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## Catholic Near East Welfare Association

### Christ's Resting Place

Since Christ condescends to make His home in our churches it is only fitting that He be provided with a proper resting place. You can give a Tabernacle to a mission chapel in the Near East for Ten Dollars.

### THE "OUR FATHER"

One outstanding feature of Catholic devotional practice is the use of the "Our Father"—our Lord's perfect prayer. Almost every time we go to church, we hear it.

Now is the use of the "Our Father" confined to the Latin Rite. The Oriental Rites use it even more than we do. In the Chaldean Rite every sacred function begins and ends with it. In the Byzantine Rite just before communion both choir and people sing it aloud.

The Separated Eastern Churches, which follow the same forms of service as Oriental Catholics, make the same use of it. These people are very dear to us, but are not in union with the Holy See. Their very prayers makes the Church more hopeful of their return, not only in small numbers, but in the great majority," as Pope Pius XI expressed it. Recent accords make it seem that now as never before, the day of reunion is drawing near.

In some parts of the Near East whole villages, often headed by their priests, have become Catholic. In others a large part of the congregation has been reconciled. The causes of separation are deep rooted and difficulties still abound. But our missionaries are most hopeful over the prospects.

To take advantage of the opportunity presented, support is needed for our missionaries. Twenty-five Dollars will maintain a priest in the Near East for a month. Surely you who pray "Thy will be done," will help to fulfill God's will by sending something for the support of a mission priest.

### CAN'T BE OPENED

A chapel can't be opened for services if it lacks furnishings. For Mass it must have the following articles: Crucifix and Candlesticks, Chalice, Missal, Vestments and Altar Linens. These can be provided for \$2. Help bring the Holy Sacrifice to a poor mission by furnishing a chapel.

### CANDLEMAS DAY

On February 2, known as Candlemas Day, the solemn blessing of candles to be used in church takes place. On nearly every occasion of public worship candles are required. A supply which will last a year can be given to a chapel in the Near East for Eight Dollars.

### EDUCATION FOR MANY

You know how valuable are our parochial schools. Many of our readers attended them and learned there the truths of their religion. The children of our missions need that same opportunity. Yet, in most places the people are too poor to build schools. If you erect one, it will serve to bring Catholic education to many—not only to those now children, but for generations. Five Hundred Dollars will build a school in the Near East. It would serve as an excellent memorial.

### DON'T MIND GRIND

"Missionaries don't mind the grind, but your help will ease it a bit." We read this heading in a Catholic paper recently. It's very true. And one very good way to ease it a bit is to ask our missionaries to say Mass for your intentions.

### EASTERN CUSTOMS No. 5

In the Byzantine Rite Holy Communion is received by the laity under both the species of bread and of wine, mingled in the chalice. The people do not kneel, but stand to receive Holy Communion, which is administered by means of a spoon. A spoon, therefore, is necessary in every Byzantine chapel. A gold-plated spoon for Holy Communion can be provided for Five Dollars.

### FOLLOWING THE SAINTS

Orphanages began in the Near East. Two great Oriental Saints, St. John Chrysostom and St. Ephrem, are credited with having established the first ones. Our missionary sisters are following in the footsteps of these illustrious saints, and are caring for many orphan children throughout our mission field. Please help them. Five Dollars will keep an orphan for a month.

### AN ANCIENT CUSTOM

The use of incense is older than Christianity. God gave Moses explicit directions for its composition and use and said: "Most holy shall this incense be unto you." In the Church this holy use is continued at all solemn functions. In the Oriental Churches incense is used at nearly every service. You can supply a chapel in the Near East with a censer and boat for Eight Dollars.

Catholic Near East Welfare Association  
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## Msgr. Boppel To Mark Golden Jubilee In Priesthood, Sunday

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Garvey, D.C.C. The future Monsignor's first assignment was at St. Peter and Paul's Church where he served for four years.

"At that time the imposing figure of Father Herman Renker, one who brings to mind the Kultur Kampf of Bismarck's day, was failing in health. Father Boppel became the reclining staff and kept alive the customs, rituals and ceremonies made fast by this aging and restless apostle.

"At the death of the beloved pastor, Father Boppel was appointed to St. Pius Church in Cochocton. From there, after four years, he was transferred to St. John's Church, Greece and Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater.

### Builds Coldwater Church

"It is with interest, one listens to the humorous incidents that occurred in these far-off horse and buggy days. The Holy Ghost edifice in Coldwater today stands as a lasting monument to the ingenuity and fervor of the Jubilarian. After eight years of what he terms a very happy and welcomed appointment, he was recalled to St. Boniface Church as the pastor. That was 34 years ago.

"Fifty years is quite a span in the life of any character and more so in the time of an active priest. He saw the foundation of the present St. Boniface Church laid. He built the present commodious and practical school. He modernized and enlarged the present beautiful convent. Extensive repairs have been made to the rectory."

### Diocesan Official

"For years he has been on the Board of Diocesan Consultants. He followed the magnetic Doctor Michael Neelan in the Chancellor's Office. He knew well the towering giants of Father O'Hara and Father Kiernan.

"He saw a period of amazing change and advancement. He grew with its growth and his influence widened as the Diocese developed. He lived among the common people. He was acquainted with grief. He was familiar with sorrow. With unexhausted patience and matchless skill he went about doing good, relying upon kindness, forgiveness and sacrifice.

"How sacred his ministrations have been to all the memories of life, in marriage, in birth and in death! No history of the Rochester area can be written without ascribing to Father Boppel a large place in its counsel and progress.

"A keen observer, he leaves the impression of sincerity and genuineness. And yet with it all, behind the brilliance and geniality, the kindly leader today still follows the motto he selected for his ordination announcement: 'Jesus Meek and Humble of Heart, may my heart like unto Thine.'

"Honors mean most little to him. Cardinal Manning makes passing mention in his classic 'The Eternal Priesthood' to this effect: 'The doers are silent and the work is done.' The world has need of a spirit like his. The salt of the earth! Today friends feel the fullness of the debt they owe him. Too bad time takes its toll on such willing and lovable souls. Painfully embarrassed in this spotlight of a golden jubilee, we salute the jovial Monsignor. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant!'"

## Mission Cut Off By Japs, Priest Fears For Bishop's Safety

CALCUTTA, India.—Cut off from his mission headquarters by the Japanese invasion of the Mandalay area for nearly a year, the Rev. P. Bilvet, here on an appeal for Catholic literature, said he still had been unable to learn the whereabouts of his Bishop, the Most Rev. Albert Peter Falters, Vicar Apostolic of Mandalay, and his fellow clergymen.

"The district of which I am in charge, though a part of the Vicariate of Mandalay, has not been occupied by the Japanese," Father Bilvet said. "Since last March, I have been cut off entirely from the rest of the mission and I do not know even what has happened to my Bishop and all the clergy."

Father Bilvet is stationed at Tiddon in the Chit Hills, Burma.

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