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## Please Help the Missionary Sisters

of the Immaculate Conception

*By procuring work for them*

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THE Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception have a work-room in which are made church-vestments and altar-linens, the profits of which are destined to support their Mother-House and Novitiate.

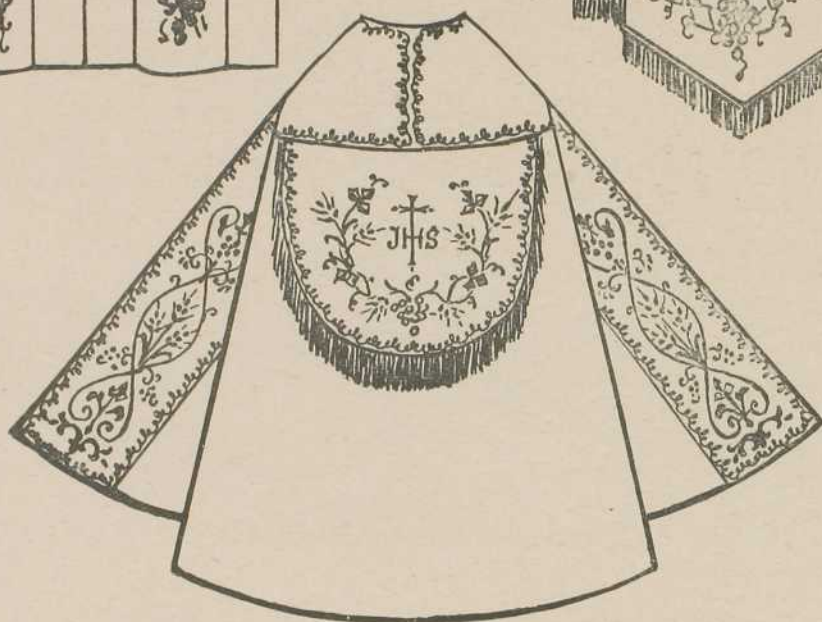
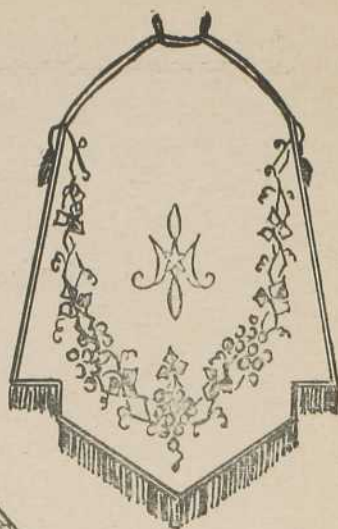
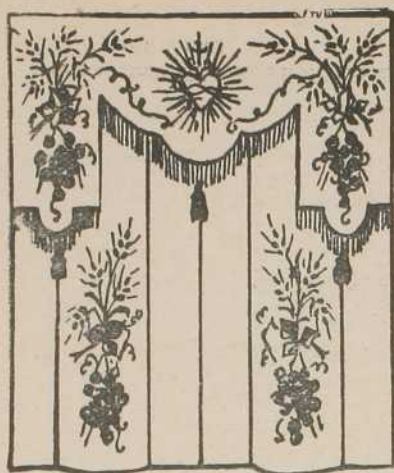
Missionaries must undergo several years' preparation before being able to commence their apostolic labors in foreign fields.

The articles mentioned on the following page may be procured, on reasonable terms, at the work-shop of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, 314 St. Catherine Road, Outremont, Montreal.

We paint to order, spiritual bouquets, calendars with pictures of Our Lady, the Holy Family, the Little Flower, and mission scenes. First Communion and Confirmation badges, scapulars, *Agnus Dei*, cushions, etc.

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Chinese embroideries and laces are offered for sale. They are made by our Chinese orphans. By encouraging these sales you co-operate in the salvation of many young pagan girls who, while earning their livelihood in Catholic work-shops, receive at the same time the light of Faith.



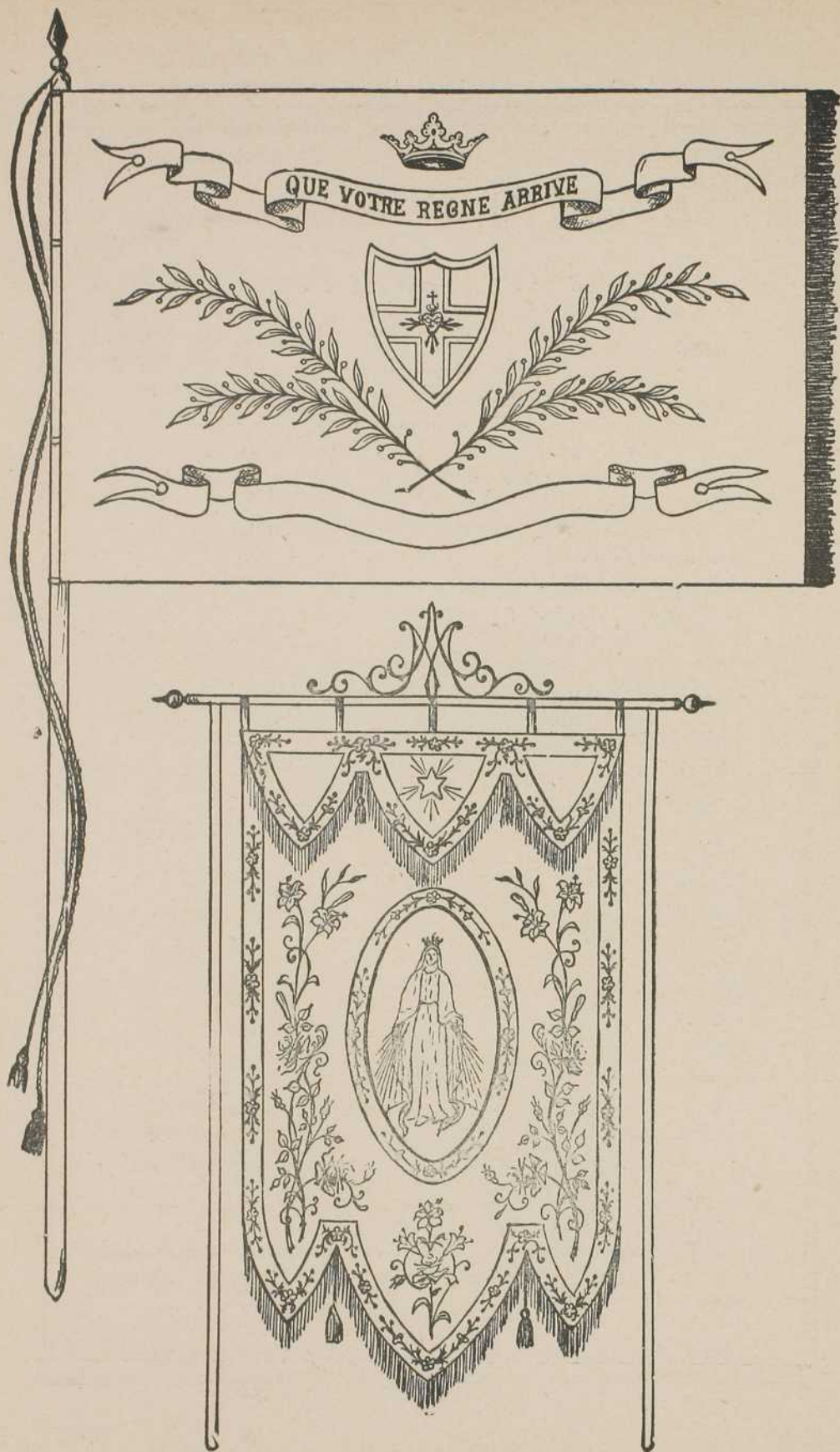


## Kindly Read Attentively

Chasuble, damask silk, silk braid .....	\$ 18.00 and \$ 28.00		
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“ velvet, gold braid and emblem .	30.00	“	45.00
“ gold-embroidered moire-antique	75.00	“	100.00
“ gold-cloth, gold braid and emb.	50.00	“	75.00
“ fine gold - cloth, very richly hand embroidered .....	90.00	“	150.00
Dalmatics, per pair .....	50.00	“	80.00
“ gold-cloth, per pair .....	100.00	“	150.00
Benediction Veils .....	7.00	“	upwards
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Linen Surplices, Monstrance Veils.....	3.00	“	“
Felt Altar-Covers, green or red.....	5.00	“	“
Tabernacle Veils, Sick Call Burses.....	5.00	“	“
Reversible Confession Stoles .....	5.00	“	“
Ciborium Covers.....	4.00	“	“
Preaching Stoles .....	10.00	“	“
Cinctures .....	2.00	“	“
Altar-bread Boxes .....	2.00	“	“
Missal Marks .....	1.75	“	“
Breviary Marks.....	1.00	“	“
Canopies, Flags .....	30.00	“	“
Banners .....	60.00	“	“
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Small .....	\$1.00 per 1000
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## Practical Means

of helping the Missionary Sisters of the  
Immaculate Conception

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*By contributing alms to:*

The erection of the Novitiate Chapel dedicated to  
Our Lady of the Missions.....  
The erection of Chapels in mission countries.....

*By providing for the:*

Annual supply for the upkeep of the sanctuary lamp in our houses of Canada and in mission countries	\$ 20.00
Foundation of a Burse for the support of a missionary sister.....	1,000.00
Annual support of a maiden-catechist.....	50.00
Annual support and education of an orphan.....	40.00
Foundation of a crib—in perpetuity.....	200.00
Annual care of a leper.....	60.00
Monthly upkeep of a crib.....	5.00
Ransom of a baby, likely to live.....	5.00
Ransom of a dying baby.....	.25
Monthly support of a missionary sister.....	10.00
Monthly support of a novice preparing for the mis- sions.....	10.00
Annual subscription to THE PRECURSOR.....	1.00

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The alms that you will give to the missionaries, the help that you will bring them, will be employed for the greater glory of God, and will be for you the most certain and remuneratory investment, the "hundredfold" promised by Jesus Christ.

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The missionary must not be alone to sacrifice himself. All Christians must unite and help him in his work by their prayers and alms.

## Benefactors of the Society

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1.—**Founders**, those who donate \$1,000.00 or more.

2.—**Protectors**, those who, by the donation of \$500.00, provide the dowry and trousseau of a poor novice. By combining their alms, a parish, community or family may have right to this title.

A Founder's or Protector's Diploma is awarded to persons making the above mentioned donations.

3.—**Subscribers**, those who give an annual offering of \$25.00.

4.—**Associates**, those who give the sum of \$2.00 per year.

The Society also considers as Benefactors, all persons who contribute to the maintenance of its works any offering whatever, in money or kind.

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## Privileges Accorded to Benefactors

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While commending their Benefactors to God, that He Himself may reward them according to their generosity, the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception assure them as large a share as possible in the merit of their apostolic labors, as also in the prayers and sufferings of all the unfortunates confided to their care.

Besides, Benefactors are entitled to the following spiritual advantages:

1.—A special intention in all the Masses heard and Communions received by the Sisters.

2.—A Mass offered every month for their intentions.

3.—Every Friday in the year, the Sisters offer, for their Benefactors' intentions, their hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the chapel of the Mother-House. (The names of Founders and Protectors are deposited on the Altar of Exposition).

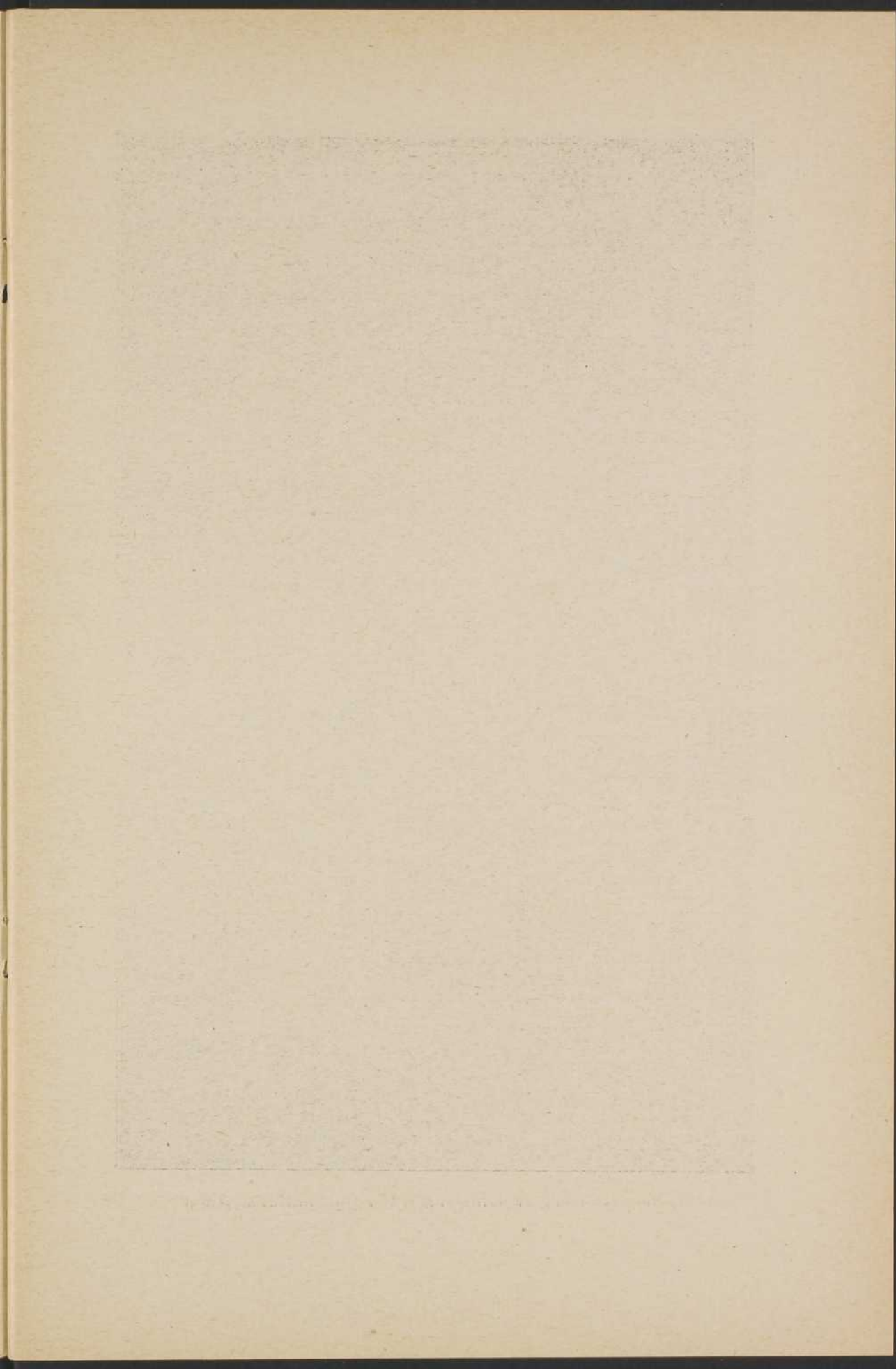
4.—For the same intentions, the members of the Community make, every day, the Guard of Honor to Mary, which consists in the continual recitation of the Rosary before the altar of the Blessed Virgin. The evening hours of Canada corresponding with the morning hours of China, as the Guard is closing here, it commences at the Lazaretto of Shek-Lung, where the poor lepers, in succeeding groups of fifteen, continue the Perpetual Rosary for the intentions of the Society's Benefactors.

