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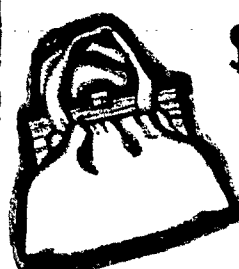
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"Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me"

Pictured above is the Rev. Raymond Wuest, assistant pastor, instructing the first communion class at St. Andrew's School.

Holy Childhood Association

Rev. John S. Randall
DIRECTOR

A great missionary went to his eternal reward last Thursday morning. The death of the Rev. John Lynch, Redemptorist Father, taken from us a man whose whole life was lived for the missions. His thoughts were constantly directed to the paths of mission activity. We extend to the Redemptorist Fathers and to the living relatives of Father Lynch our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement. A great champion of the Faith now stands before the Almighty God to receive the just reward of his stewardship.

Surely the boys and girls of St. Joseph's School have lost a real friend and believe me, the Holy Childhood generally has lost a mighty supporter and one who was in a large measure responsible for the great mission activity noted in St. Joseph's School. I am sure that the boys and girls there are stricken at his passing, but let me assure them that they have an enthusiastic advocate for themselves in heaven, and thus spirit will hover over all their activities driving them on to greater efforts for the same cause for which he gave his life.

Perhaps you noted in the CATHOLIC COURIER a few days ago that Father Lynch celebrated his fiftieth anniversary to the holy priesthood. It was fifty years filled with activity and replete with contributions to the cause which he represented. Even as a young priest he was sent by his superiors to the new mission of Puerto Rico, one of the hardest in the entire world. There he labored zealously for God for twenty-two years, the best years of his life spent in reclaiming the lost souls who had slipped away in negligence because no priest was on hand to guide their religious duties. He gathered about him the little children and his favorite cry "Por Dios" to the hilltops brought from the valleys literally hordes of children who came to listen to his entertaining and instructive stories. Today certainly they are greeting him before the throne of Almighty God for only through his earnest efforts are they receiving the benefits of eternal happiness.

Father Lynch went undaunted and against the advice of his friends and insisted upon offering the Holy Sacrifice in thanksgiving for the fifty years of the priest-

NEWSWEEK

The old mail bag, standing very tamely there in the corner, is about to speak its piece. "Say, you out there, do you think that I'm on a diet? After all, I'm not Mahatma Gandhi by any means, and I haven't started on a starvation campaign. I don't like to be classed with the little people of China whom you have helped so extensively. They might be able to live on a few herbs and the grass in the fields, but I simply can't survive that way."

What do you say, you loyal missionaries? Let's get hitting the ball again and fill up this old mail bag to overflowing.

The complaint which the old mail bag holds forth this morning is certainly not without foundation, for glancing rapidly through the stack of mail I find but a very few number of schools are represented. Certainly we have fallen down all too much in the past few days. What do you say now with the coming of good weather that you begin to share your blessings and your pleasures with the little ones in fields afar who have not the means of carrying on.

You will be very happy to see that there is one at least who has not failed us in this hour of need, for mean St. Peter and Paul's, Rochester, believe me, you can count on them in any emergency and they are right here with us this morning proudly announcing the ransom of ten more babies.

"The boys and girls of St. Peter and Paul's School have once again remembered the children of mission lands. During Lent they have saved their pennies and are glad to send you \$50.00 for the ransom of ten babies to be added to their list. First Grade, Frances Roberts. Second Grade, John. Fifth Grades, Pauline and Mary Jane Teresa. Sixth Grade, Dorothy DeLores and Joseph. The Seventh Grade would like twins, Margaret Teresa and Henry; and the Eighth Grade, too, has saved enough to buy twins, Robert Joseph and Mary Ann. Once again we begin to save and do hope to send you another \$50.00 in the near future. If possible we would like to have our money sent to our own Sisters laboring in Puerto Rico who at the present time are in need of funds."

