Mass in his native parish Church of St. Stephen, Framingham, Mass. A testimonial banquet will be tendered the Bishop there that evening.

Services Saturday For Mrs. Stickle

Mrs. Caroline Jesserer Stickle died May 9 at her home, 89 Cottage Street. Mrs. Stickel leaves three other sons, George, Julius and Theodore, a daughter, Caroline Stickle, a brother, William H. Jesserer. Funeral services will be held at the home at 9:30 A. M., Saturday followed by Solemn High Mass at St. Monica's Church at 10 A. M. Burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Sanctuary Lamp Given Army Post By Priest

HONOLULU. — The Catholic chapel at Fort Kamehameha, United States Army post on the Island of Oahu in the Hawaiian group, has received as a gift from Chaplain William J. Ryan, at one time Catholic chaplain at Fort Shafter in Hawaii, a hanging sanctuary lamp. Father Ryan is now stationed at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco.

Anti-Marxist Drive Begun

Belgrade. — To further the anti-Marxist movement in Jugoslavia, special courses exposing the evils of Communism have been instituted in all schools.

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