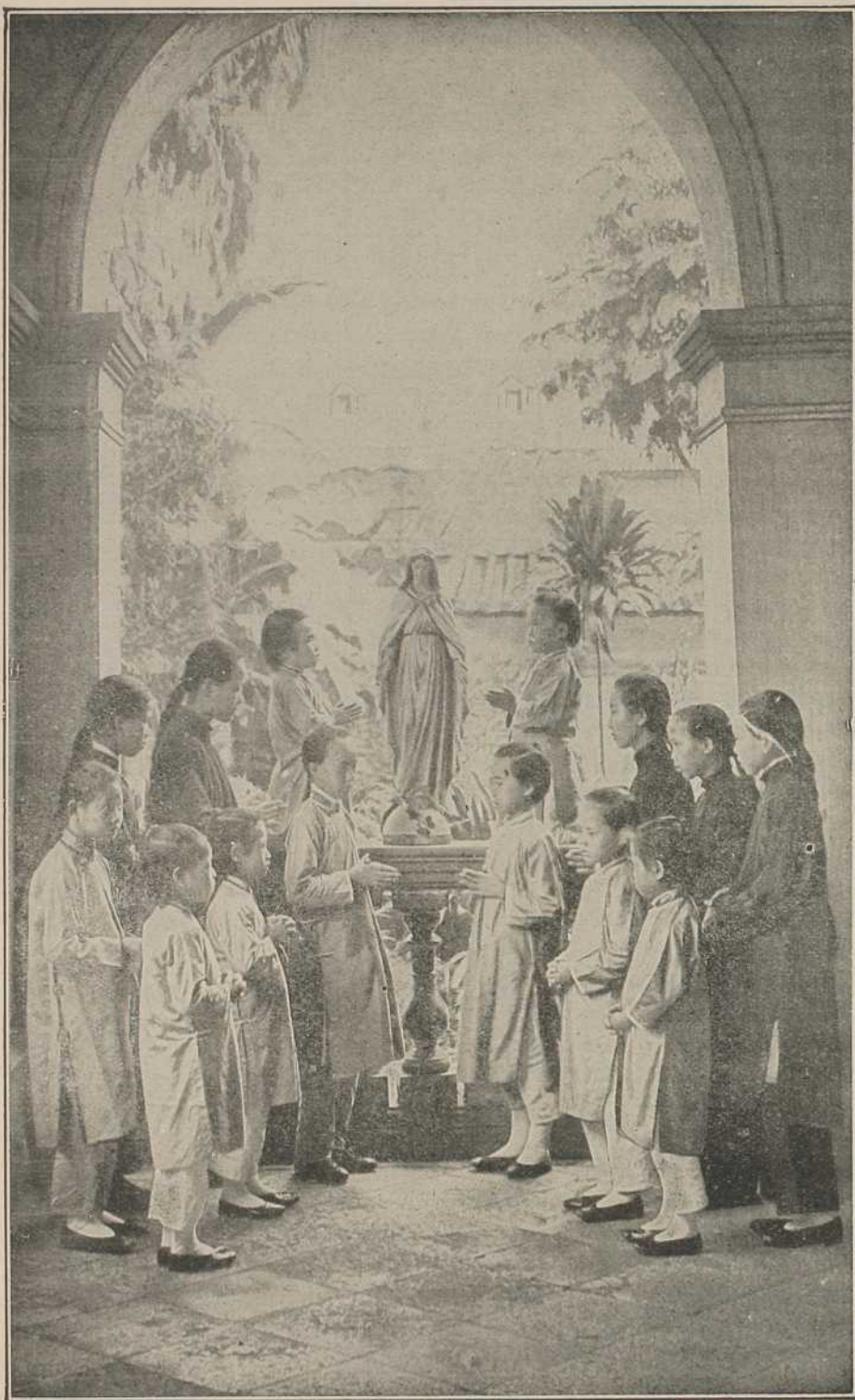
5.—A Requiem High Mass is sung every year for deceased Benefactors.

6.—A share in the merits of the Way of the Cross, made daily by the Sisters, is also accorded to deceased Benefactors.

7.—In the Novitiate Chapel of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, two Masses are celebrated every week for all Subscribers to "The Precursor" and for all living and deceased Benefactors.







"O IMMACULATE MOTHER, PROTECT OUR BENEFACTORS!"



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○ Glorious St. Joseph open for us the  
heavenly treasures  
of which God has made thee depositary.



# Efficacy of prayer addressed to St. Joseph

The power of Saint Joseph greatly surpasses that of all the angels and saints together, for he is at the same time powerful over the Heart of God, powerful over the Heart of Jesus, and powerful over the Heart of Mary. What could God refuse to a saint whom he preferred to all earthly and heavenly princes; whom he associated with His divine paternity; whom he constituted as the visible providence of his Son, and who so worthily filled this sublime mission? What could the Incarnate Word refuse to the one from whom he received everything here below; who provided him, at the cost of so many fatigues, with all the necessities of life; who toiled and lived for Him alone; to the one whom he so loved, so faithfully served, on whom he lavished such care and vigilance? What could he refuse to the one whom he loved on earth to such a degree as to be obedient to his least desires as if they were formal commands? Could he in Heaven change his feelings towards his foster-father? Could he be no longer grateful for his kindness, or touched by his pleadings? It would be absurd to think so; and even if Joseph by his sole power could not obtain a favorable answer to his request, has he not over the Heart of Mary, to have her intercede in his behalf, the most unquestionable rights, the rights of legitimate authority, rights arising from gratitude and friendship? Oh! how Mary would throw herself at the feet of Jesus rather than see her holy spouse refused! Therefore, if Mary and Joseph are with us, who will be against us? We may then say of Joseph what the Fathers of the Church have said of Mary: her prayer is all-powerful to obtain what we desire.

"I do not remember," says St. Teresa "of ever having asked anything from God, through the intercession of St. Joseph, without having been heard; and never have I heard anyone," does she add, "who diligently invoked him without making notable progress in virtue." Many saints testify as to the truth of this, through their own experience as well as through the experience of others, and infer from this that devotion to St. Joseph is one of the surest signs of predestination. Let us conclude from the foregoing, how great should be our love for St. Joseph and how confidently we should pray to him.

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Every soul who wishes to progress in the interior life should strive to excel in the devotion to Our Lord and that of the Holy Ghost, uniting thereto that of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, in the hope of obtaining through the merits of the annihilation of the Incarnate Word, a profound humility; by favor of the Blessed Virgin, the purest of all creatures, an inviolable purity; and by the intercession of St. Joseph the guidance of the Holy Ghost, for this holy patriarch having been entrusted with governing, by the direction of the Holy Ghost, the Son of God and His Holy Mother, by merit of this charge he has acquired for himself a certain right to conduct souls in the paths of interior life. In reality, it is most remarkable that those who take him as director, make marvellous progress 'neath his guidance.

*P. Lallemand, S. J.*



**His Grace Archbishop G. Forbes**

Newly raised to the Archiepiscopal See of Ottawa

*The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception offer, through the medium of "THE PRECURSOR", with their respectful homages, their most lively congratulations and ardent wishes for a long and happy episcopate.*



# Creation of a "Fides Service"

## For the diffusion of News regarding the Missions

THE PROBLEM. — In the complete annual assembly of the Superior General Council of the Pontifical Association for the Propagation of the Faith, held in Rome last April, it was again realized that vigorous action was necessary to meet the increasing demands of the missions and to provide them with larger subsidies.

Hence, those who are engaged in the Propaganda in favor of the missions agreed that, if vocations are not more numerous, if spiritual assistance is not more intense, if material help obtained from the christian people is not more generous it is due principally to the fact that many Catholics are still in ignorance with regard to the Missions. It follows that, to a vigorous campaign for the procuring of men and money for apostolate, it is befitting to include a well-studied programme for a wider diffusion of news treating on the Missions. This will be attained if we put into action the most ordinary means of vulgarization, the pulpit and the press. Thus we shall strive to establish a closer union between those who are devoting themselves to the labor of evangelization in Mission countries, and the Catholics who have remained in their native land, in such a way that month by month, in an efficacious manner, each parish and even each family will become acquainted with the apostolic activities of the Church.

THE SOLUTION. — To attain this end, the Superior General Council has unanimously decided to consider attentively the projects of establishing and putting into action a Press, under the name of *Fides Service*, at the disposal of the Directors of the National Councils of the Pontifical Association for the Propagation of the Faith, disseminated over the whole world. The Head Office will be at Rome at the Palace of the Propaganda, Piazza di Spagna 48. It will be officially known under the Latin title of *Agentia Fides*; in English, *Fides Service*; in French, *Agence Fides*; in Italian, *Agenzia Fides*; in Spanish, *Agencia Fides*; in German, *Fides Korrespondenz*.

The Pontifical Association for the Propagation of the Faith has charge of organizing and of putting the new office into operation with the approbation of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda. But let it be understood from the very outset that neither the Sacred Congregation, nor the Pontifical Association shall assume responsibility, in any way, for whatever may be published by the *Service*. Neither should the latter be considered (as in reality it is not) the official organ of either the one or the other.

The *Fides Service* will strive to place at the disposal of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, already mentioned, material or documents for the different editions. These documents are of two kinds:

1° News and photographs of actual events which are really interesting not only to missionary annals and reviews, but even to the ordinary press in every country.

2° Studies of the present conditions of the missions or of religious or social questions in the missions, in so far as these questions may have some influence in the conversion of infidels.

The correspondents of the *Fides Service* and their co-operators will bear in mind this double category of documents and the near or distant results which are to be obtained. Through their medium, the highest ideals will be cultivated in this field of action, even where, up to the present, no one had expected so abundant and widely diffused documents, while at the same time a new life and a vigorous impulsion will be given to initiatives of this kind.

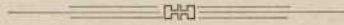
#### CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MISSIONS WITH THE SERVICE.

The rules concerning the exterior activities of the *Service* will be as follows:

1° The Ordinaries of the Missions are requested to attend to the collection, preparation and forwarding of the documents, already mentioned, to the Office at Rome.

2° The same Ordinaries will nominate in the Missions a Correspondent of the *Service*.

3° The correspondent for his part may, with the approval and encouragement of his Superior, provide for the co-operation of the personnel of the mission for the collection and transmission of news and photographs.



### Extract from the annals of the Foreign Mission Seminary of Paris

On March 28th, the British Consul-General sent for the Superior, Sister St. Paul to come to Shameen, an English-French concession of Canton, and ordered her to leave immediately for Hong Kong in order to prepare for the possible imminent evacuation of her Community. Three days after, a despatch was sent her announcing that the Consul had ordered the immediate departure of the entire personnel of the Convent. Nearly two hundred pupils still attended their school, but, unfortunately, all the professors were pagans. Under their direction, though always exteriorly respectful towards the Sisters, the ideas of materialism began to make inroads into the narrow minds of the pupils (the great majority being pagans), who did not wish to remain behind times in those matters which were discussed in other establishments of ultra-secular or anti-Catholic nature. And already, in the Catholic School, the mighty Sun Yat Sen held a place of honor, his will and photograph were distributed in the class-rooms, and on certain occasions his picture was decorated, almost adored, prostrations being made before it similar to those made before an idol. Feasts and banquets were organized in his honor, and, on the school premises, the inevitable holding of meetings! From a moral and material point of view, the situation was becoming unbearable for the Sisters whose sole recognized usefulness was to provide for the salary of such professors. During the absence of their Superior, who had gone in search of a lodging for the period



of exile in Hong Kong, the Sisters were the unfortunate witnesses of an attack on their own establishment, the inspirators of which were strikers assured of impunity. There, shots were fired from all sides at the windows; stones were hurled; in a single day, the Sisters counted twenty-five panes broken. One evening moreover, at about eight o'clock, something resembling a bomb was thrown which, fortunately, caused more noise than damage. In brief, the school had to be closed. Since then, Mother St. Paul travels from Hong Kong to Shameen where she has permanently left two Sisters together with two others at the Lazaretto of Shek-Lung which, happily, is not in the centre of the strikers' activities.

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### *Arrest of Religious by Communists*

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*Hong Kong, December 28.* — Three priests, two of whom are Italians, and seven nuns three being Italians, have been arrested at Swabue, December 22nd by the Communists then confined in a sordid jail where they expected, from day to day, to be executed. The buildings of the mission, orphanage and convent, have been plundered and closed.

On hearing the news, the Catholic Bishop communicated with the British Commander-in-chief in Chinese waters. The latter ordered the immediate launching of the counter-torpedo "Seraph" for Swabue.

The Bishop and some Chinese priests were aboard the ship. A group of sailors landed and had a letter from the bishop, delivered to the chief of police at Swabue. After lengthy conferences, and thanks to the firmness of the British Commander the prisoners were released and taken aboard the counter-torpedo.

The sisters and priests had been arrested for preaching Christianity.

Many persons have been executed at Swabue under the pretext of having entertained friendly relations with the priests and for having helped the sisters at the orphanage.

The priests who have just been released have been, by means of the windows of their prison, eye-witnesses of execution which have daily taken place, and which are now spreading from the cities and districts at Hoilufung to the large villages where the Soviet organization is complete. Frequently the victims conducted by the Russians were bound and had their nose and ears pierced, and rings suspended therefrom.

On Christmas morning there were thirteen executions, four of which were women.

The refugees estimate the number of executions which have daily taken place during the last two months to be at least 150. The heads of the victims adorn the walls of the Communists' quarters.

It is reported, moreover, from Peking that the active steps taken by the French legation, have brought about the release of Father Esquenet, Belgian Missionary who had been kidnapped by bandits.

## Cause of Beatification of Pius X.

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HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS X.  
AT THE ALTAR

HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL POMPILI has asked that on the doors of all the churches of Rome a decree be posted obliging all persons who possess writings of Pope Pius X. to deliver them to him, within a period of two months, in their original text or by a true copy thereof duly authenticated by an ecclesiastical notary.

Obligation is equally imposed on all the faithful to reveal everything which to them seems in opposition to the virtues of the "Servant of God" Pius X.

We are aware of the fact that ecclesiastical laws require that a diligent search be made for all the writings, in manuscript or printed form of the "Servants of God" whose ordinary process of information is instituted with regard to the reputation of their holiness, virtues and miracles.



## Homages to Mgr. Egide Roy, O.F.M. Prefect Apostolic of Kagoshima, Japan

*The Sacred Congregation of Propaganda has just named Very Reverend Egide Roy, O.F.M., missionary to Japan since 1923, Prefect Apostolic of the Canadian Prefecture confided to the Rev. Franciscan Fathers in that country.*

*May Heaven grant to this new Prefect Apostolic many long years of a fecund apostolate for the extension of the Church of Japan.*



## Welcome News

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*The Reverend Dominican Fathers, Canadians, received from the Holy See a mission in Japan. They will go to evangelize the diocese of Hakodate, neighboring that of Tokio.*



# Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

## Patroness of Missionaries



SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS  
*Patroness of Missionaries*

A DECREE dated December 14, 1927 and signed by His Eminence Cardinal Vaco, Prefect, and Angelus Mariani, secretary to the Sacred Congregation of Rites proclaims Saint Therese of the Child Jesus special patroness of Missionaries, men and women, and moreover patroness of the Missions of the entire world, on an equal basis with Saint Francis Xavier.

