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## 18 Cities To Get Action Conferences

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—At the national headquarters of the Knights of Columbus here today, Supreme Knight Francis P. Matthews announced that the organization completed arrangements for a series of three-day conferences on "Fundamentals of Catholic Action," to be conducted by Paul McGuire, of Australia, in 18 cities.

The conferences have the approval of the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans and Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, as well as that of the Ordinaries of the dioceses in which they are to be held. The first is to be conducted in Baltimore, November 13, 14 and 15. It is expected the series will be concluded in a Pacific Coast city late in March.

In the first five months of 1939, the Supreme Council sponsors lectures on Catholic Action by Mr. McGuire in 50 cities of the United States and Canada.

The Knights of Columbus have invited Mr. McGuire to resume these lectures at the premises of Matthews said, "but it has been apparent that a single lecture is not sufficient to develop fully the major themes of Catholic Action and does not give sufficient opportunity for the discussion and conference which could most usefully follow the lectures."

The purpose of this series of conferences is to answer the question so often on the lips of zealous Catholics: "What can I do here and now?" Mr. McGuire, therefore, will conduct several meetings in each city that he visits and the widest possible opportunity will be given to those who are actively interested in the work of the lay apostolate to learn of the development of Catholic Action throughout the world and to discuss in detail its particular phases and methods.

The conferences will be free and open to all interested Catholic men and women.

## Holy Childhood Association

Rev. John S. Randall  
DIRECTOR

During the past few days we have been doing some very serious and heavy thinking. Various letters have come pouring into the office since the outbreak of the war in Europe, and they have been most alarming.

China and Japan, of course, have been at sword's point for nearly two years now. At least forty million people are homeless. The number of dead runs into the hundreds of thousands and refugees are trying to seek some little relief on every side.

India is in a sad state of affairs. Our daily papers have recently reported that Indian ministers in British Columbia have resigned their positions. Once again they are passively resisting against the dominations of Great Britain. That means simply this: that rather than take up arms and revolt against the government, the Indians simply sit down and watch the world go by. They do not actively disobey the orders that come out from government headquarters—they just do nothing at all.

Many provinces of the Oceanic Islands have reported serious destruction within the past few weeks. Typhoons, hurricanes, and even earthquakes have demolished a great deal of property and have taken a number of lives.

Now to add to these natural and man-made catastrophes, the missions face the problem of "war in Europe." There is a possibility that many European missionaries will be called to serve in the armies of their respective countries. How many mission stations will then be without priests? Even should this not happen, the priests and sisters in these mission countries face the serious problem of providing for their livelihood.

As we have said before it is utterly impossible to look to Europe at this time for assistance. They have themselves and their own homes to look after all of which might be quickly wiped away in a single air raid. That is certainly

**WEEKLY REPORT**

School	Dues	Adoptions	Total
Rochester, N. Y.			
St. Andrew's	\$21.10	\$50.00	\$71.10
St. Boniface		10.00	10.00
Corpus Christi	24.50	5.00	29.50
Holy Cross	21.56		21.56
Holy Rosary	31.80		31.80
St. Margaret Mary's		45.00	45.00
St. Mary's Boys Home		10.00	10.00
Mother of Sorrows	3.60	15.00	18.60
St. Monica's		15.00	15.00
St. Joseph's		25.00	25.00
Nazareth Hall	20.00	25.00	45.00
Holy Family, Auburn	9.90	5.00	14.90
St. Agnes, Avon		5.00	5.00
Nativity, Brockport	11.00	5.00	16.00
St. John's, Clyde	4.09	45.00	49.09
St. Mary's, Corning		5.00	5.00
St. Patrick's, Corning	23.90		23.90
St. Vincent's, Corning	18.00		18.00
St. Mary's, Elmira		10.00	10.00
SS. Peter & Paul's, Elmira		5.00	5.00
St. Stephen's, Geneva		5.00	5.00
Sacred Heart, Perkinsville	1.60		1.60
Holy Trinity, Webster	9.68		9.68

soms as fingers on one hand, so it wasn't too difficult. I am sure that I am right. From the roof tops they shout that they have adopted first of all Chinese twins, a boy and girl named John Albert and Barbara Ann, a little Chinese girl, Mary Magdalen is to be benefited by their good work, and then, not to show any partiality, they have selected a Darkey boy named Frederic John. Just to show you what kind of mission spirit exists in St. Joseph's, here's one boy from the fifth grade, Michael Bourke, who all by himself has ransomed a little Chinese girl, naming her Mary Catherine. It just seems that these people at St. Joseph's aren't satisfied with doing anything only by groups, they're so fired with the mission zeal that they just knock down and try getting ransoms all by themselves. Our congratulations to Michael then and here's hoping others will follow his good example.

Ah, ha! Just feast your eyes on this next one. In the past we didn't hear from St. Monica's too frequently, but judging by this first bunch of mail, we are confident that they will be heard from very often hereafter. They have written their own letter. I'll repeat them and you can judge their good work for yourselves.

