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**Resolved That**

(Resolutions of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference adopted at the Twentieth Annual Convention, Oct. 2-8, 1942, Peoria, Illinois).

**OUR HOLY FATHER**

Assembled in convention, the members of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference express their unwavering loyalty and profound gratitude to the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, for the direction and guidance he has given us on a subject most dear to our hearts.

It is from him that we have received confirmation of our belief in the home on the land as the surest framework in which the Christian family can develop naturally and securely. From the land, he tells us, the family can derive not only a considerable part of its subsistence, but also the stability which makes it the vital and fruitful cell of society. So necessary to the welfare of society is the homestead on the land, that every effort must be made to free the family from the restraints in modern society, which make it impossible for the family even to dream of a homestead of its own.

Accordingly, following the teaching of our Holy Father, we wish to re-affirm our conviction that private property is so conformable to man's nature that to weaken or deny this right is to place grave obstacles in the way of Christian family life and full development of human personality. We therefore urge that every effort be made to assist families in obtaining and holding ownership of homes on the land.

Temperance Leader

has been named Director of the Executive and the Council of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, and will be in charge of the work of the conference in the future.

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**Remember Your Departed**

During this month of the Holy Souls have you requested Mass to be offered for your beloved dead? Write and ask our missionaries to do so. Your Mass intentions help support their missions.

**PREVENT LOSS OF FAITH AS IN OUR SOUTH**

Without priests, loss of faith will surely result in any country. We in the United States, have learned that truth. Ever so many people in our country have lost their faithful heritage—their Catholic Faith. The reason—lack of priests to teach and serve the faithful.

That may also happen in Cairo and nearby regions in Egypt. Catholics of the Melchite Rite are in large numbers, but vocations to the holy priesthood are few in proportion. Without priests for the future, many may well fall away from the Church, as happened in the Southern States of our country in the last century.

The Church is aware of this situation and wishes to correct it. It is proposed that a small preparatory seminary be built in Cairo, to foster vocations among the youth for the holy priesthood. The Holy Father, through the Sacred Oriental Congregation in Rome desires ardently that this small seminary be started soon. We appeal to American Catholics to help generously so that there may not happen to the Church in Egypt what happened here.

To buy and repair a house to serve this purpose will cost \$1,150. If one benefactor could give this amount, he or she would help greatly to preserve the faith to generations. We pray that God will prompt someone to do this.

We ask all our readers to send a gift, large or small, for the support of this seminary. God's blessing of love will be the portion of those who give to this cause, so important for the future of our missions and for God's Church in Egypt.

**OUR GREATEST NEED**

In the mission field assigned to this association there are 170 million Christians. Of these only a little over eight millions are Catholics. Our task is to bring back to God's Church the separated 162 millions.

We are making gains. But in many instances our priests are at a standstill because they have no place to gather the people. Chapels are needed. Five Hundred Dollars will build a chapel. Help us solve this problem. Help us make greater gains. The harvest is ripe. Chapels are our greatest need.

**GREGORIAN MASSES**

Do you know what is meant by Gregorian Masses? Every informed Catholic should. Write for our leaflet explaining the meaning of Gregorian Masses. It is free.

**A SUGGESTION**

We are in need of Missals for our missions. The Missal is the book the priest reads when he offers Holy Mass. Ten Dollars will buy one. We suggest you supply a Missal to a poor mission chapel.

**USE OF LINEN**

Linen is closely associated with the offering of Holy Mass. The altar cloths are made of linen. The Blessed Sacrament rests upon the linen corporal. The cloth with which the priest purifies the chalice is made of linen. You can supply linen for an altar for Five Dollars. The Sisters in our missions will make the altar cloths.

**FOR AN ALTAR**

On the altar where Mass is said there must be a Crucifix and two candlesticks. Many of our mission chapels are using makeshift articles for this purpose. You can give a really suitable set for a mission chapel for only Seventeen Dollars. If you want to supply a year's candles too, this can be done for only Eight Dollars more.

**WHICH ONE?**

We are anxious to place in many of our chapels statues of the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Virgin. Fifteen Dollars will purchase a large sized statue in the Near East. Which one will you give?

**FOOD FOR FREEDOM**

With America at war, the need of an abundant food supply is recognized by all. In order that "food may win the war and write the peace," we urge that every precaution be taken to insure a continuation of the present high level of production. This level cannot be maintained, however, if the countryside is stripped of its manpower. We therefore recommend that agriculture be accorded its due recognition as a vital part of the war effort, and that the President of the United States and Congress take steps to prevent the drafting of men essential for the Food for Freedom program.

**HOME PRODUCTION**

The Conference recognizes that the family is the fundamental unit of Society and therefore the first line of defense. We therefore urge that in the present crisis every effort be made to preserve and strengthen the family and the home. To this end we recommend that mothers of families serve their country by remaining in the home and keeping America strong by providing an adequate diet and a rich home-life for husband, sons, and daughters engaged in the war effort. We urge families to increase the production of food and clothing in the home and to place increased emphasis upon home production in the postwar period as a permanent phase of family living.



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