The Courier Journal — Youth Section

Holy Childhood Association

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(Twenty-seventh of the winning essays on mission topics is the following by an Eighth grade girl of St. Francis Xavier School, Rochester.)

ST. THERESE
(THE LITTLE MISSIONARY)

By Mary Ann DeLaura

On January 2, 1873 in Rue St. Blaise, France, a baby girl was born. Two days later she was christened Marie Frances Therese Martin. Little Therese was a lovable affectionate child. She brought great joy to her parents and her four older sisters. Though she was so lovable, this small girl was very stubborn until she was three years old. Then she understood that God does not want his children to be stubborn, and from that time she was never known to disobey anyone.

At the age of four years Therese's beloved mother died; she then chose her sister, Pauline, to take the place of her mother. In a few years Pauline entered Carmel. Therese missed her so much that she became quite ill. It was at this time that she decided, she, too, would become a nun.

Therese longed to receive our Lord in Holy Communion but according to custom, she had to reach the age of eleven before she could receive our Lord. The preparation for her First Communion lasted for long years. On that long awaited day Therese was very happy. Later she spoke of this day as the most beautiful day in her life.

At the age of fifteen Therese decided she was ready to enter the convent; she had many troubles before she could do so. The superior of the convent thought she was too young; so did the Bishop, though she did let her hair up when she went to see him, so that he would think she was grown up. These refusals nearly broke her heart; however, she was patient and did not complain, because she knew Jesus was just trying her courage. The girl was determined to enter, so she went with her father on a pilgrimage to Rome to ask the Pope's permission. But even he told her she must wait until the superior of the convent would consent. It seemed that all hope was gone. But at last on December 28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, she was notified that she could enter at Easter Time. On April 9, 1888, Therese entered Carmel. The parting from home and her dear father was hard; nevertheless, she was willing to do anything for Jesus.

On her clothing day Therese wished for snow. The day was mild and clear outside. In the afternoon it started to snow. This pleased the Little Flower very much.

She spent nine years in the convent and during this time and all the other years she spent on earth, few people had ever heard about her. Therese did not wish to be known on earth, not until she was in heaven. She never wanted to do anything great, she just wanted to love Jesus. That was her only thought. She once said, "I have never given God anything but love, and it is with love He will repay me. After my death I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven in doing good upon earth." She has kept her promise. Many people in the world ask her for favors and she obtains them. She has worked many miracles. On September 30, 1897, Therese died. She was ill and suffered much before she died. Her last words were "My God, I Love Thee." She was only twenty-four years old.

Not long after her death she was canonized. People from all over the world came to her canonization. St. Therese has asked to be made widely known, so in this way she can help everyone. She always longed to be a missionary, but now, even though she is in heaven she is a missionary. I call her a missionary because she is spreading the word of God and she is inspiring us to love God. That is what missionaries do — isn't it? Missionaries in all lands turn to her, and she repays their confidence with her sweetest roses. This saint has also been made patroness of the missions.

1500 Enroll at Laval U.

Quebec — (NC) — One thousand students from Canada and the United States have registered for this year's summer school at Laval University here.

KNOW IT?

(Questions on page 10)

1. February 2, September 29, September 8.
2. Three times: just before resting for Mass; after the offertory; after the Communion. The first two washings imply the purity (by Confession, act of contrition) with which we should approach the Holy Eucharist (Cf. John, 13, 6); the third is for the purpose of washing into the chalice any particle of the Sacred Host which might adhere to the fingers of the priest.
3. Archbishop.
4. Mammon; exalted; chosen.
5. The answers should be in this order: Prince of the Apostles, Teacher of Nations, the disciple whom Jesus loved, Levi the publican, the unbeliving.

JOE AND JUDY — By Walsi

A Crown for Our Lady

By Sister M. Marcelline, O. S. U.

