

Holy Childhood Association

Rev. John S. Randall Director

Twenty-ninth of the winning essays on mission topics is the following by an Eighth Grade boy of St. Patrick's School, Corning.

BLESSED THEOPHANE VENARD

By Robert Cushing. Christ said "Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Among these privileged souls was Theophane Venard. He was born in Fontenay, France, on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lady, November 23, 1828.

After fifteen months at Hong Kong, he was transferred to West Tonking, where the Christians were being tried by a Mink Menh, a minister of cruelty.

After eight full and eventful years Theophane prayed, suffered and labored among Chinese heathens. Finally he was betrayed and captured on November 15, 1860.

He remained a captive until the sword of the executioner cut his pure and noble soul to heaven on the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mother of Christ, February 2, 1861.

Theophane Venard's call to the army of Christ still rings out to those generous, privileged boys and girls who catch the echoes and go marching off to the crusades in pagan lands.

Reports to Pope On Holy Childhood

Pittsburgh (NC) - For the first time since the beginning of the war, the Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood will hold a meeting of its General Council, which will take place in Paris on May 22.

The forthcoming meeting of the Holy Childhood Association will be represented by the Very Rev. Richard H. Ackerman, C.S.S., National Director of the American Branch of the Association, whose headquarters are here.

At Albany - Four priests of Albany Diocese, former St. Bernard's Seminary students, are this year marking their Silver Jubilee of ordination.

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JOE AND JUDY



A First Communion Gift

By Sister M. Marcella, O.S.U. PATRICIA ELLEN woke up very early on her first Communion day.

Today, when Jesus would come into her heart, Patty knew that her mother and daddy, her little brother Jimmy, and all her relatives and friends would share her joy.

When May came and the second grade had a May altar, Mr. Curmudgeon used to fill the little girl's arms with lily flowers to take to school.

THE LITTLE girl remembered the first day she met her friend, Daddy and Mommy had been talking about a wedding man Daddy hoped to interest in a business deal.

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Word Square

Beautiful about Opposite of Finish

Curmudgeon had given her the present which was better than pearls.

FIRST COMMUNION CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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3. We give to Jesus title of "The Heart." 4. On First Communion day girl wears on her head a white.

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7. Happiness. 8. Mother or father. 9. Children offer to Jesus their and their souls.

10. Latin word for pray. 11. He has power to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. 12. At Mass bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

13. "Oh, Lord, I am not worthy. This should I deserve to me." 14. Money paid in court.

Little Imelda

Mar 12 Long ago in Italy there lived a little girl whose name was Imelda.

Imelda's father was wealthy and enjoyed giving parties and entertaining guests in his big house.

Imelda did not enjoy the careless life of a child in a rich home. When she was 10, she begged her father to send her to the Dominican convent to school.

At that time boys and girls did not receive their first Holy Communion as young as they do now.

Every day Imelda went to chapel to pray that she would be allowed to make her First Communion soon.

One morning Imelda was kneeling at the Communion rail, crying because she would have to wait such a long time before receiving her Lord.

Suddenly a strange and wonderful thing happened. The Sacred Host came down from Heaven and layed in the air at her feet.

Imelda was so glad that she took the Host in her hand. Then she gave the Sacred Host to the child.

All who were in the church offered prayers of gratitude to God for His great act of love. Little Imelda was filled with joy.

When at last they went to call Imelda they found that her joy had been so great that she had died and gone to Heaven.

Little children, all over the world pray to St. Imelda to help them make a good First Holy Communion.

WORD LADDER

Begin this word ladder with TOPS. Climb down to the word SING, which tells what some tops do when you spin them.

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Information Desk

Sacrament After Death

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Meet McSorley's Wonderful Family

Fourteen Children—Seven in Religion

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3 - James M. McSorley, a seminarian of the Oblates of Mary, who will be ordained to the priesthood on June 3 at the Oblate House of Studies in Washington, following his ordination, he hopes to be sent to Canada's Far North as a missionary.

4 - Sister Joseph M. McSorley, U. S. Navy, who won her commission after three years of combat service as a "go" and was a volunteer member of an under-

water demolition crew. He now is stationed at the Naval Bureau of Personnel near Washington.

5 - John P. McSorley, who served with the U. S. Marines Air Force as a dive bomber during the war. He took part in the spectacular liberation of the two prison camps in the Philippines, where his brothers were interned.

6 - Anne, who is a second year student at St. Leonard's Academy here in Philadelphia. She won a scholarship to the institution.

7 - Rose, who is a junior at West Philadelphia High School and the proud owner of eight medals to attest his agility in track events.

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Catholic Evidence Conference Set

New Orleans (NC) - The National Catholic Evidence Conference will hold its 1931 sessions on September 14 and 15 in Cincinnati at the invitation of Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P. of Cincinnati.

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