The devotion to the Little Flower spread over the whole world shows with what joy the faithful of the Catholic universe received the news of her Canonization. Even in pagan countries, the Virgin of Carmel has been faithful to her promise of letting fall a shower of roses from Heaven. It is for this reason that a great number of bishops were firmly convinced

that abundant fruits would be reaped in Our Lord's Vineyard if St. Therese were declared the Heavenly Patroness of all Missionaries laboring in any mission whatever.

Did not the Little Flower burn with an ardent zeal to spread the Faith, and is it not this zeal which has produced such miraculous effects in infidel countries?

"Hence, some missionary bishops humbly presented to His Holiness Pope Pius XI., petitions from all parts of the world, asking that the supreme apostolic sanction ratify all their wishes. Having been given these numerous requests, His Holiness Pius XI., in a most benevolent manner, the undersigned Cardinal Vico, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites being Reporter, declares that St. Therese of the Child Jesus has been deemed worthy to become *special patroness of missionaries, men and women, and moreover, patroness of the missions of the whole world, on an equal basis with Saint Francis Xavier*, with all liturgical rights and privileges comprised in this title, notwithstanding all clauses to the contrary."

Rome, the 14th of December 1927,

A. Card. VICO, Bishop of Porto and St. Kufin.

Angelus MARIANI, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

(Translated)

# First Missionary Exposition in Canada

AT JOLIETTE, P. Q., FROM THE 4TH TO 10TH OF JULY,

Under the distinguished Patronage of His Lordship Bishop Forbes

(Continued)

## "HOW TO HELP THE MISSIONARIES"

**Instruction at the Cathedral, Saturday, July 9, at 7.15 P.M.  
by Reverend Emile Chaussende, Missionary of the Sacred Heart.**

During the course of this week you have heard narratives of apostolate. On being acquainted with the immense work which has been done by the Canadian Missionaries, you have been held in admiration. Let us draw a practical conclusion. Why should we, how may we, help the missions?

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The great heritage left by God to His Apostles is the conversion of nations. "Go, teach all nations!" The Church has always faithfully fulfilled this task, according to times and circumstances. From it, has sprung orders and congregations more specially charged with this first great work of preparing the way for conversions. To-day the needs are more urgent than ever; this accounts for the encyclicals addressed to the Catholic universe, chiefly by Popes Benedict XV. and Pius XI. Confronted with the magnitude of the task, they made an indubitable appeal to their children.

We are all asked to co-operate, to the best of our ability in this great work, in God's name and in that of charity which should inspire us.

How? By *prayer, vocations and material help.*

a) *By prayer.* — Faith is a gift from God which we have received, and of which multitudes have been deprived. We should not only be grateful to its Author for our own sake but we should also strive to have others benefit by this great gift. There is a way of obtaining this, at the disposition of everyone which is prayer. Individual prayer, collective, in the home, in churches, in schools: not intermittent but daily prayers, and these supplications will be as a fecund dew producing abundant fruit in arid hearts.

b) *By Vocations.* — God employs human means to propagate the truth. He has chosen His Apostles. Since then, the same appeal resounds in many hearts, but it is not always heeded. Yet the harvest is riper than ever and the laborers are few. *Priests* are needed to administer the Sacraments, *co-adjutor brothers* to help the missionary in his manual work, *religious* to penetrate where the priests cannot and to accomplish that which he is powerless to do. Thus there is work for everyone who is willing... Let us heed the voice of Our Master.

c) *By material help.* — The material needs greatly hamper the progress of apostolic works, and while money is not the most important means of obtaining conversions, it, nevertheless, is one of the most useful, if not to say indispensable ways. We may judge of the truth of this by the concise account of what a mission may cost.

Travelling: Oceania, China, Japan, Africa are distant. The missionary must be clothed, nourished and very often these necessities must come from Europe and America. Let us now figure up what is needed for the various Works: chapels, objects for divine worship, orphanages, catechists, care of the sick in the properly so-called uncivilized missions. Residences, churches, hospitals, lesser seminaries for the more developed centres... Lastly, in the countries of refined civilization, one must struggle against the assaults of pagans and Protestants. Then, besides what has been named, Commercial or Classical High Schools, spacious hospitals, seminaries, even universities. This enumeration, though incomplete, shows the great need of resources.

In truth, there are some worthy associations already existing: that of the Propagation of the Faith, Holy Childhood, St. Peter Claver, etc. Add to this the donations of benefactors to their friends, to various vicariates; the total amount of these donations are estimated at some fifteen or twenty million dollars. This amount which appears quite considerable is far from being sufficient to meet all expenses, in any case, it does not always suffice to undertake the work of the expansion of the Kingdom of God... This is why we appeal to your generosity. We do so audaciously, not for ourselves but for God.

Indeed, your generosity so far cannot be commented. Irrefutable proofs are in evidence of this, but could it not be still greater! Let your christian conscience answer and if you listen to it attentively it will inspire you to be charitable on a still larger scale.

We ask you for your intimate thoughts, your prayers, we ask you Christian parents for your sons and daughters. We ask for what would be superfluous to you as regards worldly goods. We even appeal to the poor for their "mite" in the name of that Cross on which we see the Son of God immolate Himself for the salvation and recompense of all.

E. CHAUSENDE, M. S. C.





WHITE SISTERS MISSIONARIES OF OUR LADY OF AFRICA

## "THE CANADIANS IN THE AFRICAN CONTINENT"

Conference in the Academic Hall of the Seminary at 8.30 P.M.  
by Reverend Father Fillion, Superior of the Convent of the White  
Fathers at St. Mathias on the Richelieu.

### Summary

Many of our Canadian Communities are represented by some of their members in Africa.

### Communities of Women

1. — Religious Hospitallers of Quebec. These Sisters have sent fourteen members of their Order to Natal since 1893. Four have died there, four are still working and others have returned to their religious home.

2. — The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi of Quebec. Two Canadians are laboring together with their French Sisters in a school and hospital at Rabat in Morocco.

3. — Sisters of Marie Reparatrice. They have a monastery at Entebbe in Uganda, in the Vicariate of the White Fathers. There also a few Canadians from this Community whose aim is the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are to be found. To this principal occupation has been added in that mission country a school for little children and a dispensary.

4. *Daughters of Wisdom*. — One Canadian in Hyassa.

5. *Franciscan Missionaries of Mary*. — They number 22 Canadians in their Convent of Natal, of Mozambique, of Madagascar, of Belgian Congo, of Morocco, of Algeria, of Tunis and of Upper Egypt. They have charge of day-schools, of boarding-schools, and of dispensaries.

6) *White Sisters Missionaries of Africa*. — It is the African Community which counts the greatest number of Canadians. There are over one hundred, and each year a new contingent comes to increase this number. Their postulate at Levis is always well filled. Devoted auxiliaries of the White Fathers in their African Missions, like them, they labor solely in Africa for the regeneration of which they have been founded. The Canadian Sisters are found in the northern part of the Dark Continent, in the French Sudan, and in all the vicariates of the region of the large lakes. We shall refer to them again in the course of this conference.



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### Communities of Men

1) *Oblates of Mary Immaculate*. — They have four apostolic vicariates in Southern Africa. Six Canadian Oblates have left to reinforce their brothers of France and elsewhere. Let us greet them at Basutoland.

2) *Fathers of the Society of Mary*. — They are the neighbors of the White Fathers at Nyassa. The appeal of Mgr. Auneau, their Vicar Apostolic, reverberated on the shores of the St. Lawrence and for two years two of our compatriots are devoting themselves in these regions.

3) *Capuchin Fathers*. — A section of Ethiopia is confided to them. Four Canadians, if I am not mistaken, work under the scorching sun for the conversion of the Somalis, the Gallas and the Abyssinians.

4) *Franciscan Fathers*. — Two Canadians at Morocco, one in Egypt.

5) *Brothers of Christian Instruction*. — The Canadian Province of this deserving Institute accepted last year to take charge of the Commercial College of the White Fathers in Uganda. A reinforcement has just left which will permit those devoted Brothers to relieve the Missionaries the more. Besides the College, a Normal School, to supply for the needs of the young Africans has been confided to them; they have also opened a postulate for the recruitment of teaching Brothers. It is the humble beginning of a new religious congregation in this marvellous Uganda. Several Canadians have thus been Africanized.

6) *Lastly, the White Fathers*. — They are the Missionaries of Africa since it is there their destiny and inheritance.

Since twenty-six years, Canada has given to Africa in giving to the White Fathers more than one hundred of her children. With the departures of this year, the number of Canadians living will surpass one hundred. This number would have been attained long ago had not death claimed eight of its members.

Let us incline in passing before the tomb of the first and most renowned amongst us, Mgr. J. Forbes, who became Bishop-Coadjutor and who died last year.

Our homages also to the most distinguished of his children Mgr. O. Morin, Prefect Apostolic of Navrongo, Gold Coast.

(Translated from the French)





PAVILION OF THE WHITE FATHERS OF AFRICA AT THE MISSIONARY EXPOSITION AT JOLIETTE.

## An Apostolic School for Japanese Catholics

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We know that Japan is very densely populated and is increased each year by nearly half a million. Her resources being insufficient to provide food for the inhabitants she is forced to resort to emigration. The Japanese had at first emigrated to the Hawaii Islands, then to the United States, Korea and Manchuria. California having closed its doors upon her they directed their steps elsewhere. Actually, they are going towards Brazil, where there are already some fifty thousand. But now an important problem arises: that of the assimilation of these yellow emigrants, so different from the Brazilians, especially with regard to religion. It was then that the Catholic Church understood that it has a role to fill concerning the interest of the two nations.

At the request of a bishop of Brazil, Mgr. Combaz, Bishop of Nagasaki, sent one of his most zealous priests, Father Nahumara, to Brazil, in view of evangelizing the Japanese emigrants. The latter quickly understood that this evangelization to become effective required "Japanese auxiliaries and an association to aid in their preparation." This Work has just been created. In 1926, an Apostolic Visitor, Reverend Father Renaud, of the Society of Jesus, was sent from Rome to visit Brazil. On his favorable report the desired undertaking was then and there decided upon, and afterwards approved by Rome.

Consequently, he founded a school at Sao Paulo centre of the State, to rear and educate young Japanese Catholics destined to help Father Nahamura in his efforts of evangelization. These young men are called upon according to their desires and their vocation to become priests, catechists or teachers. Though the school remains independent the spiritual formation of the scholars is confided to a Jesuit Father. It depends solely upon the Propaganda at Rome and bears the name of "St. Francis Xavier School."

Our best wishes of success to this apostolic school whose resemblance to that of Urakami can easily be recognized. It cannot fail to give a still greater impetus to the movement of evangelization, which is already very strong among the Japanese emigrants to Brazil. Moreover, the Japanese Government openly favors this movement in order to avoid all religious conflicts in this country where the population is almost exclusively composed of Catholics.

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God cannot be indifferent to the needs of those souls wandering in the darkness of paganism. He has chosen enough laborers to carry out His divine plans. He invites them to labor with Him in His vineyard, and happy indeed are the souls who generously respond to the call, for Jesus has said: "Amen, I say to you, you that have left all and followed Me, you shall receive a hundred-fold and shall possess life everlasting."

*Little Missionary*





## Canonization of Blessed Bernadette

Mgr. Chatelus hopes it will take  
place in 1930.

Nevers, France (C. Sp.) — In a letter to the clergy and to the faithful of his diocese on his visit *ad limina*, Mgr. Chatelus writes:

"We shall say but a few words with regard to our Blessed Bernadette. Her cause, in view of her canonization, is always held in esteem at Rome. The Holy Father spoke of it to us with marked interest. The miracles required to bring about a successful conclusion to the process will be considered by the Congregation, and it seems to me that they cannot be disregarded. We feel justified in presuming that in 1930, in the year of Sacerdotal Jubilee of Pius XI. the decrees of Canonization will be given. It is quite evident that in naming this date we do not in any way intend to prejudge the decision of the Church."

To love Mary and make her loved is the most sublime and consoling of apostolates; it is Heaven anticipated for a true Christian heart.

Abbé Hémonet

### Votive lights in honor of the Blessed Virgin

*In the Chapel of the Missionary Sisters  
of the Immaculate Conception.*

To comply with the desire of several pious persons devoted to the Blessed Virgin, we are pleased to quote the prices of lamps and candles that may be burned at Mary's shrine in our modest chapel, in thanksgiving or to obtain some favor from this tender Mother.

A lamp or candle	{	10 cents each.
		75 cents for a novena.
		\$20.00 for one year.

# A Few Roses Scattered

By the Little Sister of Missionaries...

"When I shall be in Heaven, Jesus, Thou wilt fill my hands with roses and I shall shower them upon earth."

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS



My lively gratitude to the [dear Little Flower] who so well fulfils her promise to spend her heaven in doing good upon earth. Mrs. A. P., **Bonaventure**. — Thanksgiving offering of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents in honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus for a favor obtained through her powerful intercession. Mrs. D. G., **Verdun**. — My little girl who has been suffering for the last two years with eczema was completely cured after having prayed with confidence to the Little Saint of Lisieux. Mrs. E. P., **Churchill Lake, Me.** — 'Tis with my whole heart that I thank the Little Sister of Missionaries for her protection, and if she obtain the new grace which I am asking I shall work to augment the Burse founded in her honor. Mr. M. A. N., **Montreal**.