MARY LILY slipped through the hedge which separated the boarding school grounds from the sanitarium. The man sitting by the brook smiled a welcome.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Soldier," said the little girl. "I can stay a long time today. The girls have all gone home for the week-end. Sister Clement (she's the cook Sister) packed a lunch basket for us. I picked some flowers on my way through the woods. Wait till I put them near the water to keep fresh. Then we'll have cookies and milk."

The soldier watched the child. He remembered the first day she had come through the hedge. He had found this quiet spot at the very end of the sanitarium grounds where he could get away from everyone. He had come there often, wishing to be alone. Yet he had been happy when she came, a dainty sprite, dark curls bobbing in the sun, eyes twinkling with excitement and friendly interest.

"I'VE BEEN exploring for treasure," she said that first day, "and I found you. What's your name? Mine's Mary Lily."

"Oh, I'm just a soldier, I guess," he had answered. He didn't know his name. He didn't know who he was. He had forgotten everything before that pain-racked day when he was picked up on the battlefield. His wounds were healed now, but his memory——.

"Then I'll call you Mr. Soldier," Mary Lily decided quickly. "And I'll come to see you whenever I can."

He did not expect to see her again. Mary Lily told Sister Coletta that evening about her adventure. She never knew that Sister had inquired most carefully at the sanitarium and was assured that the child was perfectly safe. They hoped Sister would let her come often. This was the first time this soldier had shown an interest in anything.

MARY LILY only knew that every fine day when she possibly could, Sister Coletta gave her permission, and she hurried through the woods to the break in the hedge to visit Mr. Soldier.

Sometimes Mr. Soldier talked to Mary Lily. More often he sat silent and still and listened to the little girl's conversation. He learned a great deal about the child as the warm days came and went.

She was the only one of all the girls, Mary Lily told him, who really belonged to the sisters. All the others just boarded and went home sometimes to their parents for vacations. The child spoke of her school work, her playmates, her friends and always in her talk he sensed the beauty of her Faith as it touched every part of her life.

HAD HE EVER believed these things, he wondered. Well, he didn't believe in anything now, that was sure. But he listened and loved the child for her sweet simplicity.

On this bright spring day Mr. Soldier and Mary Lily enjoyed their cookies and milk. Then Mary Lily brought from their cool place her flowers—violets, star flowers, buttercups and dandelions.

"This is the month of May," she said. "Our Lady's month. Would you like me to tell you about her while I make these flowers into a crown?"

Mr. Soldier nodded, and Mary Lily told him all about the lovely Maiden of Nazareth who became the Mother of God, and while she spoke she made the flowers into a crown. When she had finished the story and the crown, Mr. Soldier asked:

"And will you put this crown on the statue of Our Lady?"

"Oh, no," said Mary Lily. "I'll put it at her feet. When we put a crown of flowers on her head we have a big procession and sing hymns. It's the very biggest honor a girl can have to put the crown on Our Lady. I don't think I'd ever be worthy to do that."

MARY LILY gathered up her lunch basket, and held the crown very carefully.

"Sister said to tell you you may walk in the woods if you like, Mr. Soldier. Why don't you? They are Mary's woods. I think maybe she walks there sometimes at sundown. Maybe you'll meet Her!"

When the child had gone, Mr. Soldier looked into the woods. It did look inviting, so he went through the hedge and walked along the stream. How peaceful it was!

Then suddenly the light of the sun seemed to gather into a rainbow of color. Dogwood trees bent to form an arch. The singing of the birds and the murmur of the brook swelled into heavenly music. And walking through the woods came a Lovely Lady.

The soldier fell to his knees in wonder and awe. It was She. Vision of Beauty, Maiden of Nazareth, Queen of the Angels. Tears filled the man's eyes when he saw that on her beautiful hair Our Lady wore the crown of flowers on which his little friend had labored with such devotion. And through his tear-dimmed eyes the soldier saw Our Lady smile at him.

