



WHEN BISHOPS' RELIEF ARRIVED—IN CHINA

This is what happened in a village in Anhwei Province, China, when word was announced that the missionaries had received a shipment of rice for general distribution to the famished population. Funds supplied by the Bishops' War Emergency and Relief Committee collection last year paid for the food. Note the dishes being held up by the natives for rice portions for their families. Victims of the war in various countries will benefit by the annual collection which has been scheduled in most dioceses this year for Sunday, April 4. (N.C.W.C.)

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Dear Boys and Girls:
Every Lent your pennies have been collected through Mission Movies or donations and were then used to build a Mission Chapel. This year, we realize that you are asked to buy War Savings Stamps and contribute to other war activities, and it is quite difficult for you to save your pennies for the missions, too.
We have a new plan in mind! This year, we are asking each child to give one of his or her War Savings Stamps to the missions and these will be turned into bonds. These bonds will be cashed in at their maturity value in 10 years or right now at their face value. This money will then be sent to a missionary to build a chapel. You will be given the opportunity of choosing the country in which you wish this chapel to be erected. In this way, you will be helping both the missions and our country.

We have received a number of adoptions this week. St. Patrick's School, Seneca Falls, is leading this week. There is no stopping these little missionaries from St. Patrick's. The Eighth Grade sent in \$8 and the Seventh Grade raised \$10 to be used for the many mission needs. The Second Grade adopted a little Selma baby to be called Mary Louise and they sent in \$3 extra to be used wherever it is most needed. The Fourth Grade now has a little Indian baby called Mary Ann. The Fourth Grade Boys weren't satisfied with the adoption of a girl alone, so they sent in \$3 for an Indian boy, John Paul. There is a little girl in Selma, Mary Ann is her name, who has the Third Grade of St. Patrick's to thank for her privilege of being baptized a Catholic.

St. John's, Clyde, has been doing their part, too. John Walsh and Suzanne Gillette are the proud god-parents of a little Eskimo baby ransomed by the First and Second Grades. The Fifth and Sixth Grades named their Negro baby Joseph Paul after St. Joseph "because this is his month." The Seventh and Eighth Grades have ransomed a baby boy.

And here are those schools in Elmira again. St. Mary's now have a Chinese baby named Joseph. St. Cecilia's have two ransoms. The First and Second Grades have a Chinese baby and the Seventh and Eighth Grades named their Chinese baby after their teacher, Frances Gorgia.

The children of the First and Second Grades of St. Mary's School, Waterloo, sent money for their second ransom, a Chinese baby, Joseph Eugene, in honor of St. Joseph. I am happy to see that so many boys and girls wish to

name the little mission babies in honor of St. Joseph, during the Month of March, which is dedicated to him. St. Joseph will watch over his little namesakes just as he protected the Child Jesus.

The Fourth Grade of St. Mary's School, Corning, have thought of the mission right here in the United States. They saved their pennies to adopt an American Indian to be baptized Joseph Michael. The Eighth Grade has ransomed a Negro baby to be called Patricia.

What's this! A letter from Danville, and it's St. Mary's School. The Fourth and Fifth Grades have sacrificed their pennies for a Chinese baby named Marianne. Now that they have saved enough money to ransom Marianne, they must not forget to pray for her.

The Fifth Grade of St. Stephen's School in Geneva requests a little Chinese girl, Agnes Maureen, because St. Agnes is the patron saint of their class and because Mary is for our Blessed Mother. Here is what they say: "We will pray that Agnes Maureen will be like our Lady when she grows up, and we also hope that she will be like St. Agnes and be a credit to our Church." Isn't that a beautiful thought?

Holy Rosary should be commended on their splendid mission work. They sent in 8 adoptions. Three rooms each ransomed a colored boy. The Boys of the Sixth Grade-West named their boy Charles Joseph. The Boys of the Seventh Grade-North requested Joseph and the Seventh Grade-West asked for Patrick Joseph. That is a beautiful tribute to St. Joseph, boys and girls. The other five adoptions are Chinese babies. The Sixth Grade-East ransomed Mary Bernadette; Seventh Grade-East, Mary Lourdes; First Grade-East, Joseph; First Grade-West, Mary, and Third Grade-North East, David V. Lincoln. Keep up the fine work, Holy Rosary!

The pupils of the Eighth Grade-South of St. Andrew's School have ransomed African twins. They are to be called Joseph and Josephine. The Sixth Grade now have to their credit an American Indian girl by the name of Margaret Mary.

The boys of the Fifth Grade at Nazareth Hall have certainly been saving their pennies. They have ransomed 16 babies so far. They want to adopt 20 by June. Do you think that any other grade can beat that record?

The Fifth Grade at Sacred Heart have ransomed a little Philippine baby to be called Joseph Patrick. The boys worked very hard and they won the privilege of naming the baby.

Here is a letter from Michael Blum. He has ransomed a little Negro girl from Selma all by himself. He wants her to be called Alice Blum after his grandmother.

The Second Grade-North from St. Andrew's School have sent in their dues for membership in the Holy Childhood Association. How about the rest of you children? Wouldn't you like to follow their example?

St. Roscoe School sent in \$10 for the ransom of two babies. The Third Grade asked for Helen Anne and a little girl at Selma will soon be given that name. The Eighth Grade has adopted an American Indian to be called Joseph.

To all you boys and girls who have been working so faithfully for the missions, I want to say "thanks a million."

Getting On In The World

STRAIGHT FROM IRELAND
Straight from Ireland, by way of The Father Mathew Record of Dublin, and also straight from the shoulder, are these counsels on how to get on in the world in which we live—and in the next.

1. Say your morning and evening prayers; prayer is necessary for perseverance and is certain to obtain it. "Ask and you shall receive."
2. Often call to mind that you must die—you know not when, nor where, nor how; only this you know: if you die in mortal sin you will be lost forever; if you die in the state of grace you will be happy forever.
3. Never miss Mass on Sundays and holydays of obligation. . . . A dark cloud hangs over the family that neglects Mass.
4. Be careful about what you read. Bad reading is poison to the soul. Provide yourself with Catholic books. Have a Catholic newspaper and a Catholic magazine in your home.
5. Remember that a man is known by his company. Fly from the danger of sin.
6. If you are so unhappy as to fall into sin, be not discouraged but quickly beg pardon of God.
7. Go to confession and Communion once a week, if possible; at least never allow a month to pass without approaching the Sacraments.

For Good Ends

It is a great thing when our Gethsemani hours come, when the cup of bitterness is presented to our lips and when we pray that it may pass away, to feel that it is not false, that it is not necessary, but divine love, for good ends, working upon us.

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