OUR LADY, MOTHER OF ALL MISSIONARIES is a title that must be loved by the Queen of Heaven, since the sacred trust of their labors was solemnly repeated to her at the foot of the Cross. Honor during the succeeding 20 centuries has the related her vigilance and care. Since motherhood needs no explanation in any country, Mary's role as mediatrix between sinful man and sinless Divinity is understandable in every tongue. Regardless of clime or color, irrespective of distances or difficulties, Our Lady, Mother of all Missionaries, offers her beloved Son to the love and affection of all mankind.

'Do Men In Danger Pray?' Affirmative Answer Given

By GEORGE BARRAND

LONDON, (NC)—"Do men in danger pray?" asked the Wallonga, the magazine of the Jesuits publish of St. Walonga, Preston. This is the question of one of the students who, the author says, has been in danger, great danger, often enough.

"I have had quite a number of close dangerous moments, and I've made it a practice to pray when we were taking off to make the flight of the Cross adjustment, which bind men to it, and always in my prayer of thanksgiving when we touched down at home.

"In 1939 or three months of my arrival abroad, I was almost my end and thought it my duty then and there to pray for it . . .

"Among people about that particular in a circle of four, but I could count a lot of officers and N. C. O.'s in the R. A. F. who make the Sign of the Cross every time they attack.

"Personally I try to think of God as my best pal. I try to imagine Him as a young man in uniform. When myself, always thank me, I ask to give me help when I need it. He is always with me in my mind, and I speak to Him sometimes I could in every house on all sorts of things, and I find I get along fine."

Service Flags Blessed

DURHAM, N. H.—Service flags for 300 Newman Club members and 71 Theta Kappa Phi members from the University of New Hampshire, who are serving in the armed forces, were blessed at ceremonies in New Hampshire Hall. Each member had a gold star for Lieut. Thomas G. Plante, 21, of Pittsfield, who was killed in action in North Africa.

'Quiz' Corner

How soon before death should the Sacrament of Extreme Unction be administered to a sick person?

The Church urges that any one in danger of death may and should receive the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. It is a great mistake to wait until people are in imminent danger of death before summoning a priest. The Sacrament of Extreme Unction is primarily intended to bestow some special grace upon the soul at a critical time of life, but it is also an occasion in which God sometimes confers a special blessing in the way of bodily health.

What are the nullifying impediments to marriage?

They are: age, impotence, existing marriage, Holy Orders, solemn vow, difference of worship, crime, consanguinity, public decency, affinity, abduction, spiritual relationship, and legal adoption in places where the civil law nullifies such a marriage.

I now the statement that man is sometimes moved by external graces. What is meant by that? I have always thought that grace is internal.

External grace may be any providential fact or event which by its moral influence helps rational creatures on their way to heaven. Such a grace might by Holy Scripture, the life of Christ and of the saints and in general any fact or event which may help man towards eternal salvation.

Is it wrong for a Catholic to encourage non-Catholics to attend Protestant services?

Catholics should try to make their non-Catholic friends and acquaintances see the necessity of offering homage and adoration to God. They can do much in explaining to their non-Catholic friends the true nature of man, that above and beyond all else he is a creature of God and as a creature he has the obligation of acknowledging his complete and total dependence on God through acts of petition, thanksgiving, adoration, and asking for forgiveness for his offenses against his Creator and his other creatures.

In this way a Catholic will be showing his non-Catholic friends that religion is necessary, since these are the prime elements of religion. The choice of a specific religion should be left up to the conscience of the individual. Otherwise we might be guilty of leading someone into error.

I read that incense was used in Jewish and pagan worship and then used in Catholic worship. What I would like to know is when was it introduced into Catholic worship?

In answer to your question we must confess that we do not know exactly. There is no evidence that it was employed in Christian worship until about the fifth century, although when we consider to what an extent it was used in the rites of Judaism and how many times it is mentioned in the Scriptures, it seems probable that incensing, as a part of the Catholic ceremonial, goes back to a much earlier day. It came into use in the East before the Western or Latin Church adopted it, for the Orientals in the earlier centuries had a much more elaborate ritual than did the Roman Church.

