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*By procuring work for them.*

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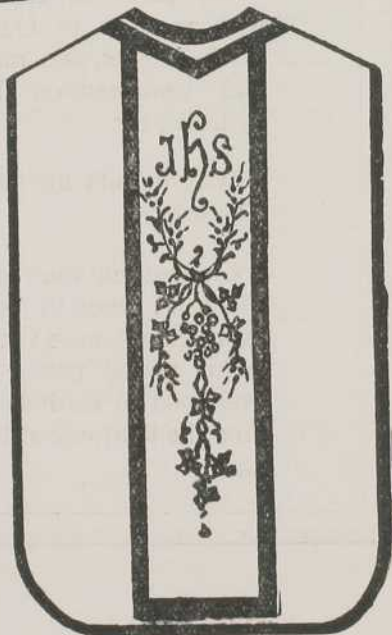
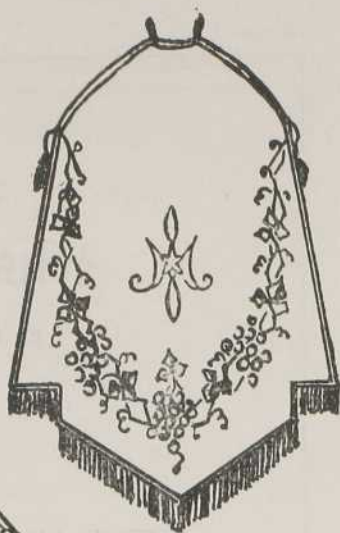
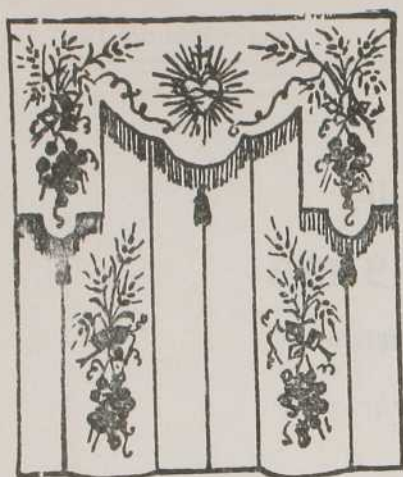
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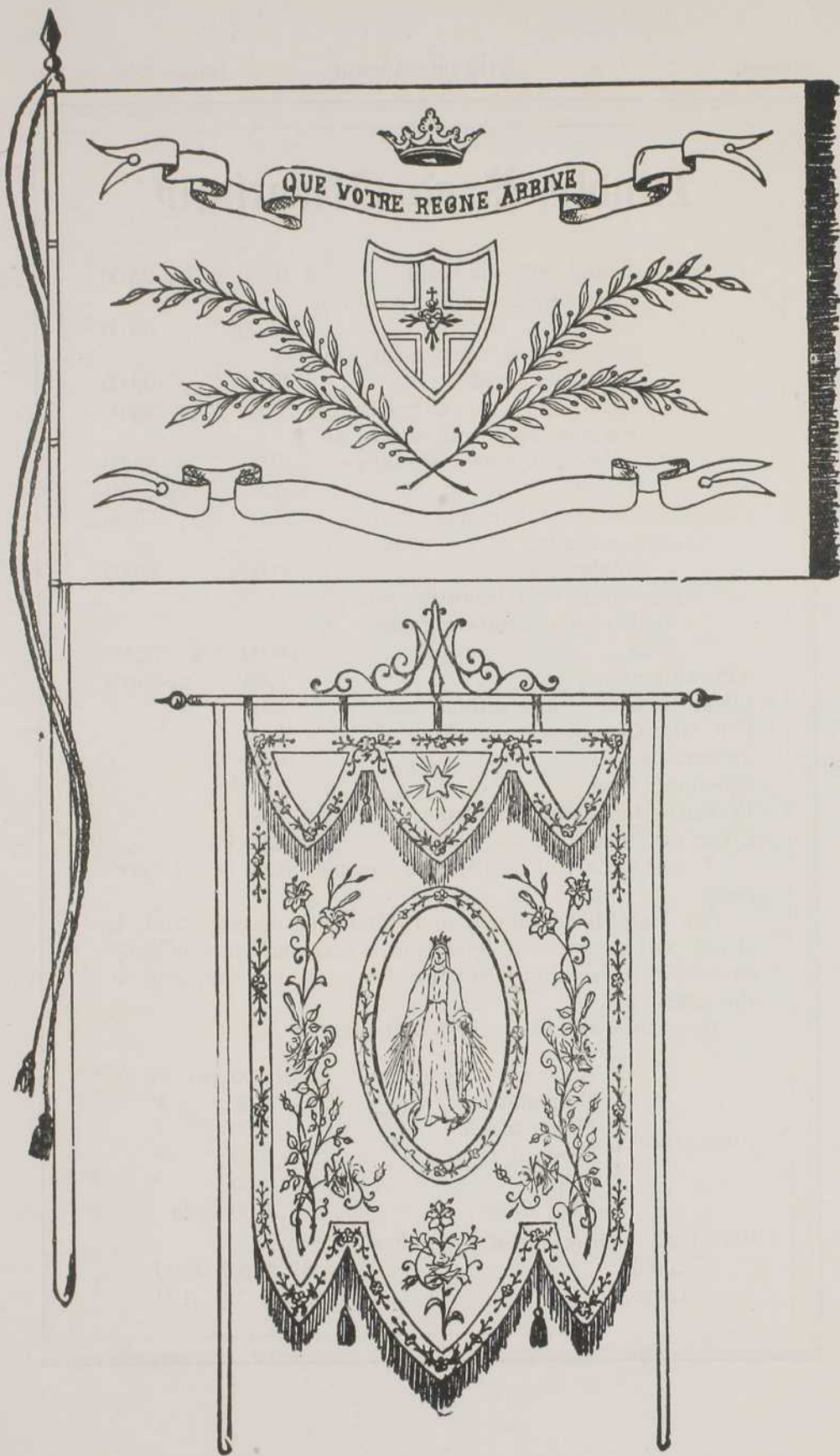
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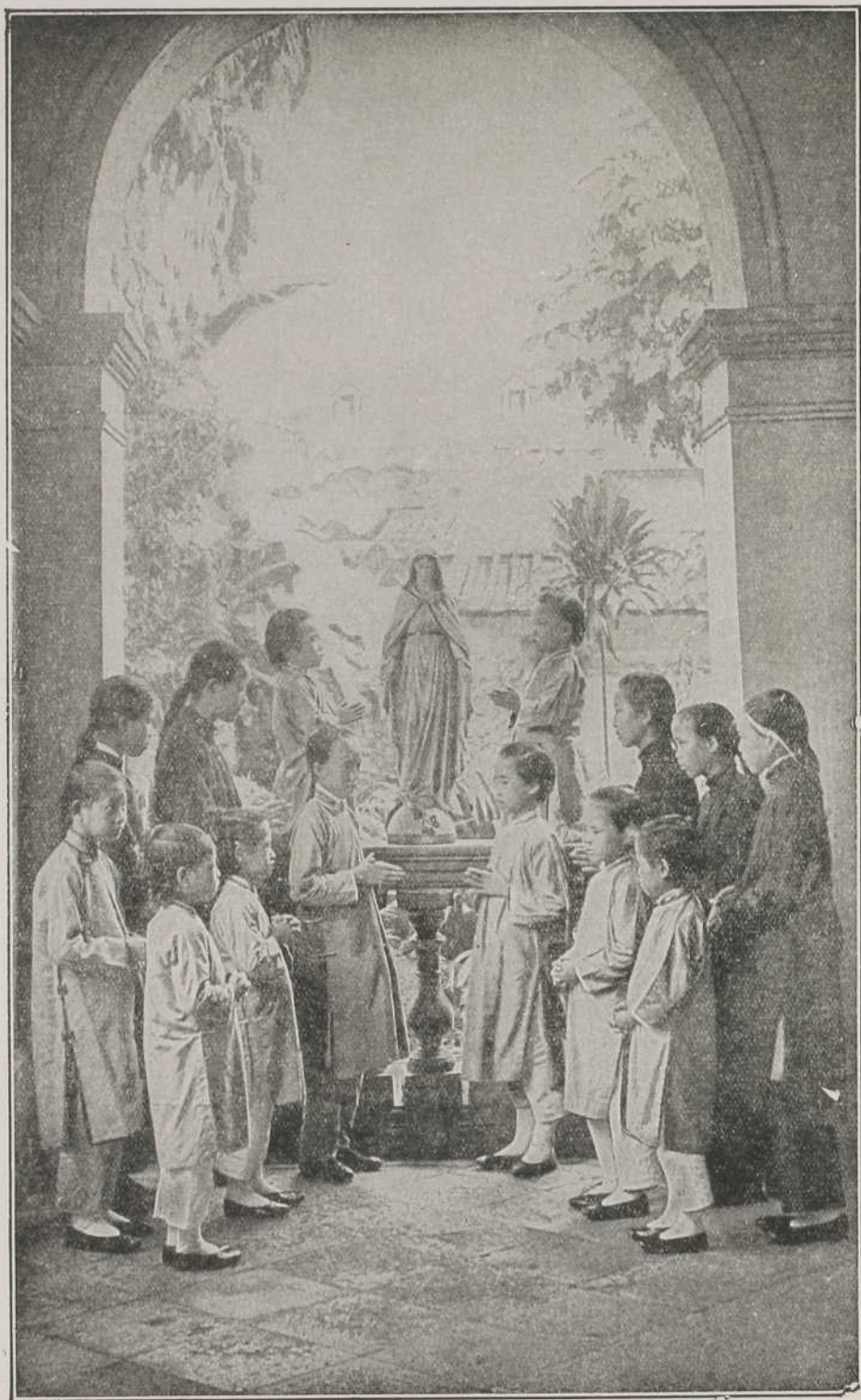
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### **His Holiness Pope Pius XI**

