

Superior Named

Karachi, India The Rt. Rev. Major. Alcala von Miltenburg has been appointed Superior of the...

been appointed Superior of the Ecclesiastical Mission of Baluchistan and Sind, conducted by the Dutch Franciscan Fathers.

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Catholic Near East Welfare Association

Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, D.D., President; Most Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart, D.D., National Secretary; Rev. Thomas J. McMahon, S.T.D., Assistant Secretary.

Bishop McEntegart

The officers and the staff of the C.N.E.W.A. offer devoted felicitations to their National Secretary on the occasion of his consecration as Bishop of Ogdensburg in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on August 3. We pray that his apostolic zeal for the Near East as well as his Christlike love for the poor during the twenty-five years of his priesthood will merit for him God's choicest blessings. Ad multos annos!

FAMINE, DISEASE RAMPANT IN VALLEY

Nine of our missionaries are working in the Valley of the Christians in Syria. Most of the very poor people are suffering from tuberculosis or diseases of the eye. Food is scarce and all are on the verge of famine. The priests and sisters have had to become doctors and social workers. Without regard to whether one is Catholic or not, they give out medical supplies, food and money. Their kindness has drawn many to the Church.

Now the Father Superior writes to us: "How long shall we be able to carry on? Our small dispensaries and out-clinics have only scant medical supplies, which are very costly in these parts. The badly needed foodstuffs must be obtained before these people starve."

"We are doing what we can. We must not lose this chance to draw souls to the Church!"

A donation of One Hundred Dollars will be welcomed by these missionaries as a rich treasure. Fifty Dollars will supply a medical kit, which they can use on their errands of mercy. Any small gift will do good far out of proportion to the amount given. Remember that one of the great proofs our Lord gave of His godhead was "The poor have the Gospel preached to them." This Gospel is preached by our missionaries not only in word but in work.

NEVER RATIONED

Most everything is rationed. Because this means more for those who defend us, we don't mind. Why not be that generous with the Lord? His love has never been rationed in our regard. Send us an offering of Seven Dollars to purchase a Sanctuary Lamp which will burn in one of our Near East chapels to prove that, come what may, your love for Our Lord is never rationed.

HEARTS UNSTAINED

Careful indeed are we to those who helped us to outfit our children in the Near East for their Holy Communion. Now our missionaries must keep the little ones close to Jesus in the Great Sacrament. Will you send us Ten Dollars for a beautiful book to hold the Sacred Hosts? Beautiful prayers offered from innocent hearts will be for your intentions.

Send all communications to

Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 140 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York, N. Y.

ST. GERARD

THE PATRON OF MOTHERS By Rev. Thomas F. Roche, C.S.S.R.

The gift of divine grace to struggling, suffering humanity lies exclusively within the good pleasure of God Himself. The grant of heavenly aid is entirely a matter of His own discretion both as to the measure of His gift and the manner of its bestowal.

Very frequently God acts directly without the intervention of outside agencies.

This is particularly true of every day graces and blessings as are found in the operation of natural laws and the normal control over created nature. For instance God manages and controls the creation of human life, the operation and functions of the elements, such as the rising and the setting of the sun.

Through the Almighty can and does deal directly with the created universe, the normal procedure is to distribute His inexhaustible, divine energy through the instrumentality of outside agents. Some of these agencies He has set up Himself as channels through which flows the impulse of His power and through which he attains His purpose.

The Catholic Church is a striking example of this divinely established human agency.

Through her God reveals and administers His laws; through her pours out the strength of His might; through her He brings about the fulfillment of His designs, the sanctification and salvation of immortal souls. Long continued familiarity with these means has reduced them to the level of a normal condition and an every day source of our contact with the supernatural.

FRIENDS ELBERT

The power to transmit the divine energy to human souls is enjoyed both by the Church militant on earth and the church triumphant in heaven. The Church triumphant is composed of all holy souls who have finally reached the glorious goal of their existence, the eternal enjoyment of happiness in heaven. These souls are "Saints" whether so proclaimed by the church or not. They have attained supreme success in the business of life; they have won the everlasting crown of accomplishment; they are God's chosen souls. His favorite friends.

Having passed successfully through the trials, temptations and sins of this life, it is logical to assume that they are non-unmindful of their struggling companions here on earth. They yearn for our success as eagerly as they enjoy their own. Their one and only ambition is the fulfillment of God's will and the manifestation of His glory through the salvation of all mankind. The full knowledge they have of our difficulties, their interest in our eternal welfare, the profound satisfaction they experience in their own salvation will necessarily impel the Saints to come to our aid. Moreover their position as Princes of the Heavenly Kingdom afford them ready access to the source of all graces, the Majestic Throne of God Himself. With unbounded confidence therefore we can logically appeal to these saintly souls for the help we need to meet and to overcome the obstacles to our salvation as well as for the divine assistance in critical emergencies.

A booklet of novena prayers and special devotions will gladly be given the friends and clients of St. Gerard by his Redemptorist Confessor upon request in person or in writing to Redemptorist Fathers, 166 Franklin St., Rochester, N. Y.

A Dominican Father Speaks of Prayer

Prayer is asking, yes; it is dying our cares and loves in God's sight and offering them to Him, yes; but it is more than that. It is the relentless effort, in spite of difficulty and failure and fatigue, to come closer to God, to fill ourselves with His presence, and so gradually to come to know Him and be with Him in a silence like the silent communion of lovers. Then He in His turn can speak and enlighten our darkness; can come and tarry with us; until at the end we are one with Him.—Gerald Vann, O. P., in Blackfriars (Oxford).

CONFIRMS 13

Lawrenceville, Ill.—A class of eleven soldiers and two civilians was confirmed at George Army Air Field by the Most Rev. Henry Althoff, Bishop of Belleville.

PROCLAIMS CHAPEL

Joseph, Ont.—The Most Rev. Joseph F. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton,

has dedicated the Chapel of St. Cecilia Mary, here, as a military chapel of an impressive ceremony here.

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