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Be sure to read the article in CATHOLIC ACTION for August, "Volunteers in the Field of Charity—Cooperation Exemplified in Joint Institute . . . Catholic Charities and Women's Council Hold Series of Conferences in Rochester Diocese—pages 25, 26 and 27.

If you attended any one of the conferences you will be interested in this report on all four of them. If you were not so fortunate, you will find inspiration to help the work of the Committee on Co-operating with Catholic Charities or some other phase of NCCW Council work.

The president of your organization, if affiliated, has a copy she will be glad to share with you.

Not only are the meetings fully covered but Miss Phipps promises to give further reports from time to time in future issues of Catholic Action on some of the interesting projects discussed at our conference meetings.

The August number of CATHOLIC ACTION also gives the list of appointments to National Committees of the N. C. C. W. by Mrs. Robert A. Angelo, recently elected our national president.

We note with pleasure that Mrs. M. H. Keogh, our national director from the Archdiocesan Province of New York and Rochester Diocese, recently has been appointed Vice-chairman of the National Catholic School of Social Service Committee. Mrs. Keogh's unfailing interest in the School and her endeavors to assist it have well merited this appointment.

The Rochester Diocesan and Deanery Councils welcome any opportunity to cooperate with the National Catholic Community Service (branch of the United Service Organizations) now being organized in the diocese.

National Sodality Chairman Appointed

ST. LOUIS. — Appointment of Miss Frances Malik of Ovid, Mich., as national chairman of the Parish Sodality Advisory Board, was announced at The Queen's Work here, national Sodality secretariate.

In making the announcement, the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., national director, pointed out that Miss Malik served as president of the Saginaw Sodality Union, taught probation classes, organized discussion clubs, served as co-chairman in organizing summer schools under the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, represented Saginaw at the All-Union Sodality Day in Pittsburgh in 1941, and represented the national Central Office of the Sodality of Our Lady at the Memorial Field Mass, last May at Arlington Cemetery and placed the Sodality wreath on the grave of the Unknown Soldier in the name of the Sodalists of America.

After graduation from high school at Ovid, Miss Malik received her A. B. degree from Western State Teachers' College, Kalama-zoo; her M. A. from Columbia University, N. Y.; did special work at the Graduate School, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and will receive a Master of Social Science degree from the Catholic University of America, this month.

Home Front Pamphlet Published By NCCW

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Mary Our Mother

From early childhood Catholics have loved a lovely lady dressed in blue. We remember Mary at the age of three going to the temple with her aged father and mother, Joachim and Anne, to dedicate her life to God. Mary never once lost sight of that resolution and lived a life of detachment from riches and honors.

Artists have portrayed for us the Angel Gabriel's announcement that Mary was to be the mother of God and we have followed her life from the birth of Our Lord until his death upon the cross. We remember her after Her Divine Son ascended into heaven. How she longed to see Her Son and lived in daily communion with Him!

Our Blessed Lady never said a word about the part she played in the events of Our Lord's life. Her whole life was a life of silence and one in complete conformity with the will of God. Mary was preserved from the guilt of original sin and never committed the slightest sin throughout her entire life. Since death is the punishment of sin, it would seem that the mother of God, a spotless virgin, would not be subject to the penalty of sin. But God, wishing Mary to be like to Jesus, required that the mother should also die. But Mary's was a happy death, a calm and peaceful one, a climax to a perfect life. So peaceful was Our Lady's death that it is sometimes called "falling asleep."

Although Mary was destined to die, she had never suffered the slightest stain of sin for "she is tainted nature's solitary boast." Therefore we would not expect Our Lord to allow his mother to suffer the corruption of the grave. The dogma of the Assumption means the Blessed Virgin's entrance into heaven, body and soul by the power of God. Regarding the day and the year of Our Lady's death, nothing is certain. The dates assigned for it vary from three to fifteen years after Our Lord's death. Two cities claim to have been the place of her death; Jerusalem and Ephesus; Jerusalem seems to be the favored place. St. John of Damascus thus recounts the tradition of the Church of Jerusalem: "St. Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, at the Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.) made known to the Emperor Marcian and to Pulcheria, who wished to possess the body of the Mother of God, that Mary died in the presence of the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; whereupon the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up into Heaven."

We learn two important lessons from Our Lady's life. The first one is to say next to nothing about the accomplishments of the past no matter how glorious they may have been and secondly to look to the end or in other words to spend our leisure hours in preparation for the meeting with Our Lord.

Father Lord has this thought concerning the Assumption: "The Assumption is important to our whole human race. Purity is a difficult virtue. The fascinations of earth bind us with sometimes almost irresistible strength to our petty pleasure, our pitiful ambitions, our inadequate friendships, our slightly contemptible attachments. Never more persistently than today have the delights of earth been offered in substitution for the joys of heaven. To the modern man the considerations of earth are all important; the pursuit of heaven's vast possibilities is shoved off to a dim convent library, to unread books, to half-empty churches. Purity is laughed at as futile weakness. Other worldliness is treated as cowardly or stupid.

"So Christ was good to us when He lifted up His mother into heaven and through the gates opening for the Assumption gave us a glimpse of what, in measure, shall be the reward of all the good, the pure, the devoted, the otherworldly. His wonderful providence seems clearly at work, when the feast of the Assumption and the tradition and doctrine that underlie it take on today a new importance and pressing insistence in the Catholic consciousness."

—M. R. E.

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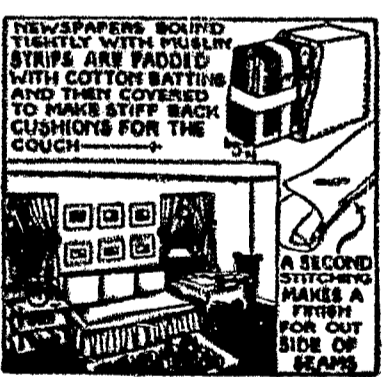
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Note: The above idea was taken from Book 8 of the series of 100 booklets which Mrs. Spears has prepared for readers. Book 8 also contains illustrations of several ways to fix up a kitchen; making useful things from boxes and orange crates; ways to remodel closets; various toys and household conveniences. To get a copy send name and address with 10c to Mrs. Ruth Wyeth Spears, Drawer 153, Bedford Hills, New York. (Copyright)

Congress Prints Pastoral Of English, Welsh Bishops

WASHINGTON.—The complete text of the joint pastoral letter on the social question by the Hierarchy of England and Wales, together with an article on the pastoral which appeared in The Tablet, of Brooklyn, was printed in the July 23 Congressional Record at the request of Representative Homer D. Angell of Oregon.

Families Living Space In Nations, World Need

BUENOS AIRES.—More important than living space for families within nations, the Most Rev. Miguel de Andrea, Titular Bishop of Temuco, said in his address before the national assembly of the Federation of Catholic Employes' Associations, held here and attended by some 21,000 employes.

In the struggle for liberation of the necessitous, Bishop de Andrea said, it is not enough for "nations to be organized so that their needs can be met without resorting to external aggressions." The ideal, he added, should be that "family resource within nations be organized so that domestic needs can be satisfied, without resort to internal aggressions." Just as the needs of small and weak nations are to be considered along with those of great and strong nations, "the needs of the upper and controlling classes are no more at stake than those of the populous and controlled classes," he declared. "Behind the front of the belligerents," he added, "is the front of the families; more important than living space for nations in the world, is living space for families within nations."

Do not burden yourself with too many devotions; rather undertake few, and persevere with them.—St. Philip Neri.

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