*May the blessing of our august Father and Pontiff which, during this Holy Year, is being bestowed with increased solicitude upon the flock confided to his care, find our souls well prepared to receive it and to bear, with the help of our Divine Redeemer, abundant fruits of salvation.*



# Blessings of the Holy Year



*All nations are raising towards Thee, O Holy Redeemer, and towards Thy August Vicar, supplicating hands, imploring peace, harmony and happiness, of which they stand so much in need.*

It is our duty to gather it up at the right time for, if we do not, our souls will lack food. On certain occasions, God in His divine Mercy showers an abundance of manna upon earth. Such is the case during this Year of Jubilee.

Therefore, let us hearken to the voice of our august Pontiff Pope Pius XI, let us profit by this precious opportunity afforded by the Year of Jubilee to receive the graces God deigns to shower upon earth. If we are faithful to do so, our souls will receive a supernatural life by means of which we shall enter into the everlasting Land promised us, into that Land in which not only milk and honey flow but where evening shadows never gather and where the purest happiness reigns supreme.

What are the extraordinary graces announced by the Vicar of Jesus Christ, and which, during this Holy Year, are being so abundantly showered upon earth? Verily, these graces are as manna with which our souls are being nourished...

Long ago, Moses inspired from On High, informed the Israelites who were compelled to leave Egypt and to cross the desert, that God would send them from heaven food which would sustain them during their tedious journey to the Promised Land. Those among them who neglected to gather up this manna at the right time and in the manner prescribed saw it melt away before their very eyes, thereby depriving themselves of this heavenly gift.

In like manner, our souls, freed from the bondage of Satan by the Saving Waters of Baptism and guided by the one chosen by God, the Vicar of Christ, are journeying towards the eternal Promised Land and are crossing the desert of life. Each day, among the briars and thorns, they find spiritual manna sent down from heaven.

To bear the name of Christ to new peoples, daily to extend His Kingdom amongst nations, is undoubtedly one of the most sacred obligations of the spiritual charge conveyed to us.

*Leo XIII.*



## Mater Amabilis

*Mary, Mother, sweet and mild,  
Bent above your little Child,  
How your tender eyes grow dim  
Gazing gravely down at Him!  
Do you see the shadowed way  
That your Boy must tread some day?*

*Yours He is, though but in part  
(Once He nestled near your heart) ;  
All the world must claim Him now,  
By the thorn-marks on His brow.  
Ah, the weary, shadowed way  
That your Boy must tread some day!*

*Yours it is to guide His feet,  
Make His baby pathway sweet.  
For a time upon your knee  
Shall His earthly kingdom be;  
Then — the weary, shadowed way  
That your Boy must tread some day!*

*Mary, Mother, sweet and mild,  
Smiles upon her sleeping Child.  
Well she knows God's angels keep  
Watch above the Christ Child's sleep.  
Yet — the weary, shadowed way  
That her Boy must tread some day!*

— Gertrude E. Heath.



## Death of a Revered Missionary Bishop

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His Excellency Bishop Ovide Charlebois, O.M.I., Bishop of Berenice and Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin, died at Le Pas, Manitoba, on November 20th, 1933, at the age of seventy-one.

The lamented deceased was born at Oka on February 2nd, 1862. He made his studies at the College in L'Assomption and entered the Novitiate of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1882. Making Final Profession on August 15th, 1884, he was ordained to the priesthood on July 17th, 1887, by Bishop Grandin, O.M.I., Bishop of St. Albert, Alberta.

He did missionary work from 1887 to 1903, at Cumberland, Saskatchewan, in which place he had two churches and four chapels built. Appointed, in 1903, Director of the Industrial School for the Indians at Lac Canard, he filled this office until August 8th, 1910, when the Sovereign Pontiff named him Bishop of Berenice and Vicar Apostolic of the new ecclesiastical territory north of the Province of Manitoba, known as Keewatin. The ceremony took place on November 30th of the same year, in the parish church of L'Assomption, the consecrating prelate being His Excellency Archbishop Langevin, O.M.I., of St. Boniface, Manitoba.

The newly-appointed vicar apostolic fixed his episcopal see at Le Pas, Manitoba. Nearly every year, in order to visit the different missions scattered over his vast territory, he crossed over portages and rapids in a canoe, and, in the depths of winter, it was in a dog-sleigh or on snowshoes that he made the trip.

The population of the Vicariate Apostolic of Keewatin is composed of some thirteen thousand white men and eleven thousand Indians. Twenty-five Oblate Fathers and four secular priests minister to the spiritual needs of this vicariate.

Having a strong constitution and possessing untiring zeal, His Excellency Bishop Charlebois himself took charge of the apostolic works of his diocese for a number of years. But just lately, borne down with the weight of years, he wrote to Rome, asking that his nephew, Reverend Father Martin Lajeunesse, O.M.I., Procurator at the Bishop's House, Le Pas, be appointed his coadjutor. He himself consecrated his nephew on June 29th last, in the parish church of L'Assomption.

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There have been great missionaries, confessors, bishops, doctors, pastors. They have done great works, and have taken with them numberless converts or penitents to heaven. They have suffered much, and have a superabundance of merits to show. But the Blessed Virgin in this way resembles her Divine Son — viz., that as He, being God, is separate by holiness from all creatures, so she is separate from all saints and angels, as being "full of grace."

*Cardinal Newman.*



## “I am the Immaculate Conception”

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**S**INCE the fortnight during which Our Lady had asked for Bernadette's presence at the Grotto was over, the privileged child had often visited this spot, but just like anyone else did, that is, without feeling that inner voice which called her irresistibly.

On the 25th of March, she again heard the voice summoning her to the rock of Massabielle, and she hastened thither. Her features were transformed. She felt within herself that she would see the Apparition and that for a moment the portals of heaven would stand open before her.

As one may well suppose, she had already attracted the attention of all the inhabitants of Lourdes, all of whom watched her every movement.

“Bernadette is going to the Grotto!” This exclamation spread from mouth to mouth when she was seen going by.

In a moment, the citizens rushed out of all the houses and directed their steps towards the Grotto, arriving there at the same time as the child.

The snow had entirely disappeared in the valley two or three days before, but some could still be seen on the high mountain peaks towering above the city. The weather was lovely, not a cloud was there to mar the beauty of the blue sky. The majestic sun appeared at this very moment from behind the ermine-clad mountains, shedding its golden rays over the snow-capped peaks.

It was the anniversary of the day on which the Angel Gabriel had come from heaven to bring to the pure and holy Virgin of Nazareth the message sent her by Our Lord: the Feast of the Annunciation was being celebrated by the Church. While crowds of people, amongst whom could be distinguished nearly all of those who had been cured, rushed towards the Grotto, the words of the morning Office of this great feast were being sung throughout the Catholic world.

On reaching the Grotto, Bernadette was not disappointed: the inner voice which had called her was indeed that of the Blessed Virgin.

As soon as the child had knelt down, the Vision appeared. As before, Our Lady was surrounded by a circle of dazzling and, at the same time, unspeakably soft light. She was dressed, as usual, in pure white, with a light blue girdle; a white veil covered her head and on her feet were two large roses whose delicate yellow tint resembled the sky at early dawn.

Bernadette was absorbed in the contemplation of the celestial Vision; for her there existed nothing else on earth save the Apparition that stood before her. In obedience to the instructions given her by the parish priest, she asked the Lady to tell her her name. The answer was a smile.

“Madam”, asked Bernadette again, “will you kindly tell me who you are and what is your name?”

Our Lady appeared more glorious than ever, an expression of increasing joy and happiness stole over her features, but still she did not answer.



Bernadette asked a third time: "Madam, will you kindly tell me who you are and what is your name?"

The Vision became still more radiant, but so absorbed did she seem to be in her own contemplation that she did not reply. But, by the strangest coincidence, the Catholic Church all over the world was at that very moment singing a gladsome hymn of the Morning Office and proclaiming the earthly name of the august Apparition: "Hail, *Mary*, full of grace: the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women."

Again Bernadette entreatingly asked: "Madam, will you kindly tell me who you are and what is your name?"

Her hands piously joined and her face lit up with heavenly brightness, the Apparition represented Humility glorified. Just as Bernadette

was contemplating the celestial Vision, so was the Vision, doubtlessly, contemplating the Most Blessed Trinity: God the Father, of whom She is the Daughter; God the Holy Ghost, of whom She is the Spouse; and God the Son, of whom She is the Mother.