HOW LONG he knelt there, the soldier never knew. When he raised his head the woods was as usual—the glory had faded. The woods was the same as it had been, but he—he was different!

With a firm step he set off toward the sanitarium. There was much to be done—his grieving family to notify, the authorities to consult. And the school next door to visit. He would tell his story to Sister Coletta, and somehow Mr. Soldier knew that this year when the girls marched in procession to crown Our Lady's statue in the Grotto, it would be starry-eyed Mary Lily who carried the crown, with love and gratitude in her happy heart.

St. Joseph

This year May 3 will be kept as the solemn Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. Since St. Joseph was proclaimed patron of the whole Church, by Pope Pius IX, he has guarded and watched over the affairs of the Church just as he guarded and watched over the Holy Family in Nazareth long ago.

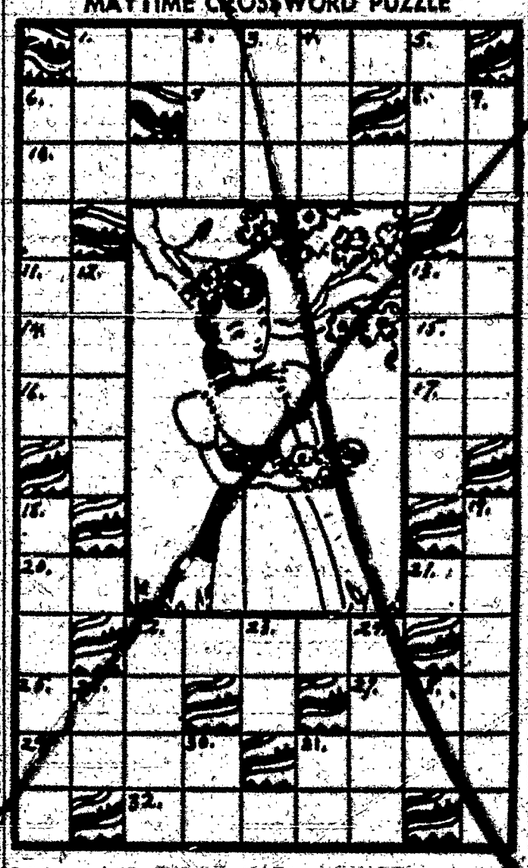
St. Joseph is the patron of a happy death. His own death, before Jesus began His public life, must have been beautiful, with Jesus and Mary to comfort him.

BRAINY BETSY ??????

This is a bird contest. Answer each question with the name of a bird.

WHAT BIRD—
Is gay and lively?
Was an early explorer?
Is on a U. S. coin?
Is a stormy sea in the dark?
Is a ruler?
Is a household pet?
Follows the harvest?
Can mimic others?
Is a church dignitary?
Is sad and dismal?
Is fearful and shrinking?
Has the name of a prayer?

MAYTIME CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Name of this puzzle
6 South America (Abbr.)
7 Period of immense duration
8 Second note of diatonic scale
10 Captives
11 Spring ..... here
13 Sixth note of diatonic scale
14 Opposite of Yes
15 Within
16 Proceed
17 You and I
20 Toward
21 Fourth note of diatonic scale
22 Stains or mars
23 Devour
27 Armed conflict
29 Name of the first man
31 In art, representation of light around the head of a saint
32 Pay back

Down
1 Disfigure
2 Opposite of No
3 Also
4 Tavern
5 Commit an error or mistake
6 Season between winter and summer
9 Property in general
12 In the near future
13 Rules established by authority
18 Brook
19 Guardian or protector
22 "..... light, ... bright"
23 Supposing that
24 Move backwards and forwards
26 Short word meaning advertisement
28 Nickname for Albert
30 Myself
31 Exclamation of joy

Word Scramble

Did you know that birds do special work in controlling insects, according to the kind of beak, feet, body and wings each type possesses?

In this word scramble you will find the names of some of our friendly bird helpers.

