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The Immaculate Conception

Under this Title our Lady is Patroness of the United States. In thanksgiving for her protection in these perilous times, give her Picture to a chapel in the Near East. Five Dollars buys a large one.

HELPING THE PRIESTS TO TEACH CHRIST

For the past sixty years the Vincentians have been... (Persia) There is a... of these priests living in four centers from which they go out to bring the Church to the scattered villages. In all the years they have been in Persia they have made no appeal for outside help until the war cut off the donations from their homeland. Now they are asking us to give them assistance.

Even so, they are not appealing for themselves, but for the support of their Catechists. These men are the right hand of the mission priests for they live among the people, instructing children and adults in the truths of our religion, preparing them to receive the Sacraments and making ready for the priests' visits. Each Catechist is specially trained for his work and is chosen from among the most intelligent and religious of the people.

Father Peter Fransoso, the Superior of the Vincentians in Iran writes: "Each Catechist receives about \$100 a year. They ask no more than is necessary to live. These men are fired with the love of God. They wear the same habit for years, even though it is faded and patched. They eat most sparingly."

Unless the Fathers receive aid they will not be able to keep these valued helpers. On the Catechists working with the priests rests the hope of restoring Persia to the Catholic Church. Once Christianity flourished there, but heresy and Mohammedanism made great inroads, and the Catholics have had a hard, uphill struggle.

Remembering the blessings that have come to you through your knowledge of the Catechism, you will want to share them with the poor people of Persia. Send us something to help support these valiant Catechists.

VERY IMPORTANT

A school is very important in our missions. Surrounded by Mohammedan influences in many places, Christian children need the safeguard of a Catholic education. Many of our priests are asking for schools. It requires only Five Hundred Dollars to erect one which will serve very well.

EASTERN CUSTOMS (No. 1)

From time to time we propose to run little notes on various customs in the Oriental Rites which differ from those of the Latin Rite. We know our readers will be interested in learning how their fellow Catholics of other Rites do things. They hold the same Faith—only their expression is sometimes different. The Oriental Rites are suited to the temperament of their people. That is why Pope Urban VIII said of them: "In you I place my hope of converting the East." Watch for our "Eastern Customs" notes.

YOU CAN'T DO IT

You can't do it, but our priests in the Near East can. What? Live on Five Dollars a week. Keep a missionary at his post for a week or more.

ENROLL YOUR FAMILY

If you take out Family Membership in this Association, it means that each member will share in the spiritual benefits. These include remembrance in 15,000. Masses annually. Family Membership includes both living and deceased. The offering is only Five Dollars a year.

HOLY VIATICUM

This is the name given to Holy Communion for the dying. When the priest brings the Blessed Sacrament to the dying he carries it in a small vessel called a Pyx. You can give a Pyx to a missionary in the Near East for Five Dollars.

A GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS

Prepare to receive the newborn Christ at Christmas by having Mass offered in reparation for the sins of your life. Our missionaries will gratefully remember you.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Some of the children in our missions may not be able to finish the school term. Why? Because the schools haven't the money to keep open. Their closing would be a calamity. You can help avert this by sending us Five Dollars. It will pay a child's way in school for six months.



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A MOTHER SPEAKS

While reading through our newspaper I read where you said that the Soldiers would be put on the farm after the war. Don't you think that with all the money the Government has to spend for killing people that they could not afford to give each family with a lot of children a piece of all that uncultivated land that is just being wasted, and even build them some kind of a house. It need not be fancy just so you can live in it—with a cow and pigs.

You know that our Government destroyed a lot of livestock when it could have been given to some poor hungry people. God put enough of everything on this earth for everyone. Not to be destroyed or wasted. Just look what our farmers were told to do to plow under the wheat and throw potatoes and such in the river and kill the stock just to hold prices up and people were starving. What a shame. Now the farmers are squawking because things are going wrong. Don't they know that God is punishing them justly.

I like many more Mothers with a large family would just love to have a place where we can live in peace. I moved from the city out into the Country thinking that it would be a good place for the children but found out it is worse, as the people all move in the country to get away from the noise of children that they do not like. We had several dogs and a cat and they were poisoned because they went on the people's lawns. I have been looking for a place with just enough ground to raise my family and a few things for ourselves but the prices the people ask are horrible. We cannot afford to go in such debt because it takes so much money to raise a large family. I do not ask for a pretty house. I will be satisfied with whatever I get just so there is peace there and my family can live as human beings and not prisoners.

Today children are not allowed in the houses as they mess up things. They cannot play in the streets on account of the automobiles, cannot play in the yards for fear of breaking a window or something. Just what are they supposed to do with all their energy. Store it up in hate and killing. After this I suppose that people will give their babies toy pistols to play with instead of rattles. Then we wonder why juvenile crimes are on the increase. What a price parents and Society are going to have to pay because parents are interested in only their own welfare not their children and society has the officer on the children's necks for every little move they make.

I have been praying to the good God to help me find a place where my children can go to Catholic school, and where my husband can reach his business, and I know He will help me but I have to help myself too. Maybe you could give me some information of where I can find such a place. It may encourage some of our unselfish people to obey the laws of God and nature. If there was some security for their families.

God help you with your work. It is about time some one is taking interest in the welfare of the people. Especially the heads of our Churches. It seems to me that in the past they have either been sleeping or just not interested in no one but themselves. I hope you will not be bored with my long letter but these are the problems that confront this world today.

A MOTHER

Ill Rector Rescued As Fire Razes Church

VAUDREUIL, Que. — Fire destroyed the 65-year-old church at St. Lazare near here, with a loss estimated at \$35,000. When the fire broke out, Rev. J. B. Leduc, who was critically ill in the rectory, was carried to a neighbor's home.

The Rev. U. Leduc, of Dorion, who was assisting here during the illness of the pastor, risked his life to save the Sacred Hosts in the church.

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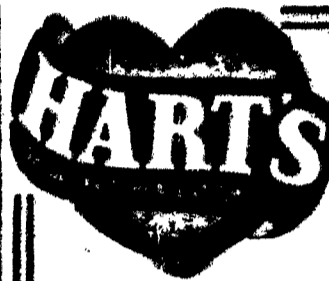
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