

# THE SOCIETY OF THE ATONEMENT

The history of the Society of the Atonement as a religious order had its first inspiration in the mind of the Father Founder, an English seaman, who, as a young man, was converted by a monk of his father, himself a member of the Society, on the need for an Order of the Franciscan Church. Since then and until the present day, the Society has been the work of the Father Founder, his Father William, and his Father John, who have followed in his footsteps. The Society is a religious order of men, and its members are known as Friars. The Society is a religious order of men, and its members are known as Friars. The Society is a religious order of men, and its members are known as Friars.



was chosen as the place to make the foundation of the Order, and so, on a bleak and cold December day in 1898, Sister Lurana, with a young companion, her god-child, took up her abode in an old farmhouse in the valley near the chapel. Close by the church some months later, a little Convent was erected which was later to develop into the present Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Atonement. The foundation of the Sisters' Community was followed one year later by that of the Friars on the top of a mountain to the east of the Convent and now known as the Mount of the Atonement.

Some time afterwards the Father Founder of the Society realized that every baptized Christian in the whole world owed allegiance and obedience to the Pope of Rome as the Sovereign Pontiff and true Vicar of Christ. Conviction brought action, and the Society of the Atonement, the Friars as well as the Sisters, made their submission and were corporately received into the Catholic Church on October 30th, 1900.

ENTRANCE TO MOUNT ATONEMENT

Graymoor, New York

## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S INN

**THE INN**  
The Inn is a widely known charity of the Society, the site of the Mount of the Atonement. It is a hostel for homeless and unemployed men, and is open to all, no matter what their race or creed, the Inn is a place of Christian Hospitality with all.



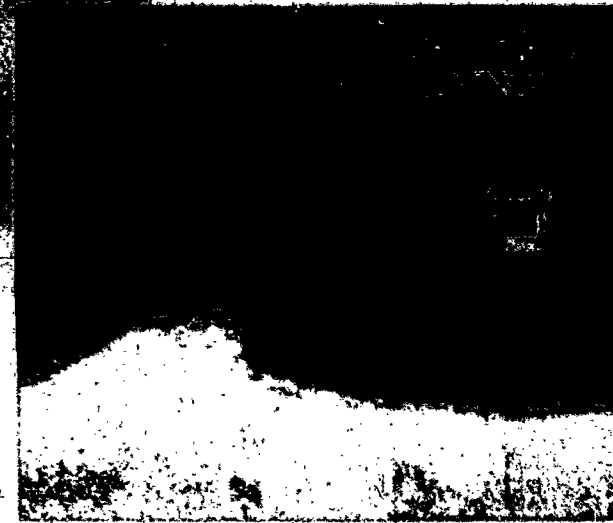
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## THE LAMP

The chief means used by the Friars to acquaint the public with their work is their monthly magazine, **THE LAMP**. The annual subscription is \$1.00. A companion organ, **THE CANDLE**, a quarterly, is published by the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement, in behalf of their activities. The subscription for this magazine is 50 cents a year.

All requests for subscriptions to these magazines should be addressed to Graymoor Press, Peekskill, New York

## FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF ATONEMENT



(Left) Located at the foot of the Mount of the Atonement is the Motherhouse of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement, a witness to the important events that have affected the general organization of the Society. Like the Friars' Monastery atop the Mount, the Sisters' Motherhouse has its own Pastoralcy, Novitiate and Chapel.

To the right is St. John's Atonement College, the preparatory Seminary of the Friars of the Atonement at the "Top of the Mountain" at Graymoor. On the right is seen part of the modern Little Flower Memorial, which contains the Hall, Chapel, and Cloister in her honor. The statue of St. Anthony stands in the center of the Quadrangle. It is a constant reminder to the Students and Friars that St. Anthony of Padua, their Great Elder Brother in our Franciscan Order, provides their daily bread. The majority of the Students in the College are unable to defray their own expenses, and we look to St. Anthony's Clients to assist us in aiding them.

