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Be Glad It's Universal!
 Among the countless blessings offered by Holy Mother Church to her children is its universality in worship and language. In the Roman Catholic Church the world over, Mass, Benediction, and the other parts of the liturgy are spoken in the same language. The Latin which our parish priests use today is materially the same as that used by the early Popes, and, what is even more important, the Sacrifice and the prayers themselves have remained unchanged by time and custom.

What a consolation it is for us to reflect upon this in relation to the men of our armed forces, who are defending their country in lands where almost everything is strange and foreign to them. Once in a Catholic Chapel they are "at home" again, for there they will be able to assist at a Mass identical with the one at which they received their first Holy Communion "back in the States."

Did You Know That.....
 The first hospital in North America was founded in Mexico by Cortez in 1527?
 Great Britain is now to have religious education in its schools? The Board of Education has arranged to put its plan for religious education into operation next year?

Africa is said to have possessed the first Latin Bible? During the second century many translations were made there and from these emerged the version known as the Vetus Itala?
 The Catholic population under the care of the Irish Dominicans in the West Indies has doubled within the past twenty-five years.
 One Franciscan missionary Father Galiano Leonardelli of the Trent Province, was martyred by Communists only nine days after his arrival at the mission of Linsinho on the Yangste River in July, 1937.

Christian Charity On the Gold Coast
 The literal application of Our Lord's injunction: "be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat, nor for your body, what you shall put on," was related by a White Father during his recent visit. Father McCoy, whose mission is on the Gold Coast of Africa, tells us that the natives do not hesitate to give all they have to the Church, even though they must deprive themselves to do so.

When a new church was to be built, the native converts volunteered to supply the stone for it — which meant that they would have to quarry and haul it themselves. One poor native sold his sole asset, his goat, in order to contribute his share to the undertaking. On another occasion a native who had to walk twenty-five miles to his own home refused to take any money from the missionary to supply himself with necessary food. The native catechists, hearing that the war has brought financial difficulties to the missions, offered to continue their work without pay.

Father McCoy added that the natives are so impressed with the unselfish charity of the missionaries, who leave their homes and families to labor among strangers in foreign lands, that they dislike to take anything from those who have already given so much. Even our most generous efforts to contribute to the missions seem insignificant when compared with the heroic charity of these native Christians.

Approves Obligatory Social Security
 SAN JOSE, Costa Rica. — The Most Rev. Victor Sanabria, Archbishop of San Jose, when visited by members of the Executive Council of Social Security, expressed his approval of the new Law of Obligatory Social Security, and assured them of the efficacious collaboration of the Church in putting the law into effect.

His Excellency recalled, on this occasion, that the Church had foreseen for centuries the need for legislation of a social character for the protection of the labor class, and that these teachings had reached their culmination in the famous Encyclicals of Popes Leo XIII and Pius XI.

Marist Father Buried
 New Orleans, La. — The Rev. Michael Cotter, S.M.C., was buried in the Marist Fathers' Tomb in St. Bartholomew's Cemetery which he erected while pastor of Holy Name of Mary Church.

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