"In the name of the children in the eighth grade of St. Monica's School, I am sending you five dollars in order that we may adopt a Chinese baby boy named Joseph Mary. We hope that we shall be able to adopt many more pagan babies, and win their souls for Christ—Vernon Ward, 8th Grade, St. Monica's School.

"The boys and girls of the fourth grade of St. Monica's are saving for the Missions. Sister told us about the poor babies in China and that the priests and sisters cannot take care of all of them because they have no means to support them. We have become mission-minded and have started right in to save our pennies. If we have any more ready to ransom a Chinese baby, we voted for the name which is Marie Louise. We hope to continue our Mission spirit and by our prayers and little sacrifices save many pagan souls.—Marjory Belter, 4th Grade, St. Monica's School.

"This year St. Monica's School has started its first real mission fund. During the past week we of the fifth grade have saved enough money to ransom a Chinese baby. The name we have chosen is Louise Marie. The mission spirit surely must have come into everyone's heart for we all tried very enthu-

## The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Rev. John S. Randall, Director

The Preacher's Apostolate

Despite the fact that the great Archdiocese of St. Louis ranks as one of the outstanding cities of our Middle West, there are many needy sections in the area included in that Archdiocese. Under the judicious leadership of His Excellency, Most Rev. John J. Glennon, a preacher's apostolate is active in the state of Missouri which promises to revive the period of the early days of Christianity.

The Catholic Motor Missions of St. Louis, Missouri, are adapting the methods of Peter and Paul of the first century to the exigencies of the 20th. What do they do? Suppose we consult their own list of endeavors: "The priests who engage in the work of the Catholic Motor Missions have one primary interest; expounding the Catholic Faith to non-Catholics." They are working mainly in small towns where there are few or no Catholics. Previous to their arrival handbills are distributed while posters and notices in the local press make definite announcements of the time of meeting and the length of the speaker's stay. The talks are delivered from a portable pulpit, and confine themselves to a clear presentation of the truths of Catholicism and the answering of questions asked by the listeners.

To continue the work of the Catholic Motor Missions Correspondence Courses have been arranged for the convenience of those who are anxious to continue instruction begun while listening on some busy street corner or open lot. For such as these religious teaching is "via the mail bag" and the procedure follows exactly the system used in any of the correspondence schools or colleges.

According to the record of the Kenrick Correspondence Courses, over 1200 people have been instructed within the past year and a half. Students hail from forty of the forty-eight states as well as Canada, Alaska, Cuba and the Hawaiian Islands.

This record of achievement is one to inspire and to be imitated and it is hoped that other sections of the country will adopt St. Louis' methods. Then truly the preacher's apostolate will become a mighty cable enrolling the whole world in the knowledge and love of Christ.

**Dramatic Group Formed At Evening School**

In response to a popular demand, No. 27 Evening School has announced the formation of a dramatic group for men and women.

Registration for this class will be available at No. 27 School Tuesday and Thursday evenings of next week. The class will be in charge of an instructor thoroughly experienced in the field of Dramatics. Beginners as well as advanced students will find this class of material help in perfecting their dramatic technique. The casting of a one-act play will take place immediately upon the formation of the class.

No. 27 Evening School is situated at Central Park corner First Street, a few yards from the Bay-Morton Bus.

**Knights of St. John List Second and Third Degrees**

A class of 40 members will be inducted into the second and third degrees of the Knights of St. John on Sunday afternoon.

All eligible members for the Degree are requested to be at Holy Redeemer Church, Elmira, 7:30 P. M. sharp where the exemplification will take place.

All degree members of the order are invited to attend.

siatically to do our part. We hope that the same spirit will continue during the coming year to encourage us to ransom more mission babies."—Teresa Connolly, Secretary 5th Grade, St. Monica's School.

This next letter brings real joy to our hearts for it comes from a crowd of boys and girls from whom we have not heard this year. Once they were making it hot for everyone with the pace they set in mission work. With this new beginning I am sure that we will find them present frequently in these columns. "We are enclosing a check for \$5.00 for the ransom of one Chinese baby to be named Edward Joseph ransomed by the Eighth Grade. We were a little late in getting started this year but we hope to make up for lost time through the year.—Eighth Grade, St. Mary's, Corning.

It is always a pleasure to bring our column to a close each week with reporting dues from the various schools. This time we start out to save our pennies from Sacred Heart School, Perkinsville: "Enclosed you will find the dues of the Seventh and Eighth grades of Sacred Heart School. We are all waiting for your visit and the Christmas seals. Now we are going to start saving for a pagan baby.—Stephen John Malter.

Corpus Christi reports part payment of \$24.00; Nativity, Brockport sends us \$11.00 with the promise that the remainder will follow shortly. Holy Family, Auburn offers a second payment of \$5.25 on their dues. The 6th Grade North of St. Andrew's has paid \$4.80 which is dues in full.

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