Some of the weed destroyers, which eat the seeds of weeds, to help the farmer and gardener, are the RAEWSON, BIRBOBIN, KABBLEHOD, and PRODOKLN.

Birds who eat insects which are on the ground have large straight bills for picking up food. Watch the EIRON, VEPROL and LOMAKEWARD at work as ground caretakers.

You have no doubt watched the bark cleaners at work. Have you seen the CEPREKL, PNOKEWECOD and DEKECAHEC?

Beautiful songsters which care for the foliage of trees and bushes are the LIOERO, KICIDMEGONF and BRUTHR.

St. John

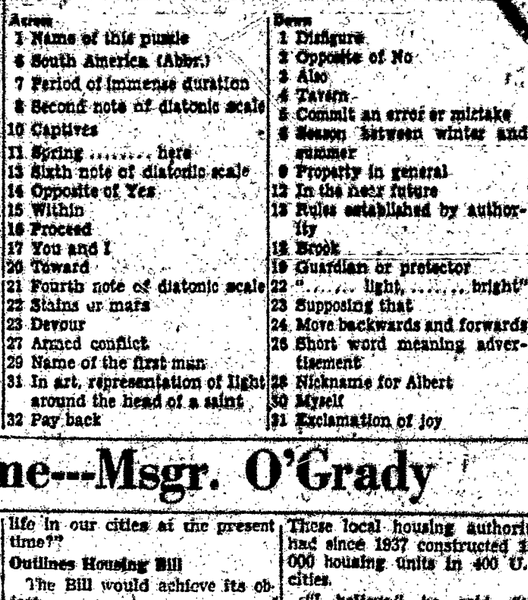
May 6

Although St. John, the Beloved Disciple, did not die a martyr's death, but lived to a very old age in exile on the Island of Patmos, May 6, is celebrated as the feast of his martyrdom.

By the favor of God, St. John came forth unhurt from the tortures the Emperor ordered him to undergo. When the Apostle refused to adore the Roman gods he was plunged into a vessel of boiling oil. This cauldron of oil, with fire burning beneath it, was set up just outside the gate of the city of Rome known as the Porta Latina, or Latin Gate. From the name of the place this feast gets its title. The Christians later built a church at the Latin Gate where St. John had been miraculously saved from death.

Answers

MAYTIME PUZZLE



WORD SCRAMBLE

MAYTIME MERRY
ZEBRAWING
THRASHER
MOCKINGBIRD
CARDINAL
BLUEBIRD
QUAIL
ZEBRAWING
MAGPIE
DRAKE
EAGLE
NIGHTINGALE
KINGBIRD
CATBIRD

Bishop D'Alton Named

DUBLIN — (WS) — Consecrated less than four years ago, Bishop John F. D'Alton of Meath, Ireland, has been raised to Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland, according to word received here from the Holy See.

Honolulu Mass Draws 10,000 For Centennial

Honolulu — (NC) — More than ten thousand faithful gathered at the foot of the towering 10,000-foot volcanic mountain of Haleakala on the island of Maui to assist at the Pontifical Mass marking the centennial of the founding of the first permanent mission on the island.

Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, pontificated at the open air Mass in the Kaahumanu Fair Grounds and Bishop James J. Sweeney of Honolulu preached the sermon. Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco, Metropolitan of the Hawaiian Islands, Bishop Apollinaris Baumgartner, O.F.M.Cap., Vicar Apostolic of Guam, and the Very Rev. Jules Verhaegle, Provincial of the Sacred Hearts Fathers, were present in the sanctuary.

Bishop Sweeney in his sermon outlined the difficulties which confronted the Sacred Hearts Fathers in bringing the Faith to the island. He told of the heroic work of Helio Kosolea, known as the Apostle of Maui, whose memory the centennial celebration principally honors.

