Holy Childhood Association

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Hello again, boys and girls,

Here it is November 10th already. I hope that you are remembering to say a prayer each day during this month for the Poor Souls. And I know that you are not forgetting our missionaries in your prayers, either.

There are quite a few donations and ransoms that I want to tell you about this week so I will get right down to the business of the day.

I am delighted with the way in which you are paying your dues in the Holy Childhood Association. The schools added to our list of those who have paid their dues are as follows: Third Grade-South, and Fifth Grade-West of St. Andrew's School; St. Vincent de Paul's School, Corning; St. Patrick's School, Dansville; and St. Bridget's School, Rochester. If you have not as yet paid your dues, how about joining the rest of the boys and girls and make it 100% payment of dues by the children of the Diocese of Rochester?

If you will recall, last week I told you that the boys and girls of St. Margaret Mary's School paid their dues. They did more than that. The Eighth Graders gave $15 to be used for the Chinese missions. Mary, Joseph, and Charles are the names chosen for the three little Negro children ransomed by the Fifth Grade. The pupils of the First, Second, and Fourth Grades each saved enough money to ransom a Negro baby. Keep up the good work.

We have five ransoms from the children of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral. The Fifth Grade adopted three babies to be named Mary, John, and Ann. Mary Dorothy is the name to be given the Chinese baby saved by the little First Graders. An African baby is the choice of the Third Graders and he is to be named Isaac Jogues.

The boys and girls at St. Theresa's School have been working for us, too. The Fourth and Fifth Grades prefer a Negro baby to be named Dorothy, while the children of the Fifth and Sixth Grades asked for a Chinese baby to be named Irene Joan.

The little tots of the First Grade at St. Salome's School, Pt. Pleasant, saved their pennies until they had enough to ransom a pagan baby. They have adopted a Chinese girl and she is to be named Mary Jane.

You probably know what school is next. Yes, it is St. Andrew's School. The Eighth Grade-South asked for three babies, Francis Heilman, Mary Theresa, and Mary Alice, all African babies. The Eighth Grade-North wish to adopt a Chinese baby to be named Mary Barbara. Three pagan babies were saved by the Seventh Grade-North, a Japanese, Joan Eleanor Burns, Chinese, John Albert Schmacky, and an Alaskan baby to be baptized Mary Dolorosa. Mary Barbara, a Chinese baby was chosen by the boys and girls of the Sixth Grade-North. The Third Grade-South asked for a baby to be named Robert Mary. He is to come from Alaska. Your keeping up your fine record, boys and girls.

The pupils of the Seventh Grade East at Holy Rosary School have been making sacrifices for the missions. The boys ransomed a Chinese baby to be named Francis Joseph, while the girls chose Mary Katherine for the name of their Chinese baby.

The children at Blessed Sacrament School never forget us. The pupils of the Seventh Grade-Room 19 gave us $15 to be used wherever the missionary sees fit. The boys of the Seventh Grade-Room 20 have ransomed an Indian baby named Alfred E. Smith, while the girls chose Bernadette for their Indian girl's name. Chinese twins were adopted by the pupils of the Sixth Grade-Room 17. The pupils of the Sixth Grade-Room 18 saved their pennies to adopt two Negro babies one to be baptized John and the other Mary Helen.

The Fourth and Fifth Grades at St. Vincent de Paul's School, Corning, are certainly the leaders in their school. This time they have asked for a Filipino baby to be named Leonard.

I received a letter from St. Ann's School, Hornell, this week. Enclosed was a check for the ransom of two pagan babies. One was from the Fifth Grade and the other from the school. The names chosen were Joseph James and Mary Theresa, both Chinese.

We received another letter from St. Joseph's School, Wayland. This time the boys and girls of the Seventh and Eighth Grades are the mission workers. They would like a Chinese baby and he shall be named Francis Joseph.

Thanks a million, boys and girls. I can see that you have a true spirit of sacrifice for the missions, and I know I can count on you to help our missionaries and the little people under their care.

Archduke Otto Establishes Headquarters in Portugal

MADRID — (ENS) — Archduke Otto of Hapsburg has arrived in Lisbon, dispatches from the Portuguese Capital reported.

