

**A Great Work**

Happy to be o has made o...  
 more trust God more than he did  
 before. He has done a great and  
 influential work in creation. Fa-  
 ther Peber.

**Success Hint**

The primary requisite for suc-  
 cess in the long run is wanting  
 to do something hard for the love of  
 it and not for the cash of it.  
 Lady Lester Keller.



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 the art of the silhouette which will  
 be released soon by the Bruce Pub-  
 lishing Company. She is a frequent  
 contributor of illustrations to the  
 Young Catholic Messenger and  
 other Catholic magazines.

**Fremin Mission  
 Unit Sponsors  
 Clothes Drive**

The Fremin Mission Unit of  
 Nazareth College is sponsoring  
 an old-clothes-drive to make up  
 Christmas boxes for the Missions  
 of the United States. There has  
 been a wide response to this drive,  
 and student Captains announce  
 that several boxes will be filled.  
 The Mission Unit under the lead-  
 ership of Virginia Sullivan, will  
 also send out Christmas checks.  
 A gay Italian Christmas Party  
 will be held on Thursday after-  
 noon, Dec. 16, at Nazareth Col-  
 lege. An Italian play and an Ital-  
 ian menu will be on the program  
 for the day. Miss Irene Falone,  
 Honorary Chairman, has an-  
 nounced her committee as follow-  
 ing: Vita Thomassell, General  
 Chairman; Mary Guisting, Entert-  
 ainment; Frances Gull, Invita-  
 tions; Dol: Bergin, Financial;  
 Ann Comfort, Decorations; Viola  
 Pavia, Refreshments; Jean Chia-  
 varoli and Helen Macchia, Pub-  
 licity.

**Christmas Program**  
 "The Night Before Christmas"  
 will be held at St. John Fisher  
 Hall on the night of Dec. 16, in-  
 stead of Dec. 24. The entertain-  
 ment committee, Helen Horey,  
 Chairman, has planned a program  
 of songs, dancing, and a skit en-  
 titled "The Week Before Christ-  
 mas." Santa Claus will distribute  
 gifts to the faculty and resident  
 students. Mary Adelaide Burns is  
 General Chairman, Agnes Murtha,  
 Honorary Chairman; Betty Mc-  
 Nulty, Refreshments; Invitations,  
 Teresa Ann O'Connor.  
 This week has been a week of  
 parties, and especially cold feet  
 were remembrances of the annual  
 Yule Log, Dec. 15. The Yule Log  
 was burned out on the campus.  
 In the auditorium, a Pageant, de-  
 picting the Gospel Narratives, was  
 presented by the Sodality. The  
 glorious news of the Saviour's  
 birth was reenacted by those pre-  
 senting the pageant. A community  
 sing was directed by the chairman  
 of Entertainment, Doris Dierdorf.  
 Co-chairmen of the party were  
 Mary Frances Nieder, Irene Fal-  
 lone; Decorations, Loyola Nolan;  
 Refreshments, Corlaine Freer; Pub-  
 licity, Jeanne Chivaroli; Clean-  
 Up, Mary Wheeland.

**Sodality Marks  
 62nd Year In India**

**MADRAS, India.** — In keeping  
 with a custom of many years,  
 members of the Assumption Sodal-  
 ity at the conclusion of their an-  
 nual convention here which ob-  
 served the sixty-second anniver-  
 sary of the founding of the sodality,  
 visited the grave of the Most Rev.  
 Theophilus Meyer, the sodality  
 founder. The Most Rev. Lodovico  
 Mathias, Archbishop of Madras,  
 presided at the convention.