— Cure obtained after promise of publication to the praise of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. M. D. — My offering of Five Dollars for the Little Flower Burse in thanksgiving for a favor received. Mrs. A. S. — Another favor has been granted me after promising publication in "THE PRECURSOR" and to donate Five Dollars for the work of the Missions. Mrs. H. R., **Montreal**. — I am sending Ten Dollars for the ransom of two little Chinese girls as a "thank" offering for a favor obtained through the intercession of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Mrs. J. E. Marcotte. — 'Tis with joy that I am sending you my offering of One Dollar to thank my dear Benefactress. I again ask her to find employment for me and to protect my dear children. Mrs. B. L., **Lewiston**. — With my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" I am sending an offering for your works to thank St. Therese of the Child Jesus for a favor obtained. Mrs. J. L., **St. Christine**. — St. Therese being the special protectress of missionaries, I cannot more efficaciously prove my gratitude to her for the grace which she has obtained for me than by helping the works of apostolate. Herein enclosed my offering of Six Dollars. Mrs. P. M., **Berthier**. — I contribute with gratitude the offering of Two Dollars and Ten Cents towards the Burse in honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus destined to the support of a missionary. Mrs. M. L. R., **Indian Orchard**. — I am sending my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and also an offering of One Dollar in token of gratitude to the Little Sister of Missionaries. I again ask her to obtain for me from the Blessed Virgin the cure of my eyes and relief from asthma. Mrs. E. L., **Willimantic, Conn.** — Accept this little offering of Five Dollars for the ransom of a little Chinese girl in gratitude for a favor obtained. I promise St. Therese to work for the missions if she efficaciously pleads another cause which concerns me. D. A. C., **Montreal**. — Please find enclosed Five Dollars for the Little Flower Burse. Kindly join with me in thanking her. Other favors are ardently solicited. Mrs. P. L., **La Tuque**. — My heartfelt thanks to the Little Sister of Missionaries in whose honor I address this meagre offering in favor of your missions. Cure from headaches and from sore eyes by the application of a medal of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Miss J. R., **Montreal**. — Another cure obtained after promise to help the missions. Miss C. L., **Montreal**. — My offering of Two Dollars for your works in token of gratitude for favors. Mrs. T. D. — To express my sincere thanks to St. Therese I am sending you One Dollar for a subscription to "THE PRECURSOR". Mrs. H. P. — A child withdrawn safe and sound from beneath an automobile wheel. Marked protection attributed to St. Therese of the Child Jesus invoked at the moment of the accident. Offering of Five Dollars for a Mass of thanksgiving. Mrs. N. T., **Amqui**. — Herein enclosed the sum of Two Dollars for your missions of China and which I promise to renew each year in token of gratitude to the Little Sister of Missionaries for an operation avoided. Mrs. L. P. L., **St. Jerome**. — A favor obtained by a subscriber



to "THE PRECURSOR". Mrs. A. D., **Monhock, Ont.** — The dear Little Flower has scattered precious rose petals on my pathway by obtaining a much desired cure. The enclosed offering of Ten Dollars is for your needy works in China. Mrs. D. F., **Quebec.** — I am sending One Dollar in honor of the Little Sister of Missionaries to thank her for a favor. E. R., **St. Eustache.** — Cure of severe ear-aches attributed to the intercession of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Mrs. F. D., **Montreal.** — The enclosed offering of Five Dollars is to express my gratitude to the Little Flower for a favor that she has obtained for me. Miss A. A., **Cochrane, Ont.** — My offering of Five Dollars as a contribution to the Little Flower Burse in thanksgiving for the beautiful rose petals that this amiable little Saint has favored me with. Mrs. J. P., **Boucherville.** — Divers requests obtained, attributed to the intercession of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. A sodality member, **Springfield, Mass.** — Success obtained in a serious operation. Mrs. E. M., **West Thetford.** — A great favor obtained through the intercession of the Little Sister of Missionaries. Offering of Fifteen Dollars in thanksgiving. Anonymous. — My most grateful thanks to the dear Little Flower for a great favor that she has obtained for me. H. D. — Please find enclosed Money Order for Two Dollars as an offering in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux for a favor received. L. **Penfold.** — I am sending One Dollar in honor of the Little Flower for having obtained employment for my husband. Mrs. P. K., **Fitchburg, Mass.** — In grateful thanks to the Little Sister of Missionaries for a grace obtained I am sending One Dollar for your needy missions. Mrs. H. B., **Thessalon Ont.** — The enclosed Two Dollars are for Masses in honor of the powerful little Saint of Lisieux in thanksgiving for favors received. Mrs. A. M., **Pawtucket, R. I.** — Enclosed please find my offering of Five Dollars in fulfilment of a promise to the Little Flower of Jesus. I am asking for another favor and will send more if granted. C. S. S., **Verdun, P. Q.** — As I am a subscriber to "THE PRECURSOR" I wish you to publish therein my most grateful thanks for many graces and favors obtained through intercession of the Little Flower. H. B., **St. Foy, P. Q.**

## Burse of St. Therese of the Child Jesus for the adoption of a missionary.

A **Burse** is a sum of money the interest of which forms a perpetual income for the support of a Missionary. **Burses** are founded in honor of a Saint whose name they bear. The religious whose support is thus assured becomes for life the missionary of the donor and takes his place near the poor infidels. The Founders of **Burses** participate in all the spiritual advantages of the Community. The sum of \$1,000.00 given in one or several payments by one or many persons forms a complete **Burse**.

We shall then receive with gratitude, any offering, even trifling, (thanksgiving for favors obtained or requests for new ones) for the complete formation of the **Burse** in honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. May the Little Sister of Missionaries inspire generous souls with the thought of adopting a Missionary and let fall on them a shower of roses!

May	1927.....	\$ 84.00
July	" .....	163.95
September	" .....	114.00
November	" .....	113.75
January	1928.....	155.90

# *Echoes from our Missions*

## CANTON, CHINA

*Extracts from the Journal of our Sisters, Missionaries to Canton*

"We are experiencing critical moments, moments that seem endless! Since yesterday Canton is at the mercy of the Communists, the Reds, whose only thought is of blood and slaughter.

"The attack was unexpected. The strikers or Communists had had the upper hand for the last few days, but during the night of the 25th and 26th, the government had given them ground for revenge, they said, by allowing each one an indemnity of but one hundred dollars while claiming all the buildings where these gentlemen had had free lodging, nearly everywhere in the city even on the premises of the Bishop's Palace. Since then, they awaited the propitious moment for revenge. That time came for them during the night. The attack began at about 3.45 between the Communists and the thousand or so armed men of the government. The firing lasted until about 9 A.M. The result: the regulars were disarmed as well as the Canton police.

"The streets which ordinarily are closed during troubled times remained open by order of the Communists so as to facilitate their pillage; posters announced that the rich would be visited. This was put into execution last night and this morning. Uninterrupted conflagrations were the work of the strikers. At the time of writing a whole street has been on fire since noon; we can see the flames darting forth, and although the scene of the fire is rather distant, the fall of the tiles of the roofs can be heard. Two cannons were brought as close as possible to that point and regular discharges of artillery tried to weaken the rage of the Communists. But the latter seemed to have their own resources; they continued fighting as best they could. Yesterday, the government asked for the use of the cables of the French and English concessions of Shameen to telegraph for its troops. It seems that the soldiers arrived to-day; God grant that the troubles may cease!

"The people are terrified, they take some luggage and seek refuge wherever they can. Entire families are lodged in the streets next to the convent, as well as near the Bishop's Palace and the native sisters' residence. The boats bound for Hong Kong were crowded with people yesterday; to-day, no one dares go out, not even to the boat which would take them to a place of safety, they prefer to hide themselves as quickly as possible. We learn that the service of the boats is interrupted.

"And meanwhile, what are your daughters doing, dear Mother? Like everyone else, we have been taken by surprise. But, thank God, although our provisions are but meagre, we hope to go through the crisis, as everyone is convinced that it can only last for a few days. We contrive as best we



can, and if it lasts, we shall try to procure rice for our dear orphans. These poor children!... When Sister Superior learned of the situation, she immediately saw to the safety of our entire personnel. We each took our turn in watching over our little flock as well as our buildings. Up to this time, we have had nothing to suffer from the Communists and we trust God will ever continue to protect us.

"Above all, dear Mother, do not be uneasy beyond measure! I add: beyond measure, for we are convinced that to ask you not to be anxious at all, is something which your heart is unable to avoid. To reassure you, I may say that the Reds do not seem to think of us; we even have reason to believe that, once this storm is over, and the governments established on a firm basis, we shall be able to pursue our works and even hope to see them as prosperous as formerly.

"After a short pause in my letter, I return to relate to you the actual state of affairs. The fires are still raging and destroying buildings in the eastern part of the city and the shooting keeps on in the same section. The silence in the street is impressive! It is broken only by the terrible discharges of the cannons and by the cries of the frightened birds. Sister St. Etienne who after her ten years of mission life has become accustomed to such uproars nevertheless shuddered this morning on hearing the report of the bursting bombs.

"Good-night, dear Mother, I shall continue writing at my first moment of leisure; I am going to give the orphans their supper...

#### **December 13, 2 P.M.**

"Peace is declared. At eleven o'clock this morning the massacre ceased. It is impossible to tell you how relieved we all are: Sister Superior and all the Sisters were so uneasy!! Fortunately, no one was overtaken by fear; the most timid among the orphans were so submissive that the precautions to be taken were greatly facilitated. However there were sufficient other cares! We had assembled all the personnel in the sister's quarters as little crowded as possible. The other parts of the house were carefully closed; the neighbors who came to us for shelter took refuge in the foundling-home. Even last night, a goodly number stayed on the veranda of our house. They slept wrapped in their "mintoy" (Chinese covering). It was a pleasure to see how grateful they were when they left before noon. 'You have saved our lives,' they said, joining their hands effusively. A woman added: 'We shall bring flowers to your Master of Heaven and to the Holy Mother who protected us.' But if everyone who received shelter in our convent escaped with their lives, there are some among them who saw their homes completely plundered, nothing was spared by the strikers. We had had orders from His Lordship to give shelter to persons only: we were not to receive costly articles which would have served as an inducement to the Communists whose desire it was to become rich through plundering.

**Thursday, December 15**

"Now that the last echo of the terrifying days has been reduced to a few stray shots from fugitive Communists, I again take up the chain of events.

"Yesterday morning I went to Shameen with Sister St. Etienne to attend to some business matters. We had consulted Bishop Fourquet who had assured us we could make the trip safely. We do not regret having gone as we were able to see for ourselves the existing state of affairs. Keeping to one street we counted 21 corpses within a distance of scarcely 500 feet. They were lying in the position in which they had fallen; the greater number were young men. I refrain from further details as they are too gruesome. On our way we saw four men being led to execution. The three first seemed resigned to their fate but the shaking head and fiery face of the fourth mutely told of his attachment to his independence. Those poor wretches! They believe themselves martyrs of the ignoble cause they defend and in reality they became its victims for they are shot in a few moments.

"On our return from Shameen, just before noon, not one of the 21 corpses which were lying on the street two hours previous could be seen. Soldiers were stationed around one of the big stores "Tai Sun" where, it seems, are many Communist employees who are thought to have killed their employer a few days ago. In the course of the afternoon, we saw the section where the fires had raged: more than a thousand dwellings have been completely destroyed; 10,000 persons are without shelter! There also can be seen the corpses shot or electrocuted that very day! I can still picture them, it is horrible!!! On crossing a street we saw a young girl about sixteen years old who with arms bound but with head erect was being led to execution. A young man was following, destined to the same fate. Some priests who came to see us around 5 o'clock yesterday told us that six Russians, Bolshevik leaders, have been seized, and led through the streets of the city to serve as a lesson to the people; after which they were to be shot. It seems that the Russian Consul will have the same fate for the deception he made in the affairs of the last few days.

"How our Sisters of Hong Kong and of the Lazaretto must have been anxious on our account!!! It was only yesterday that we were able to inform them of the situation, and the irregular service of the boats and railways leaves us in doubt as to when they will receive our letters. Oh! Mother, the anguish of such days! Complete trust in Providence finds scope for practice then and its action is felt all the more visibly as no protection, no help can be expected through earthly means. We feel, and everyone affirms it, that we have been protected and spared. It is our powerful Mother in heaven answering the prayers of our good and loving Mother of earth who interceded in our behalf to ward off hell's powerful fiends. We had from the very outset placed statues of our divine Mother on the front of each one of our houses; you may surmise with what fervour we implored protection from heaven! A guard of honor to the Blessed Virgin by our orphans was made during the day, and at night, the Sisters prayed



while keeping watch, each one in turn. Sister Superior had promised to have a High Mass sung for the Souls in Purgatory if we escaped safely from this turmoil. It was celebrated this morning in thanksgiving! Everyone affirms that the incidents of the past few days were of a more serious nature than the preceding ones and of those of many years ago.

"But at last, everything is over. We are convinced that the strikers are not ready to begin soon again; they were so completely defeated! Moreover they cannot be very numerous as they are pursued in their hiding-places and no mercy shown them: they are shot!

"Very dear Mother, I shall now close this letter. Yesterday, we received a letter from Sister St. Paul through the medium of Father Veyres which tells us of her uneasiness on our account. A second letter from us will completely reassure her. She announces the arrival of Monica who she will not delay to bring to us as soon as the way is safe.

"We went to the pagan foundling-home; yesterday we baptized 5 babies and the day before, 7.

"Good-night, dear Mother, do not worry about us; we sleep well, which means that the cannons have ceased, we are all very cheerful.

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## SHEK-LUNG LAZARETTO

*Letter of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Lazaretto  
of Shek-Lung to their Superior General*

*Shek-Lung, November 20, 1927.*

VENERATED AND VERY DEAR MOTHER,

"We wished to write you long ago, but Sister Saint Raphael being ill and obliged to spend some time in Canton to follow a treatment, her absence was not of a nature to lessen our work.

"Dear Mother, we do not know how to thank you for all your kind and motherly solicitude towards us. I assure you that everything you sent, for our patients as well as for ourselves, rejoiced every heart. Our poor lepers ask us to thank you "a thousand times" in their name for all that you do for them, and as this letter will reach you at the end of the year, they request us to offer you their most sincere wishes of health and for a new year filled with blessings; they, moreover, offer the merits of their sufferings and their prayers during two weeks so that the Infant Jesus may grant you everything you desire.

"And you are well aware, are you not, dear Mother, that your daughters will not be less generous than their patients.

"Sister Saint Raphael has now returned and everything is going on well. At present, the rate of mortality is lower than usual among our

lepers, but we must also say that they are not as numerous as usual; we have but 340 men and 196 women and children. What is the cause of this?... Doubtlessly, the troubles which unceasingly disturb our locality. But a new contingent of patients is to come to-morrow; we do not know their number. At this time, forty are preparing to receive Baptism on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is not many; however, they are so many souls snatched from the devil. We shall give them the beautiful rosaries that you sent us.

“We had the father of one of our little girls baptized lately. He has been here since the opening of the lazaretto in 1913 and has ever resisted to grace. He allowed his wife and child to embrace our holy religion, but he himself would never consent. Lately, especially, leprosy has been working havoc on his poor frame. Seeing him so ill, his daughter redoubled her attentions towards him and succeeded in making him desire Baptism which he solicited in this way: ‘Father will you please baptize me? It is true I have been lazy and negligent, but I regret it and I ask God to forgive me.’ When he had been baptized, he continuously repeated: ‘Yes, dear Lord, I did wrong, forgive me.’ Happiness beamed on his face and big tears flowed down his cheeks. A few days after when we asked him if he needed anything, he would answer: ‘I do not wish for anything, but send me Ngan-Neuil (it is the name of his little daughter) I like to see her.’ Yes, to see his daughter, was his whole happiness, and even before he became so ill, when he knew she was going to pass, he would drag himself to the door so as to get a glimpse of her. He has not very long to live now; it is a new conquest for Heaven. We beg you, dear Mother, to kindly pray for the conversion of many others who are as difficult to win to God as was this one; but we do not lose hope; the Blessed Virgin will surely succeed in winning them, and for our part, we try to help this good Mother by bestowing on them all the kindness which is in our power, and they seem very grateful. The other day, when we were visiting the patients one of them said: ‘Sister have you not a piece of bread to give me; I am no longer able to eat rice?’ We answered that our bread not being fresh, we did not know if he would like it. ‘Oh, Sister,’ he replied immediately, ‘it is not necessary to give me fresh bread... stale will do.’ And if you could have seen the happiness of that poor leper on seeing his piece of bread at the next meal... Oh! how heart-rending it is for us to be unable to give them more!