Among those present at the Mass were the Revs. Cyril Kralj, SS.CC., cousin to Father Damien and pastor of the Hana district where Helio Kosolea lies buried; Louis Bosynaama, nephew of the late Bishop Boynaama; Rudolph Veroammon, pastor of Lahaina, the original landing place of the Sacred Hearts Fathers; Fortunato Matthew, a native priest and nephew of the late Bishop Stephen; Oscar Calve, secretary to Bishop Baumgartner and only Chamorro priest on Guam, Sister Isabelle, who was rescued by submarine from the northern islands during the Japanese occupation, and numerous representatives from various Christian groups on the Islands.

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Rev. Andrew H. Begnoch, S.T.L., Assistant Secretary

NO THANKS!
We could never thank enough our Mothers, living or dead. Have Masses said for them or make a gift to Mary, Mother of Mothers.

GOOD MOTHERS, GOOD DAUGHTERS
What would the Church do for Brides of Christ, if the world were not filled with good Mothers? All over the Near East we recruit our Sisters from poor but pious Roman, Loving Catholic Mothers give the best of their faith. We want such for the rest.
That is why this little appeal from the Mother Superior of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Cairo, Egypt, will touch our hearts on Mother's Day. Perhaps you will want to honor your Mother by helping these daughters of Mary.
"I need $300 for the dowry of each new novice," writes Mother. "Won't you please interest our dear Near East friends? This year I can receive ten new Sisters if you help me. Our work is visiting and nursing the sick poor of Egypt."

MOTHER'S TEARS
The Holy Mother of a large family sent in the back Army pay due her oldest boy, who gave his life during the war. "Use it for the Memorial Chapel of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, on the Island of Cebu." If many others help us to rear this monument to our fallen fighting men, we shall soon start the work.

WHAT IS HOME?
What is home without a mother? And how quickly the family disperses after she has gone to God! Keep your family together spiritually by taking out family perpetual membership in the Association. The hundred dollars required will be a stringless gift to needy missionaries.

ST. PACHOM
This patron Saint of Eucharistic Congresses is honored on May 17. Why not make a Eucharistic bouquet to a poor Near East chapel, giving chalice, ciborium, pyx and monstrance, all for eighty-five dollars?

EVENT
How Mothers prepare for the great event of their children's First Communion! Ten dollars will prepare a First Communion outfit for a poor little child of the Near East.

OTHER SON
Poor boys, studying for the Priesthood in Near East seminaries, claim to be "other sons" of American mothers. You can adopt one of them by giving $600 for his journey to the priesthood. Right now we are doing what we can for Father Anthony's Seminary at Cairo, Egypt, with a small subsidy to Bill CHRYSTOSTOM, Student, Boys' Club, does your so much.

ORPHAN'S BREAD
In all our missions we have homes for motherless children. Won't you give a mite for "ORPHAN'S BREAD"?

HARD TIME
Summer, with school ends, is hard time for mothers. For us it is much, because we must raise enough to open Near East schools in fall. Won't you join the BARNABAS, the School Club, and give a dollar monthly? This is the best project of our clubs, but we can do things more important than school support.

GOD LISTENS
God listens to every prayer of a pious mother. So listened to St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine, that a thousand are honoring this mother by joining the MONICA GUILD. The dollar monthly is more, your support, and help to thirty dollars needed for Mass vestments.

YOUR CHILD
"Mary, this is your child, we give your child," said a Mohammedan mother, holding her prospective daughter before the altar in the chapel of the Sisters of Perpetual Help in Mansoura, Syria. The sisters baptized the child, with Mary's help. Can you give $10 for a baptism like that? Do it now, please!

SEPARATION
Fellow Mothers: Mothers, separated from your children, unable to bring them to school, unable to provide them with food, clothing, medicine, shelter, unable to provide them with the benefits of the sacraments. Mothers, please add to our "MOTHERS' RELIEF FUND."

