

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

For Mass and Devotions

Eight Dollars will provide enough candles for Mass and devotions in a mission chapel in the Near East for a whole year. If you give them they will burn for your intentions.

CHRIST'S CHURCH AT CHRISTIANITY'S CRADLE

The Mission Circle of this Association is in lands where Christianity began, where our Lord, His Blessed Mother and His Apostles lived. The people are the descendants of those who heard the Divine Master proclaim the Word.

Why then, you may ask, is it necessary to send missionaries to such places? It is a long and story of man's failure. In the Near East arose most of the early heresies—false teachings which led many away from the truth—and these heresies contained the seed of all errors of later times.

For centuries most of the Christians of the Near East have been separated from the center of unity—Rome. Yet they are still Protestants—they are very near to us in doctrine and practice. Their bishops and priests offer a real sacrifice.

Because of the divisions, false religions like Mohammedanism have drawn millions away from Christ. We have this to contend with also. The people are very poor—the Catholics generally the poorest of all. They cannot even help the mission priests, who live in great poverty. We are trying to bring Christ's Church back to Christianity's cradle. Only Twenty-Five Dollars a month supports a priest in the Near East. Won't you help?

WORKING TOGETHER
Many working together can do what one could not do alone. A great many of our readers want a share in preparing natives of the Near East to serve as priests among their own people. Comparatively few can support a student altogether. Almost anyone can join our Student Support Club. Its members send us One Dollar a month—Twelve Dollars a year—for this purpose. Altogether its members do a great deal. Why not become one of them?

FOR THE NEW PRIEST
Each new priest ordained in the Near East needs a Fyx—the vestment in which he carries the Blessed Sacrament to the sick. Provide a Fyx for one of these young priests. Five Dollars does it.

VESTMENTS DIFFER

In the Oriental Rites, the Vestments are different from those of the Latin Rite. In each Rite, they differ from the others in some respects. Every Rite must have those approved for its use. To supply those in our chapel is one of our works. You can help by giving a set of Vestments. Twenty Dollars buys one.

ST. ANNE'S IN JERUSALEM

The White Fathers have long conducted St. Anne's Seminary in Jerusalem for the training of priests of the Greek Melkite Rite. These priests serve in many parts of the Near East—Palestine, Syria, Turkey, Egypt. They keep the Catholics faithful and work to bring the separated Christians back to the fold. Recently the Most Reverend Joseph Malouf, Bishop of Baalbek, ordained a class of young priests at St. Anne's. More students are coming to take their places. For these, help is needed. One Hundred Dollars a year is required to keep each student. Will you help one of these young men who are preparing for God's work in the Holy City?

GOD PROTECT THEM!

Many have members of their families serving as soldiers, sailors, or marines. Ask God to protect them. Enroll them in this Association. They will be remembered in 15,000 Masses each year and in all the prayers of the missionaries. The dues are only One Dollar a year. Or you can enroll a Perpetual Member for Twenty Dollars.

YOUR CHOICE

You can choose one of these articles to help furnish a mission chapel for only Ten Dollars: a chalice, a ciborium, a monstrance, or a set of Stations of the Cross. What is your choice?

THE LONELY MISSIONARY

The lot of the missionary priest is a lonely one. Cut off from home, kindred, friends, and a people whose ways and language are strange, he often longs for some evidence that those "back home" still remember him. *Com' way in to ask him to say Mass for your intentions. You can't realize what this means to a lonely missionary.*

Settle On the Fringes

The words of the Most Rev. Miguel de Azua, of Argentina, have been widely quoted: "More important than living space for the nations of the world is living space for the families within the nations." The NCRLC has a folder entitled "A Working Area of the Catholic Rural Life Conference." It has other pamphlets full of ideas for the village that explain the WHAT and the WHY and the HOW of the Conference. It has a MANIFESTO. But all of its philosophy might be summed up in the words "living space for the family."

Living space for everybody—for the people who live in the cities, in the towns, on farms. Living space for wholesome family life; for a place to welcome babies; for freedom for children to play, for opportunity to young people to develop into the right kind of social beings.