“We are beginning to think of Christmas and propose to make the crib of the Infant Jesus very beautiful this year. This feast does so much good to our poor lepers!... for them it is the most beautiful of the year. It is also probable that at Midnight Mass the neophytes of December 8th will make their First Communion.

“Good-night, dear Mother, kindly ask the Immaculate Virgin to keep us always under her protection. At the dawn of each new year, we recall all that you have done for us and all that you are still doing. With all our hearts we thank you to whom we owe so much! Especially the happiness



of being missionaries among the poor lepers. Oh yes, *thanks, thanks*, a thousand times *thank you!* Humbly kneeling at your feet to solicit your maternal blessing we beg Heaven to favor you with the richest graces and blessings throughout the coming year."

YOUR DAUGHTERS OF THE "LAZARETTO."

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## Manila, Philippine Islands

*Extract from the Journal of our Sisters of the Chinese General Hospital*

### Thursday, October 27

"One of our nurses when about to attend a patient who had just been placed in a ward, perceives that he has already taken possession of the crucifix placed at the head of his bed and presses it tightly to his heart. On asking him what he is hiding, he shows her the crucifix. 'Do you know whose image this is?' — 'Tis the *Santo Cristo* who is going to cure me,' he replies. — 'You are then a Catholic since you believe in the *Santo Cristo*?' — 'No, but I have been told that He has often cured very sick people...' The poor man had never been baptized. His entire faith was based on a fortunate superstition. The following day, the priest, on his visit, encouraged him to pray to the *Santo Cristo* who would perhaps cure him, and he quoted to him the page of the Gospel where Our Lord, exhorting us to pray, gives us as example a friend who goes to knock at his friend's door to procure some bread. This friend refuses and does not wish to be disturbed, but wearied by the repeated supplications of this untimely person he finally rises and gives him what he asks. Our patient listens in tears, his heart swells with hope... but the priest to urge him at the same time to resignation, for he sees that his condition is serious, and to make him understand that death for us is sometimes more precious, continues another comparison: 'If your child asks you for a knife,' he says, 'or for something that will harm him, would you grant him what he asks because he cries and entreats you? 'Tis the same thing for us when we pray to the *Santo Cristo*. He knows better than we what we need.'

"The patient listens the while and big tears continue to roll down his cheeks. The *Santo Cristo* seemingly does not wish to grant him a bodily cure, but little by little he disposes his soul to receive Holy Baptism, which we hope will soon take place...

### Sunday, November 27

"To-day, the feast of the Miraculous Medal, our heavenly Mother, as she is wont to do, places in our hands the gift she most desires; souls redeemed by her Divine Son. The choice falls to one of our own patients of the "Charity Ward." A few months ago the aged man was cured of ulcers which completely covered his legs. On his morning visit, the doctor wonders if he should not permit him to leave the Hospital; but Our Blessed



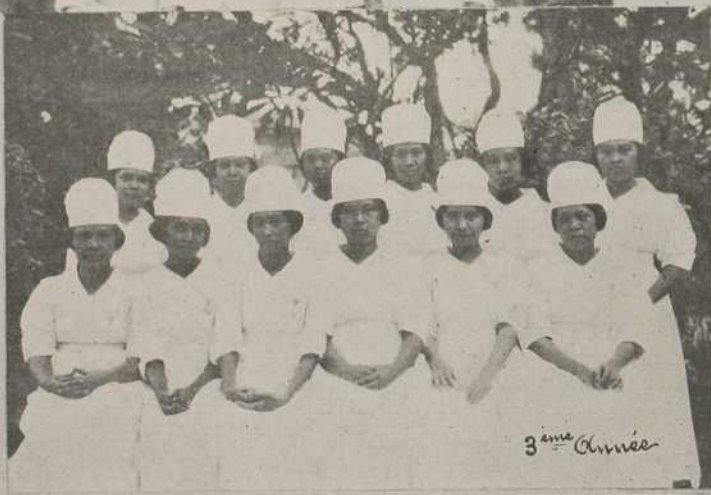
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3<sup>ème</sup> Année



Lady covets this soul. At 11 o'clock the poor man complains of severe pains in the heart which become so serious that at 6.30 he breathes his last. Having been fully conscious the while, his soul was regenerated in the sacred waters of Baptism and took its flight towards the Celestial Abode.

#### **Thursday, December 1**

"Towards evening, our divine Mother comes gently to cull a ripened fruit for heaven in the field entrusted to our keeping. A poor Chinese having left his country in the hope of recovering his health finds here the spiritual cure of his soul which wings its way to its heavenly home as the evening Angelus is ringing.

#### **Friday, December 2**

"The Sacrament of Extreme Unction is administered to a little twelve-year-old boy who had never been to confession and who does not know what Holy Communion is. With the priest's help he makes his confession and then receives the sacrament which purifies him for the long voyage.

#### **Monday, December 5**

"A patient of the "Charity Ward," cleansed in the regenerating waters goes to receive his eternal reward. Our registry for the week records six baptisms *In articulo mortis* Extreme Unction administered to two dying patients, a young girl and two mothers of families reconciled with God, and fifteen Communion received by our patients. Are these not truly divine liberalities?

#### **Saturday, December 10**

"We count this evening, two more baptisms, *in articulo mortis* and Extreme Unction administered to two patients, one of whom is already enjoying his eternal repose; the other is beautifying by his sufferings the place awaiting him in Heaven. The poor man went to confession and received Extreme Unction, but not knowing what the Holy Eucharist was, he could not receive Holy Viaticum. If he live two or three days longer, we shall instruct him sufficiently for his First Communion which will also be his Viaticum on his voyage from time to eternity. He is fifty-five years of age. He was a Catholic by Baptism only. How little our holy religion is known by almost the whole population of the natives!... Yesterday a young widow, mother of three children, told Sister Superior that the two youngest, one of six and the other of eight, had not yet been baptized because she was awaiting their godfathers who have not yet returned to the country. This mother is a school teacher!... These facts speak for themselves and explain how it happens that Catholicity has become so weak in the Philippines. At school, no catechism is taught, and religion is not mentioned in the home.

"A thousand thanks to Almighty God for all that He has so abundantly given us. Would that we could in return make Him known and loved by all the poor unfortunates entrusted to our care.

**Sunday, December 11**

Our dying patient has this afternoon the signal favor of making his First Communion as Holy Viaticum. We feel that he is most happy and favored by grace. It is for this soul who has never in his life participated in the great happiness of receiving his God, an inexplicable joy.

**Monday, December 12**

"Our first communicant fallen into agony yesterday, an hour after receiving Holy Viaticum, renders his soul to the God whom he had known so late but whom he had learned to love so dearly. Privileged, more than all others, we ask ourselves how this poor man could have obtained such graces at the supreme moment of death. Is it not due uniquely to the mercy of God who accords His graces to whom and when He wills?"

**Tuesday, December 13**

"At four o'clock this morning, our modest sanctuary is transformed into a veritable little corner of Heaven. Holy Mass is celebrated and Holy Communion distributed to the night nurses by Reverend Father Miguel of the Society of the Divine Word who arrived here last night to undergo, to-day, a rather critical operation. The good priest, deeply touched, said Mass with an angelic fervor, at the end of which he prayed with the congregation for the success of his operation. It was touching to hear him recite the *Salve Regina*, then three times: 'O Mary Immaculate!' His words bespoke the ardor of his soul. Our supplications were not in vain for the operation succeeded wonderfully and this evening our patient is peacefully resting.

"Every year, since 1924, we have had the happiness of counting among our patients, a soul consecrated to God, priest or religious. This is a blessing for the hospital and a consolation for ourselves to be treating the privileged friends of God. They are white lilies in the midst of briars and thorns that we are cultivating, for our patients are usually all pagans or fallen away Catholics.

"May the Immaculate Virgin render fertile this so arid vineyard!"

**Report of the Chinese General Hospital of Manila, P.I.**

From June 16, 1926 to June 16, 1927.

Solemn baptisms.....	12
Baptism of children and adults, "in articulo mortis".....	115
First Communions.....	29
Marriages legalized "in articulo mortis".....	2
Extreme Unctions.....	15
Deaths.....	214
Spiritual retreats.....	2
Pupils graduated.....	15
Paying patients.....	1,144
Patients in charity wards.....	423
Operations.....	315
Dressing of wounds at the clinic.....	46,950
Dressing of wounds in the operating room.....	10,770



## NAZE, JAPAN

*Extract from the journal of our Sisters, Missionaries to Naze, Japan*

### Sunday, October 23

"The parochial retreat closes to-day. The preacher, Reverend Father Urbain, asks us to sing Mass and Benediction as well as supplementary hymns... For him, there is never too much music.

"On our way home from the church we cede to the temptation of climbing a high mountain by the 'Emperor' staircase. From the summit, which we reach for the first time, we contemplate the beauty of nature, the majestic rock which defends the entrance to the bay, etc. From where we are placed we can distinguish the entire extent of the city of Naze; we could never have imagined it to be so populated.

"How our few Christians must feel lost in the midst of this vast pagan population!

"At half-past seven, this evening, a telephone message from the mission announces to us that His Excellency Mgr. Giardine, Apostolic Delegate to Japan, has returned from Okasari and will come accompanied by two other priests to say Mass for us to-morrow morning. We are deeply touched by such an honor, but very little time remains for the preparation of the chapel, singing, breakfast, etc... In vain do we apply ourselves as diligently as possible, we do not succeed in accomplishing as much as we would have desired.

### Monday, October 24

"His Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate comes to us in a "kuruma," accompanied by his two assistants, to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice in our humble chapel. After the Mass of Thanksgiving, we serve a modest breakfast to our distinguished visitors, after which His Excellency deigns to bless us in our little community-room. Greatly interested, the Apostolic Delegate inquires about our works and all that concerns us. We shall speak of this in detail in our next letter.

### Wednesday, October 26

"It has just been decided that on All Saints' Day a solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for the first time in the city. It is a question of making a canopy, and this work falls to us. The parishioners offer to pay the expenses, and the young girls come to help us. The latter were so numerous that we could not employ them all, so we have those who cannot help in the sewing make paper chrysanthemums for the decorating of the church.

### Friday, October 28

"We assemble our two hundred pupils of the school for a singing rehearsal.

"Reverend Father Calixte asks us to prepare the banquet which will be held in honor of the Delegate. Forty persons are to assist. We im-



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 Sec. to His Excellency Prefect Apost. of Kagoshima    Apost. Delegate to Japan



mediately send a telegram to Kagoshima for provisions, and then go to the City to borrow dishes and utensils, and also to purchase certain articles which we are lacking.

### **Sunday, October 30**

" 'Tis the feast of Christ King. We sing High Mass harmonized. The young girls come here immediately after dinner in order to help us decorate the banquet hall and make wreaths for the little girls who are to scatter flowers before the Blessed Sacrament during the procession. Sister de l'Enfant Jesus and I go to the church to see to the decorations.

### **Monday, October 31**

" We return to the church to continue the decorations. We spend our whole day there: we must buy vases for the flowers, material for the Delegate's throne, etc., etc. We do not have time to take supper. We are asked to assist at the ceremony which will take place at 7.30 this evening. His Excellency will administer the Sacrament of Baptism to five adults and to one child. Among these privileged souls, we count one of our pupils of this year and a former one. Magnificat! Magnificat!!...

### **Tuesday, November 1**

" To the solemnity of All Saints is added in our church of Naze that of a Pontifical Mass celebrated by His Excellency Mgr. Giardine, Apostolic Delegate. Reverend Father Calixte acts as deacon and Reverend Father Paulin as subdeacon. Several other priests are present in the sanctuary. The altar is adorned for the circumstance with yellow and white chrysanthemums, the favorite flower of the Japanese. The numerous banderoles which decorate the nave give one the impression, on entering, of joy and festivity. The Mass is well attended, and despite the late hour several receive Holy Communion. Our pupils sing the Marzo Mass harmonized, and attain full success.

" Needless to state that every instant of the day is occupied. After hearing Mass in our little chapel, we go to prepare the repository. We then assist at the Confirmation ceremony at 8.30 and after at Pontifical High Mass.

" At 1.30 we place ourselves at table for dinner, but in the midst of our meal we receive word that his Excellency has come to bless the school and that in ten minutes he will be in the Boarding School. Immediately, each one hastens to the apartments of which she has charge to see that everything is in good order. Shortly after, the Most Reverend Delegate accompanied by a numerous cortege of priests (they are fourteen at Naze at the present time) goes through the building blessing the different rooms.

" We then begin to prepare the little flower-girls for the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

" At four o'clock, the Christians assemble near the Church, formed into different groups, which will each be proceeded by a banner. The weather is ideal; the setting sun still sends forth its ardent rays tempered



FIRST PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
AT NAZE, JAPAN, November 1, 1927.



by a light breeze. The heavens are serene and the ever-beautiful mountains seem to be decked anew to hail the King of Kings. The procession begins. Leading is the brass-band followed by the citizens, then the Clergy and His Excellency carrying the Blessed Sacrament. The little children immediately follow. Our pupils come next, then the ladies who, in long white veils remind us of the numerous Children of Mary in our Canadian parishes. Little girls precede the Blessed Sacrament strewing flowers on His passage.

"The procession wends its way through several streets before reaching the repository. Some "sotetsu" (a species of Japanese palm) and branches of the "susuki" (large golden leaves in clusters) compose the decoration, but all had been so well arranged that in its simplicity and rusticity, the repository is really artistic. From His elevated throne Jesus blesses the throng, and the procession continues on towards the church in passing by new streets. No decoration is there to honor the passage of Our Divine Host, not a family has thought of this but the fervor of the Catholics, the pious hymns, the acts of adoration and love must have compensated for it.

"We arrive towards evening at the second repository, erected close to the church. The pious congregation kneels before the Blessed Sacrament and Reverend Father Cloutier delivers an eloquent sermon. The multitude composed of as many pagans as Christians listens attentively to this apostle who speaks to them of God. We believe ourselves to be in the time of St. Francis Xavier. The sermon ended, the Reverend Father bids the whole assembly acclaim Our Divine Lord, the Blessed Virgin, Our Holy Father the Pope and the Apostolic Delegate. 'Tis really touching to see all these people raise high their pavilions and exclaim: "Seitai Hayrio, Banzai" (All hail to the Blessed Sacrament) "Seibo Maria, Banzai" (All hail to Our Lady) "Kioko Kiika, Banzai" (All hail to the Sovereign Pontiff) "Shisitsu Kaka, Banzai" (All hail to the Apostolic Delegate).

"This procession was a real triumph for our holy Religion. His Excellency declared that never before had a like occurrence taken place in Japan, for in no city could the Blessed Sacrament be carried in open air while here, we have circulated in the most prominent parts of the city. The pagans came from all over, and since do they unceasingly repeat that they had never seen anything so beautiful before. One of them declared that from his residence he watched the procession pass, but on seeing the monstrance he could not refrain from raising his hat so much did he find it imposing. Oh! yes, the devil's head has been crushed to-day! Let us intone the *Te Deum*!

#### *Friday, November 4*

"His Excellency Mgr. Giardine honors us with a visit, before his departure. He encouraged us in the accomplishment of our different functions and especially in our study of the language. He expressed his gratification in the way the pupils executed the singing. All the priests at the mission are of the opinion that the young girls of Naze have really beautiful voices.

