

### Holy Childhood Association

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**Father McShane's Bless**  
We have told some of you boys and girls the story of Father McShane's Bless but we think that all the boys and girls of the Holy Childhood Association would be interested in reading this true story of the life of one little orphan of China. Perhaps the same wonderful call will come to some little baby whom you have named and brought to God.

Father Daniel McShane was the first student to be ordained from Maryknoll Seminary. He ministered in Loting, South China, where he received and baptized in his orphanage hundreds of abandoned Chinese waifs. He died in 1927, of smallpox contracted from a baby girl whom he had rescued.

Rosa Shi, the very first orphan harbored by Father McShane, is now a grown-up young lady. No matter whether mending babies, helping in the kitchen, or washing clothes, Rosa is always cheerful, willing, and careful in her work.

"Of late her smile seemed even redder than usual, and she sang as she went about her daily tasks."

"On Christmas morning she revealed the source of this added happiness. Father McShane's Bless had decided to give herself to the Christ Child by becoming a Sister."

St. Alphonsus, Auburn, started us with FIVE ADOPTIONS. The boys and girls of the First Grade have a splendid record in the ransom of two Negro babies for whom they have chosen the names Mary and Joseph. The godparents are Margaret Farley and John Quinn, Marlene Mulloney and Theodore Beardsley.

The Eighth Grade also wish a Negro boy. At his baptism he will receive the name Martin de Perros with Elizabeth Hatch and Frederick Tenly acting as godparents.

The Sixth Grade tell us they are very glad to give their portion to a worthy cause and the cause they have chosen is the adoption of a Japanese baby for whom they have chosen the beautiful name Rosa Ann. The Fifth Grade pupils have turned to the frozen North for their baby, Frederick George. They have named him after their Pastor, and have asked Barbara Lawler and James Atkinson to act as godparents.

Likewise from Alaska is the little baby whom the boys of the Eighth Grade of Namurath Hall would like to ransom. They have chosen the name Mary Joseph for her. They threaten soon to surprise us with a fifth ransom from their grade.

You will be interested in this note from St. Anthony's School, Elmira. The pupils of the Eighth Grade are sending their second check of \$100 for a Chinese baby boy to be named Angelo Francis after Angelo Viselli who donated the most money and Chaplain Francis Vogt of the U. S. Army, Anna Marie Bellisio and John Sebastian are godparents.

Again from St. Anthony's, Elmira, this time the Fifth Grade, sends the word "We have saved \$500 for a little Japanese girl. We should like to name her Marie Lourdes because today is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The reason that we want a Japanese is because we know that they are a hated race but their souls are just as dear to God." I think you will agree with me, boys and girls, that that is worthy of being the prize letter of the week.

The Boys and Girls of the Sixth Grade, St. Myracles School, Auburn, have been hard at work for the missions. As a result they are able to send us applications for two adoptions, a Chinese boy Joseph and a Chinese girl Mary. The Godparents are Genevieve Szwedec and Ronald Odrywolski, Stella Sierrega and Eugene Pleszewski. Many thanks, boys and girls.

Tucked in with this letter was also a note from the Boys and Girls of the Seventh Grade. They are asking for an Eskimo boy and have selected the name John Joseph. Walter Guzman and Sten Kujawski are the godparents.

From the Southern Tier, St. Mary's, Elmira, comes a letter with a fat check of \$25.15 enclosed. Sister tells us that \$11.15 of this amount is for Holy Childhood dues, while the remaining \$14.00 is for a Negro baby from Selma, Alabama. The baby is to be named Mary Loretta with Anthony Weaver and Anne Lyman as sponsors. In this connection you will

be delighted to know that we received a note from Selma, just the other day. Things are progressing very nicely and the Sisters are deeply grateful to the help which the boys and girls of the Holy Childhood Association have given their work. I know I can tell Sister that she can continue to count on our boys and girls.

**THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK--**  
New week, Feb. 24, we celebrate the Feast of St. Matthias, the Apostle. Let us ask ourselves--Is God calling me to be a Twentieth-Century Apostle, whether a priest or a Sister? There are thousands and thousands of souls to be saved all over the world. Will you be among those who will go out to reap the harvest of souls? It is not too early for you to pray and plan to be a missionary. If you cannot go yourself now, will you say ONE HAIL, MARY a day that at least one young man or woman from the Diocese of Rochester will give his or her life to the Mission this year?

### St. Bonaventure College Activities

**After Paper's Format**  
Major changes have recently been made in the presentation and publication of the St. Bonaventure weekly publication of St. Bonaventure College. Rev. Albert Reilly, O.F.M., M.A., a member of the Department of English at the college, was named to succeed Rev. Gabriel Naughton, O.F.M., M.A., who resigned from the post of faculty moderator at the end of the first semester.

The new moderator announced that several changes were to be made in the publication. Outstanding among them is the reduction of the paper from eight pages to four, to comply with changes in the newspaper supplies. This will necessitate many changes in the contents of the paper.

**Religious Passion Play**  
The call went out this week from the director of the St. Bonaventure College Players' Guild for "try-outs" for another exciting production. This time the Guild will leave the field of musical comedy, through which they have become well-known throughout the Southern Tier of New York State, and enter that of serious drama in the form of a Passion Play.  
Fr. Claude Kane, O.F.M., director of the play, announced that the title of the Guild production would be "The Betrayal," a new and different treatment of the passion theme written by Rev. Gregory Dowell, O.M.I. The incident dramatized has been presented in the United States only once before, as far as can be determined, and then by St. Bonaventure College, brother Francis Collins to St. Bonaventure.

**Dear in Place Cook**  
The first St. Bonaventure College alumni to go down to his death in the Armed Air Force of the United States is Eugene Burrows "Gerry" Quigley, U.S.N.R., a resident of Portoven, N. J. Eugene Quigley met his death in a plane crash in Norfolk, Va., where he was an instructor in Naval Aviation, according to the public relations officer of the Fifth Naval District.

Briefly entering the Naval Flying Service May 21, 1940, Eugene Quigley attended St. Bonaventure Parochial School in Portoven and later attended St. Bonaventure College.

**Selected For Gallery**  
Rev. Elders O'Brien, O.F.M., of the St. Bonaventure College English Department, has been elected to the Gallery of Living Catholic Authors consisting in a recent communitarian received at the college from the Gallery.

Father Elders is well known for his many literary works and pamphlets. Probably one of his best known works is the "Life of Christ," used as the religious texts for treatment in many Catholic colleges.

The Gallery of Living Catholic Authors is a gallery founded by Webster College in 1928 as a means of recognizing the merits of Catholic writers. The latest addition to the Gallery of twenty-two names included Fr. Francis O'Brien, Father Elders and Augustin Chaves, O.F.M.

### AMERICAN ARCHBISHOP WHO OFFERS BILLY GRAVES IS NOT CATHOLIC

VATICAN CITY—According to the reported telegram of Archbishop Cerecetto, self-styled Bishop of the American Catholics, to Pope Pius XII, announcing the offering of military tributes, Vatican officials emphasize that he is not a member of the Catholic hierarchy, but is probably a member of the American American League of Catholics.

It was noted here that the supreme head of the American Catholic Church is called Cerecetto.

The American school house on Boston Lake is for all legends in the Green.

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