**A Good Confessor**  
 Make frequent confession, and  
 choose that a good confessor who  
 shall faithfully teach thee in the  
 way of salvation. St. Louis

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When, on that first Christmas  
 day, Mary laid her Divine Child  
 in the manger and in the silence  
 of that poor stable offered her  
 prayer to God, she pointed the  
 way to the Home Shrine. Accep-  
 ting her guidance, Catholic moth-  
 ers have erected little shrines in  
 their homes, places for quiet pray-  
 er and meditation, places where  
 families offer their joint prayer  
 for God's guidance and blessing.  
 The Home Shrine takes many  
 forms. Sometimes it is a crucifix,  
 sometimes a holy picture or statue.  
 It may be very simple or it may  
 be surrounded by lights and flow-  
 ers, but its purpose is always the  
 same—to dedicate the family to  
 God. In these war days when  
 families are separated and loved  
 ones in danger, the Home Shrine  
 is a constant reminder of the  
 union that exists through prayer.  
 Families gather together before  
 the shrine to recite the Rosary for  
 peace and for the welfare of those  
 in the Service. Many times a  
 mother pauses in her busy day to  
 offer a little prayer that God and  
 His Blessed Mother may protect  
 her absent son. The Home Shrine  
 is often varied with each month,  
 honoring the particular saint of  
 that month. Shrines are placed in  
 gardens, on church lawns, in pub-  
 lic places. At Christmas time, be-  
 sides the Crib in homes, many  
 are placed in churchyards or com-  
 munity squares where carols are  
 sung and people join in religious  
 celebration. Christmas Crib are  
 erected in military camps for the  
 boys away from home.

**Heart of the Home**  
 The Home Shrine is an integral  
 part of the Christian home, in  
 fact, it symbolizes the center of  
 the household, for a Christian  
 home is one in which God dwells  
 and the family live close to Him.  
 The truly Catholic mother sits at  
 the feet of Christ just as did Mary,  
 even though like Martha, she  
 must be "busy about many things."  
 These do not absorb her whole at-  
 tention, she knows, and she teach-  
 es her little ones, that Christ must  
 live in us. The Home Shrine is an  
 aid to this "living close to God."  
 It means the family—father, moth-

er and children—gathered together  
 in prayer. Thus united, that home  
 is blessed with the presence of  
 God, for our Blessed Lord was  
 said: "Where two or three are  
 gathered together for my sake, there  
 am I in the midst of them."

The National Council of Cath-  
 olic Women counts in its federa-  
 tion thirty-eight hundred affiliated  
 organizations with a membership  
 of nearly five million Catholic  
 women, so it is only natural that a  
 Shrine in the Home Committee  
 should be included in its program.  
 Within the framework of this  
 committee all forms of devotion  
 find a place: home shrines, public  
 shrines, Christmas cribs, daily  
 Mass crusades, daily family recita-  
 tion of the Rosary, daily visits to  
 the Blessed Sacrament, Holy  
 Hours for peace, monthly novenas  
 for peace, days of recollection,  
 night oration in the home, the  
 Enthronement of the Sacred Heart  
 in the home. Shrine shows have  
 been sponsored among the paro-  
 chial school children. A particular  
 Sunday is chosen—frequently in  
 May—and the children bring the  
 shrines which they have made for  
 exhibition and competition. Prizes  
 are offered by the school. One  
 very interesting feature of a city  
 Victory Parade was an N.C.C.W.  
 float which showed a crucifix sus-  
 pended over an altar before which  
 a family knelt in prayer. A ban-  
 ner read: "Grant unto us Victory,  
 O Lord."

In this work of the Shrines in  
 the Home Committee the Catholic  
 women are answering our Holy  
 Father's appeal that we become  
 "crusader-volunteers of a distin-  
 guished new society" to "lift up  
 the new call for moral and Chris-  
 tian rebirth" and to "declare war  
 on the darkness which comes from  
 deserting God."

**Right Perspective**  
 In order that we may not be  
 misled by self-love in the conduct  
 of our affairs let us not look on  
 them as our own, but as those of  
 other people, thus shall we smother  
 passion from our decision to let  
 truth preside.—St. Ignatius Loy-  
 ola.

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