Incense was used at first at the Gospel of the Mass only, but in succeeding centuries other incensations were introduced, not only at the Mass but at other services of the Church. So at the present day the use of incense forms a rather prominent feature of the more solemn services of our Church.

Are all secret societies forbidden by the Church?—W. H.

The Catholic Church does not condemn any society merely because it is secret in its transactions of business. Every society may have its lawful secrets. A family is a society, and no family is obliged to call in strangers and exhibit all its affairs to the public gaze. But the Church does condemn those societies whose form of secrecy can be dangerous to religion, to the state, or to morality. Many Catholic societies which have their own legitimate secret business are permitted by the Church. But, before giving her sanction, the Church makes sure that secret business is limited to lawful matters, and that the constitutions of such societies are based upon Christian principles.

What are the four emblems of the Evangelist or Gospel-writers and what do they mean?

(1) St. Matthew, a man or human force because St. Matthew begins his gospel with the human birth of Christ. (2) St. Mark, a lion because this gospel begins with St. John, the Baptist, "the Voice of one crying in the wilderness." (3) St. Luke, an ox or calf, because this holy writer begins with Zachary, the priest of the Old Law who offered sacrifices of animals and other gifts. (4) St. John, an eagle, because St. John opens his gospel with the eternal birth of the Son, and thus soars on the wings of inspiration, like an eagle, into the far reaches of eternity.

College Lauded

CONCORD, N. H.—Two Catholic colleges—St. Anselm of Manchester and Mt. St. Mary of Hooksett—were included in a vanguard of three educational institutions announced by State Commissioner of Education, James N. Pringle as offering an unprecedented opportunity for New Hampshire students to receive a wartime streamlined college training before completing their high school studies.

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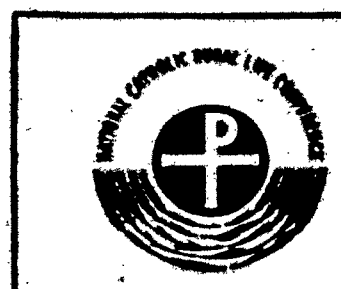

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ORPHANAGE

Ten miles from Sherbrooke and half a mile from Waterville, Compton County, Province of Quebec, the Orphanage of St. Joseph is located. This is a new enterprise (June, 1942) and an interesting one.

When orphan boys are twelve years of age, they leave the Hospice du Sacre-Coeur at Sherbrooke and come to the Agricultural Orphanage. Brother Dominic, C.S.C., the Superior, summarizes the aims and purposes as follows:

"To make good citizens who will be faithful to their Country and Faith;

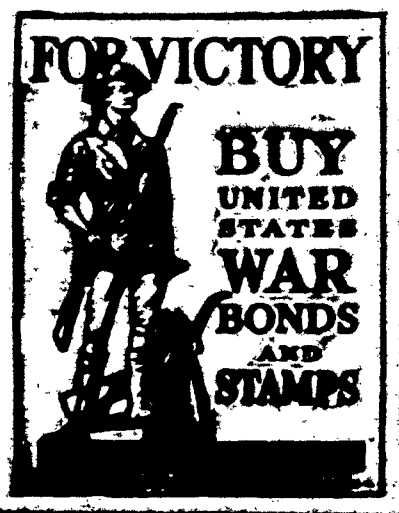
"To find benefactors for those who want to become priests, religious, etc.;

"To find good farmers (farmers, if possible) who will accept and take care of those who are too old to remain at the Orphanage;

"To group together the oldest to colonize a piece of land;

"To follow them after their departure to encourage them and to make sure that those who are accepted are well treated, etc."

Training is needed and the boys get it. "Elementary courses as far as high school. An agricultural course of two years for those who are fifteen or more. In connection with the farm work, carpentry, shoemaker's work, blacksmithing, etc., are taught."

There are now twenty boys with four Brothers and a Priest on the premises. They have three houses: the smallest is for the farm hand and his family; in another, the orphans live; in the third are housed the chapel and refectory and some of the Brothers. There are good barns and stables. They have 92 milk cows, 100 heifers and steers, 6 horses and colts. They harvested 200 tons of hay and threshed 3100 bushels of oats.

Is there any Catholic orphanage in the United States that prepares boys for a home on the land? When you visit St. Joseph's, ask for Brother George. They let him do it!