

## Society for Propagation of the Faith

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### Church Unity Octave

From Jan. 18, the feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome, to Jan. 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the faithful are asked to join in prayer for the unity of all men in the divinely founded Catholic Church, with its earthly center in the See of Rome, presided over by Christ's Vicar, the Successor of St. Peter.

The Octave was inaugurated by Very Rev. Paul James Francis, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y., in 1906, and was essentially a prayer movement. As the Rev. Dunstan Donovan, S.A., reminds us "It is not discouraged at the difficult barriers that have been set up by heretical and schismatical factions which have fallen away from the Church. It looks rather to the portion of faith that each of these sects have retained in its separation from the center of Truth. It hopes to win for Christ and His Church not only the Orthodox, the Anglicans, European and American Protestants, lapsed Catholics, but also Jews and non-believers."

In the field of mission activity Church unity would prove the answer to much of the proselytizing hampering the work of Catholic missionaries and throw the financial aid diverted to Protestant endeavor toward the support of evangelization for the True Church. "Who could gauge the totality of blessings a united Christian Church might enjoy in the mission field?" asks Father Donovan. "More workers for Christ, more centers for His worship, more souls to be won; less operation at cross purposes, less futile competition, less confusion and despair."

### The First Victim

Plans were all completed for an impressive celebration to mark the golden jubilee of Sister Mary Calmia, ardent worker among the lepers of Hendaia, Ceylon, when Sister became strangely ill. Immediate examination and subsequent tests all resulted in the same verdict. The jubilant was a leper!

Sister Mary Calmia was transferred to the leprosarium at Mantivu, Ceylon, and though the plans for the celebration were not dropped, they had to be changed somewhat. Only four months elapsed between the diagnosis and Sister Mary Calmia's death. She is now mourned as the first victim of leprosy among the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

### Patroness of America

While the Catholics throughout the country were beseeching Our Lady for special aid in the war which we entered on the eve of her great feast, at least one member of the secular press, the "Waterbury Democrat," referring editorially to December 8th as a "great religious festival," pointed out that the Blessed Virgin is the patroness of the United States. "To her care we should entrust ourselves," the editorial urged. "Before her we might well prostrate ourselves in prayer—prayer for those who have fallen on both sides and for a speedy cessation of hostilities through imposition of a lasting peace."

This expression of faith and trust is a lovely tribute to the Mother of God, particularly since it comes from a source outside of the Church. It might well be taken as an indication that America is about to acquire a new set of values.

### Worried?

Have you a son in service? Does anxiety concerning his physical and spiritual welfare haunt you? Why not enroll him as a member of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith? Bombs may fall, homes may be shattered, but there will be no stoppage in the celebration of the 15,000 Masses offered each year for our members. The missionaries have not left their posts and they constitute an unseen but powerful army of defense to protect your dear ones by their prayerful intercession.

## Holy Childhood Association

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### CORRESPONDENCE

We have received some very interesting, but very pathetic letters during these past week, boys and girls, and we are going to print them for you. The first one was written early in November and it comes from the Rector of Don Bosco Orphanage in Shillong, India. You see, it takes a long time for the mail to reach this country, and now that we are at war we never know when we will be able to receive mail from the Far East and European countries. We are printing these letters to let you know from first hand source the tremendous needs that our Holy Childhood Orphanages demand. You, through your sale of Christmas seals, were able to provide some little cheer and happiness for them. They will bless you and remember you, their kind benefactors, every day in their prayers.

"Christmas, the day of joy, peace and love is approaching fast. It is however going to be a very gloomy, peaceless and sad Christmas. Clouds of hatred, revenge and rage cover a very great part of the world. Christmas will be very sad, especially for this institution, which being as it is an orphanage, must naturally suffer the sad consequences of war. The war having cut us off from the world, I am afraid that unless some generous and magnanimous people moved by our pitiful and deserving case come to our financial rescue, we shall very soon be compelled to close down this orphanage. The only thing which prevented us from doing it so far is the fact that we should send our orphans back to the road from which they were picked up, where abandoned to themselves, would very likely become dangerous to themselves and society at large. I hope that you will, therefore, kindly allow me to stretch my begging hand to you, confident that you will not drive it back. Let a donation towards my poor little orphans be the gift you are going to present the Divine Infant."

And a second letter comes from Sister Esther at St. Francis Leprosarium in Uganda, British East Africa. Listen to Sister's plea:

"The eyes of the Old Continent are at the present beseechingly turning towards the New. We also from the center of Africa ask you, for the love of God to send us a little help which will enable us to carry on our work among the poor lepers of the Upper Nile.

"Do not let the dangers of the deep shake your confidence in good St. Anthony. He will see that any gift sent will reach us. To wait until the end of the war means that our poor patients, who are now so much in need of everything may then (whenever that may be) be no longer in need.

"Our old Ford has breathed her last a month ago. We are in the jungle 30 miles away from the township. Hiring a car is very expensive and also very impractical. We beg of you to help us get a new Motor car. We do pray the Holy Infant Jesus of prayers that He might inspire you to help us on the day that this letter will reach you—it will already be a few months after my writing it."

So you see, boys and girls, these poor priests and sisters are desperately in need of every little bit of help we can give them. I know that you are eager and willing to assist, first of all by your daily prayers, and secondly by your personal sacrifices.

### NEWSWEEK

Because you boys and girls have been enjoying your Christmas vacation, there hasn't been too much activity this past week. However, we have received a few more returns on the seals and for the following we are indeed most grateful. St. Salome's, \$7.00; St. John, Greece, \$3.50; St. Agnes, Avon, \$4.00, and St. Alphonsus, Auburn, \$45.00 for seals and \$90.00 for dues. Many, many thanks!

Teach the children Christ with U. S. Savings Stamps.

## FORTY HOURS

Devotion of the "Forty Hours" will be held in the Churches of the Diocese of Rochester as follows: Sunday, Jan. 11—ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, ROCHESTER.

### Not Too Late Nor Too Little

If you have not sent in your contribution to our Leprosarium, it is not too late.

No amount given to alleviate the sufferings of these poor people is too little.

Ten cents will keep one leper for one day.

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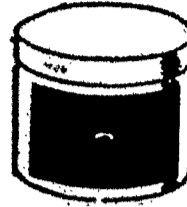
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