

Holy Childhood Association

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Dear Boys and Girls—

On next Sunday we begin the season of Advent. Perhaps, Sister has already told you the meaning of Advent, a preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Like thousands of other boys and girls all over the world, I know that you are planning ways and means of preparing a gift for the Christ-child on Christmas Day.

I am hoping that the missions will have a part in your gift to the Christ-child. The Crusade Programmer suggests the making of a spiritual bouquet and the placing of your offerings of prayers in solemn procession before the Crib. A special presentation prayer is suggested. Won't you read it over and think about it. The words of the prayer will help you to understand just what your gift, when completed, will mean to the Christ-child and will inspire you to do everything within your power to make your gift the most perfect and beautiful of gifts.

Dear Infant Jesus, we the Crusaders of (name of school) have prepared these gifts of prayer for your birthday. We were anxious to give You something. You wanted very much and we knew that Your heart is still crying for the love of those millions of children throughout the world who have never even heard Your Name. The time has not yet come when we ourselves can go out to bring these children to Your Sacred Heart but we know that You will listen to our prayers for those children and for the missionaries who are telling how to love You. We know our spiritual offerings for the missions would make You happy, so please accept these bouquets of prayers for Your birthday gift, dear Infant Jesus, and shower down upon the mission world the graces which will lead all souls to You.

MISSION REPORT

Not in ones, but in twos and threes the adoptions are coming in. Blessed Sacrament School reports three adoptions. The boys and girls of the Fourth Grade would like a Chinese boy, to be named John the Third Grade a Negro baby to be called Mary Ann in honor of our Blessed Mother and Saint Ann, and the Sixth Grade, a Negro boy, to be called John Joseph Shea after Commander Shea of the Wasp.

Nazareth Hall has three adoptions to its credit, an Eskimo baby requested by the Third Grade to be named David Gregory; a baby from the Selma mission for the Fifth Grade to be named Lawrence Rupert and Robert James Michael, an Eskimo baby requested by the Eighth Grade.

"The little mission helpers" of Nazareth Medel School's Second and Third Grade ask that a little baby from Selma be christened in their name Martin John.

As a gift for Our Lady on her Feast Day, the Feast of the Presentation, the pupils of the First and Second Grade of St. Mary's School, Waterloo, would like a ransom a little baby boy to be called Thomas Paul at his baptism.

We just can't keep up with St. Andrew's. Chaplain Elmer Heindl will be delighted when he hears that the Fifth Grade South and the Sixth Grade South have both decided to name their babies after him. They are respectively from Alaska and the South Sea Islands. The Sixth Grade North has chosen Joseph Aloysius for the name of the little Chinese boy they wish adopted. From this same country the Eighth Grade North asks us to arrange for the ransom of little Charles Edward. In the same letter to Chaplain Elmer Heindl will go the additional note that the boys and girls of the Third Grade South have ransomed a little Indian baby and have likewise asked that he be given the name Elmer Heindl.

To the missions of India will go the request for the adoption of a baby girl by the Seventh Grade of Corpus Christi School. She will, at the request of the pupils be called Ann Marie.

To add to our dues record we have checks from Nativity School, Breckport, to the amount of \$11.70, and St. Patrick's School, Oswego, for \$12.25. The Third Grade South of St. Andrew's School likewise reports \$4.30 as their annual dues. To the pupils and Sisters our sincere thanks for their loyal support.

We were delighted to receive two adoptions from St. John's School, Clyde. Helen Salerno as Mission Secretary has written re-

called Mary Josephine. Mary Bremer writing for the pupils of the Fifth and Sixth Grades asked that we ransom for them a North American Indian boy and see to it that he receives the name Peter Joseph at his baptism. Tucked away in this same letter was a check for \$11.30 in full payment of Holy Childhood dues for the pupils for this year.

The mails from the Southern Tier brought in a letter from St. Mary's School, Corning, for FOUR ransoms, two from the Sixth Grade, one from the boys, Anthony Joseph, and one from the girls, Mary Ann, both Chinese babies; one from the Third Grade, a Chinese baby to be called Joseph, an Eskimo boy from the Fourth Grade to be named Paul Anthony. A note from St. Cecilia's School requests a Chinese baby to be called Mary Ann. The little missionaries requesting this adoption are from the First and Second Grades.

The Eighth Grade of Holy Mary School has set a splendid record. They want three adoptions—preferably colored children from the Selma missions. They are to be baptized Rita, John Joseph and Paul. Fine work, Crusaders!

The boys and girls of the Kindergarten, First and Second Grades of St. Patrick's School, Mt. Morris, tell us that they have been busy collecting scraps for the scrap metal drive but in between the collections they have added to their penny heap for ransoms. In this way they have collected enough for the ransom of a Negro baby and have chosen James Francis for his name. They have asked it to be placed in China, where such help is desperately needed.

The Sixth and Seventh Grades of St. Alphonsus School have worked until they have obtained enough for two ransoms, the Sixth a little boy to be called Joseph Anthony and the Seventh a girl to be given the name Margaret Mary.

The Third Grade has ransomed a little sister for their adopted baby James Welch. They wish her to be given the name Rose Marie Welch. She is, as you perhaps know, Chinese.

And last, but not least, we have the ransom of a little Eskimo baby, Joseph, by the pupils of the Fourth Grade of Sacred Heart School.

To all the boys and girls who worked so zealously for these ransoms and the payment of dues, our sincerest thanks. Space does not permit me to comment on or thank you all individually in this column. I shall try to do that when I write you personally, and send you your certificate of adoption.

A happy Thanksgiving vacation of you all.

200,000 POLES FIGHT Quebec.—Poland has an army of 200,000 men fighting on the various fronts with the United Nations. Victor Podonski, Polish Minister to Canada, said in a speech here. In Great Britain, there are at present 12,000 Polish airmen, he declared.

Centennial



Mother M. Elizabeth, Superior General of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family (Colored Sisters), who are observing the centennial of their founding, in New Orleans, in 1842. They are represented in the Archdioceses of New Orleans and San Antonio, the Dioceses of Galveston, Lafayette, Mobile and Tulsa, and the Vicariate of British Ho-



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