

Sodality of Our Lady

All-Important Aid

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(As you know from last week's column, we want very much to have the Sodalties throughout our diocese sponsor a Sodality Triduum in honor of Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII. Every Sodality should be specifically encouraged to offer three Masses and three Holy Communions sometime before December 5, the feast of Mary Immaculate. Please mail the total of your Sodality's Masses and Holy Communions to your Diocesan Director or to the Queen's Work, 2115 South Grand Boulevard, St. Louis 18, Missouri.)

To base their Sodality activities on things of far greater importance and of more recreation (also than mere social and recreational projects). The program, of course, is much too full and detailed for any one Sodality to use it all. The wise Director and the officers will take from it what they want and what appeals to their particular Sodality.

Beyond all else the National Office of the Sodality in St. Louis is a SERVICE STATION. With deliberate purpose we put the words, "SERVICE STATION," in capital letters. For the priests and laypeople attached to the National Office think of themselves only in terms of what they can do for the individual Sodalties, their Directors, their officers and members.

We feel that the Work Chart is all important to your Sodality. It is a "must" to any successful or trying-to-be successful Sodality. The National Office takes pride in being able to give you what it regards as such an adequate, helpful and, they like to think, inspiring program. Write to the National Office for a copy. Ask for the companion Leaders' Service, which will be sent gratis. The Leaders' Service amplifies the suggestions set forth in the Work Chart and gives a more complete explanation of each month's activities.


Directors and officers are busy and harassed by the many problems and activities that beset our American way of living. Hence the problem of a constantly varied and recurrently interesting program for a Sodality is a difficult one for them to solve alone. Thus, the special staff at the National Office, under the direction of Father Lord and Miss Willmann, present a program as varied, interesting, modern, Catholic and engaging as they can design.

It might be well to remember that there are two Work Charts. There is the annual, progressive program described above. There is also the Fundamental Work Chart, one that is simpler and one which can be used more easily and effectively by newly organized Sodalties or by those that are reorganizing on the committee plan. Thus, it will be a good idea when you write to the Queen's Work in St. Louis to specify which of the two charts you want. The Leaders' Service will come along each month by mail automatically.

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Calendar of Feast Days
Sunday, Nov. 17 — St. Gregory Thaumaturgus was born in Pontus of heathen parents. He studied philosophy under the great Origen, who led him to the Faith. Later he was made Bishop of Neo-Caesarea. St. John the Evangelist appeared to him in a vision and gave him a creed which contained in all its fulness the doctrine of the Trinity. St. Gregory died in the year 270.

Monday, Nov. 18 — St. Odilo of Cluny was the son of a noble of Quilaine. His father wished to see him distinguished at Court, but the call of the religious life was too strong. He took the habit of St. Benedict at Baume and later became Abbot of the Abbey of Cluny.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 — St. Elizabeth of Hungary was betrothed in infancy to Louis, Landgrave of Thuringia, and brought up in his father's court. While her husband lived she devoted her wealth and influence to charitable purposes. When he died she was driven from the palace and forced to wander in the streets with her children. She died in 1231 at the age of 24.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 — St. Felix of Valois was the son of the Count of Valois. The divorce between his parents led him to take the Cistercian habit at Clairvaux. After living for a time as a hermit in Italy he returned to France, where after another period of solitude he and St. John of Matha formed the Congregation of the Holy Trinity for the redemption of Christian captives.

Thursday, Nov. 21 — The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is an ancient tradition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was solemnly offered to God in the Temple in her infancy. The tender soul of Mary was then adorned with the most precious graces, the Father looking upon her as His beloved daughter, the Son as one chosen and prepared to become His mother, and the Holy Ghost as His affectionate spouse.

Friday, Nov. 22 — St. Cecilia, virgin, who was martyred in 177, was a wealthy and beautiful noble Roman maid. On her wedding day she renewed the vow by which she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. Her husband was converted by her words and a few days later was martyred. Cecilia was dispatched with the sword.

U.S. Woman Gets Play Area for Dutch Kiddies

(By KATHARINE MCKEIVRE, Staff Writer, N. C. W. C. News Service)

The Hague—The capital of the Netherlands is the first and only city in Europe to have a Christ Child Society playground. It is unique in another sense, for, in keeping with the policy of the Society, all underprivileged children are welcome there regardless of creed, race or nationality.

I have just visited this remarkable Christ Child project with its investigator and chief animator, Mrs. George Renchard, the former Stella Stapleton of Washington, whose husband is second secretary of the United States Embassy at the Hague.