At the last question asked by Bernadette, she opened her hands and as she did so, the white rosary with its cross of gold slipped onto her right arm. As if to show the world her virginal hands filled with blessings, she stretched out her two arms and lowered them. Then, raising them towards heaven whence, on this same day, eighteen centuries ago, the happy Messenger of the Annunciation had come down to her, she again piously joined her hands and gazing upwards with an expression of indescribable gratitude, she replied:

*"I am the Immaculate Conception."*

After uttering these words she disappeared, and the child stood, along with the crowd around her, in front of the bare rock.

Near her, the miraculous stream overflowing the rustic basin made to contain it, was gently running down the slope from the summit of which it had bubbled up.

Holy Mother Church was, at that very moment, beginning the beautiful hymn of its Office for the day: "O most glorious of Virgins..."

*O Gloriosa Virginum,  
Sublimis inter sidera.*

—*Notre Dame de Lourdes*, by Henri LASSERRE.





## Solemn Blessing of a House for Closed Retreats in Rimouski

**O**N Sunday, October 15th, His Excellency Bishop George Courchesne solemnly blessed the House for Closed Retreats in charge of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Rimouski.

After blessing the new building, which is dedicated to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, His Excellency thus addressed the pious throng present in the chapel: "Ladies, I am glad you were invited to assist at this ceremony and it pleases me also to see that so many have responded to the invitation. Holy Mother Church, ever mindful of the needs of her children, has willed that besides the different parish churches and convent chapels, there be, here and there, pious institutions like the one I have just blessed, wherein Christians may listen to the "Sermon on the Mount"... to Our Saviour's touching invitation: *Come to Me, all you that labor, and are burdened, and I will refresh you, come to Me, for My yoke is sweet and My burden light, Learn of Me, because I am meek and humble of heart.* In this century of moral abasement, these blessed spots are becoming more and more necessary, in order to keep back the encroaching waves of paganism. What were the pleasures and the desires of the pagans? They were all of a carnal nature, all tending to satisfy the brutish instincts of man. We have reason to fear that this modern revival of pagan sentiments make heretics of our Canadian people, perhaps not in the full sense of the word, for they are not naturally inclined to embrace another faith, but it will cause them to rebel in an underhand way against ecclesiastical authority. They will live up to their religion to a certain extent but will, at the same time, criticize the Church and set bounds to its authority... Ladies, if you fail to accept the fundamental truths, a day will come when laughter will be unknown to you. You will do your best to get a smile to spread



over your countenance but you will not succeed, it will only be a horrible grin, for without that peace springing from a good conscience, one cannot experience true joy, that joy one finds in the Novitiates or the Seminaries, where those who live in peace with God are able to laugh heartily.

"Why was I so deeply impressed one day on meeting a group of ladies leaving this place looking so happy? One could easily see that they had found therein true peace and happiness: two treasures which they were determined to bring home with them.

"I wish to point out to you the urgent necessity of these Retreats, during which, free from all worldly cares and daily worries, you take time to ponder over the sublime Truths of our holy religion and the duties of your state in life... Ladies, I have to be severe with you, just as I am with the priests of my diocese for, to a certain extent, you also must lead souls to God. You are all born teachers and your example has much to do with the spiritual progress of the nation, for you cannot save yourselves alone. It is women who set up the standard of society: if they become degraded, society, in turn, will become degraded...

"To comply with my desire of seeing an edifice which I looked upon as being a real necessity immediately constructed, the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, to whom my predecessor entrusted this Work, were not afraid of going into debt. They do not expect that by having these Retreats their far-off missions will be helped financially, but they are anxious to establish a Catholic centre, which will be as a hearth from which flames will burst forth. By getting others to live up to their religion and to follow the example set them by Christ, they are doing missionary work, for by instilling supernatural life into souls, are they not helping the missionaries to teach the poor heathens that God dwells within their hearts?

"Come in crowds to attend the different exercises of these Closed Retreats. Come to seek peace in this quiet abode. Bring your friends and acquaintances along with you; find out for yourselves how pleasant it is for straightforward and willing souls to obey God's law..."

Immediately after this discourse was given Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, during which our Eucharistic Lord, the sole Master of this edifice which has been constructed for His greater glory, bestowed, along with His Pontiff, a blessing upon those who knelt to adore Him, lovingly gazing upon them all.

Present in the sanctuary were: Mgr. Langis, V. G., Very Reverend Canon L. Roy, Superior of the Seminary; Reverend Father S. Chenard, Chancellor; Reverend Father Tremblay, Pastor of the Cathedral; Reverend Father Lebel, of St. Donat; Reverend Fathers L. P. Pelletier, A. Sirois, E. Bouchard and J. A. April.

The October sun had disappeared below the horizon when the pious throng dispersed. The day of celebration had come to a close but the blessings it had brought with it still remained. This new house for Closed Retreats for women, in the Diocese of Rimouski, is now blessed and from it will be transmitted to the present and future generations the means of sanctification of which it will henceforth be the humble guardian.

## A Chinese Adult makes his First Communion

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On Tuesday, November 21st, the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin in the Temple, Mr. Joe Chow, a Chinaman sixty-seven years of age, made his First Communion in the chapel of the Mother House of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception, Outremont.

During Mass, pious hymns in Chinese helped to make the happy First Communicant realize the solemnity of the great act which he was accomplishing, while all present were carried in spirit to the vast Chinese Empire, where our Eucharistic Lord is still so little known, where His adorers are so few in number, where the churches seem to be lost in the midst of the innumerable pagodas dedicated to pagan deities. And this pious melody of the children of China, wafted towards our divine Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and our Immaculate Queen, was as a touching prayer for the conversion of the inhabitants of this far-off pagan country.

Mr. Joe Chow, who was born in Hong Kong, came to Canada thirty-seven years ago. On Sunday, November 19th, he was baptized and given the name of Joseph Louis William, by Reverend Father R. Caille, who has charge of the Chinese Colony of Montreal. The ceremony took place in the chapel of the Chinese Hospital, Lagauchetiere St., directed by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. Mr. Chow was prepared for Baptism by the Chinese virgin, Sister Aw Fong, who assists the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception in their apostolic work among the Chinese of Montreal. The Honorable Judge William Wall, of Notre Dame de Grace, kindly acted as his godfather, and Mrs. J. E. Blais, 3410 de Lorimier St., as his godmother.

May this new child of God help to draw down upon his fellow-countrymen residing in Canada the same grace so freely bestowed upon him.

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## Visit from the Bishop of Nanning

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His Excellency Bishop Albouy, a native of France and Bishop of Nanning, China, who is visiting Canada, deigned to come, on November 22nd last, to the Mother House of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception, Outremont, honouring with his visit all the Sisters who had assembled to greet him.

In touching terms, he spoke of his dear Mission and of the flock confided to his care. The words which long ago fell from the lips of our Blessed Saviour were repeated to us on this occasion by this great missionary who, for thirty years, has been labouring in China: "The harvest is great, but the labourers are few, pray..."

His Excellency also spoke to us of our Missions in Canton and Hong Kong and of the Shek Lung Lazaretto of which he has a more particular knowledge. He promised us that he would remember us in his prayers and asked us to pray for him in return. Then, just before taking his leave, he gave us his blessing.



# 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. Teresa of the Child Jesus.



I am enclosing herewith a cheque in thanksgiving to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for a favour received after promising to publish my thanksgiving in *THE PRECURSOR*. At the same time, I am asking her to continue to intercede for me. Miss G. G., **Montreal**. — I am fulfilling my promise by sending you an offering for your good works. I have obtained some favours from the Little Flower. R. E. L., **Indian Orchard, Mass.** — Please publish my thanksgiving to St. Teresa of the

Child Jesus, for she has obtained the cure of my young daughter. Mrs. T. C. — An offering for the Little Flower Burse in thanksgiving for favours obtained. E. D., **Montreal**. — To fulfil my promise I am enclosing an offering in thanksgiving for a favour received. L. L., **St. Simon**. — In order that all may learn that to invoke St. Therese means that their prayers are to be heard, please publish my thanksgiving for a special favour

she has obtained me. May this dear Saint be thanked a thousand times over. Miss A. F., **Montreal**. — I am sending you this offering for the Missionary Burse in fulfillment of a promise made St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Anonymous.

— Find enclosed a cheque in thanksgiving to the Patroness of Missionaries for success in some important undertakings. L. L. B.

— I am enclosing an offering in honour of St. Therese, in thanksgiving for favours received. M. A. — Grateful thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for a favour granted me after promising to send a donation. Mrs. R. A. M., **Montreal**. — Kindly accept my modest offering for your missions

as a token of gratitude to the Little Flower of Jesus for a favour obtained after promising to publish my thanksgiving. A Subscriber to *THE PRECURSOR*.