**Saturday, November 5**

"Departure of His Excellency! Pupils and Christians assemble at the wharf and we also accompany them. His Excellency does not see us at first, but suddenly perceiving us he turns and greets us in a fatherly manner.

**Monday, November 7**

"Reverend Father Seraphin proposes to celebrate Easter as solemnly as possible and asks us if we shall make the necessary vestments: cope, dalmatics, and even a canopy. His parishioners will weave the silk themselves.

**Friday, November 11**

"Our new little sisters are most cheerful and devote themselves wholeheartedly to work and study. While assisting Reverend Father Maurice, Sister Marie des Archanges learns to-day how to tune the piano.

"The approaching festivals form the pleasant subject of our conversation at the noon recreation... At Christmas we must hang up our stocking... Each one suggests what she desires as presents... One ventures to ask for a piano!... Fortunately 'tis to be put in a stocking!...

**Sunday, November 13**

"The weather is glorious; 'tis like an autumnal day in Canada. The entire school grounds being at our disposal we take our recreation in the open air, and while promenading speak of dear Outremont. Our young Sisters would like very much to prolong the recreation, nevertheless the love of study prevails... At the moment of writing I hear one beneath my window who in all earnestness is learning the Hail Mary in Japanese. May our good Heavenly Mother bless our studies and help us to acquire as quickly as possible the language of the country.

**Tuesday, November 29**

"Reverend Father Seraphin announces to us by telephone that he has just received a message from Kagoshima announcing that Reverend Father Egide Roy has been named Prefect Apostolic. What good news!

**Wednesday, November 30**

"It has been storming all night and still continues this morning. The wind blows violently and the rain falls in torrents. God wishes us to make the sacrifice of missing Holy Mass and Communion on this great day of thanksgiving for our dear Institute. It is impossible to go to the church in a like storm. We resign ourselves to God's Holy Will and make a Spiritual Communion. We spend an hour at the foot of the altar, praying and singing our hymns of gratitude.

**Friday, December 2**

"Since the arrival of our Sisters, the pretty statue of the Sacred Heart which they brought with them had been placed in the Procure, but for this First Friday we have prepared a throne for it in the chapel.





REVEREND\_FATHER\_GELIN, O. F. M., DIRECTOR, AND THE TEACHING PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL OF NAZE, JAPAN

**Saturday, December 3**

"The beautiful feast of St. Francis Xavier always brings us numerous graces... Already, we have had the privilege of hearing two Masses.

"We must indeed spend a little extra time in rejoicing in honor of the great Patron of missionaries; we commence each recreation by one of the beautiful hymns in his honor.

"At certain moments during the day my little companions appear somewhat mysterious. Probably at Christmas there will be surprises for everyone...

"Reverend Father Seraphin comes to pay us a visit in the aim of arranging a programme for December 8. He seems to prefer that we go to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception at Urakami, in the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes. In fact, we find that it would be a real nice day for this pilgrimage, so long looked forward to!... And we have so many graces to solicit from Our Immaculate Mother for the little mission of Naze!...

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*Naze, December 11, 1927*

BELOVED MOTHER,

"Your children of Naze come to relate how they spent the beautiful Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We prepare ourselves by a triduum of prayer and recollection. Every day we have a conference on the virtues of Our Immaculate Mother, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On the morning of the Feast, our little chapel dons its most beautiful attire: the statue of the Blessed Virgin appears in a little blue niche encircled with lilies and green foliage. On entering for our morning prayer we believe ourselves to be in a little corner of our dear Mother-House. Sister Superior, in the name of all, recites the act of consecration to Mary. 'Tis with our whole heart that we abandon anew our every interest to the Blessed Virgin, only asking the grace of being true missionary religious of the Immaculate Conception, faithful imitators of her virtues, and to unite us by still stronger and more durable ties to our dear Mother-House. We then sing one of our beautiful hymns to Our Blessed Lady.

"We take an early breakfast, for we are to leave towards six o'clock on pilgrimage to the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes at Urakami. To our deep regret, Sister Superior cannot accompany us as there is school to-day, for in Japan the feast of the Immaculate Conception is not a holyday of obligation. Sister Assistant, ill for the last few days, is also unable to come, so we the four youngest only, leave with good Mrs. Inori. While wending our way along the road that skirts the bay and the mountains, we do not tire of admiring the former, the color of whose waters changes at every instant, then the mountains covered by palm trees, pines and a rich variety of plants; here and there on the summit of a mountain, we



perceive a little garden, and at a short distance under a cluster of pines a miserable hut indicating that someone lives there. On our way we recite the rosary aloud to ask Our Blessed Lady graces for you, beloved Mother, for our Mother-House and for our little Community of Naze. Gratitude flows from our hearts in recalling the innumerable graces with which we have been showered during this year which is drawing to a close. God has granted the realization of our most cherished hopes; we asked the Blessed Virgin to grant that our entire life be a perpetual "Magnificat".

"As we go along we pass a pagan buddha in a sitting position facing the sea. It had been placed there because a serious accident had occurred last year on this spot. How pitiful to see these poor pagans place their confidence and belief in these hideous statues and ignore the only true God. We also pass a pagan cemetery; on the graves can be seen little houses, bowls of rice, and even little "getas" (Japanese sandals) so that the soul of the deceased may make use of them if it return to earth. Finally after walking for an hour and a half we perceive on the opposite shore the little village of Daikuma, with its tiny huts; we are nearing Urakami. On arriving the first thing that greets the eye is the church which serves at the same time as presbytery. The village is hidden by the trees which abound in this region.

"The statue of Our Lady of Lourdes is placed in a pretty little grotto above the altar; at her feet is the statue of little Bernadette. The whole is very devotional. We pray with all our hearts for your intentions, dear Mother. High Mass is sung by the Christians in which we take part, then follows Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The priest has us then pass into the next room that we may see his Christians. We seat ourselves in Japanese fashion and partake of a Japanese lunch where excellent "machi" is served. A good old lady even offers us her little pipe and tobacco, showing us how to use it!

"On returning from Urakami, we stop at Daikuma, another of Reverend Father Seraphin's missions. The good Father serves dinner to us, in Canadian fashion this time.

"We leave for home towards three o'clock, in the pouring rain. Our good Sister Superior had sent kurumas which overtake us before we become too wet. About five o'clock Reverend Father Calixte comes to give Benediction.

"At supper, a graceful bouquet of lilies traced on the festal cake attracts our attention, for each lily in its calyx bears a word from Our Immaculate Mother. At the recreation we borrow a little Japanese table and cushions to remind our dear predecessors of the 8th of December 1926, when they partook of the first family meal from this same little table. We recall souvenirs of our dear Mother-House and promise to remain ever attached thereto with all the ardor of our souls. Sister Superior then distributes our books for the study of the Japanese language. In each she had placed a little blue book-mark on which a beautiful lily is painted with the inscription "O Immaculate Mother, bless our studies!"

"A pagan lady, our Japanese teacher, had sent us a lovely rose and a letter of congratulation as it was our feast. Sister Superior has the rose placed at the foot of the statue of Our Blessed Lady. May this tender Mother remember this soul and obtain for her the gift of faith.

"With what graces the day has been filled and how quickly has it passed!"

YOUR GRATEFUL AND HAPPY JAPANESE CHILDREN.

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## MANCHURIA, CHINA

*Extract from the Journal of our Sisters, Missionaries to Manchuria.*

### Tuesday, December 20, 1927.

"This morning the earth is covered by an inch of snow. This greatly rejoices us, for it reminds us of our beautiful Canada.

"Reverend Father Lomme, M.E., comes to ask our assistance for the preparation of a crib in the chapel of the mission. We gladly accept and set to work immediately for everything is lacking. To-day we are making a few colored lights from melted wax candles, to-morrow we shall try to prepare paper to imitate rocks.

### Thursday, December 22

"One of us, accompanied by two Chinese virgins, goes to Liao Yuan Sien on business. On her way she meets a pagan Chinese with a load of straw, resembling wheat. Immediately she tells one of the virgins that she would like very much to have some of this straw for the cradle of the Infant Jesus. She asks the Chinese for some, and he gladly gives her a large bundle, without, alas! knowing for Whom he is giving it.

"We are greatly touched by this little incident. How good God is in all things, do we say to ourselves, we were wondering how we should manage to arrange the crib for the Divine Infant, having absolutely nothing, and immediately Divine Providence comes to our assistance through the medium of a poor pagan.

"As for artificial snow which will cover the thatched roof and the rock, we use the little tinselled papers that wrapped up the candies we brought from the Mother-House.

### Saturday, December 24

"We hasten this afternoon to finish our work at the chapel of the mission, so as to be free this afternoon to recite the thousand *Aves* and to prepare ourselves in silence for the great feast of to-night. The little orphans assist



us in our charges. Then Sister Julianne du Saint Sacrement, with a virgin, decorates the altars. The crib is finished; it is very modest, like unto that of Bethlehem... To each one of the four beams of the chapel, two Chinese lanterns are suspended, which give a cheerful effect to the whole.

Reverend Father Lomme, M.E., who arrived from Mukden yesterday, brought linen for an altar-cloth. One of us immediately begins to make it.

### Sunday, December 15

"How our hearts vibrate with conflicting emotions as we assist at this our first Midnight Mass in Manchuria!... During the Masses celebrated by Reverend Fathers Lapierre, Sup., Conard, Belgian priest, Quenneville and Michaud, our thoughts and our minds travel from our humble crib to that of our dear Mother-House, near which we see our beloved Mother and our dear Sisters... And our prayers become more and more fervent...

"Our little orphan girls act as singers. During the first Mass, said by Reverend Father Conard, who delivers the sermon after the Gospel, all the Christians approach the Holy Table, and two little boys make their First Communion.

"At 8.30 we have High Mass with a sermon. One hundred Christians fill the little chapel. At the moment of the Elevation, fireworks are set off, as a celebration without fireworks would not be a celebration for the Chinese.

"After High Mass, the Christians sing a Christmas hymn in Chinese, after which the children sing another hymn and at each solo a little boy makes a profound reverence in front of the crib. Before leaving the chapel, some aged people come to adore the Infant Jesus. It is touching to see the faith of these poor people.

"We return to the house at 10.50. Sister Julianne du Saint-Sacrement distributes to each one the letters received during Advent. None of us are forgotten. This is the first time that we have news from our dear parents since we left home.

"We have Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3.50. At 4 o'clock we bring candy to our little orphans, telling the maiden who distributes it, that it comes from our good Mother in Canada. She understands, and seems to be much pleased, as well as the children. To prove their gratitude, they come and take their ranks before us and make three deep bows.

"Before taking our rest to-night, we ardently thank the Divine Child Jesus for the consolations He so generously brought us this Christmas Day and with as much fervor as possible, we entreat Him to make His Holy Name known to the thousands of pagan souls surrounding us, and for whom also He consented to be born and to die.



A WARD IN THE CHINESE HOSPITAL OF MONTREAL



## Report of the Chinese Hospital of Montreal

YEAR 1927

Baptism .....	21
Patients received .....	65
Patients deceased .....	12
Patients cured .....	53
Consultations .....	1,466
Dressing of wounds .....	931
Ordinary treatments .....	2,184
Electrical treatments .....	143
Divers examinations .....	846
X-Ray examinations .....	32
Operations .....	27
Prescriptions filled .....	884

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## VANCOUVER

*Letter from the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Vancouver  
to their Superior General.*

*Saint Joseph's Oriental Hospital*

*Vancouver, November 13, 1927.*

VERY DEAR MOTHER,

"Permit me to give you the detailed account of the visit with which His Excellency Mgr. Andrea Cassulo, Apostolic Delegate to Canada and Newfoundland, deigned to honour us. His Excellency, accompanied by his Secretary, and Msgr. Blair, President of the Church Extension Society, and also nine diocesan priests, entered, yesterday afternoon, our modest chapel which we had decorated as prettily as possible with ferns and white chrysanthemums kindly donated by three benefactors of the house. His Excellency gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, after which we sang the Magnificat, hymn which so aptly expresses our happiness. After leaving the chapel, the Most Reverend Delegate blessed our new construction, and then honoured us with an intimate conversation. He enquired about our different works. To his query as to whether we succeeded in obtaining conversions in Vancouver we answered that this year had given us 42 baptisms of adults.<sup>(1)</sup> His Excellency appeared both surprised and delighted.

"At different intervals he repeated: 'How beautiful! how wonderful it is!' and he added: 'Continue your good work, you are pleasing God

1. Eight other patients were baptized during the months of November and December, which brings the number of baptisms of adults for the year 1927, to 50.

as well as the Holy Father and the Apostolic Delegate... but how do you instruct them?...' We answered that one of us, having spent eleven years in China, speaks Chinese fluently, and instructs them in their own language. — 'Eleven years in China! Bravo! Bravo!... Oh! China,' continued His Excellency, 'the Holy Father has his eyes on China... work well, my children, make our Religion loved, render it agreeable, you will win all... Continue, Divine Providence will not forsake you, I am pleased that you are building a hospital.'

"His Excellency visited the house, saw our patients and our old people, bestowing upon them his paternal blessing. Before taking his leave, His Excellency said: 'In the name of the Holy Father, and my own, I bless each one of you, your Mother General, your Institute, your work here, the persons who are in this house and those who will come in after years, your future undertakings, your parents and relatives. 'Tis with my whole heart that I bestow this blessing.'

"Dear Mother, we are still greatly touched by the paternal kindness shown to us yesterday, and our little house of Vancouver seems impregnated with benedictions and consolations!"

Your very loving daughter,

Sister SAINT-LOUIS DE GONZAGUE

*November 29, 1927.*

VERY DEAR MOTHER,

"We have just had the happiness of giving two souls to God, the 27th, Feast of the Miraculous Medal. Dr. Wong came at noon, as usual, to visit his patients and was surprised to hear that one of them, who should have reached the hospital during the morning, had not yet arrived. The Doctor told us that at five o'clock that morning the patient was dying and was supposed to be brought immediately to our hospital.

"Directly after the departure of the physician, I went to recommend the poor moribund to the prayers of all the Sisters, and the invocations commenced: "O Mary conceived without sin... give us this soul." The afternoon seemed endless... Supper-time came, then seven o'clock, eight o'clock, and still no new patient... At last just as we were going for night prayers, a telephone from Dr. Wong announced that his patient of the morning was still alive and that he was sending him to us in the ambulance. A grateful thanks to our Immaculate Mother sprang from our hearts, and we hastened to prepare a bed and the necessities for the new-comer. We had to place him in Ward No. 3 where a poor tuberculous patient was awaiting his end, but he was provided with his passport for Heaven, having been baptized a few days previously.

"The new patient was already acquainted with the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, — he had followed a few Catechism lessons in Montreal twelve years ago — it was therefore easy for us to complete the instructions already received, as the seed had fallen on fertile soil.



