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**The Society for the Propagation of the Faith**  
Rev. John S. Randall, Director  
Fifty years ago the General Council of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith made its first attempt to arouse the interest of American Catholics. In 1889 Father Ferdinand Terrier, of the African Mission Society, was sent to America. Pope Leo XIII in a private audience spoke these memorable words to him: "Go, my son, to that distant region, to this people of ardent faith and generous heart. Tell them that, if it is the Council of the Propagation of the Faith who has chosen you, IT IS THE POPE HIMSELF WHO SENDS YOU. The Pope blessed all those who will receive you and answer you."

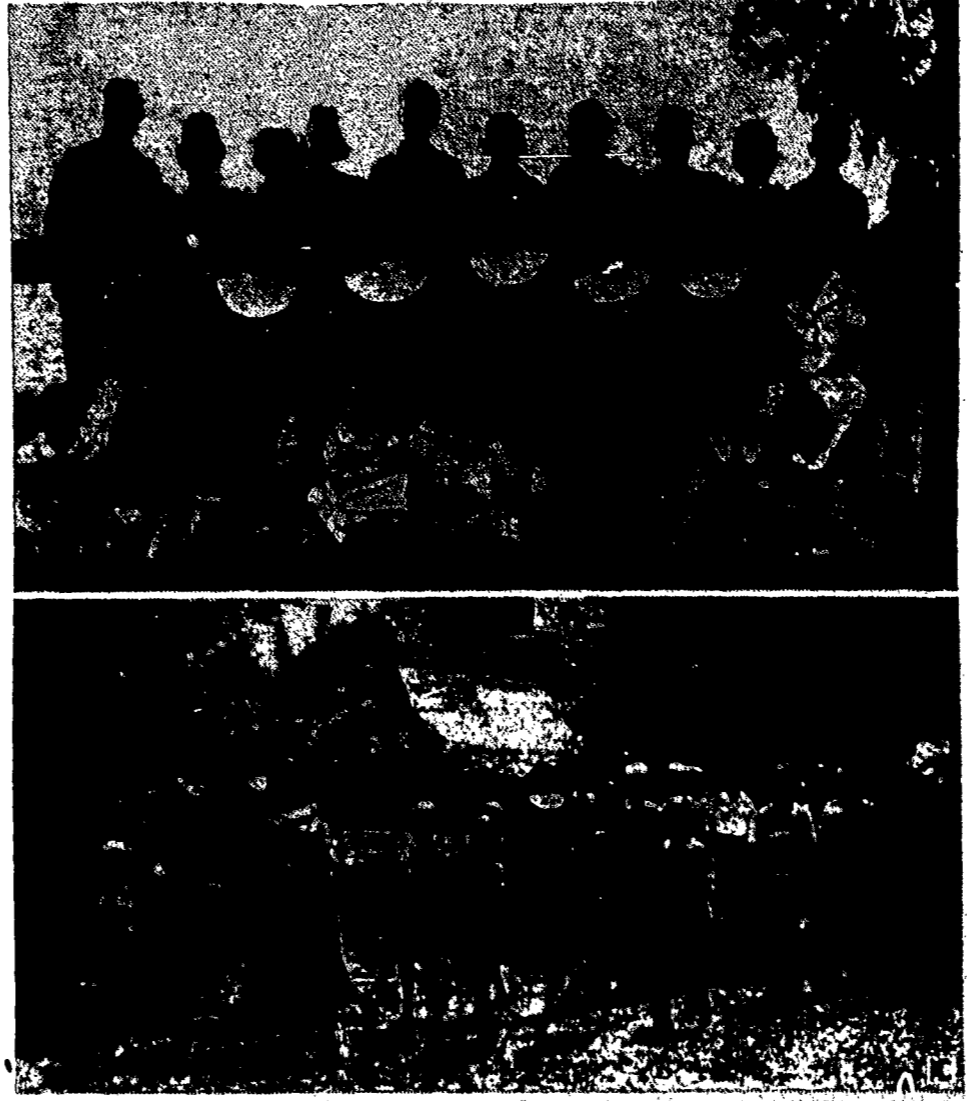
Today, fifty years later, Pope Pius XII addresses almost an identical plea to us: "For the love of God, help the Missions. Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, who raised in blessing all the worries of the Church struggling for life among the heathen, makes himself a beggar for Christ. His august hand is raised in blessing over all who, by prayer and almsgiving, take an active part in the apostolate of the Missions."  
In the name of the Sovereign Pontiff of Christendom, we beg your interest and cooperation on Mission Sunday, October 22. The Cross of Calvary still casts its shadow on the earth but the Blood of Him Who died thereon, will fall to its full effect upon the Catholics of this diocese as in applying Christ's boundless merits to the millions still seated in the darkness of paganism. Your prayers are the mighty links of the great cable of salvation which are forged by the zealous hands of missionaries maintained by your generosity. At home and abroad they are laboring tirelessly America's vast priestless areas need their immediate and continued apostolate; the Far East is only beginning to know the real meaning of charity as exemplified by valiant priests and nuns; the Dark Continent feels the stirrings of the life-giving spirit which presage the second spring of hope. Oceania, rousing herself from the lethargy of centuries, heeds the call of faith; the Near East must "return to the Father's house" and may be helped by the combined co-operation of the Catholics of this and every diocese of the United States.