— My heartfelt thanks to the dear Scatterer of Roses for a great favour received. A Subscriber, **Mascouche**. — Find enclosed an offering in thanksgiving to St. Therese for favours received. Mrs. D. — I am sending you a donation in favour

of your missions, in thanksgiving to the Little Flower of Jesus for having protected me. I am asking her to continue to assist me during the coming year. Mrs. C. B., **Robertsonville**. — Find enclosed an alms in favour of your missions in honour of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Miss M. P., **Montreal**. — On this Feast of the Little Flower

of Jesus, I am pleased to forward you an offering in favour of the missions confided to her, to thank her for watching over me. A. C. — Please accept the price of the ransom of a Chinese baby, in thanksgiving for success in an examination. J. P., **Megantic**. — Find enclosed a Postal Note as a token of gratitude to the dear Patroness of Missionaries. Mrs. A. L.

— An offering for the Missions in honour of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Mrs. G. — I return most grateful thanks to St. Therese for a special favour granted me through her intercession. A. B., **St. Hughes**. — I am enclosing an offering in honour of the Little Flower

of Jesus to thank her for a favour received. I beg this dear Saint to continue to protect us. A Subscriber, **Sweetsburg**. — As a token of gratitude and in fulfillment of a promise made St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, I am sending you a small donation for your most needy mission

in China. Mrs. E. B., **Montreal**. — I am sending you this offering for the Missions in honour of St. Therese who is faithful to her promise of spending her heaven in doing good upon earth.

Mrs. L. P., **Three Rivers**. — Thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, I have obtained a favour. My daughter who was troubled with bad headaches is now cured. H. H. F., **St. Isidore de Laprairie**. — I am enclosing an offering for lights in honour of the Little Flower of Jesus,

to thank her for the favours she has granted us. I beg her to continue to intercede for us. Anonymous, **Montreal**. — My most grateful thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for a

favour received. Mrs. F. D., **St. Thomas d'Aquin**. — With my subscription to *THE PRECURSOR* I am sending you an offering for lights in thanksgiving to St. Therese. Miss M. B.,

**Montreal**. — It is to thank St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for a favour granted me that I am



renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Mrs. L. G., **Louiseville**. — My most grateful thanks to St. Therese for a favour granted me through her intercession. Mrs. O. D., **Sherington**. — I have received a favour through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus and it is to thank this dear Saint that I am renewing my subscription. Mrs. E. M. — I am enclosing a small offering for your missions in China, in thanksgiving to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for a cure obtained. Mrs. A. L. J.

It is for the love of His creatures that the Creator of the universe pleads!  
He is all athirst for love!

*St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.*

### 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 the Missionary of the donor and takes his place near the poor infidels. The Founders of the Burse 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.

#### OFFERINGS FOR THE "LITTLE FLOWER" BURSE.

We shall therefore receive with gratitude, any offerings, (thanksgivings 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!

In May-June	1932....\$98.50	In March-April	1933.... 18.25
In July-August	" .... 12.25	In May-June	" .... 30.75
In September-October	" .... 85.00	In July-August	" .... 58.15
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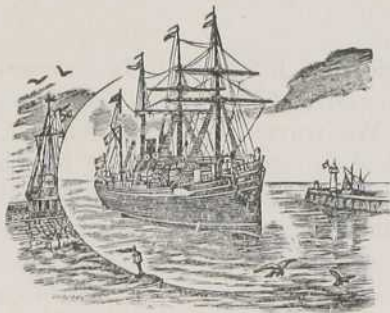
*In the chapel of the Missionary Sisters  
of the Immaculate Conception*

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.

Lamp or candle	{ 10 cents each
	{ 75 cents for a novena
	{ \$20.00 for one year

# Diary

## of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception Who Left for the Distant Missions on September 17th, 1933



### Sunday, September 17, 1933

It is seven o'clock when the train pulls out. From the observation car where we are grouped together, we bid farewell to our beloved Sisters and our dear parents and relatives who have come to the station to see us off. Greatly moved, but with happy hearts, we take our leave. Our eyes seem to be riveted to the spot

where our loved ones are standing waving to us, but before long they are lost to sight... On going into our berths, we make the acquaintance of the little Carmelite Sister (Sister Marie de l'Assomption, of the Carmelite Convent, Three Rivers) who is to make the trip with us.

When we reach Ottawa, His Excellency Mgr. Forbes deigns to step into the train to bless all the Missionaries. Very Reverend Father Langlais, O.P., also comes to give us his blessing. Feeling tired after such an eventful day, we are glad to take our rest, now that the quiet hours of the night have arrived. Before going to sleep, how consoling are the pious thoughts that come to our minds! The many supplications and prayers of thanksgiving which are wafted heavenwards from our hearts will, doubtlessly, obtain for us renewed strength and joy.

### Monday, September 18

At six o'clock this morning, two Sisters get off at Sudbury, where the train stops for a quarter of an hour, to speak to Mrs. Malbœuf, the mother of our Sister Ste. Denise<sup>(1)</sup> who is already in Manchuria.

After our morning prayers, meditation and Spiritual Communion, we open the boxes containing the lunches which have been packed up for us. Therein we discover a thousand and one dainties which our beloved Mother and our dear Sisters have slipped in. Once again we experience how pleasant it is for Sisters to live together in unity.

At a quarter past seven, we are at Cartier and at ten minutes after ten, at Chapleau. Here the country is hilly and numerous are the little bays which, we are told, all flow into Lake Superior. Towards four o'clock, we begin to skirt the lake dotted with many pretty little islands; at a very great distance, on the other side, mountains are to be seen.

### Tuesday, September 19

Yesterday, we could see nothing before us but lakes, ravines and rocky

1. Odile MALBŒUF, of Sudbury, Ont.



cliffs; to-day, the country we pass through is very level. In the fields which extend far into the distance are to be seen innumerable sheaves. This spectacle reminds us of the vast fields in the pagan lands in which we are going to harvest sheaves which will last forever. Oh, how sublime is our vocation and how powerless we feel to accomplish such a noble task!

### Wednesday, September 20

On awaking, we catch sight of the Rockies which appear to be covered with mist. Before long, the land becomes more rugged and, here and there, numerous herds are to be seen grazing. We travel across the valleys, skirt the many lakes and rivers, and finally find ourselves surrounded by the towering mountains. How magnificent does Nature appear! Who would not stand in raptures at the sight of so much splendour and beauty! We are unable to describe such masterpieces and are incapable of even giving you the least notion of their beauty. Instinctively, we lift our hearts to God, the Author of these marvels. We try to imagine how infinitely beautiful must be the One who by a single act of His all-powerful will, brought forth such wonders out of nothingness... Oh! how splendid must be the heavenly abode, since this land of exile holds such charms.

At ten minutes after eleven, we are at Banff; we have been travelling over the Rocky Mountains for nearly an hour and we shall continue to do so until four o'clock. Now we understand why Banff is praised so much by tourists. All the attractions of Nature are to be found therein. Glancing at these mountains, we see summer and winter combined. In the valleys, the vegetation is luxuriant, while the mountains are snow-capped. At a quarter to one, we cross "The Great Divide". This is where the rivers flowing towards the east into the Atlantic separate from those flowing west into the Pacific. From one o'clock until three, we skirt the Kicking Horse River. It is often spoken of, not because of its width and depth, but because it flows so rapidly over very rugged slopes. We find that evening comes only too soon to cast its shadows over the gorgeous spectacle which we never grow tired of contemplating. Adieu, beautiful Rockies, when we shall awaken to-morrow, we shall not be far from the Pacific.

The Negro who does us many a good turn on the train, tells us that he is a Catholic. We offer him a miraculous medal which he gladly accepts; he promises us that he will keep it all his life and that he will be faithful to recite the invocation engraved on it: "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." The kind words which we address him seem to touch his heart. We do not fail to thank God for having permitted us to cast a ray of sunlight into the life of this poor native of Africa.

### Thursday, September 21

In spite of the fact that it is a rainy day, the beauties of Nature which continue to pass before our eyes help us to make our spiritual exercises



with more fervour for they inspire us with the thought of admiring and praising God in all His works and of rendering Him thanks for His manifold gifts to us and to all mankind. We are glad to seize this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to our Creator, not only because it is natural for every creature to do so, but also because it is one of the aims of our dear Institute.

At nine o'clock, we reach Vancouver. Sister Superior of St. Joseph's Oriental Hospital is awaiting us at the station along with a few benefactors



A FEW AGED PATIENTS OF THE HOME FOR ORIENTALS DIRECTED BY THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AT VANCOUVER.

who have placed their automobiles at our disposal, for our hospital is about a quarter of an hour's walk from the station. How happy we are to see all our dear Sisters of the Western Coast, who extend us a most touching welcome! We immediately repair to the chapel to sing the *Magnificat*, and thus loudly proclaim our gratitude to our Blessed Mother and Protectress for granting us a safe trip across the Dominion. The whole day long we speak of our dear Mother House and of the loved ones dwelling therein.

After supper, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is given by one of the three Fathers of the Foreign Mission Seminary of Pont Viau who have been given hospitality at our Hospital.

### **Friday, September 22**

How good it is to be able to converse with our Eucharistic Lord after being deprived of His sweet presence for several days, and truly we are spoiled to-day! We have the privilege of assisting at several Masses celebrated in our chapel by the Fathers of the Foreign Mission Seminary and by Reverend Father Leger, Sulpician.

