

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

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Stretching the Dollar

Our members will be interested in knowing to what use their dollar-a-year dues are put in the work of the Propagation of the Faith. Statistics which arrived today are eloquent explanation of the great good accomplished by the charity of our enrolled members:

"There are in mission lands under jurisdiction of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide and helped by the General Fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—The Holy Father's Community Chest for the Missions"

- 10,260 churches
- 45,977 chapels
- 33,615 elementary schools
- 3,665 higher schools
- 771 hospitals
- 2,814 dispensaries
- 108 leper asylums
- 1,971 orphanages
- 428 homes for the aged
- 21,000,000 Catholics
- 2,614,030 catechumens in 489 mission territories

The total missionary personnel is 233,825 Bishops, Priests, Sisters, Brothers, Archbishops and Teachers. That in cold figures represents the picture of the mission work of the Church which in fact teams with life, activity the grace of God and abounding charity for the salvation of souls

As the Holy Father Pope Pius XII has said

"The raising of prayer before the sacred tabernacles will be accompanied by the gift from your hand. In this sad and distressing hour you will offer it to help the Spouse of Christ to propagate the Faith. You will help her to push on the good work begun, to rebuild what has been destroyed and damaged, to reassure the faint-hearted and discouraged. You will help her to multiply the scant resources, to sustain, to increase and advance the whole missionary movement on towards the ultimate triumph of the Kingdom of God on earth."

Our Want Ads

Old newspapers have been used for binding wounds at the Maryknoll Kongmoon Leper Colony, because bandages could not be had. Five dollars would help provide some.

Classroom desks in Kwelin can be supplied at \$2 apiece, sixty are needed.

P. S. The leper asylum is now caring for over 500 lepers and must spend a thousand dollars a month for rice alone. Refugees and resettlement camps in the neighborhood of Maryknoll missionaries place a call on the priests to provide rice to thousands daily. According to news from Father Joseph Sweeney "a year's supply of medicine and other supplies was lost when the Japanese sank the blockade-runner on which he was returning to the Leper Asylum."

We ask the prayers of our members and readers for the protection of the Priests, Brothers and Sisters, working in the war zones of the world.

Mission Boy Credited With First Capture Of A Japanese In Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia. — The story has reached here of how a boy from a Catholic mission is credited with the capture of the first Japanese prisoner taken on Australian soil.

Sacred Heart Sisters, reaching here after evacuation from the north, relate that the boy, Matthias, noticed a Japanese plane forced down in the sea near the missions. It was apparently disabled by anti-aircraft fire. The pilot swam ashore and Matthias hid behind a tree and waited. As the airman passed, the boy seized the revolver from the belt of the Japanese and forced him to surrender. He then brought his prisoner to the military authorities.

New Brazil Diocese

VATICAN CITY. — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has erected a new Diocese in Brazil, with Anapora as the See city. The Rev. Florencio Vieira, pastor of a parish in Bahia, has been named first Bishop.

Clergy Will Restore France's 'True Order'

VICHY — The clergy gave to France her spiritual worth and the

clergy will restore it, His Eminence Emmanuel Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, said in the Pastoral which he issued on the centenary of the founding of the Seminary of St. Sulpice. "What a country may expect of its clergy," His Eminence said, "is certainly a human and at the same time a

Christian contribution to her intellectual culture. This is especially a religious and sound moral direction, contributing to the orientation of the national life in conformity with the demands of justice and charity, affording a security that does not deceive—that of true order."

Plumbers Set Retreat

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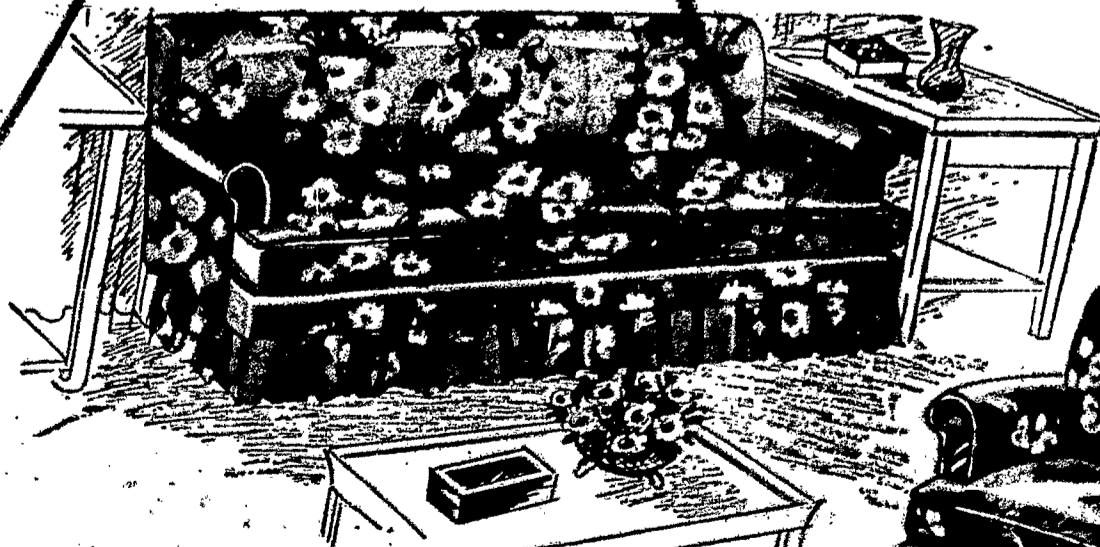
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