Send all communications to
Catholic Near East Welfare Association
480 Lexington Ave., at 46th St. "Where Help Is Needed Most"

Ill Housing Brings Crime---Msgr. O'Grady

Hopelessly inadequate housing "in which individuals and families are packed together under most horrible conditions that make decent living, and above all decent family living, impossible," was named as a major cause of current and critical juvenile delinquency increases in the address delivered by Msgr. John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, to the Rochester Police Holy Name Society's annual Communion Breakfast at the Seneca Hotel last Sunday.

Such conditions make law enforcement "a most difficult task," the Monsignor said, since they "are incompatible with wholesome and decent family life" and "people packed together in inadequate and unsanitary quarters, struggling for a bare existence," fall prey to such "forces of disintegration" as "vice and crime" and "racial tensions."

Police Attitude Stressed

Of course, something could be accomplished by the adoption of an understanding attitude on the part of law officers. A policeman who makes a real effort to help delinquents "has something that all policemen need in these days. He can reach the hearts of tough boys; he can get next to them. He can do so without surrendering to their whims and fancies. He can be fair without being cruel. His road will not always be easy but there is no easy road to tough youthful offenders against law and order."

But, all things considered, the "most important step toward the control and treatment of juvenile delinquency is citizen organizations on a neighborhood basis" and such an organization must necessarily consider the housing problem. It is "one of the greatest problems confronting them."

Here, in rendering assistance to such groups, said Monsignor O'Grady, is where the part of Government may well come in. It "should stimulate and encourage voluntary groups" and "this is precisely what the Government has been trying to do in the field of housing."

The speaker made reference to the Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bill, passed by the Senate on April 15, 1946, saying that the Bill "is designed to make home ownership possible for a large group of people to whom it has hitherto been impossible. What greater contribution could be made to the stabilizing of family life in our cities at the present time?"

Outlines Housing Bill

The Bill would achieve its object

"1. By a reduction of interest rates from 5% to 4% on insured loans on small homes;

"2. By increasing the insurable percentage of the mortgage from 80% to 90% (and in the case of non-profit organizations and certain other institutions, 95%);

"3. By increasing the life of the mortgage at th ediscretion of the FHA administrator from 25 to 32 years";

and by special provisions protecting veterans from loss of their homes through unemployment or similar misfortune.

At least 10% of those requiring homes would belong to low-income groups finding it impossible to pay adequate rental charges; to these the Government would provide the required assistance.

Under the heading "A Challenge to Rochester" Monsignor O'Grady voiced his surprise at noticing that "Rochester is not among the cities in which a local housing authority has been established in spite of the provision by State law for the setting up of such an authority." These local housing authorities had since 1937 constructed 156,000 housing units in 400 U. S. cities.

"I believe," he said, "that Rochester is one of the very few cities of its size in the United States that does not have a housing authority. Rochester is known throughout the country for its fine community spirit, for its great progress in the physical sciences, for its progressive and enlightened business interests. I am sure that Rochester will now want to give more and more attention to those things that make for the rebuilding of neighborhoods, for the rebuilding of family life.

"These are common problems in all our large American industrial cities. They are the challenges our cities must face if they are to survive."

"This is the great challenge that all our planners must face; what are we going to do with our city dwellings that will give family life an opportunity to survive and to prosper?"

50,000 Prague Children Suffer from Tuberculosis

New York — (NC) — Fifty thousand children in the Prague area under 14 years of age are suffering from tuberculosis, and as many as 50 per cent of the others, particularly in the urban areas, are pre-tubercular and in need of special feeding and medical attention.

This report is made by Msgr. Oldrich Zlamal, for the last 32 years pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Cleveland, who just returned from a three months tour of Czechoslovakia.

"The children need milk," Monsignor Zlamal said. "Nearly all of the cows in the area have been killed or stolen. Institutions for children need the most elementary things, such as bed linen. All donations of infant supplies are a God-send. Medicines and medicaments are lacking. We hope the United States will help with these items and also with X-ray units to detect and control the spread of tuberculosis."