In the course of the afternoon, a number of little girls bring us their dolls, telling us that they are making this sacrifice for the Chinese children

Is this not touching?... This evening, we have a very good time together. First we sing the songs and hymns which we loved to repeat during the pleasant evenings spent at the Mother House and which help so efficaciously to tighten the bonds of affection among us and to fill our hearts with a greater love for our holy vocation. We then speak of the tender solicitude of our beloved Mother, the thoughtful kindness of our dear Sister Assistant and of all our Sisters of the Mother House and of the Novitiate. During this time many are the memories recalled and when the bell rings, we feel that our pleasant evening has been only too short.

### **Saturday, September 23**

In the course of the afternoon, we pay a visit to our hospital in which there are twenty-three old men and sixteen consumptives, all Orientals. It is both touching and interesting to see how happy these poor Chinese and Japanese patients are in spite of their sufferings. Most of them are Christians and are proud of their religion. Bartholomew inquires about our beloved Mother and assures us that he always remembers her in his prayers. Poor Bartholomew is much to be pitied; he has been bed-ridden for the last eight years and has not even the use of his hands; moreover he is blind. He is never idle, however, for he spends his time praying with the greatest fervour. "If there is a favour to be obtained," Sister Superior tells us, "we ask Bartholomew to remember our intentions while reciting the numerous *Aves* he daily addresses to our dear heavenly Mother, whom he so dearly loves." One of the tubercular patients, a young Japanese Catholic, is a model of fervour; he even spends some time in meditation every day. He intends to be a priest if he gets better.

We must make our pleasant visit a short one, for to-day time seems more fleeting than ever and the hour of our departure from Canada is close at hand. We go to the chapel to bid farewell to our Eucharistic Lord and implore the help and blessing of our Immaculate Mother by singing the *Ave Maris Stella* and another pious hymn. Then, we assemble in the Community room to bid our Sisters good-bye. Thanks to the kindness of several devoted benefactors in Vancouver, our Sisters leave for the steamer in taxis. At 11 A. M., the whistle is heard and while our boat sails gently out of the harbour, we unite with those on the shore who are singing the *Ave Maris Stella* with all their hearts. After Mary, the Sweet Star of the Sea has been thus invoked, our National Hymn "O Canada" is sung. We cannot describe to you our sentiments on leaving our native land. We realize at this moment that God certainly has granted us special grace and we are indeed very grateful to Him.

### **Sunday, September 24**

Several of our Sisters are sea-sick. Only a few are able to assist at Mass and to receive Holy Communion.

### **Monday, September 25**

The Missionaries on board the "Empress" have the great happiness



of receiving a message from Our Holy Father the Pope. The cablegram addressed to Mgr. Roy reads thus: "Sovereign Pontiff happy to greet valiant missionaries bound for China, Japan, thanks them for filial homage; sends them with paternal wishes, blessing solicited. Card. Pacelli." Monsignor hastens to read to all the Missionaries this precious and consoling message of our beloved Father and Pontiff, Pope Pius XI, whose heart is filled with such great love for all missionaries.

### **Sunday, October 1**

At ten o'clock there is a High Mass at which all the Catholics assist. A sermon fitting to the occasion is delivered by Reverend Father Drolet, C.S.V.

Every day, we have the privilege of assisting at fifteen Masses which are said at three altars. The offering up of the Holy Sacrifice on the sea is really imposing. Oh, little do we fear the dashing waves and the mighty winds, for we have with us Him whom the sea and the winds obey. Does He not with His divine hand support the whole universe and rule over it as He sees fit?...

We make our monthly retreat with all possible fervour. As on several other occasions since our departure, we recall to mind the words of advice given us by our beloved Mother and our dear Sister Assistant.

### **Monday, October 2**

We are nearing our destination, for our "Empress" covers nearly four hundred and twenty miles daily. The weather is fine and the sea calm; birds are flying all around our steamer. Oh! how gentle do these innocent creatures of our loving God appear to us!

This evening, there is a masquerade supper. All the guests are given funny-looking hats of different colours, sizes and shapes. Various objects: flutes, clappers, surprise packages, etc., etc., are also gracefully offered to them. All this causes much amusement and laughter.

### **Tuesday, October 3, Feast of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus**

We pray fervently to the little Patroness of the Missions, entreating her to render fruitful the apostolate of all those leaving to save souls. Yesterday, all the Missionaries on board often spoke of their dear Patroness, a few having had the happiness of going to Lisieux on a pilgrimage, and others having witnessed some miracles granted through the Little Flower's intercession.

This forenoon, Mgr. Roy gives us a very interesting account of his pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Rome, Lourdes, Lisieux and Ars.

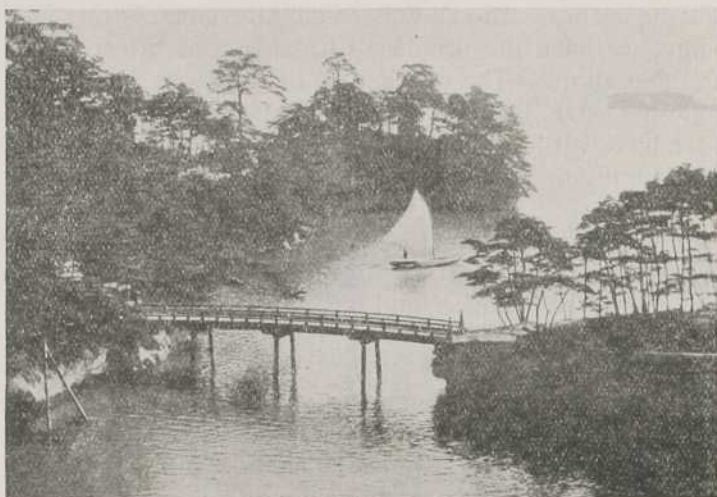
In the course of the afternoon, the Canadian missionaries assemble and Reverend Father Leger, Sulpician, expresses to Mgr. Roy the heartfelt gratitude of all, for very soon it will be time to separate. Reverend Father then brings before our minds two scenes mentioned in the *Acts of the Apostles* and which have a special connection with what is soon to take place: Our Lord blessing His apostles before parting from them (here, the speaker asks Mgr. Roy for his blessing) and the Apostles reciting the Creed before



leaving to preach the Gospel to all nations. Then, with fatherly kindness, Monsignor speaks a few words to the Missionaries, and gives them his blessing, after which, with all our hearts, we sing, as did the Apostles long ago, the *Credo* of our holy Faith.

### Wednesday, October 4

On awaking, we catch sight of the shores of Japan, the land of adoption of the great missionary St. Francis Xavier, and of so many other apostles



A BEAUTIFUL SPOT IN THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN.

who, we are told, found this attractive country so delightful. We cannot help thinking of our Sisters of Kagoshima and of Koriyama who, several years ago, left their native land to labour for the salvation of the Japanese.

Towards eight o'clock, we reach Yokohama. Our first impressions are most favourable ones; we find the national dress very pleasing to the eye. The men wear long robes, while the women, who carry their babies on their back, are dressed in kimono of different colours. Scarcely half an hour after sailing into the harbour we are greatly surprised to receive a visit from two of our Sisters of Koriyama, Sr. St. Marc<sup>(1)</sup> and Sr. St. Hedwidge<sup>(2)</sup>. Our dear Sisters are accompanied by two Japanese ladies, both of whom are Catholics. One of them is a doctor in a hospital of Yokohama, while the other, who intends to teach, is attending the University of Tokyo. They take pleasure in teaching us a few sentences in their language and bow gracefully to us. Shortly after, they are joined by two of their companions: one is a Catholic and the other is to be baptized on Christmas Day. We are overjoyed on meeting our dear Sisters of Koriyama and we spend with them many happy moments.

1. Alida TALBOT, of Cacouna.

2. Blanche ROSS, of Fall River, Mass.

**Thursday, October 5**

We arrive in Kobe this evening. While still on the boat, we catch sight of one of our Sisters. What a pleasant surprise! Before long, our Sister Marie de la Redemption<sup>(1)</sup> of Kagoshima, who is accompanied by two Sisters of the Infant Jesus, comes up to us. After supper, we bid farewell to our dear Sisters who still remain on the "Empress": Sr. St. Viateur<sup>(2)</sup> destined for Manila, Sr. St. Stanislas de Kostka<sup>(3)</sup> for Hong Kong, Sr. St. Expedit<sup>(4)</sup> for Canton and the Carmelite Sister for Buichu, Central Tonkin. The Sisters of the Infant Jesus kindly bring us to their Convent, where we are given hospitality until it is time to embark on the Japanese boat which is to take us to Manchuria.

**Friday, October 6**

This day is a dismal one for us, for we have just received a cablegram announcing the serious illness of our beloved Mother. We are grief-stricken and in great anxiety. The whole day long we go in turns to the chapel to entreat our powerful heavenly Queen to restore to health our Mother, whose existence is regarded as being so precious by all in our dear Institute. Our hearts are filled with conflicting sentiments of fear and confidence, but the latter predominates. We have such need of our Mother Foundress that we feel that God will not take her from us so soon.