"When those who had brought him had left, he clasped his hands together and said: 'I am so happy to be with the Sisters, so happy!' And when I spoke to him of Baptism, he answered with indescribable joy: 'Yes, yes, Sister, I have desired to be *baptized a Catholic* for such a long time, yes, Sister, yes.' The joy which filled his soul affected his state of health and he felt relieved for a few hours, but the next morning at eight o'clock we saw that death was fast approaching and we deemed it necessary to baptize him immediately. I went to his bedside, and when I recommended his soul to this good Mother, he repeated in a scarcely audible tone: 'Holy Mary Mother of God, save my soul, my immortal soul... My Jesus, mercy.' These were his last words. I continued praying, and he approved each word I said by a look of satisfaction. He lost consciousness about two minutes before dying. We scarcely had time to close the eyes of our Marie-Joseph (it was under that name I baptized him), when a sad and touching scene took place in the same ward. The relatives of our poor tuberculous patient (Joseph Clement) were coming in to bid him farewell. It was heart-rending to see the poor dying man try to make himself understood to his brother. He wished him to care for his wife and children who had remained in China. He could not succeed in making himself heard by his father who kept at a distance, for you are aware that the Chinese are too much afraid of the dying to come near them. I therefore offered to serve as interpreter for the poor moribund and his afflicted brother; the patient seemed satisfied and the brother was very grateful to us. We promised to advise the relatives if the patient's condition became more serious. They took their leave and I was then able to prepare this soul to appear before God. The occurrence which had just taken place had made him very restless. I very quietly tried to soothe him by reciting prayers of a nature to console him and I noticed that when I pronounced the Name of "Mary" he would smile and give a look of approval. About eleven o'clock a heavy sweat covered his face, I saw that the end was nearing and immediately sent for the relatives who came without delay. Soon after, all was over. The room which in the morning had been filled with sobs and lamentations, had now become silent and deserted: the Angel of Death had come to call two more souls to their heavenly home.

"And we, dear Mother, we were so happy that we did not feel our fatigue. Oh! if the world only knew what joy it is to give a soul to God, I imagine that a greater number would desire to contribute therein by prayers, alms, or even by the total immolation of self.

"As for us, dear Mother, we shall never be able to prove our gratitude to you for having accepted us as your missionary children."

YOUR HAPPY DAUGHTERS OF VANCOUVER.

# Extracts FROM THE Novitiate Chronicles

*Dedicated to the Parents of our dear Sister Novices*



To love Mary, what consolation here below, to make her loved, what assurance for the hour of death!

*St. Bernard.*

**Sunday, November 20, 1927**

How mysterious everything appears this morning... and especially how mysterious do the little postulants appear!!!!... Oh! no need of saying that we are discreet, yes, very discreet, but our little sisters appear to be in such a hurry... and from time to time sweet and joyous strains are wafted through the house.

At the evening recreation, not a postulant can be seen!!! but on the second floor how many steps back and forth... how many glances are exchanged: something unusual is occurring.

Our dear Mistress descends shortly and invites us to repair to the music-room. To the vibrant notes which greet us, we group ourselves at the feet of the Infant Virgin of the Temple. Our little sisters execute a most recreative and at the same time a most edifying programme. The singing of "The Novice of the Immaculate" expresses a wish which causes the sweetest hope to surge in the hearts of the elder novices: "make profession!" Oh! yes, little Sisters, wish us over and over again this incomparable happiness!... Above all ask Mary, our Mother, to render us less worthy of the Divine Spouse who advances...

Our dear Mistress, as a festal bouquet, distributes in the name of our divine Patroness, little blue cards, on which the following titles are written: Angel of Fraternal Charity... Angel of Spiritual Joy... Angel of Simplicity... Angel of Devotedness... etc. etc. Each has her particular role and takes the firm resolution to fill it with all the care and diligence with which the Heavenly spirits execute the commands of their Queen, who is also ours. The singing of the Magnificat terminates this pleasant evening and we take the renewed determination to imitate more closely Her who, in the Temple, was the admiration of the angels and the object of the complacency of the Holy Trinity.

**Monday, November 21**

How eagerly we respond to the desire of Holy Mother Church in contemplating this morning, Mary, our beloved Mother, presenting herself in the Temple, at the age of three years! What simplicity and what grandeur is concealed in the generous act of this sublime little Child! With what joy does she mount the steps leading to the Temple, coming to offer to God the purest and most magnanimous heart that ever existed. Oh! how



beautiful does the Daughter of the King appear... In meditating on the fidelity and generosity of our Divine Mother we think of the number of young girls who also hear, as did this Little Virgin, the "Veni", but hesitate or withdraw when sacrifice presents itself. How we supplicate Mary to give them the grace of understanding how sweet it is to dwell in the house of the Lord!...

After having honored our divine Patroness, a grand holiday begins. Our little sister postulants, thoughtfully offer to fill our charges so that we may spend the entire day at the feet of the little Virgin, or by the side of our dear Mistress, which we willingly accept... The game of "paradise" in which our beloved Mistress takes part is the game of the day, but while placing and withdrawing the little dice we take the time to reflect... is not the greatest chance that we have ever taken, that of having been called to the same life as that of the little Virgin in the Temple?

Before retiring this evening, we thank God with all our hearts for having given us in the person of our Superiors, Mothers who procure for us such happy days.

Oh! when we shall be on distant pagan shores with what joy shall we recall the pleasant days of our Novitiate; and we in turn shall strive to give happiness to those around us.

### **Wednesday, November 30**

Every day of our life, our Rule urges us to offer ourselves to God as a holocaust of perpetual gratitude. On this day, especially dedicated in our Institute as a day of thanksgiving, we strive to voice our *Magnificat* with more fervor than ever. *Magnificat* for the innumerable favors which God has bestowed upon our dear Community since its foundation, *Magnificat* for the torrents of graces which flow on each one of us, again *Magnificat*, in the name of those who do not think of recognizing the goodness of their Heavenly Father.

### **Saturday, December 3**

"O St. Francis Xavier, before thy sacred image, we come to deposit our grateful homages!..." 'Tis before but a simple image that we kneel to offer to the great Apostle of the Indies our praises and our prayers; 'tis neither a magnificent statue nor a beautiful painting, but a plain sketch representing St. Francis Xavier baptizing a poor infidel. But how eloquently this figure, radiant with holiness, emblem of the purest happiness of apostolate, speaks to our souls. It tells us of the ineffable joy of the missionary when he is about to purify souls in the regenerating waters of Baptism. What are labors, troubles, sufferings, does this dear Saint appear to say to us, compared to the happiness of giving the life of grace to these poor beings buried in the depths of paganism! Would not missionaries be more numerous, if the great joys attached to the apostolate were more widely known?

**Wednesday, December 7**

In recollection and silence we prepare ourselves to celebrate the glories of Our Immaculate Mother. Last night, our kind Mistress stimulated us in the practice of the life in union with the Blessed Virgin recalling the holy obligations of a true faithful slave of Mary. On entering the chapel for evening meditation, we perceive at the right side of the altar a pretty grotto in which the Immaculate Conception appears, smiling on little Bernadette kneeling at her feet. We kneel also and like Bernadette, our eyes cannot be taken from the image of our divine Mother.

After Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, our Reverend Chaplain blesses the statue and with all our hearts we sing a hymn to our Blessed Lady.

**Thursday, December 8**

'Tis the dawn of a day *par excellence*: the beautiful feast of our Immaculate Mother! On awakening we join in the chorus of praise, love and gratitude which ascends from all parts of the globe towards the most powerful, the most tender and the best of Mothers, towards the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Needless to say, our chapel has donned its festival attire. On the altar, intermingled with ferns and pale blue lights, bouquets of pure white lilies incline our hearts to repeat: "Thou art the fairest lily of the valley, thou, O Mary, art the Virgin all pure!..." From the illumined grotto at the right of the altar, this spotless Queen seems to say to us: "I am the Immaculate Conception." At eight o'clock a solemn High Mass is celebrated, and during the day Sisters replace each other in groups of four for the Guard of Honor at the feet of our divine Patroness.

**Sunday, December 9**

All day yesterday was spent in the greatest recollection. How we rejoice in this custom of spending the vigil of Christmas in silence, which permits us to remain closer to Mary and Joseph during their voyage from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It also permits us to associate ourselves the more closely in their sentiments, in their love for Him who is about to come on earth; to console them for the rebukes which they receive, by offering our poor hearts as a refuge for the Savior of the world.

We repair early to the dormitory to take a little rest, uniting each breath to the ardent desires of the virginal Heart of Mary. Scarcely have a few hours elapsed when in place of the regulative bell we hear vibrating notes of chimes, bells, violins, mandolins. A cortege of white robed angels (our elder sisters) defile in the alleys of the dormitory brilliantly illuminated singing Christmas hymns. Hastily do we respond to the loving invitation... oh! yes let us hasten to adore the Messiah!... A High Mass is celebrated, followed by two low Masses, during which we sing our cherished Christmas hymns.

The second Mass over, happier than the shepherds, we receive not only in our arms, but in our hearts, Him who created the world and who for



us to-day becomes a feeble little child. How we thank Him and what graces we ask of Him...

Since long, golden sunbeams have been playing on our azure blue curtains, when suddenly the angels of the previous night return and in musical strains invite us to repair anew to the cradle of the new-born King. There at His feet we say our morning prayer and make our meditation. At ten o'clock we again return for the recitation of the first part of the Rosary. Then let us acclaim the novices and postulants who are still young enough to have the Infant Jesus hang candy, letters and presents for them on the Christmas tree... All forenoon, rather nearly the whole day, is spent in admiring, in reading, in enjoying... Thanks, a thousand thanks to our beloved Superiors, to our dear Parents!

A recreative concert in honor of our dear sister in charge, whose zeal in our behalf is boundless, draws this pleasant day to a close.

### **Sunday, January 1, 1928**

The old year is ended and the new is ushered in at the foot of the Tabernacle. What grave reflections surge in our minds during this solemn hour. God is giving us a new year to serve Him, let us rejoice therein. Deign to bless it O Lord and grant that its every hour be animated with Thy divine love..."

As the Midnight hour strikes, we prostrate ourselves at the feet of the Divine Master imploring His blessings for the entire Church, our Pastors, our Community, our Parents, all those whom we love, all those who suffer... etc. Our prayers are then wafted towards our Heavenly Father begging that His Holy Name be hallowed, that His Kingdom come and that His Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. And to thee, O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, mayest thou be known, loved and praised by all hearts this year more than ever.

We leave the chapel with hearts overflowing with happiness in having spent the first moments of this year in union with our God; we then assemble in the reception hall where our dear Mistress conveys to us the greetings which our beloved Mother has sent us: only a Mother who tenderly loves her children and who ardently desires their sanctification can express her wishes in such a forcible and suave manner.

We embrace each other in silence, but how expressive our countenances are: they tell of wishes for black veils... for white veils... obediences to the distant missions... wishes of health, of holiness, etc. etc... At the first recreation we shall express audibly our wishes to one another...

To-night, after Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Reverend Father Chaumont, Assistant Superior of the Foreign Mission Seminary, in his own name and in that of the Reverend Superior, actually in Europe, conveys his wishes to us which may be summed up as follows: to love God, to be faithful to the spirit of our Community and to all the traditions bequeathed us by our Superiors, to maintain and develop our two great devotions, to the Holy Ghost and to the Immaculate Virgin, to be missionaries forthwith,

namely to save souls even during our Novitiate by our prayers and by our daily sacrifices. He tells us that at the altar to-night, he again thanked God for the graces bestowed upon our Community since its foundation and for the good accomplished during its twenty-five years of existence.

### Tuesday, January 3

The Pastor of the parish honors us with a paternal visit this afternoon. For half an hour he speaks to us of the loving and complete submission to the Will of God. His advice is like an echo of what our beloved Mother who so often repeats to us: perfection lies in the accomplishment of the Divine Will, herein lies true happiness and an assurance of God's blessings on our undertakings. When obedience, namely when God's Will has been manifested let us fear nothing, neither difficulties nor deficiency in health, but steadily advance relying on God, and God will provide for that which we lack.

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## Pauline Marie Jaricot

Foundress of the Association of the Propagation of the Faith.

### THE TRIAL

(Continued)

Sustained by this conviction, she continues her painful trip. How could her so feeble health resist such emotions and fatigues? The secret lies in her courage and in God who fortifies her, for in spite of her youthful vigor, Marie feels exhausted by lack of sleep and privation of substantial nourishment. Bread, a little fruit and some water, mixed with coffee, oftentimes composed the meal of the travellers.

Consolations were however reserved for Pauline in every place where the Living Rosary was established. She could taste the fruits of the spirit of charity, that she herself had inculcated to this spiritual family. On learning of her trials and plans, the promoters unanimously exclaimed: "Rely on us, we shall help you to the best of our ability." And these worthy children of Mary disputed with one another the honor and the joy of giving hospitality to the faithful servant of their Heavenly Father.

This filial reception having justified her hopes, Pauline continues her trip more cheerfully. Among the severe privations accepted, that of Holy Communion is not included. The Mother and Daughter remain fasting, often until noon, in the hope of finding in some place a tabernacle which might open to their desires. We may well imagine what fatigues this long fast added to the exhaustion of like travels made in a tropical heat. Pauline sleeps with much difficulty in the carriages and she suffers from an incessant thirst, occasioned by a slight continued fever. In spite of this, the Eucharistic fast was supported by her, and sometimes in vain.



Having gone to Carcassone, after a ride of twelve or fifteen hours, our friends arrive in great haste at the church the nearest to the stage-coach office, and ask that they be given Holy Communion.

They are doubtlessly taken for adventuresses, for after having examined them from head to foot they are refused, not without harshness, the favor they solicit.

The following day, same fast and waiting. It is nearly one o'clock when they stop at Agen. The two travellers go to the cathedral where a venerable Canon <sup>(1)</sup> happens to be in prayer. They express the desire they have of receiving Our Lord.

"I am grieved," he replies with great kindness, "but it is contrary to custom to open the tabernacle at this hour unless it be for Holy Viaticum."

It was indeed the traveller's provision for which they were asking. The poor wanderers dared not insist. Nevertheless, their humble attitude and the tears which fall from their eyes are so touching that the servant of God deemed that he could take upon himself to act contrary to the established custom, in giving, despite the advanced hour, the Bread of Heaven to the two souls who reclaim it with faith and love. This act of charity was never forgotten.

At Saintes, where we meet for the first time the venerable beggar of Christ, Our Divine Lord shows Himself, in a manner not less evident and terrible than at Rustrel, the revenger of his humble servant, outraged and persecuted.

One day when she is alone with Maria in the crypt of Eutropes, kneeling on the tomb of the martyr, and shedding abundant tears, this involuntary cry bursts from her soul oppressed by calumny and cupidity: "O God deliver me from xxx who is set on my ruin!"

At this very hour the same day, 200 leagues distant the persecutor cast himself from a window and fractured his skull on the pavement with no apparent motive for a like conduct.

Later, when Pauline learned of the circumstances of this event, she cried, terrified and disconsolate: "Lord, I did not wish the death but the conversion of the culprit! Never more shall I ask you to deliver me from my enemies."

From Saintes she goes to La Rochelle, where, worn out by fatigue and emotions of all kinds, she finds a Father in the person of the great bishop, to whom she has come from so far, to seek counsel and protection.

Mgr. Villecourt was endowed with a kind and firm nature, together with a prudence and knowledge which drew the attention of Pius IX.

