

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

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Visiting The Sick

When the priest visits the sick to bring Holy Communion, he carries the Blessed Sacrament in a small vessel called a Pyx. Each priest who will be ordained in our missions this year needs one. You can give it for only Five Dollars.

PRIESTS IN EXILE TRAIN FOR POST-WAR NEEDS

After the war there will be a great need for well-educated priests in the Near East. The poor, bereft peoples will need spiritual leaders specially trained in the Oriental Rites, priests who can minister to the Catholics and win back the Separated Christians.

To further this purpose, the Holy Father in December 1940, opened a house of studies in Rome for such priests. There are now eighteen priests living there under the direction of the Jesuit Fathers. The majority are of the Byzantine Rite, though there are some Armenians and one each of the Malankara, Coptic and Latin Rites.

Because of war conditions, many of these priests are in exile from their own countries. The support they formerly received from home is now cut off. Their house of studies has no funds to care for them.

We want to assure these priests the necessities of life, while they train and wait for the opportunity to return to their own lands. It takes twenty-five dollars a month for each priest—three hundred dollars for a full year.

These are specially qualified men who are studying at the Pontifical Oriental Institute and other colleges in Rome. They find great inspiration in the patron of their house of studies, St. John Damascene — one of the great Greek Fathers of the Church. He was one of the earliest to write on theology in a systematic way and was a valiant defender of the Faith against the heresies of his day.

In the spirit of St. John Damascene, these priests in exile are training for important work once peace is won. We must assist them now. Won't you help as much as you can?

DURING THE SUMMER

During the summer our missionary priests must prepare for the winter. One of their chief worries is over their schools. Will they be able to accommodate all the children? In our missions it is largely a matter of the necessary means. Yet only ten dollars is required to keep a child in school for a whole year. Surely you will help provide a Catholic education for one of these little ones.

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Socialized Medicine

In 1938 the Catholic Central Verein of America voted its opposition to the proposed National Health Act, intended to federalize, or socialize, medical care in the country. The convention of the organization, held in New York City, repeated that opposition in a resolution.

"The Central Verein maintains its opposition to the tendency of the Federal Government," the statement reads, "to assume responsibility and control of more and more phases of human relations. Especially do we oppose the plan to socialize medicine on a national scale. Added to the present enormous expenditures of the Government, the financial burden inseparable from this plan would be tremendous and would in fact increase from year to year.

"We maintain the plan would destroy the initiative of the physician and make of him just another job-holder, subject to the whims of some bureau in Washington. It would also tend to weaken the social and moral responsibility of the public in general to provide for its needs.

"We insist the solution of the problem should rest with private initiative and should be achieved through agencies such as those granting hospitalization and health plans, or by maternity guilds or benevolent societies providing medical and hospital care."

O SACRED LOVE

By DOLORES HOFFMAN
 Beneath the ruddy glow of the Sanctuary light
 Beats the Sacred Heart of Love in all Majesty and Might
 Rapt deep in prayer within this Sacred place
 In ecstasy one's soul is steeped before His Holy Face.

The silence deepens faith brings His Sweet Voice near
 His musical Voice whispers low and clear
 Come close dear soul and lean upon My heart
 And feel the love I'm longing to impart.

My love for sinners is like an ocean deep and wide
 I'll keep them safe within My Sacred Side
 If they but ask I will forgive them all—that's wrong
 My love once more will make them clean and strong.

O come and share with Me your joys and tears
 Be faithful, loving, patient, through the Years
 That one day you may come to rest upon My Heart
 Nor fear again that we will ever have to part.

Holland's Bishops

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Parents, Be Vigilant
 "And if you, parents, see yourselves compelled to send your children to the labor service, be very vigilant, point out to them the dangers to faith and morals which threaten them; encourage them to maintain contact with the priests.
 "And you, young men, be strong in your faith. Hold fast to the inner conviction that Christianity is an essential condition, not only for your future salvation, but also for true happiness on earth. Do not listen to doctrines which deviate from those which the Catechism has taught you, or doctrines which undermine the authority of your Bishops and priests. Remain in touch with the priests as much as possible, never allow yourselves to be ashamed into neglecting your religious duties. Continue to say your morning and night prayers, and never forget your rosary. Shun dangerous temptations. Especially in your behavior you must show that you are real Christians, so that others may be uplifted by your example.
 "That your light may shine thus before the people, that they see your good works and glorify your Father Who is in Heaven."
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