**Saturday, October 7**

Reverend Father Fage of the Paris Foreign Mission Society who, every year, kindly sees to our Missionaries as soon as they arrive in Kobe, brings us to the *Harbin Maru*, a Japanese boat, and looks after our baggage. Before entering our cabin, we must remove our shoes, for such is a rule of Japanese etiquette. As there are straw mats everywhere, we would be looked upon as ill-bred people if we did not take off our shoes and put on cork sandals.

**Sunday, October 8**

Oh, how good God is to His missionaries! Every day since leaving Vancouver we have had the happiness of assisting at Holy Mass and again this morning Jesus deigns to come down upon a very plain altar of a poor cabin in a boat filled with pagans. What great kindness does God not show to His humble creatures!

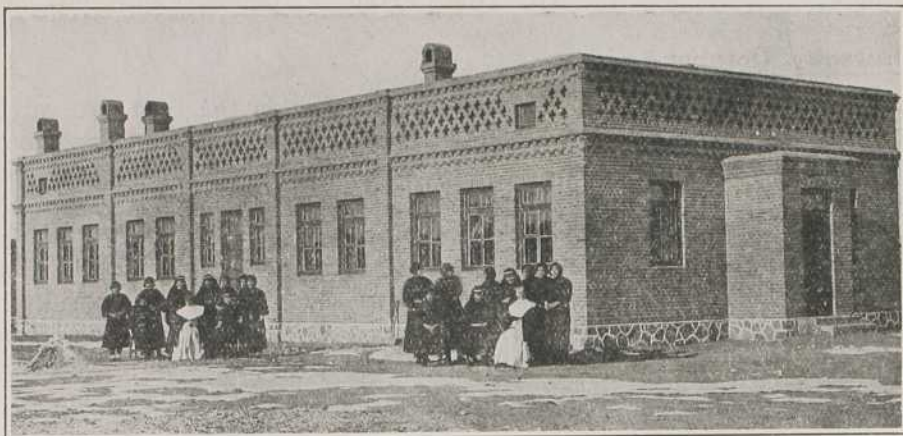
From eight in the morning until half-past eleven, we remain at Moji, for our vessel is being loaded with merchandise. Since leaving Kobe, we have nearly



COSTUME WORN BY  
LITTLE JAPANESE GIRLS.

1. Basillse MAILLET, of West Bathurst, N. B.
2. Aurore LAPOINTE, of Montreal.
3. Germaine GONTHIER, of Montreal.
4. Marie Anne ROMPRE, of St. Thecle.





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SZEPIINGKAI, MANCHURIA.

always been close to the coast. Thousands of sail-boats are to be seen on the waters of this Japanese sea.

### **Tuesday, October 10**

We reach Dairen towards 10 A. M. What a boisterous reception we are given by the Chinese and the Japanese! Thousands of them are in the harbour yelling at the top of their voices, each one trying to make more noise than the other. We are able to make our way through the crowd only after the police has interfered. Reverend Father Masse of the Foreign Mission Seminary of Pont Viau and a Maryknoll Father who have come to the boat to meet us, bring us to the Catholic Mission, where the Maryknoll Sisters make us welcome. We spend a most pleasant day with these good Sisters and it is with feelings of lively gratitude that we leave them at four in the afternoon to take the train which is to bring us to our dear Mission.

### **Wednesday, October 11**

At twenty minutes past four this morning, we are in Szeping kai. Thanks be to God! After travelling for a few minutes, we are in our Mission, where our dear Sisters welcome us with outstretched arms. The good news that our beloved Mother Foundress is getting better tends to increase our happiness on arriving. We all unite in thanking Almighty God for this inestimable favour.

We first go to the chapel to assist at Mass, during which we receive Holy Communion and thank God and our Immaculate Mother over and over again for having brought us safely to our destination. Then, with the greatest possible fervour, we again consecrate our lives to their service, entreating them to accept the fruits of our apostolate. From our grateful hearts there also arises a prayer for all those who, since our departure from Outremont, have extended us hospitality or have helped us in other ways. We shall always think of them when kneeling before our Eucharistic Lord.



## Echoes from our Missions

### CANTON, CHINA

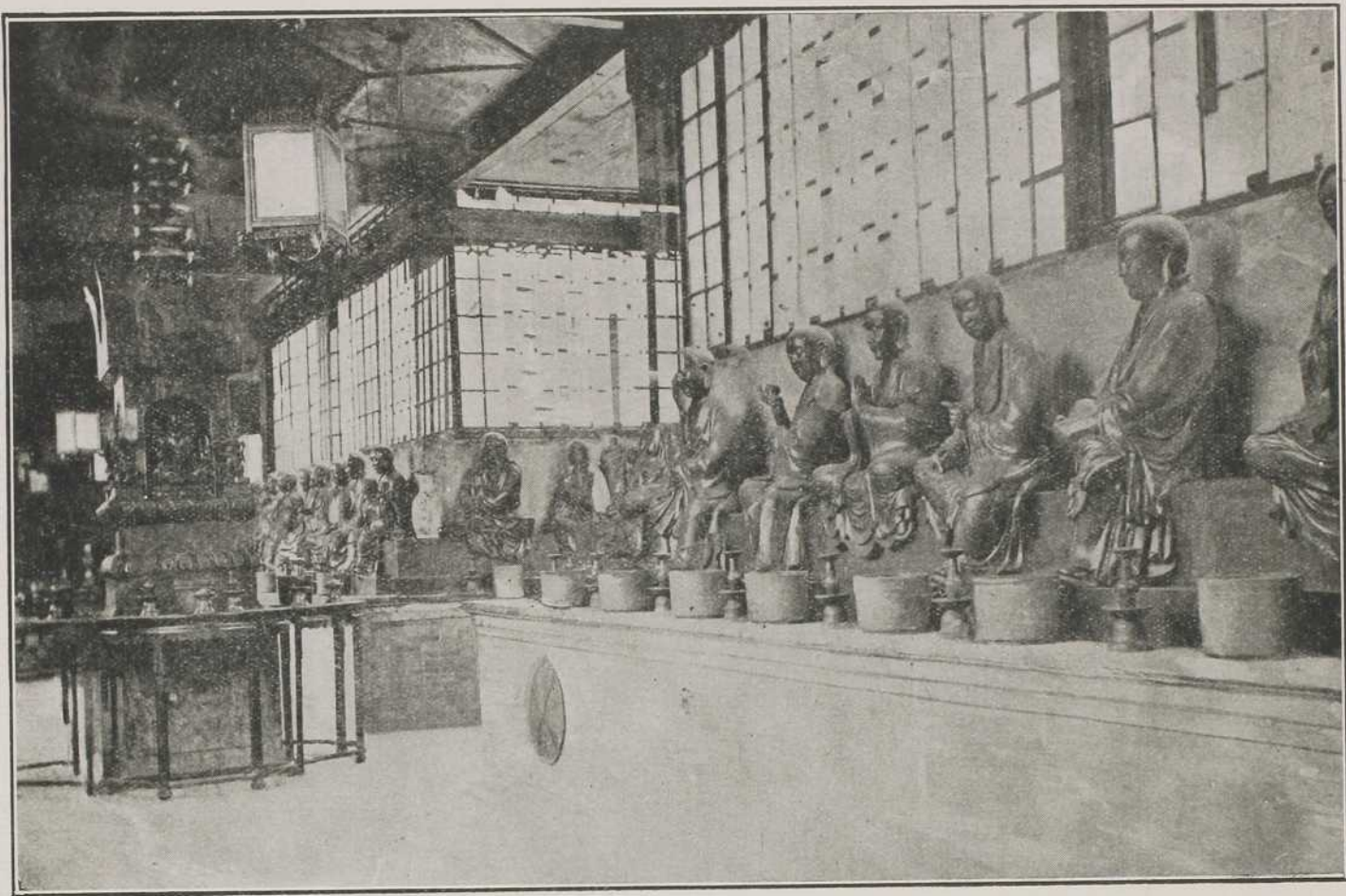
*Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters,  
Missionaries to Canton, China.*

#### VISIT TO THE PAGODA OF THE FIVE HUNDRED GENII

Just lately when two of our Sisters from Hong Kong were here on a visit, six of us left in company with six orphans, to pay a visit to the pagoda of the Five Hundred Buddhas, much spoken of in Canton and in the surrounding districts. After going along a number of winding streets, such as are to be found nearly everywhere in the city, we reach the pagoda, which resembles an ordinary building. Before getting to the front entrance, we must pass through spacious grounds; several beggars have stretched themselves here and there; a few of them are to be seen squatted at the foot of the enormous golden statues representing different kinds of buddhas. After passing between two of these deities, we knock at the door of the pagoda, which is carefully barricaded. A few guards inside have caught sight of us, soon we hear the bolts being drawn back, the door swings open and... here we are in the presence of five hundred genii. Just imagine, five hundred of them: a whole regiment!... They are lined up all around this immense room and around several rectangular platforms placed at an equal distance from one another and arranged so as to leave an aisle in the middle with very straight transversal passages. And what queer positions these deities are in!... Each one of them is supposed to possess a special power and is represented in a particular way. A large stone urn in which incense sticks are burned, has been placed before each of them. Every Chinaman who visits this pagoda must purchase incense on the premises and offer it to the idols.