## ST. JOHN'S ATONEMENT COLLEGE

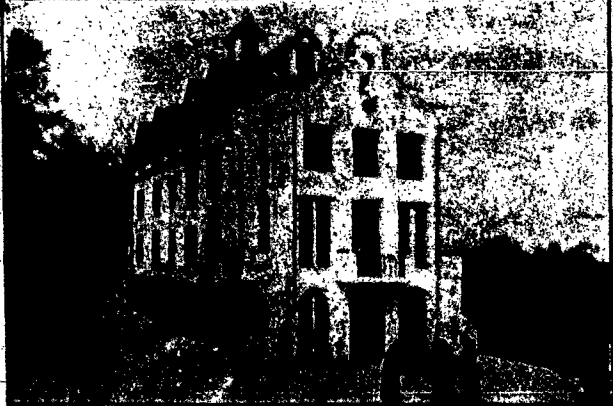


**UNION-THAT-NOTHING-BE-LOST, Inc.**  
A Missionary Organization established in 1912 by the Father Founder. It aids the Mission Priests and Sisters, and enables the Society of the Atonement to finance its own missionary activities. Self-Denial Mass offerings, and other charities sent by the Members to Graymoor is its support. Annually, during Mid-Week in Lent, designated as Self-Denial Week by the Union, Members deny themselves some luxury or comfort, and send the "fragments" thus saved to aid the Missionaries of Christ.

## ST. ANTHONY'S LEGION

The Legion was founded to bring together the Grateful Clients of St. Anthony in an association, having for its aim and purpose the support and education of poor but worthy young men, assisting them in their holy vocation to become Missionary Priests in our Society of the Atonement. Its second objective is the extension of the Kingdom of God upon earth through the Missionary activities of the Friars. The Legion is now a militant missionary organization of over 35,000 devoted Patrons of the Good Saint. Members enjoy many Spiritual Benefits. The annual membership is only \$1.00. Donations from our Members enables the Legion to be the means of aiding some of these poor young men who seek to become Priests of God. For further information write to Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y.

## ST. JOSEPH'S NOVITIATE



Every candidate for the Religious Priesthood is required by the Church law to spend a year of probation in a special house called a Novitiate. Upon his completion of studies at St. John's College at Graymoor, a candidate is transferred to St. Joseph's Novitiate. Here he becomes acquainted with the Rule of St. Francis and the Constitutions of our Society and begins to live the life required by the members of our Community. The Novitiate is located on the south slope of the Mount of the Atonement.

## GRAYMOOR RADIO PROGRAMS

On Easter Sunday, 1933, the Ave Maria Hour was inaugurated on one of the country's largest independent radio stations. It had for its objective the popularizing of the Lives of the Saints and the general work of the Friars in maintaining St. Christopher's Inn, a hostel for homeless and unemployed men. A short time later it was transferred from the single station and placed on a regional network, known as the Inland City Broadcasting System. The program became so popular that it soon was made available coast-to-coast by means of electrical transcription.

The second program launched by the Friars was The Saint Anthony Hour, about a year after the birth of the Ave Maria Hour. This program has been devoted to a dramatization of incidents in the life of St. Anthony and important events in the history of the Franciscan Order. During the Graymoor Pilgrimage season the afternoon services, consisting of St. Anthony Novena prayers, sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, are broadcast on this program. The St. Anthony Hour was the first to arrange a series of programs explaining the Church Unity Octave, with Very Rev. Paul James Francis, S. A., Founder of the Octave, as the speaker. The St. Anthony Hour is broadcast through the Colonial Network in New England and WINS and WHN in New York.

The Graymoor Radio Programs have to their credit several first run radio dramas to which newspapers have given much publicity. Among them may be listed the Graymoor Passion Play, the first Passion Play ever dramatized and offered in serial form; the annual Christmas dramatization of the Nativity; The Holy Family and a four weeks series of Advent dramas.

## THE CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

Founded at Graymoor in 1908, the Church Unity Octave is an eight-day period of prayer for the reunion of Christendom. It begins on January 18th, the Feast of St. Peter's Chair, at Rome and ends on January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Society of the Atonement has the honor of being the only religious order of the first rank of the Octave. This Octave was first celebrated in 1908. The Octave was first celebrated by Pope Benedict XV, of blessed memory, in 1919. The Octave is celebrated in 1933. The Octave is celebrated in 1933. The Octave is celebrated in 1933.

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