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Dear Boys and Girls:

I know you must be counting the days to Christmas and the Christmas vacation. May I take this opportunity to wish you and the good Sisters a Merry, Merry Christmas and a vacation full of fun and joy.

The Christmas Seal Campaign is in full swing. Reports are beginning to come in. We have to date the following report.

St. Patrick, Danville	\$ 2.32
St. Cecilia, Elmira	15.00
St. Columba, Elmira	18.00
St. Mary, Cananagoona	31.00
Holy Family, Rochester	111.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester	18.00
St. John, Clyde	23.00
Nativity, Brockport	12.00

Some of the schools have been good enough to send us a list of the prizes needed. We do appreciate this and would even suggest that the schools in Rochester call in and give us their list. We received a note yesterday from Father Ackerman, the National Director of the Holy Childhood, in response to our order for prizes and he says that due to the heavy Christmas gift express load, shipment is very slow. We are anxious to know the possible number of prizes needed so that we may order more if necessary and get them here in time for your vacation.

In the meantime keep up the good work and remember that the proceeds from these Christmas seals will go to our mission orphanages provide food and clothing and shelter to little children who would otherwise be left abandoned and uncared for.

Despite the fact that you have been striving might and main to put over the top the Christmas Seal Campaign, you have had time to work on your adoptions. I know that the same spirit which motivated the adoption placed by St. Anthony's School, Elmira, has prompted all these sacrifices which have made possible each adoption listed today.

St. Anthony's School writes: that the Fifth Graders have ransomed a little Chinese baby to be called Joseph. This ransom was made "in honor of the Infant Jesus."

The Third and Fourth Grade of St. Cecilia's School, Elmira, would likewise appreciate the ransom of a Chinese boy to be baptized John Joseph.

The Fifth and Sixth Grade of St. Cecilia's have chosen the beautiful name of Maria for their Chinese baby.

Not one but two adoptions have been requested by St. Mary's School, Corning. The choice of the Eighth Grade is an Indian boy to be called Nicholas, while the Third Grade S. W. wish a Chinese girl. The name chosen for her by the pupils is Mary Anne.

Three adoptions have been credited this week to Nativity, Brockport. The first from the Third and Fourth Grade is the ransom of an Eskimo baby girl Agnes Cecilia. The Fifth and Sixth Grades have chosen a Chinese girl, Mary Ann, while the First and Second Grade would like a baby girl from Selma, Alabama, and have chosen for her name Anne Mary.

It was interesting to note the choice of the name of the little American Indian ransomed by the First and Second Grade, St. John's, Clyde. They have chosen to call her Catherine Laboure. Do you boys and girls know of the wonderful privilege which was accorded to Catherine Laboure? Every time you see a Miraculous Medal you will be reminded of your little adopted friend.

Nazareth Hall's Fifth Grade begins its letter with "How's this for a real Christmas surprise? Our grade has ransomed twins this time!" Let me assure you that that is the kind of surprise that we would like to experience every time we open the morning's mail. As you have requested, these Chinese twins will be called George Andrew and Helen Margaret.

Nazareth Grammar School sends in a request for three Chinese babies, Marcella Marie, Beatrice Ann and Daniel. This will indeed be a help, as you have hoped.

The Fourth Grade of Sacred Heart School have chosen a little friend from Eskimoland for its adoption, and have given her the name of Mary.

Adoptions are coming in from St. Andrew's School. How the Fifth Grade did it I am at a loss to say—but truth to tell, the boys and girls have adopted FOUR babies, three Chinese, Raymond West, John Bernard Kleintjes, Margaret Ryan and a little Eskimo, Richard Cielinski. The Fourth Grade Boys

have chosen an Eskimo boy to be called James Edward Kennedy.

St. Columba's School, Elmira, requests an adoption from the First and Second Grades of a Chinese baby to be called Francis Xavier, one from the Eighth Grade from Selma, Alabama, and the other grades of the school a little one to be called Mary.

You may note, boys and girls, that space did not permit me to comment individually on each adoption as I would like to have done. I shall have to leave that to my letter to you. From your letters I know for you have told me that you have offered these ransoms as a Christmas Gift to the Christ-Child. You could not have chosen more wisely nor offered him a lovelier present for with these ransoms I know that you offer him too yourself and all that you do. May He bless you all, each and every one.

DUES:

This past week has brought us a report in dues from two schools: The Third Grade North of St. Andrew's reports \$2.40 and St. Patrick's School, Mt. Morris, \$7.32. Many thanks.

Three items have come in this week, which I know you will agree with me deserve special mention.

The first is a gift of \$5 from the Second Grade of Sacred Heart School for the Lepers. You know every year at Christmas time we appeal to our friends to give an offering for the priests and Sisters who labor among the lepers so that they may be able to provide a bit extra in the way of cheer for these poor people on Christmas day. Our appeal has just gone out. These little boys and girls are among the first to respond. We are deeply grateful.

The Sister Superior from St. Mary's School, Elmira, reports that Patricia Close, a pupil of St. Mary's School has alone ransomed a Negro baby from Selma, Alabama. Good work, Patricia. We are delighted with your mission spirit! As you have requested, we shall see that your little one is named Beatrice Ann, with Thomas Sullivan and Margaret Calkin as sponsors.

Richard Clar of the Fifth Grade, Holy Family School, Rochester, writes: "For the past year I have been saving my pennies, hoping that when Christmas came, I would have enough to ransom a heathen baby. I am very happy and proud to be able to enclose my \$3.00 to save one of these little souls, as a Christmas gift to the dear little Infant Jesus."

I would like a little Japanese baby, for I feel that with everyone hating the Japanese now, these little ones might be forgotten. I would also like a boy and would like to have him named Frederick Albert, Frederick after my uncle, who is a member of the Passionists Father, and Albert, after another uncle who is serving in the U. S. Army.

I wish to take this occasion of wishing you a very happy Christmas and promise to continue to do all I can to help our missions.

Richard Clar

WE APOLOGIZE

We are sorry that we failed to publish in our dues report the fact that St. Vincent de Paul's School, Corning, enrolled 100% in the Holy Childhood with the payment of \$28.40 in dues. Such good work and conscientious attention to the exact program of the Holy Childhood deserves mention. It is only by such attention to details that the work of the Holy Childhood can grow and expand.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLD CHRISTMAS WAR PARTIES

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Thousands of children, a large proportion of them orphans, were the guests of the Knights of Columbus at Christmas parties staged throughout the United States last year. To this long-established custom of the K. of C. there was added a variety of new Christmas parties in 1941, the nation being at war. Various councils of the Knights of Columbus added to their children's parties entertainments for the men with the armed forces, and many groups organized the sending of Christmas packages to men in the service.

LONDON.—Sixteen Italians in a prisoner of war camp in this country have been confirmed by the Apostolic Delegate, the Most Rev. William Godfrey, who imparted the Papal Blessing.