The Archduke left the United States by transatlantic plane secretly several days ago to make himself "available" in the event the tides of war should call for a royal restoration in either Austria or Hungary, for the thrones of both of which he is a pretender.

At that time he planned to establish temporary headquarters in Portugal and was pictured as believing his chances of ascending a throne were stronger in Hungary, long known as the "Kingdom Without A King."

Do You Remember the Souls in Purgatory?

The souls in purgatory are God's elect, His beloved children, the heirs of His glory, called to bless Him eternally in heaven. His heart will delight to introduce them into paradise, to inundate them with a torrent of delights.

However, God's justice and His holiness require that all the satisfaction due from these souls should be paid down to the last farthing. If some Christian on earth paid the debt of one of these souls, God would receive it with joy into His bosom, and one more saint would sing His praises in heaven.

Can we say we truly love God if, having at our disposition several means of reuniting to Him the souls He desires and loves, we leave them separated from Him, without trying to put Him in possession of them? Do we love His honor and glory if, being able to make new worshippers enter into heaven and enable another mouth to sing His praises, another heart to love Him, we do nothing about it?

These good souls, which we have withdrawn from their prison and introduced into heaven, will be our protectors in the presence of God and will there pray continually for us. If works of mercy here below, if the glass of cold water given in Christ's Name, touch His Heart and obtain for us an eternal recompense, what will He not do in return for the still more excellent mercy which is exercised in behalf of the suffering souls in purgatory? — Father M. Hamon, S.S.

The Veteran's Aide

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

(You may direct your questions concerning servicemen or veterans to The Veterans' Aide, Catholic War Veterans, Inc., 1100 Empire State Building, New York 1, New York. When Mr. Chauffat recommends your filing a government form the C.W.V. will mail the form direct to your home).

Q. With the war in Europe almost over will my 18-year-old son be drafted?

A. The draft will continue to take new inductees at the rate of close to 100,000 per month to replace veterans of the strenuous campaigns overseas. Boys of 18 and older men, who have been deferred because of essential jobs, will be called as with the defeat of Germany many of these essential deferments will be nullified.

Q. My husband soon to be inducted into the Army has been contributing to the support of my parents. Can he make an allotment to them?

A. That is possible. Upon his induction, your husband may apply for a family allowance on behalf of your parents. If they are found eligible they will receive $37.00 per month; or they may receive $50.00 per month if your husband has been their chief support. He may also request an allotment for you, as his wife of $50.00 per month.

Q. My husband is in the Navy and I receive a $50.00 allowance each month. I am working and supporting myself. A friend said the government would stop my allowance if they knew I was working.

A. Your friend is misinformed. The wife of an enlisted man is entitled to a family allowance, whether she is working or not.

Q. A Mother writes that her son is very ill at a Veterans' Hospital and the doctors believe he will never work again. He is her sole support and she is concerned about their ability to keep their home together.

A. If your son at present is receiving compensation for a service connected disability it will be continued. If at present he is not receiving a government allowance and is totally disabled, not as a result of injury or wounds in service, he may apply for a pension for a non-service connected disability. We are mailing you the proper government forms and suggest that the next time you visit your son at the hospital you ask to speak to the representative of a recognized veterans organization. This man will advise and assist you in filing your claim and there will be no charge.

Q. May a veteran of World War One receive vocational training?

A. No, Sir, this benefit ended on July 2, 1928.

The doctrine of original sin explains the whole nature of man. Unless we admit this truth we become involved in inexplicable darkness.

U. S. Fliers Give English Bishop $5,000 for Altar

LONDON — (NCC) — A big American Air Unit spread across a large part of southern England, presented $5,000 to the Most Rev. John E. King, Bishop of Portsmouth, for the erection of a memorial altar at one of his churches. The money will be used to build the altar in the new church planned for the town of Andover.

Referring to the presence of so many thousands of American soldiers, sailors and airmen, the Bishop, in a pastoral letter, declared the "quite unpretentious way" in which these men flock to Mass in the parish churches and as "provide a great uplift to both priests and people" has been an object lesson of what a Catholic is and should be.

A faithful friend is a strong defense: and he that hath found such a one hath found a treasure. —Ecclesiasticus VI.

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