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A PLEDGE TO OUR NATION

Resolutions of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference adopted at the Twentieth Annual Convention, October 2-6, 1942, Peoria, Illinois.

In these days of crisis we pledge our loyalty to our country and express our willingness to put forth unswerving effort and make the sacrifices necessary to bring the war to an early and victorious end.

We recognize that the American farmers are playing a vital role in the war effort and we urge our farmers to continue their magnificent effort of all-out production even though this effort be increasingly hampered by shortages of manpower and machinery.

To this end we recommend that farmers place increasing reliance upon home and community resources and that they exemplify in particular the true Christian community spirit by mutual exchange of farm labor and cooperation in the use of farm machinery and automobiles.

We urge priests, both urban and rural to foster this community spirit and to take the lead in organizing community efforts for the increased production of agricultural commodities.

Postwar Land Settlements

We believe that the proper use of our soil resources by family units will contribute significantly to the solution of many if not most of our postwar social and economic problems.

We therefore recommend that the American public be informed of the possibilities of land settlement as a postwar measure and that leaders be trained and given the opportunity to cooperate with private and governmental agencies in planning and financing land settlements.

In carrying out land settlement programs we recommend close cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service and the development of land that is of itself productive and suitable for irrigation.

Cooperatives and Credit Unions

Recognizing that cooperatives are in close harmony with Christian social philosophy and powerful instruments of self-help, the Conference strongly recommends that communities devote themselves to a serious study of the Rochdale principles and to the history of the cooperative movement at home and abroad. This study should lead to intelligent cooperation in buying and marketing, in supplying community services, and in providing community recreation, thus constituting the application of the principles of Christian social philosophy to economic life.

We furthermore recommend explorations of the possibilities of the parish credit union as one solution to economic problems giving rise to family limitation.

Migratory Labor

We call attention to the problem of our Spanish-American brothers and other migrant workers and their families, who have been called upon to supplement our diminished farm labor supply. We commend the program of the Farm Security Administration in accord with just treatment and sympathetic assistance to these groups.

We furthermore wish to call the attention of priests and people to their responsibility of providing for the spiritual needs of these people.

Acolytes of 50 Years Ago Return To Church For Memorial Mass

CHICAGO. When St. Malachy's Church observed its annual memorial Mass for old and present parishioners, five Chicago business men who were altar boys there 50 years ago returned to serve again as acolytes.

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Orphans At Christmas

The approach of Christmas turns our minds toward poor children. Many hundreds of orphans are being cared for in our Near East Homes. Will you send Five Dollars to care for one orphan for one month? Do this in honor of the Infant Child of Bethlehem.

HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS

When a missionary priest wishes to start a new mission center he goes to live in a good sized town or village. There he hopes some day to build a chapel.

To reach souls in the outlying districts, he travels many miles meeting the people and instructing whatever Catholics he can find. To offer Holy Mass he must have a "missionary or Mass Kit." It is a box arranged to contain a crucifix, candles, and candlesticks, incense, chalice, vestments, Mass book, and an altar stone or Greek corporal.

With this missionary kit the priest can offer Holy Mass and distribute Holy Communion to the few Catholics in scattered areas during his visitations. A missionary kit costs Fifty Dollars. Will you provide one?

Often we receive a request like this in letters from our priests: "Father, could you please obtain for me a Mass Kit, so I may offer Mass in every place I stop, over night? Our visitations to distant villages take six or seven weeks. With a Mass Kit we would not have to return so often to the mission center. We would have more time with the people. We could cover more villages in a shorter time."

Such a Mass Kit would be a fine Christmas gift for many of our missionary priests. Your donation of Fifty Dollars will enable people to have Holy Mass at least when a missionary priest visits their village. For this blessing and happiness you will gain their gratitude and prayers.

THE WHY OF THE C.N.E.W.A.

Many of the people of the Near East have lost their birthright — their Catholic Faith, Christ and the True Church — through no fault of their own.

Our Holy Father ardently desires the return of these lost souls. He has sent priests and sisters to these lands. We ask your help by joining our Association. Family Membership is Five Dollars a year; individual membership, One Dollar.

All our members, living and deceased, share in Forty Masses daily. For the deceased members a special Mass is offered every morning in the Vatican Basilica.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

We are still within the Octave of the Immaculate Conception. In our Blessed Lady's honor will you send Fifteen Dollars to place her statue in a mission chapel or school?

THE HOUSE OF GOD

The greatest need of a missionary priest is a chapel where our Lord can welcome souls, and seekers of our Lord can come and find Him.

In the Near East a chapel can be built for Five Hundred Dollars. The Holy Father will have it built where it will do the most good. You can select the name of the chapel and have it dedicated for whatever intention you wish.

SANCTUARY LAMP

A Lamp must burn before the altar where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. It is called the Sanctuary Lamp. Seven Dollars will purchase a suitable Sanctuary Lamp for a Near East mission chapel.

IN FOND MEMORY

As Catholics we hold in affectionate remembrance our beloved dead. This should be expressed in ways that are profitable and helpful to them. For example, by building a chapel in their memory, or requesting a set of Gregorian Masses for a departed soul. Send for our free leaflet on Gregorian Masses.

ALL CAN HELP

One of the best ways of helping the missions is to support a native young student for the priesthood. As a priest he will help convert his own people to God's Church. It costs \$100 a year for each student in the major seminary. He remains in the seminary for six years of training, study and prayer. Can you support a young man for one or more years? If not, join our Student Support Club, the members send us \$1.00 a month, or \$12 a year.

FOR A CHAPEL

Many of our mission chapels could use a new Mass Book, set of vestments, and a set of Altar Linens. These you can give for Thirty-Five Dollars.

Send all communications to

Catholic Near East Welfare Association 400 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York, N. Y.