Our diocesan contribution to the General Fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is deserving of some commendation. But it is far removed from that which should be expected. From among the 200,000 Catholics of the Diocese, at least 20,000 should be enrolled ordinary members of the Propagation of the Faith. Unfortunately we are nowhere near this figure.  
Charity to the missions is the highest form of Christian charity for it seeks to bring strangers to Christ that they may have an opportunity to obtain eternal happiness. In comparison with the blessing to be had, the offering is nothing, just two cents a week or one dollar a year.

The Sesqui-Centennial of the Catholic Church in the United States  
On November 8, 1923, the Catholic Church will celebrate the Sesqui-Centennial of Her formal existence in the United States. We all know that Catholic missionaries accompanied the early explorers of our nation, but it was not until 1789, just 150 years ago that the first ecclesiastical province was erected here.  
Among the archives of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is a copy of the Bull of Pius VI instituting the See of Baltimore which was signed at Rome, at St. Mayor Major, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the 8th day of November, 1789. In that momentous document we read the following:  
"Wherefore, it having reached our ears that in the flourishing commonwealth of Thirteen American states many faithful Christians united in communion with the Chair of Peter, earnestly desire that bishops may be appointed over them . . . we willingly embraced this opportunity, which the grace of Almighty God has afforded us, to provide those distant regions with the comfort and ministry of a Catholic Bishop."

Fifty years ago the Church in the United States celebrated its first century of progress and one of the outstanding speakers was Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul. We quote a short passage from

**SCHOOL OPENS—IN HUGE HOME MISSION AREA**



Thirty of the forty pupils who enrolled in the new parochial school, at St. John's Mission, Waynesville, N. C. are non-Catholic. These pictures, taken on opening day, show some of the pupils; the pastor, Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher; the teachers, Sisters of St. Francis, Wis., Mother M. Bartholomew, Superior General (center). Without a Catholic church, this huge mission territory of 25,000 square miles, had a million population. St. John's Mission School is its first Catholic parochial school. (N.C.W.C. photos.)

**Holy Childhood Association**  
Rev. John S. Randall DIRECTOR

Good day to you all! With our season only a month old, we are beginning to blather already. Despite our good intentions last week, we slipped up on the Column and it failed to appear. Perhaps there are many reasons we could advance for its failure but whatever we might say would only be an alibi, so we'll just admit that we fell down on the job and promise to correct matters in the future.  
Well, to be very honest with you, we have been terribly busy here, making preparations for Mission Sunday, October 22. This, as you know, is our big day. It's the one day in the year when we go before the Catholics all over the world to ask and to beg them to do their share in spreading the missions of God's church. Upon the success or failure of this day depends the future of mission work. Those good priests and sisters have given themselves to bring to others a knowledge of God, come before us begging for our support and means of carrying on their work. Although you hardy missionaries have made every day a Mission Day, you can do us a great service if you will make this day as special as possible. We again repeat the necessity of your prayers. Your prayers at this time for the special intention that Catholics of the Diocese will realize their obligation to the missions and will willingly respond as their needs will permit. I know of no better way of winning their support than through your prayers. Perhaps Sister has already mentioned to you the Mission Novena of Prayer which is going on throughout the entire diocese from October 12 to 22. We're counting on you especially. Those days of

his sermon: "The religion of Christ first whispered into the ears of the world the sacred words, charity, brotherhood, liberty. The religion of Christ took to its bosom bleeding, agonizing humanity, warmed it with love divine, healed its sores and breathed into it health and vigor. Only under the blessed guidance of religion can humanity proceed on the road toward greater progress."  
Those truths have a practical application today, half a century after they were uttered. A hate-crazed world forgets that "patriotism is a Catholic virtue." But we Catholics of the United States have a three-fold reason for gratitude during this period of the sesqui-centennial. First, we are blessed in our freedom to worship; second, we, of all nations in the world, may be said to be at peace; third, we are Americans. Our role in the world today is a great one but we must prove the examples of real "charity, brotherhood and liberty," since these are the only weapons to fight hatred, distrust and despotism.

