

Holy Childhood Association Rev. John S. Randall Director

(Twenty-fifth of the winning essays on mission topics is the following by two Eighth Grade girls of St. Joseph's School, Rochester.)

FRANCIS XAVIER THE GREAT MISSIONARY In the long and glorious annals of Christian missions there is no more inspiring page than that which tells of the devoted labors of Saint Francis Xavier, the "Apostle of the Indies."

The hardships he underwent in eleven years of continuous travel through India, the East Indies and Japan and the results he achieved in carrying the Gospel to remote regions where the name of Christ has never before been heard, are a proof that he should be regarded as one of the greatest of Christian missionaries. His travels covered 30,000 miles and he brought baptism to more than a half-million souls.

He was a gifted youth, the youngest son of a noble family of Spain. He was educated at the University of Paris where after a few years he became a lecturer. His thoughts were occupied by love of learning and pleasure until he met Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit order. Ignatius often quoted to Francis the words, "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Finally these words sank into Francis' heart and he decided to devote his life to holy things. He joined St. Ignatius in founding the Society of Jesus in 1534. Francis Xavier was ordained a priest in 1537; he studied medicine, cared for the sick, in hospitals and preached wherever he went. He was a missionary in India, Malacca, the Spice Islands, and Japan.

Finally he went to Japan, where he remained more than two years going into all parts of the country and winning converts. After he had made converts to the Faith in great numbers all these people, he wished to convert to the Faith, but he died on the island of Shangai near Canton at the age of 35. He must be very happy today to know that even though he died young, his faith was fruitful there by others and now, during this very month the first Chinese Cardinal is paying us a visit.

St. Francis Xavier was canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XIII. On December 3 was fixed his feast day.

Cites Priest Need In Latin America

Philadelphia, (NC) - Figures revealing the acute need for Catholic priests in Latin America were set forth by Rev. John J. Conside, M.M., Maryland Vicar General, speaking at a Pan-American Day celebration here.

Taking the form of one priest for every 2,000 Catholics, Father Conside declared that the 20 to 25 thousand priests now serving in Latin America could only take care of the spiritual needs of 40,000,000 people, leaving 80,000,000 without adequate priestly care. Chile has 2,000 priests for 5,000,000 souls; he noted; Brazil, 5,000 for 20,000,000 Catholics; Argentina, 5,000 for 25,000,000; Peru, 1500 for 7,000,000; Panama, 150 for 1,000,000; Guatemala 120 for 3,000,000; and Jamaica, 65 for 1,000,000.

73 Form Largest Class At Montezuma Seminary

Montezuma, N. M. - (NC) - Seventy-three seminarians, the largest class ever to receive Orders at Montezuma Seminary here were given Major and Minor Orders by Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne of Santa Fe. Among the seminarians were 20 who were raised to the priesthood. They will serve in various dioceses in Mexico.

Montezuma Seminary was founded and is supported by Bishops of the U. S. It is conducted by the Jesuit Fathers and trains for the priesthood young men from Mexico. In the 117th year since its founding, nearly 450 priests have been ordained.

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MAMMA MARGHERITA watched anxiously from the window for her son's return. It was a cold, stormy night. Don Bosco was not usually so late. Surely something had delayed him. She might have known what it was Mamma Margherita smiled when at last she saw two figures coming in the gate. Her son was bringing home another ragged street urchin. Already the big house was crowded with boys, but Mamma Margherita could always find room for one more.

"This boy needs help more than most of the others did," thought the good woman as she welcomed the latecomer. "There is a look of fear in his black eyes. Life has been cruel to him." MAMMA MARGHERITA took the ragged boy by the hand. She had a way with boys, all right. She knew how much better this one would feel when he was clean and decently clothed and had some warm food inside him.

"He doesn't look like the same boy at all," thought John Bosco as he looked across the table at his well-scrubbed companion. "They were eating together, the boy and the man who had brought him here. The other boys had long since had their evening meal."

John Bosco talked with Mamma Margherita. The boy listened and sometimes he smiled in response when one or the other smiled at him. "Now, let's find the other boys, shall we?" asked Don Bosco when the meal was finished. "I thought there were other boys. I could hear them about."

Marinus Taught Robbers a Lesson

In the monastery of Saint Germain there once lived a holy monk named Marinus. As a test of his virtue, Marinus was given by the abbot the lowly task of tending the cattle and pigs on the farm. As St. Marinus watched over the animals, so much did his holiness shine that the birds of the forest flew to him to eat from his hand, and wild animals came to him for protection.

One day robbers attacked Marinus and took all his clothes except a tunic. Marinus ran after them, calling "Come back, sir! I have found a penny, now in the hem of my tunic, and perchance you have need of it also!"

The robbers returned, took the penny and the tunic, and leaving Marinus naked, set off down the road to their den. To their dismay, however, after walking all night, they found themselves, at dawn, at the door of Marinus' hut.

The saint greeted the robbers kindly, welcomed them to his cell, and prepared food for them. Seeing Marinus' charity, the thieves were overcome with shame at their own wickedness, and all of them were converted to the faith.

