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Holy Childhood

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a baby girl or a baby boy for me. If it is a girl, will you name her Mary? If it is a boy, please name him Joseph. Tell the Sisters and Priest to take good care of the boy or girl. I am working hard for the missions and I hope I always will. Your little missionary, Jean Fehner. I am sure, Jean, that you always will be a real missionary.

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Altars and Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday will be the Feast of the institution of the Blessed Sacrament. At home we shall visit Our Lord on Altars most beautiful. Many Near East Chapels need Altars. Your gift of Fifty Dollars will provide one.

GETHESEMANE TODAY

Why talk of our missions in the Near East when we are engaged in a life and death struggle for our national existence? Father Gillis, noted missionary priest and radio voice answered that question when he said, "This is the time to talk about missions, because calamity spells opportunity."

Catholic missionary priests and sisters remain with their people, to do or to die. If they live, they care for the stricken; if they die, they achieve more than 12 they live.

These men and women of God are not afraid. No, they have the courage of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. All things are difficult in mission lands. Mission chapels, schools, hospitals and orphan homes must not be left to fall in ruin. The poor people whom they serve, must not be left without food in their stomachs, cover for their backs, medicine for their ailments, and above all, God's grace for their souls and the Word of God to comfort them.

Help our missionaries "Carry On." They are offering their very lives. We can offer a share of our means. And what you may consider little, Two, Five, Ten or a Hundred Dollars, will mean much and really will do much in the mission lands. Make an offering today.

FOR THIRTY DAYS

When you arrange for a set of Gregorian Masses, Mass will be offered for thirty days, one after the other. These Masses can be offered only for a deceased person. It is a loving remembrance of a dead person, or relative or friend.

ORPHAN CHILDREN

The lot of an orphan child is a Christian heart. We are saddened when we think of little ones, bereft of parental care and love. Our missions in the Near East have a very large number of orphan children. Our priests and sisters care for and love them as Christ's little ones. They are loved, fed and taught by the sisters. Will you not share this great work of mercy. Five Dollars will go a long way.

HOLY WEEK AND HOLY PRIESTHOOD

Holy Week is especially sacred to a priest. He understands the real meaning of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. At Holy Mass, the priest fulfills the command of Christ, to do what He did.

For a young man studying for the priesthood, this week is all important. He longingly visions the day when he shall do what Our Lord did—offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We have under our care many young men in the Near East, who are studying to become missionary priests.

Will you help house, feed and educate these young men? We need One Hundred Dollars a year for each student and the course in the major seminary is six years. Will you support one seminarian for one year?

BORROWING MOTHER

It is impossible to think of our Redemption and not think of Our Blessed Mother. How she suffered during the trial, the journey to Calvary and the crucifixion of Our Lord!

A Statue of Our Blessed Lady can be placed in a mission chapel for Fifteen Dollars. Make this your Easter gift to Her.

EASTER GIFT TO PARENT

Give to your parent a perpetual membership. Perpetual members share in the benefits of our Association during life and after death. The offering is Twenty Dollars. A beautiful perpetual membership Certificate will be sent to you.

THE LAST WEEK

This is the last week of Lent. Have you made a Lenten sacrifice? If not, ask our missionary priests to offer Mass in reparation for your negligence and sin.

ANNUAL DUES

We are hopefully writing to hear from many of our members who have not renewed their membership in our Association. Dues are but One Dollar a year. Please do so today.

A RANSOM FOR ST. JOSEPH

"A ransom for St. Joseph!" We now have \$45.00. Our Captains were Joseph Incava and Lawrence Cleary. We have named the ransom after St. Joseph. His name is Joseph. He is an American Indian from the Western part of our country. We have received your letter and thank you for your praise. We are glad that we can help the missions in this little way. . . . We intend to keep up the good work. — Boys of the Sixth Grade of Nazareth Hall. That's the spirit!

Another interesting letter comes from the Missioners of the Fifth Grade West of St. Andrew's School. "Thanks for your letter of Mar. 6. We will continue our work for the Eskimos in the Far North. But, right now, our minds are centered on a little Black Negro Baby, way down south in Alabama. We want this little piccaninny to be baptised Elmer William Heindl. After our Chaplain, who has gone to Ft. McClellan, Alabama. We hope little Elmer will be able to serve his country too, some day. Here's a bit of news for you! Way back in October, one of our classmates (an ardent mission worker at that) left us to live in Los Angeles, Calif. We regretted seeing her leave us, for we all realized what a loss she would be to us. But, happy to say, she has been corresponding with us faithfully since she left and more than that she has carried that "Real St. Andrew's Mission Spirit" by sending us her mission pennies which she saves regularly. What a thrill for us to receive pennies for our missions from the Pacific to the Atlantic! Her enthusiastic spirit has prompted us to write a mission song, "We'll Spread the Mission Spirit from Coast to Coast." We're proud of her, Father, aren't you? We'll thank her in your name when we write again."

Besides a generous gift to the Chapel, St. Hyacinth's, Auburn, sends us an adoption from the Fourth Grade. The pupils wish a Chinese baby girl to be called "Mary."

Their next door neighbor, Holy Family School, Auburn, sends an adoption from the Sixth Grade.

Keeping their promise the pupils of the Seventh and Eighth Grades of St. Mary's School, Waterloo, have ransomed a pagan baby to be called Duane James. They said, "We promised St. Joseph that we would try to adopt at least one baby during his month. We hope to be able to adopt another during the month of May."

A Blue Ribbon for mission merit goes to Dorothea Johnson, a pupil of the Third Grade of St. John's School, Greece. She received a gift from her soldier-brother with which she ransomed a Chinese baby boy. She wants him called Bernard Raymond. Many thanks, Dorothea, and thank you too for your picture.

The mail brings us good news from St. Peter and Paul's School. The Fourth and Fifth Grades have two ransoms piece to their credit. The Fourth Grade has chosen an Eskimo girl, "Loretta Marie," and an Indian boy, "Charles Francis," while the Fifth Grade has picked an Indian boy, "Richard" and a Puerto Rican girl, "Anne." Fine work, boys and girls.

MISSION MOVIE

Once again we ask the schools which have contributed so generously to our Chapel Fund to be patient. We shall publish the complete report on your return from your Easter vacation.

ONE LAST WORD

Next week is Holy Week. During that week we shall be thinking of Christ and the great love He showed in dying for all men for He wished all men to be saved. During Holy Week then, unite your prayers to the prayer of Christ that grace may be given pagan people that they may be baptised and obtain eternal salvation.

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