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Event of Major Importance

Because of the urgency of the need a concentrated effort will be made on Jan. 25 next to interest Catholics of the United States in the work of The Society of St. Peter the Apostle for Native Clergy. Plans have been completed for the celebration of a Pontifical Mass to be offered at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. by His Excellency, Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, D.D., Archbishop of Baltimore and Washington. His Excellency, Most Rev. Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of the Catholic University of America will be preacher on this occasion.

In addition a coast-to-coast broadcast has been arranged over "The Church of the Air" program of the Columbia Broadcasting System, during which the Rev. Joseph M. Lynch, National Secretary of the Society of St. Peter the Apostle for Native Clergy, will explain the aims and plans of this organization. This program will be heard at 1 P. M. Eastern Standard Time and it is hoped that every Catholic will listen to this most enlightening explanation of a vitally necessary and important part of the Church's mission activities.

Native Clergy

We ask the assistance of our Catholic Faithful in providing for that large group of native candidates for the priesthood in the missions. They are the first fruits of the foreign missionaries' labors. The "own nothing yet possess all things" in the priceless gift of the priestly vocation to serve God in the missions and bring the light and blessings of the Faith to their countrymen.

They have no financial means of their own and their parents and other relatives cannot possibly help in supporting them in the years they must give to study before ordination. The gift of a BURSE or a PENSION (a year's tuition) would be a welcome offering to them and to the mission cause. All who contribute to this important work rendered doubly so by the war and the shortage of foreign missionaries, share in the good work of their spiritual son and the resultant graces he will obtain from God. Their reward will not be measured by the amount of money given for his support but by the donors' generosity and good will as seen in the eyes of God.

From the Pen of Father Gavin Duffy

"... And if at times the missionary on the foreign field is lonely, if discouragement threatens to possess his soul, if after two thousand years there are still a thousand million pagans in the world, is it not due to the fact that throughout the Church there is so little realization of the infinite power which resides in the small things of our daily life to release grace from the very fountain head of God's salvific Will?"

"And thus it is that I claim for us in the distant field no greater title to the name of missionary than for all those at home, who have it in their hands, to provide us with that supernatural force without which we are utterly alone and ineffective. We may be the lamps shining in the frightful darkness of heathendom—often battered, stained and broken lamps—but you at home, with the dull routine of daily life made priceless by its union with God's Will to save, are the oil without which the lamps are of no avail, but with which you and we together can make to shine across all the world Jesus Who is the Light of Time and Eternity."

The Famous Wangs

One hundred and fifty years ago Wang Chen came to Peking to peddle his wares. Not only did Wang Chen sell his goods but he learned the truths of Christianity, and taught his children and grandchildren to love and cherish the faith which they now enjoy. In 1860 the first priest member of the Wang clan of Peking, Father Venantius Wang C.M. was ordained. Then followed three more ordinations for descendants of the Catholic Wang Chen. Now news has just been received that one of the

Wangs recently raised to the priesthood in Peking cathedral included the fifth priest of the Wang family.

Not only the boys but the girls of this famous family were drawn to the religious life. It was Wang Chen's granddaughter, Susanna, who was named the first Superior of the Chinese sisterhood, known as the Josephines, while Philomena was the

first Superior of the native Congregation, Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

Aside from these the Wang family has given the Church two Trappist Brothers, four seminarians, two students for the Marist Brothers, four Sisters of Charity and one Sister Helper of the Holy Souls. Nine members of the family died for the Faith in the Boxer uprising.

Third NCCS Club

Chicago. Many prominent military and church leaders will attend the opening of the third USO Center operated by the National Catholic Community Service for service men in proximity to the many training centers in this area.

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A Welcome Combination
A Chalice, a Missal and a Set of Vestments can be supplied to a poor missionary for Forty Dollars. In answering this request, please do so for some special intention.

PRIEST ON HORSEBACK

SAVED FROM DEATH
The Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church has sent to our Office a report on the missions around Hauran. Hauran is an important city of Syria. A part of the report reads:

"During the summer the roads are impassable because of the thick, flying dust. After the rains of winter, they become impassable because of the mud. Lonely travellers on horseback have disappeared.

Father Naaman narrowly escaped this fate on his way to preach a course of sermons in scattered villages where people rarely see a priest. Father Naaman's horse was up to his knees in mud. He was urging his horse to continue, when, by chance, a passing party warned him to turn back. Shortly before, a soldier had lost his life on the same road.

"The need is a resident house with chapel at Deevah for these priests. Deevah is a mission station on the railroad connecting Damascus with Haifa. They could then avoid long journeys on horseback and visit the poor people in outlying districts more frequently. By train they could receive mail and the necessities of life. Precious time saved could be used in priestly work and for conversions.

It is estimated Seven Hundred Dollars will construct a building with a small chapel that could be a central mission center."

We ask our readers to help us raise this amount. Dangers eliminated and time saved will mean greater progress. Those who give to this appeal will daily share in the prayers and good works of these priests and their poor people.

GREGORIAN MASSES

If you arrange for a Set of Gregorian Masses, it means you have arranged to have Mass offered every day for thirty consecutive days for a deceased person.

OUR LADY'S STATUE

The missionary can purchase a Statue of Our Blessed Mother for his chapel for Fifteen Dollars.

TWO DOLLARS

Two Dollars will support a missionary for nearly three days. Will you help a missionary for this period of time?

FOR YOURSELF

Every Catholic realizes the efficacy of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Ask the lonely missionary to offer Holy Mass for your welfare.

YOU WILL AGREE

The formation of a native clergy in the Near East is most important in our missionary plans. Without a native clergy the Church cannot, humanly speaking, make much progress. Our missionary bishops are constantly appealing for help to educate promising youths who desire to become priests among their own people. Would you sponsor a young man for the missionary Priesthood? It costs Six Hundred Dollars for the six years of training. Could you give One Hundred Dollars for the coming year and then, if possible, continue?

SICK CALLS

When the priest brings Holy Communion to the sick he carries the Blessed Sacrament in a small vessel called the Pyx. Five Dollars will purchase a Pyx for a poor missionary priest.

DECEASED PRIESTS

Do you ever pray or have Masses offered for the deceased priests of your parish who served you? It is strange how seldom people have Masses offered for their deceased priests. Make that helpful remembrance of them.

CHAPELS

We can build a suitable chapel in the Near East for as little as Five Hundred Dollars. It will serve generations. Build a chapel for the honor of God and salvation of souls. You can select the name. The Holy Father, who supervises our Association, will have it built where it will do the most good.

SACRED HEART PICTURE

You can place a Picture of the Sacred Heart in one of our mission chapels or schools. A Five Dollar donation will buy a large Picture of the Sacred Heart in the Near East.

A SCHOOL FOR CHRIST

Every missionary knows that his success is much greater if he can educate the children in a mission school. In the Near East the Mohammedan Schools endanger the Faith of Catholic children. Catholic schools teach them to know Christ, to love Christ and to serve Christ. Five Hundred Dollars will build a mission school.

A REAL HELP

Your membership in our Association is a real help. Does are but a Dollar a year. Enroll a relative or friend.

Send all communications to
Catholic Near East Welfare Association
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