REMEMBER—  
There is no surer way of helping the missions at home than by responding on Mission Sunday to appeals for The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Forty per cent of every dollar received on October 22 will go to the American Board of Catholic Missions for distribution here in the United States. Nine per cent will go to the Near East and 51 per cent will go to the foreign fields.  
Now, there is your job in preparation for Mission Sunday. First, your prayers; second, your Holy Communion on Mission Sunday; third, your intention that the Catholics of our diocese will sense their obligation and respond accordingly, and finally, to talk missions incessantly.

Newsweek  
Well, with two weeks' supply in the old mail bag, its slides have all

filled out, but he still appears to be on a diet. Hold everything! I have just glanced back to see how much we have written so far, and I am afraid I had better wind things up in pretty much of a hurry. For that reason we are making our reports from the schools as brief as possible. Well, here's one for you now. It is the Seventh Grade of St. John's, Clyde, with their second ransom. Now, how do you go for that? You big fellows around there are you going to sit back taking things easy while this school steals all the thunder? Let me tell you this. If you think you can let them get ahead of you, you are kidding yourself, for that crowd at St. John's is just so filled with the love of the missions that the one who beats them out has a man's job on his hands. So, my advice to you all is to get going and that immediately. Well, anyway here's their story: "We are as happy as we can be because we have finished our second ransom. We would like it to be a Chinese girl named Rose Mary. We have a good start on our third ransom. You can expect it any day now. We remember you and the missions every day in our prayers."—Doris Redden, 7th Grade.

Well, now, here's more good news. "The boys of the Fifth Grade are very glad to send this letter to you. We have two captains and they choose their men. I was elected one of the captains. Both teams worked pretty hard, but just by luck my side won. We all tried to get our book ('wish') on the feast of the Little Flower and we did. Every day we say prayers for the missionary priests. We picked an African baby and named it Leo John."—John Schell, Nazareth Hall.

Well, blow me down! If here isn't another letter from St. John's, Clyde, this time the Eighth Grade. There is a neck and neck race, if you ask me. It will probably be one of those photo finishes like we have in horse racing these days. So, draw up your chairs and watch the fun. But hold on! There's no fun in sitting back to watch the fun. It's loads more interesting to be right out there in the midst of things. So what do you say? Watch them out of the corner of your eye at the same time give them a run for their money.

Here we are again with our second ransom. We would like it to be a Chinese girl named Mary Amadea. Do you know the Chinese for it? (Afraid you've got me there!) We finished our ransom before the Seventh Grade this time and we hope it will be that way the next time. Theresa DeFazio, 8th Grade, St. John's, Clyde.  
Well, that about winds up the number of ransoms for the past two weeks. Not too many, is it? But now that things are just beginning we hope that everyone will observe Mission Sunday by at least one ransom from each school in the diocese. How about it? Are you with me on that?  
Now, as a gentle reminder that your Holy Childhood dues are immediately payable, let me say that some of our schools have already responded. St. John's, Clyde, this week sends us \$4.00; the Seventh Grade South of St. Andrew's, \$2.80; Nazareth Hall, \$2.00, and Holy Rosary, \$1.50. We'll be expecting yours any day now.

Permit me to wind up this column this week thanking those who have already made good beginnings, and advise the others that it is time to get going; otherwise, we're going to fall behind next year's report.

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REVEREND JAMES GILLIS, C.S.P.  
Editor The Catholic World  
October 14, 7:45 P. M. St. Michael  
"Taoism"  
REVEREND JAMES GILLIS, C.S.P.  
October 15, 8:00 P. M. St. Monica  
"Africanism"  
REVEREND JAMES GILLIS, C.S.P.  
October 16, 8:00 P. M. St. Mary's  
"The Church is Christ Living and Acting in the World Today"  
REVEREND JOSEPH M. CASSIDY, M.M.  
Catholic Foreign Mission Society  
Oct. 17, 7:45 P. M. Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
"Christ and the Tycoon"  
REVEREND JOSEPH M. CASSIDY, M.M.  
October 18, 7:45 P. M. St. Augustine  
"Christ in the Fields of Africa"  
REVEREND JOSEPH M. CASSIDY, M.M.  
October 19, 7:45 P. M. St. Anthony  
"India and Its Missions"  
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Archdiocese of Madras, India  
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**Mission Sunday**  
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