We go up and down the different aisles in order to examine the numerous idols. The most remarkable of these deities are those which are supposed to be particularly favorable to large families, and the triune buddha. The gods of large families have smiling countenances and, at their feet, on their knees, and even on their arms and shoulders are groups of happy healthy-looking children, either standing or seated. It is before these idols that the greatest number of sticks of incense are lighted.





TEMPLE OF THE FIVE HUNDRED GENII, CANTON, CHINA.

In the back of this pagoda there is a throne on which has been set up the mystical triune divinity adored by the Chinese; a large lamp hung in the centre and surrounded by numerous smaller ones makes the place look somewhat like a sanctuary. Our thoughts naturally turn to the Blessed Trinity, the real Godhead possessing all power and governing all things. The pagans have not the least notion of such grandeur. What a difference there is between the Almighty and nothingness itself!...

While gazing upon these numerous diabolical representations, a feeling of sadness comes over us at the thought of the millions of souls that are still sunk in the darkness of paganism symbolized by these uncouth stone and brass idols, lifeless and powerless in spite of their insidious or terrifying looks and gigantic dimensions.

On leaving the pagoda, we make our way to the home of one of our former pupils, Alice Wong, who was baptized at our convent a few years ago. Here, everything is altogether different. This young girl has transformed her room into a real little oratory: close beside her bed is an altar in honour of the Blessed Virgin surmounted by a crucifix. Every morning and evening she kneels on her prie-dieu to invoke and adore the true Creator and Lord of heaven and earth and of all things, and to praise and thank her heavenly Mother and protectress. She is the only one in her family who has received the gift of Faith. Her brother makes his home with her. We go through the different rooms of this house, the walls are decorated with very handsome framed fans, all family keepsakes. These fans are spread out and on them are poems which are being kept for future generations. Large rooms are reserved for ancestral worship. In the back of the most spacious one have been arranged, in carved niches, the deities worshipped by her brother. These idols, all invisible, are supposed to reside in three different places: in the centre, all the gods in general; on the left hand side, the god of wealth and just opposite it, the spirits of the ancestors. The number of lamps and bouquets of fresh flowers which are constantly kept before these altars varies according to the worship given any of them. We notice that it is the niche of the god of wealth that is the most handsomely decorated. Not far from this niche, sticks of incense have been lighted in honour of all the idols which happen to be in the house.

We walk through the gardens and reach a long stairs leading to another pagan dwelling which is entirely separated from the one we have just visited. Here we meet a lady who, in her childhood days, had been betrothed to one of Miss Wong's brothers. As this young man died before the day set for the wedding, the bride-to-be, who was looked upon as a widow, was married to a... cock. As soon as the ceremony was over, the young lady regained her rights and, being considered by the relatives of her deceased husband as one of the family, she took possession of the dead man's estate. This family is building great hopes on a little adopted son.

After having taken a tiny cup of hot water, as Chinese etiquette demands, we follow our kind companion to the home of her sister, who is the teacher of the Kindergarten Class in the Holy Ghost School of which we have



charge. The latter lives on the old homestead, as we would call it in Canada. This house, which is a very spacious one, was built two hundred years ago. The walks leading to the different gardens are composed of pebbles, arranged in such a way as to represent all kinds of plants and animals. The iron arches adorning the avenues add beauty to the surroundings. In spite of ourselves, we stop for a moment to consider how patiently the labourers must have toiled in order to decorate these arches so tastefully. Something also urges us to stop to meditate on the silence which reigns supreme in this spot; for an instant, we forget the turmoil of the streets just outside the walls: seemingly the patriarchs of this family are present everywhere... While we are thinking of what took place one or two hundred years ago, our obliging guide conducts us to the living room, in which everything is also very old-fashioned. When our visit is over, we say good-bye to our kind hostess, the door is opened for us, and we find ourselves again on the noisy street with its bustling crowds... in great haste we make our way homewards, like adventurous birds flying back to their nests.

#### A CHINESE FUNERAL

A wealthy pagan gentleman is being buried to-day. From our convent we can see the funeral which is passing on the next street to ours. Those belonging to the six brass bands which accompany the corpse wear blue uniforms trimmed with white braid, the Chinese regard these colours as signifying sadness. Several groups of bonzes who have donned large dark-coloured cloaks and round hats three feet in diameter, recite the Buddhist beads for the repose of the soul of the deceased. Hundreds of floral offerings representing different personages or emblems are carried by men who march along two or four together. Their uniforms are half torn, but they may still be regarded as uniforms, since all are alike. After these men who have been filing past for nearly an hour, walk the dead man's sons, over whom has been thrown a sort of yellow mosquito netting. Being the chief mourners, their clothes are all made of unbleached cotton, as all mourning outfits are. They are helped along by friends for, according to a rule of Chinese etiquette, they must appear completely helpless, unable even to keep back their tears. Behind them are some thirty pall-bearers and, last of all, the wives and daughters, their heads wrapped up in a yellow cotton cloth. Each country has its own customs!...

#### CHILDREN BAPTIZED AT THE FOUNDLING-HOME

##### May 28

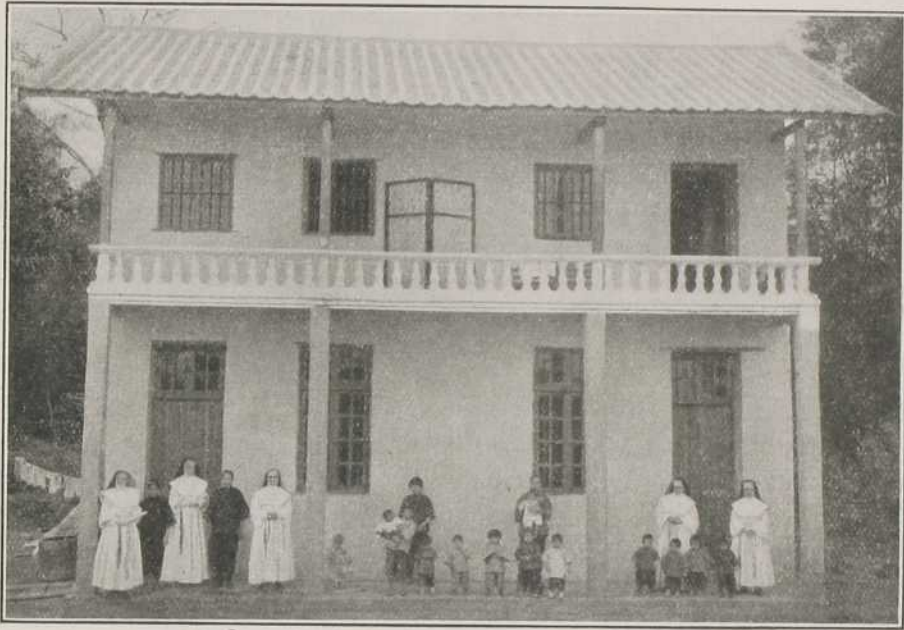
This morning, before Mass, a poor little forsaken baby was brought to us. In the Holy Childhood family of which it is now a member, it will always be happy... We have baptized it, giving it a saint's name; it is now an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Towards two o'clock this afternoon, as one of our Sisters was returning

from the school, one of the helpers at the Foundling-Home brought her a baby that had just been given to her. The poor child was dreadfully thin and so weak that it could hardly open its eyes, but shortly after, its soul, cleansed in the Saving Waters of Baptism, entered into the regions of perpetual light.

### July 26

Little ones are brought to us at every hour of the day and we must always be prepared to give them their passport for heaven. Just as two



FOUNDLING HOME ERECTED RECENTLY IN CANTON, CHINA, BY THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

of our Sisters are about to go on an apostolic errand at noon, they have the happiness of baptizing two dying babies which have just been brought to the convent.

### September 5

"Come and baptize some babies!" such was the invitation extended by Sister Marie de la Misericorde<sup>(1)</sup> who is in charge of the Foundling-Home, to Sister Marie de l'Esperance<sup>(2)</sup> just after supper this evening. Sister found six dying infants awaiting her and it was for her, as always, a great joy to pour the Saving Waters on the brows on these poor new-

1. Berthe DUFRESNE, of St. Helene, Co. Bagot.

2. Marie Aurea VANARD, of Montreal.





CHILDREN OF THE FOUNDLING HOME OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CANTON, CHINA.

born babes. "I have baptized eleven myself," Sister Marie de la Misericorde hastens to inform her. Scarcely has she uttered these words when the door-bell rings, announcing the arrival of four little boys who are also in quest of heavenly happiness. Just to think, in one day, twenty-one little cherubs have swelled the ranks of the glorious army of children saved by the members of the Association of the Holy Childhood!