When she asked the Burgo-master of the Hague what was most needed for the children of his city, he first mentioned a convalescent home. That, she felt, was more than she could undertake; but a playground, his second suggestion, seemed less formidable. But even this, she soon learned, was not as simple as it sounded.

Offered Three Sites
Mrs. Renchard was offered three sites from which to select a playground. The one she chose is in a thickly populated, poorer section of the city which, in addition to its other tragedies, had been bombed.

The remains of four three-story houses were still standing on this lot. The children of the neighborhood, under Mrs. Renchard's supervision, tore down the buildings. The very small children stacked the bricks. Every thing was carefully sorted for possible use or sale, and the children carted the debris to the street, where it was picked up by trucks.

One little fellow arrived ready for work one morning with a wheelbarrow which his father had made for him; others brought shovels for spading the ground. Some fathers came by after working hours and contributed valuable services. The Rev. A. Brinkhoff, S.J., sent 20 older boys every afternoon from the nearby Jesuit school to help. A neat wall was built from the salvaged bricks, and a discarded iron gate was located. The work was completed in 11 days and the playground began to function, although it still lacked equipment.

In a horse-drawn cart, Mrs. Renchard made the rounds of second-hand dealers looking for such treasures as rope for swings, because she did not wish to ask the Hague officials for any material needed for more urgent reconstruction. As the result of these expeditions, the playground now has four swings, two seesaws and two slides. It also has a football, boxing gloves and other sports equipment contributed by visitors, among whom was an American admiral. One day a week the grounds are reserved for children under eight. The average attendance then is 71. The rest of the time some 50 girls and 60 boys have the use of it on different days.

Belinquency Drop Noted
Since the playground began to function—and especially since the football was donated—police have noticed a drop in juvenile stealing in the neighborhood. Stealing, or petty pilfering, is one of the great juvenile delinquency problems in Holland just now; the young mind cannot comprehend why stealing, which was regarded as a patriotic activity during the occupation, has now become a serious offense.

The local situation in Western Europe is not as ideal as it was a year or months ago. Living costs are high, but some sort of nourishment is obtainable. Clothing to the great need of persons in average circumstances as well as the very poor. Many persons wanting something different gladly buy used clothing.

Card Spellman Aids Memorial Abbey

(London—(C))—His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, has opened a subscription list with a contribution of \$200 dollars to buy Fountain Abbey, the beautiful ruin near Ripon, Yorkshire, which Catholics are seeking to restore as a Benedictine Abbey.

Other donations have also been received from the U.S.A. by the organization of the U.S. Catholic group led by Rev. John J. Neenan, U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, has set for the United States to enter further American Catholic help.

About \$1,000,000 will be needed to buy and restore the abbey as an international war memorial to the Catholic dead of the two world wars. The purchase price is stated to be \$200,000, and Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, Britain's leading Catholic architect, estimates the cost of the restoration work at \$800,000.

First Bishop in Place
Youngstown—(NC)—The Rev. John M. Lonsberry, Jesuit, of the Slovak language newspaper Orban and pastor of St. Joseph Church, at Newton Falls, near here, died in Cleveland after collapsing suddenly aboard a plane flying to Youngstown from Orlando, Florida. He had been ill for some time.

Ancient Cistern Found Near Tomb of Virgin

Jerusalem—(NC)—Quite by accident, an ancient cistern has been discovered in front of the Assumption, or Tomb of the Blessed Virgin, in the Gethsemane Valley east of the Walled City of Jerusalem.

When discovered, the vaulted underground structure, supported by 24 massive columns, was found to be half-filled with soil, accumulated there through the ages since it was last used—perhaps at the time of the Babylonian conquest in 137.

The cistern is believed by some to date from the 2nd century and was last used, it is thought, as a water reservoir for the Benedictine Abbey of St. Mary of the Valley of Jehoshaphat, built by the Crusaders near the ruins of the ancient Church of Our Lady.

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Combat Communism Key Of Slovak League Meet
Detroit—(NC)—Peter P. Jurchak, president of the Slovak League of America, appealed to all American Slavs to support only those candidates in the coming elections who have gone on record as opposing communism. He spoke at one of the sessions of the first post-war congress of the league which met here last week.

Famed Abbot Dies
Washington—(NC)—News has reached here of the death of the Rt. Rev. Jofons Herwegen, O.S.B., Abbot of Maria Laach in the Rhineland, one of the leading figures of Benedictine monasticism and recognized internationally as an authority on liturgy.