—St. Peter and Paul's Missionaries. Their friends from across the river on the other side of the city are also with us this morning hoping to fill up what would otherwise be a most meagre report. I refer to St. Boniface and to our tried and true mission workers of this school. They are on hand with one ransom. In their own words it was raised this way: "Our Mission Club has earned another ransom from the profits from the sale of their school paper, The Blue and Gold Banner. Let this go for a little one anywhere in the missions. If you think it should be a boy call him Francis and if you decide on a girl, call her Annie Marie." St. Boniface Mission Club.

Yes, and not to be pushed in the background by the Mission Club, the Fourth Grade of St. Boniface is right on top with their ransom for the missions. In their own

First Holy Communion

What an air of earnest thought begins to surround the little ones in the first or second grade who have been chosen for the First Communion Class! Children, yes—but children whose little minds have awakened from the dreams of babyhood, who are beginning to know the world around them, to know more of the God Who made them for Himself.

Children who are entering on the fulfillment of the purpose that prompted God to make them,—that they should know Him, love Him, serve Him. Children who in their own way can make a definite distinction between right and wrong, between what pleases God and what displeases Him.

Children who know that Jesus Christ has prepared for them a heavenly banquet, in which they can receive His body and blood for the food of their souls. Who even at the tender age of seven or thereabouts can readily distinguish between ordinary bread and the consecrated Bread of the Holy Communion.

This is First Communion time! Every priest wants the children to be ready to keep the law of Easter Communion, and prepares them for many weeks to receive before Trinity Sunday or on that Sunday, May 19 is the date of Trinity Sunday.

In every school in the city, and in the parish rooms of the village churches, the First Communion Class has been organized. Preparations are being made in church and at home for the great day. Preparation of the soul is most important, but there are also the material preparations to be made.

Innocence of spirit must be matched with the spotless neatness of First Communion attire. Wreathes and dresses and shoes, new suits and stockings and neckwear, will be the outward attire of those whose souls have been so well fitted with grace and knowledge and desire for their First Holy Communion.

words they have adopted a Negro baby for whom they have chosen the name of Leo Joseph. They have begun their fourth ransom this year.

And here is something to gladden the eye. One more ransom from the boys and girls of Our Mother of Sorrows Sunday School Class. That knowledge should spur on to greater activity the boys and girls of Catholic schools. If these little boys and girls in public schools can be so concerned and so anxious to make sacrifices for the little ones of Christ, can we dare to be left in the cold.

us of their new ransom. Perhaps we could take a hint from the latter, namely that our fan mail has decreased substantially and by no means commensurate with that received by Nelson Eddy or any other star of movie fame. What do you say we pile this desk in the next week so that we can scarcely find the bottom of the heap. Let's get going, now. But here, before we forget it, give an air to the words of Our Mother of Sorrows Sunday School Class:

"We children have two mottoes: 'Pamper for Heaven' and 'See that Father Randall gets more fan mail than Nelson Eddy.' This time we have only five bucks. Just enough to ransom one little penny-eyed Chinese girl whose parents don't want her. Because Emma Gagliani is soon to be canonized we would be thrilled to have our ransom daughter called Emma. Always we were delighted with the story of Emma receiving Communion from Our Dear Lord Himself. Now it seems that the Church is going to say the story is really true. However, any selection of names on our part is only a suggestion. We wish you to be final judge. With lots of pennies.

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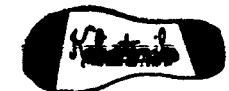
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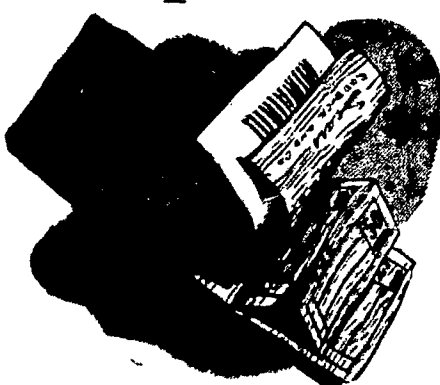
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