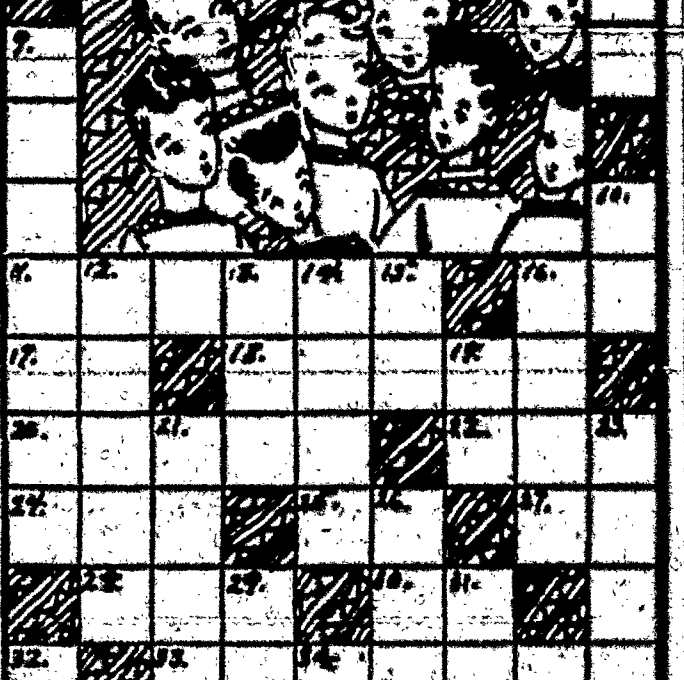
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Blinded Italian Lad, Sight Better, Goes Home

New York - (NC) - A nine-year-old Italian boy who had his blindness cured by the kindness of Pope Pius XII and thousands of Catholics in his homeland, is returning home to his parents. Before he left Italy, he was received by the Holy Father, who promised to remember the lad in his prayers. The boy's companions since he left home has been Pvt. Edward W. Gargas, of Montpelier, C. V. who makes the return trip with him.

Cardinal Faulhaber Hails Treatment of German POWs

Munich - (CIP) - By the statements which he made after his return from the Consistory in Rome, Cardinal Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich and Freising, is strengthening good will towards the American occupation authorities in Bavaria and has contributed to combating the rumors which were circulating in Germany about allegedly bad conditions in American camps for German prisoners-of-war. Cardinal Faulhaber emphasized that "the meeting of the German Cardinals with the American Cardinals has been extremely useful and valuable" and reassured the German people the treatment of the German prisoners-of-war in Italy whom he visited. He stated that he had himself that they are well housed

Youth Section



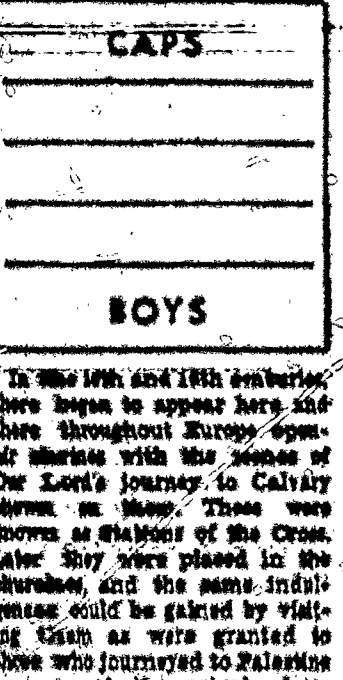
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AT VAN VEX MILLS

Advertisement for Van Vex Mills featuring 'BOY CANNED FOODS by the CASE'. It lists various food items like 'FLORIDA CRAPPAHEAD JERKY', 'FLORIDA FISHBONE', 'NEW YORK STATE TOMATO JUICE', etc., with prices. It also includes a 'WORD LADDER' puzzle and a 'CAPS' puzzle. The ad concludes with 'VAN VEX MILLS 126 Smith St. MAINE 347'.

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Remember your Mother in a spiritual way on Mother's Day. Our beautiful gift card tells her that you are having Mass offered by a needy Near East missionary or heavy given a sacred article to a mission station in her honor.

Queen of Our Hearts

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HER VERY OWN

Have you ever seen a clothed crucifix on the cross, in the vestments of a priest? We should like to place this over the high altar of the Memorial Chapel of the Queen of Peace, on the island of Corfu, and shall need at least one hundred dollars to do so. Are you interested in this memorial?

ST. GEORGE

Bishop George Hakim always asks small favors on his name day. April 23 is his feast day of St. George, the Holy Land. Are you a saint without a name day? We would like to have a small favor to make a contribution to the Holy Land. Can you help?

TRAGIC

Tragedy awaits those who refuse to return to Russia. Help our Sisters at St. Elizabeth's, in occupied Germany. Won't you remember them with even a small gift?

Catholic Near East Welfare Association 900 Lexington Ave. at 40th St. New York 17, N. Y.

Advertisement for St. John the Evangelist funeral home. It lists services for Sunday 7-9 and 10-11-12, and Holy Days 5:30-6:7 and 8:30-10:12. It also advertises LA MAY DRUG CO. and MATTHE FUNERAL SERVICE.