Obviously everybody cannot live in the open country, nor can all workers or farmers. Many individuals however are solving their own problems of living space; they are finding homes outside city limits, they are learning what it is to have a garden of their own. Mrs. Berry, the "American Mother for 1942," lives in the country, where she says she has raised her family "with a lot of wholesome neglect."

Roland LeCroz of West Point has found a way. In his own words he tells us: "Having a lot for the soil but not the means of owning a farm, I did the best I could. During the summer months, I secured pieces of ground averaging about one-half to three-quarters of an acre, and would raise flowers and vegetables for our family and for relatives and friends, and for the sheer joy of watching things grow."

It is regrettable that the Defense housing program concentrates on small sections of ground for the homes of many workers. The Buffalo Project, under the enthusiastic and dynamic leadership of Father Kelly, plans for an acre per unit—room to breathe, room to play, room even to have a decent private family quarrel, and room for a garden and flowers. "Free to the fields" is an English Distributist slogan. "Settle on the fringes" might well be an American suggestion. —O. M. Biddison.

Church For Colored

Holy Trinity, Ala. — The Most Rev. Thomas J. Toolen, Bishop of Mobile has dedicated the recently completed church, rectory and school of the St. Peter Claver colored mission, located here near the original motherhouse of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity.

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once they got nearly half the seats there. Without the Red coalition they could not have got any. The official returns in three elections between 1931 and 1936 prove this. Yet they are still spoken and written of as the whole Basque people the Basque Republic, and great patriots.

Those "regional" languages, including the Basque, did, without doubt, go much to preserve the Catholic religion. Catholicism is in a very true sense a tradition. Miss Colvill in her remarkable book on Saint "Teresa of Spain" says, "Spain was the home of Freedom." She had spent five years in Spain in preparing the material for her work. It was the home of freedom because more than any country in Europe, it enjoyed local freedom. Its idea of freedom was fundamentally the same as that of our own Republic—namely, to have a strong, central government, but have that government attend solely and strictly to the national interests while allowing the local communities to govern themselves. And they did so govern themselves. In the period of which Miss Colvill (an English Protestant) writes, when the King visited a Spanish town, he was met at the gate by the local authorities and there with uncovered head and his right hand on the Gospels, he had to swear that he would respect the "rights and laws" of the town. Then and not till then, was he allowed to enter.

In these towns and Regions the people preserved their own language, customs and traditions. That was all changed when the Bourbons came to the throne of Spain and began to govern Spain as the French Kings had been governing France.

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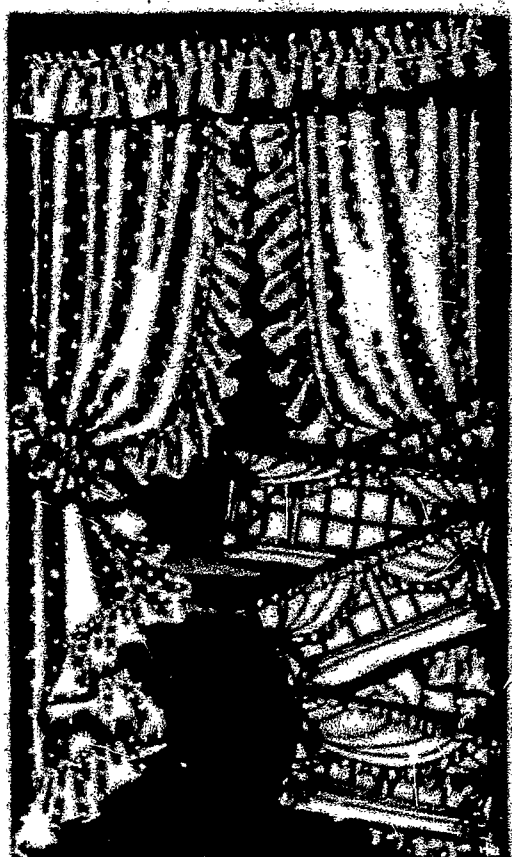
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