He listened with tender interest to the detailed account of the desires

(1) Reverend Father Baret. This saintly priest, whose extreme kindness caused him to be called the *father*, exercised for many long years the sacerdotal ministry in the diocese of Agen where he accomplished immense good. A perfect imitator of Jesus Christ, he was the light of the clergy, the consolation and support of the unfortunate. In his great soul, so pure, so tender and so lofty, was found a striking resemblance with that of the Blessed Curé of Ars.

If Father Baret has not performed miracles according to nature, he has performed many according to charity all his life and to an eminent degree.

Seeing him devote himself to all, regardless of rank, fortune or merit, he was asked: "But where is the limit of your devotedness towards everyone?"

"That of misfortune or of need," he replied, with the extreme simplicity which accompanied him everywhere in the habitual exercise of this admirable and complete devotedness towards God and towards the unfortunate.

and trials of his holy compatriot. After having examined and weighed everything before God, he judged that, from a supernatural point of view, nothing was wanting to the merit of a heroic charity; but as to the material side, Pauline had not followed closely enough the course of human prudence, in acting with an implicit confidence in the considerateness of others, especially in the deferring of the act, the destruction of which had caused her ruin.

To this reproach she replied in all simplicity: "It is true," but with an accent of such profound humility, that the servant of God, in relating it said with a humility not less profound: The eminent virtue of such a culprit greatly confounded and embarrassed her *poor* accuser."

After she had signalized the noble fault, the *bishop* showed himself a *father* in giving to his holy daughter the consolations and encouragements which she merited in every respect. Pastor of souls, he admired the courage with which, despite the feebleness of her sex and age, she had attempted to save the most exposed of the children of the Church. He estimated in his great wisdom, that the two important associations founded by her and her great misfortune, fruit of her devotedness to the Catholic cause gave her the indefeasible rights to the gratitude of the faithful of the entire world, and to the exceptional assistance from all christians. Also *did he impose upon her the obligation of maintaining her rights*, and was the first to recognize them, in remitting to Pauline an offering more in proportion to her virtues than to the modest resources of the episcopal budget.

We shall see very soon this intrepid defender of the persecuted, this eye-witness and just appraiser of her works, loudly declare, everywhere and even to the foot of the pontifical throne, the double right that enemies dare contest contrary to all rights and justice, with the foundress of the Propagation of the Faith.

To restore hope to a soul, is to restore life to it. Her august friend having assured her that her sufferings and tears contributed to the salvation of the working-class, Pauline felt renewed strength under the heavy weight of adversity.

Mgr. Villecourt, after having formerly followed in her the first effects of grace, now contemplated the marvellous fruits. The enormity even of the trials which recompensed for thirty years of incomparable devotedness, gave him to understand that this maiden was predestined to *martyrdom of the heart* and he treated her as a valiant woman capable of rising superior to every adversity.

"Go, said he, and act, heedless of the cries of nature, which revolt against you... When you shall have done *all* in your power to save the cause of working-men, *whatever* be the results of your efforts you will annihilate yourself before God and submit without reserve to His Holy Will.

"Return to Lyons to there settle the most urgent affairs and obtain a reprieve, then solicit alms everywhere in the name of Jesus Christ."

The return of their Mother rejoiced her little spiritual family who had found her absence very long and who on seeing her once more, believed



itself freed forever from every misfortune. So as not to trouble a security which was to be a short duration, the Venerable Mother concealed her anguishes and projects.

Loretto had not ceased to be the center of reunion and correspondence of the Living Rosary. Father Rousselon, having sufficient personal resources to dispense with stipends, continued to administer in the chapel and to direct the Living Rosary.

As, at first sight, nothing seemed altered in the blessed home of Charity, strangers continued to come and claim advice and alms which until then, had ever been liberally given! Moreover many Lyonnese, not realizing the extent of the disaster that had befallen their saintly compatriot could not refrain from the so agreeable habit of visiting this dwelling every morning on their return from Fourvière and take a light refecton while conversing with her.

How cruel it was to insist upon the *necessity* in which she was, of curtailing all needless expense... Despite all, the morning visits were continued without anyone ever surmising the cruel privations occasioned thereby.

Such is the world: very few visitors understand that now was the time to give, after having received for so long. But the pious working-women, involuntary cause of their friend's trials, no sooner heard of her return than they came, imploring her to accept once again their meagre economies thus helping her for a thousand due needs. In vain did Pauline expose her present distress and the absolute uncertainty of a better future, these worthy women insisted so as to render all refusal impossible.

This halt was less a time of rest than an incessant struggle against the *ill-will* of certain creditors, whose insolent threats were ceaselessly renewed.

So as to overcome during these struggles, the pride and hastiness of her character, Pauline fortified her heart and soul each morning in a prolonged meditation during which, totally absorbed in God she sometimes appeared radiant with a heavenly light. Holy Mass and Communion were her preparation for the assaults of the distressful day.

"I do not remember," says Maria Dubouis, "having heard our Mother answer impatiently to the accusations and contempt with which she was overwhelmed. Generally, she kept silent allowing her accusers to speak as they willed. But oftentimes her tears betrayed the violence of her interior struggles...

Our Lord, however, left to this soul, devoured by the thirst for justice and condemned to inaction, holy and distinguished friendships which were for her a source of great consolation.

The Cardinal of Bonald honored her to the last with a constant veneration, and her misfortunes only redoubled his fatherly kindness towards her. He visited her at Loretto and obliged her to come to him every time that fresh difficulties and trials arose, and profited by every occasion to prove his most respectful gratitude for her two Catholic foundations. Since long did the eminent prelate know their author. On March 9th, 1839, he had written her a letter wherein, by a tactful thoughtfulness so as not

to alarm the humility of the Foundress, he contented himself with underlining certain passages: "I shall not fail to ask God that you may ere long, consecrate yourself to works which shall procure His glory. The devotion of the Living Rosary is extending and taking root everywhere. Is this not a new motive for hoping that God's blessings will not be altogether withdrawn from us. Two things should arouse great hope: *The Association of the Propagation of the Faith and the increasing devotion to the Blessed Virgin in our country.*"

## Thanksgivings to the Blessed Virgin for favors obtained



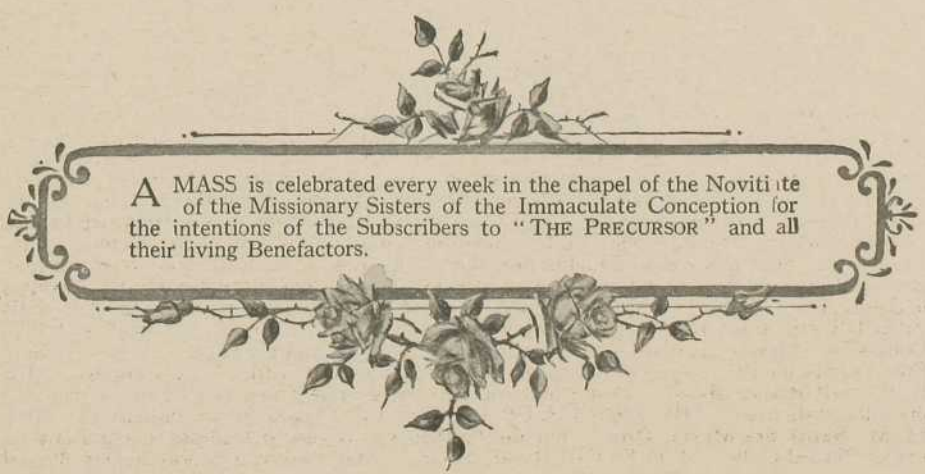
*"O MARY, the entire universe would perish before you refuse your assistance to those who, with all their heart, implore your help and protection."*

BL. HENRY SUZO.

Kindly join with me in thanking Our Blessed Lady for the successful operation of my daughter. I am happy to contribute Five Dollars as promised, for the ransom of a Chinese baby. Mrs. T. J. N., **Outremont**. — I am renewing my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" in thanksgiving for a favor received. I also ask you to pray for me that I may gain a general improvement in my health. K. B. M., **Montreal**. — In thanksgiving for my good health and prosperity I am renewing my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and also send One Dollar for the poor missionaries. I beg your prayers for a very special intention. S. McC., **Montreal**. — The enclosed offering is in honor of St. Anthony for the ransom of a Chinese baby in thanksgiving for a favor which I have obtained. HEBRONVILLE, MASS. — Please find enclosed One Dollar for favor obtained through the powerful intercession of Our Immaculate Mother. Mrs. E. J. P., **Montreal**. — As a thanksgiving offering to Our Immaculate Mother I am sending you this offering. I ask you to kindly send me a Miraculous Medal. Mrs. A. G., **Temiscaming, P.Q.** — The enclosed offering, Five Dollars, is for the ransom of a Chinese baby likely to live as spoken of in "THE PRECURSOR." Mrs. D. J. S., **Blind River, Ont.** — I am sending One Dollar in thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart for a favor I have received. I also beg your prayers for another request. Mrs. B. P., **Providence, R.I.** — Please accept my thank-offering of One Dollar as my health is greatly improved. I ask you to kindly pray for me. Mrs. T. C., **Waterbury, Conn.** — Enclosed please find my offering of One Dollar for a Low Mass in honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in token of gratitude for the cure of one of my sons. Mr. F. J. L., **Springfield, Mass.** — Kindly accept my offering of One Dollar for your Missions as promised to Our Blessed Lady for a favor received. Mrs. E. D. B., **Cap Madeleine West.** — I wish to share in the ransom of Chinese babies. For this purpose I am sending you One Dollar and also enclose an offering in thanksgiving to St. Therese. Please remember me in your prayers. M. A. F., **St. Odilon, P.Q.** — I promised an offering for the ransom of a dying Chinese baby if I came first in my examinations. The Blessed Virgin has heard my prayers and it is with pleasure that I am acquitting my debt towards her. Y. St. P., **Montreal**. — After two novenas made by the family I obtained the position that I desired. With happiness I am sending my offering in token of gratitude. — Enclosed please find the sum of One Dollar as a thank-offering for a favor received. A friend. — In fulfilment of my promise to donate a percentage of my receipts for your missions I am herewith enclosing my offering of Five Dollars and Sixty Six Cents. Mrs. J. D., **Fall River, Mass.** Please accept the sum of Five Dollars for your most needy missions in thanksgiving for a favor obtained. Mrs. E. T. P., **Lousana, Alta.** — Our Blessed Lady has deigned to grant my request. In thanksgiving I am sending, besides my subscription to "THE PRECUR-



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# Petitions

"O Mary conceived without sin  
pray for us who have recourse to  
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G., **Verner, Ont.** — Please ask the Little Flower of Jesus that may son and myself may find a good position. I promise an offering of Two Dollars if this request be granted. Mrs. E. D., **Montreal.** — I am asking a great favor through the intercession of St. Therese of the Child Jesus and when granted I will send a generous offering and also subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR." P. B., **Pawtucket, R. I.** — Kindly accept the enclosed offering of One Dollar as a donation to your good works. Please beg Our Blessed Lady to intercede for us and grant steady work to the family. Miss F. M., **Winnipeg, Man.** — Enclosed find a small offering. Please pray for my special intention. W. S., **Worcester, Mass.** — I enclose an offering for your good works as I am anxious to obtain the restoration of my health through the intercession of our Blessed Lady. Mrs. J. L., **Montreal.** — We promised Five Dollars for a Chinese baby if my husband received the position he desired. I am sending Two Dollars and promise the rest later if he be successful. Please have the children pray for him. Mrs. E. T., **Attleboro, Mass.** — You will find enclosed Postal Note for Three Dollars. I beg your prayers for a special request for which if granted I promise to have five Masses said in honor of St. Rita. Mrs. R. F., **Point St. Charles.** — I have read in "THE PRECURSOR" of the many favors granted. I have two special intentions which I wish to obtain through the intercession of Our Immaculate Mother and St. Joseph. If my prayers be answered I will send a donation for your good works. Miss B. H., **Sunney Corner, N. B.** — May I ask you to pray for a special intention? I am enclosing One Dollar and promise to send an offering of Five Dollars if my request be granted. F. B., **Ottawa, Ont.** — I wish to undertake the support of a crib and for this I am enclosing Five Dollars, promising to send a similar amount monthly. Please beg our Blessed Lady to grant me my health. A. W. — Enclosed you will find my renewal subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and also One Dollar for a Novena of Lights in honor of Our Blessed Lady that I may obtain a special favor. M. M., **Montreal.** — I am sending you my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" begging your prayers for a gentleman who is very ill. Mrs. E. B., **Danielson, Conn.** — Being a subscriber to "THE PRECURSOR". I am herewith enclosing Two Dollars which I have promised some time ago to Our Immaculate Mother for the cure of my husband. If I obtain my request I promise publication. Mrs. C. B., **Sault Ste Marie, Ont.** — The enclosed offering is for a Novena of Lights to be burned at Mary's Shrine for very special favors. Mrs. F. J. McG., **Webster, Mass.** — Would you kindly have lights burned in honor of Our Blessed Lady and the Little Flower that my son may be cured of severe headaches. Also send me a miraculous medal please. Mrs. P. 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P., **Fall River, Mass.** — Please find enclosed the sum of Three Dollars in payment of my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and for two Masses for my intentions. Mrs. M. M., **Sault Ste Marie, Ont.** — For my brother who is very sick please make a novena to Our Blessed Lady. M. E. F., **Fall River, Mass.** — May I ask you to pray to Our Blessed



Lady that I may obtain employment? I am the eldest of eight children and am sorely in need of work. If my request be granted I shall renew my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR." Miss B. D., **Montreal**. — Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin I hope to obtain the cure of sore eyes. Please send me a Miracuolus Medal, for I have great confidence in it. Miss V. G., **Worcester, Mass.** — A person who is suffering from deafness asks prayers for her cure. Miss J. P., **Fitchburg, Mass.** — Please find enclosed Five Dollars for your works and in return I beg your prayers that I be cured of heart trouble. Mrs. A. M., **Oakland, R. I.** — Kindly accept the enclosed cheque for Two Dollars. One is for my renewal subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and the other for a Novena of Lights for a special request. J. W. **Montreal** — 'Tis with pleasure that I am renewing my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and am also sending an offering for your missionary works. Please pray for my intentions. A. C., **Waterbury, Conn.** — I am writing to ask prayers in behalf of my sister who is ill in a sanatorium. The enclosed offering is for your needy missions. E. M. M., **West Fitchburg, Mass.** — As I am obliged to leave for the hospital to undergo a treatment I am writing to ask your prayers that it may be a success. Please accept the enclosed offering of One Dollar. Mrs. H. M., **Montreal**. — Mrs. M. P., **Montreal**, also asks for prayers for her health. — A mother of five children asks prayers for the success of an operation through the intercession of St. Anne. Mrs. O. P., **Rosemount**. — We have been very unfortunate lately. My husband has been out of employment and moreover has met with an accident. Please beg Our Blessed Lady to grant that things will take a turn for the better. I promise to send Five Dollars for five years if our prayers be heard. Mrs. D. B., **Oakland, R. I.** — I read in "THE PRECURSOR" where the Blessed Virgin's clients are favored. May I place myself under her patronage and ask for very special favors. If they be granted I shall become a subscriber to your review. A. D., **Casimir, Ont.**



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