#### **September 23**

Mr. Hsieh's son, a Member of Parliament, has brought us a very sick baby boy but ten days old. He comes here often to see his child, hoping to find that it is a little better or even entirely cured. But the dear little one is destined for the heavenly abode, to which it will certainly wing its flight very soon. When we see it growing weaker and weaker, we make it a child of God and it will not be long before it will be enjoying everlasting bliss. Oh, how fortunate is this little Chinese baby!...

#### **September 24**

As a gift on her feast day, our dear Sister Marie de la Misericorde receives sixteen babies at the Foundling-Home!...

#### **September 26**

This evening, Sister Marie de la Misericorde to whom all the little ones are entrusted, exclaims: "We have received twenty babies to-day!" But growing sad almost immediately, she adds, "I am heart-broken to think that, owing to the lack of funds, we are able to raise so few!"

#### **October 30**

Moui Kwai, one of the children at the Foundling-Home, is very sad. A baby which was brought here the day after it was born, from the village which she left three years ago in order to come here, is now a month old.

As this child is sickly, it is given special care. However, it does not grow any better and A Mouil, one of our helpers, remarks in Moui Kwai's presence, that the little one must be sent to the Foundling-Home for babies whose lives are despaired of. "Go for it, Moui Kwai," she says, "that it may be taken thither." Moui Kwai at once hangs her head, she cannot make up her mind to do so, since it means that she has to give up all hopes of saving the life of one of her compatriots. As the dear orphan continues to hesitate, the baby is left where it is. We shall continue to do all in our power to relieve the little moribund. We know that it will not be long before heaven will be opened to it, but, at least, Moui Kwai will not have experienced the sorrow of placing it herself among the babies awaiting the Angel of Death.

### **November 15**

This evening, Sister Marie du Saint Sacrement<sup>(1)</sup> goes to the Foundling-Home to baptize fifteen dying babies. We imagine how happy she must be!



A FEW VIRGINS OF THE CONVENT OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CANTON, CHINA.

## **RESULTS OF THE WORK BEING DONE AT OUR ORPHANAGE AND IN OUR SCHOOLS IN CANTON AND SHAMEEN**

### **August 6**

How clever and lovable are the little ones at the Orphanage! A Tin, a little blind girl who had a fall a short time ago, is being cared for by our

1. Anna BOURBEAU, of St. Hyacinthe.



Sister infirmarian. During her treatment, she suffers greatly. Little Cecilia draws close to her and tells her how pleasant it is to be treated. "Sister won't hurt you, you'll see," she says to the little one, "she's going to give you some *nice* medicine." Our little patient, charmed by these kind words, bears her sufferings with the greatest patience.



PUPILS OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,  
CANTON, CHINA, BUSY MAKING FLOWERS.

### August 15

On the beautiful Feast of the Assumption, three of our big orphans consecrate themselves irrevocably to the Queen of Virgins. After Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, which is given at 10 A. M., by a Spanish Redemptorist Father, the privileged maidens: Isapay, Yut He and A Tai who, just lately, rejected a proposal of marriage, publicly declare that they will never get married and consecrate themselves to our heavenly Mother. Their companions who belong to a society of virgins, sing a hymn expressing fidelity to Mary. After the hours of this blessed day have peacefully glided away, all repair to the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and there, in the candlelight, fervently renew their promise to the Immaculate Virgin.

### September 7

A blind girl eighteen years of age, is taken to our Orphanage to-day. Some time ago we heard about her and were given to understand that she was but eleven years old; a little later on, we were told that she was fifteen; and now those who bring her here inform us that she is eighteen!

The newcomer is healthy and strong. The moment we receive her, we confide her to the Blessed Virgin, but as her heart has not yet been touched by the rays of divine grace we shall have to wait awhile before leading her into the True Fold. Oh, what a joy it would be for us to triumph over the devil once again!

### September 9

Sister St. Pierre Apotre<sup>(1)</sup>, who has charge of the orphans, goes this morning after breakfast to greet her little flock which she was obliged to leave for a few days, in order to make her retreat. Every room is gayly decorated with paper of different colours and all the orphans, the little ones particularly, have something special to relate to her: one has done something exceptionally clever, another has been naughty, while a third has a boil, but Sister is not at all surprised on hearing such news. She again settles down to look after these little ones who find that she smiles upon them more sweetly and that she looks upon them with a more motherly love: she has just spent ten days in prayer!...

### September 16

The following is but one of the evil results of paganism: a woman living in an outlying district came just lately, offering us her ten-year-old daughter for \$115.00! She had found a buyer who had agreed to give her \$110.00. All the older girls of this family had already been sold in the

1. Leocadie LANDRY, of St. Jean l'Evangeliste.



A FEW CHILDREN OF THE ORPHANAGE IN CHARGE OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CANTON, CHINA, AMUSING THEMSELVES.



same way. We were willing to give the pagan mother the sum she asked, but she never came back, probably because someone else had offered her a still higher price. What will become of the soul of this poor child?

### October 10

After Mass, celebrated at eight o'clock and during which nearly all made their First Communion, seven persons approached His Excellency Bishop Fourquet, who was assisted by our chaplain, to receive the Sacrament which makes one a strong and perfect Christian. They were seven from our school at Shameen: Mr. Davis, Miss Gatewood and her two wards, Maureen and Muriel Davis; Robert Schmidt and two of Mr. Ngan's children who also attend our school. The happiness of the first two especially cannot be described. They are both converts who fully appreciate our holy Faith. How wonderful are the designs of Almighty God!

### October 13

A Chinese lady whom we taught sixteen years ago asks us to take her little four-year-old boy into our Kindergarten Class. She has been living in Peking with her husband and two children, but now intends to remain in Canton. She has not forgotten about our school dedicated to the Holy Ghost, where she learned French.

Other former pupils who are to-day grandmothers, have brought their grandchildren to us and several others spend many a forenoon at the Kindergarten with their little ones who are just beginning to learn to read and write. These women formerly sat on the same seats to repeat the same childish refrains and the many different Chinese tones. Seated beside their children, they love to live over again the happy days they spent with us.

### November 2

To-day being All-Souls' Day, a few Sisters in charge of the Holy Ghost School, go to the cemetery with their pupils, who all wear their uniforms. Although the majority of the children taking part in the procession are pagans, they nevertheless are deeply impressed on seeing the clergy and the faithful visiting the different graves and reciting prayers for the deceased Christians.

For twenty consecutive years, we have gone annually on a pilgrimage to the spot where the mortal remains of our dear Sister St. Jean l'Evangéliste<sup>(1)</sup> lie. May each of our visits prove to her and to Sister St. Joseph<sup>(2)</sup> who has been sleeping beside her for a few years past, that their memory is ever in benediction.

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1. Rachel LALUMIERE, of Montreal.

2. Emilia CHARBONNEAU, of Montreal.

## SZEPINGKAI, CHINA

*Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Szepingkai,  
Manchuria, China.*

### Wednesday, August 30, 1933

All day yesterday we awaited in vain our dear Sisters of Fakou who were supposed to arrive for the annual retreat. We were all taking our night's rest when, at half past ten, Sister St. Gerard<sup>(1)</sup> and Sister St. Denise<sup>(2)</sup> knocked at the door. It was a great relief to know that they had finally arrived, for we could not imagine what had delayed them. Our dear companions, wishing to put an end to our worries, hastened to tell us of what had happened to them on the way. There was no autobus running between Fakou and Tiehling, so our two Sisters were obliged to take a cart. Having left at half-past five in the morning, they were quite shaken up when they got out at six o'clock yesterday evening, for it is almost impossible to travel over the roads since it has rained.

Here is how one travels in the rainy season. The two-wheeled carts are on the point of upsetting many a time; when they get stuck in the mud, two men standing on either side of the horse yell and crack their whips in order to make the animal step out of the mire. All this is quite amusing for those who think only of having a good time... If there is a river to cross, the travellers make use of a raft, placing thereon their carts and baggage. The horses, after being unharnessed, roll themselves in the grass or in the mud and jump onto the same raft, where the carts separate them from the people. Once the river is crossed, they are hitched up again. These trips in carts of the kind are very primitive and form a striking contrast with the actual mode of travelling in Manchuria, cars being in use everywhere except around Fakou, where the following is a common saying among the Manchurian patriarchs: Our forefathers acted thus, why should we do otherwise?

It is in silence, prayer and recollection that we commence this evening the annual retreat which will be a time of preparation for three of our Sisters who are awaiting the happy day of their perpetual union with their Divine Spouse and for five others, who will, on that same day, renew their holy vows.

### Tuesday, September 5

Reverend Father Berichon, M.E., asks one of our Sisters who understands Japanese, to come to speak to the only two Japanese Christians whom we know of in this city, Mr. and Mrs. Hamazaki, who wish to have their baby girl, born a month ago, baptized. The child is given the name of

1. Anna ROBERGE, of Granby.

2. Odile MALBŒUF, of Sudbury, Ont.



Magdalen. This little one is the first native of Japan whose name is entered in the baptismal registers of the Canadian missionaries in the vicariate.

### **Wednesday, September 6**

Lie Mary, the young sister of the eldest of the native novices, who, on August 27th, accompanied Sister Therese d'Avila<sup>(1)</sup> to Szeping kai, was so impressed on seeing the novices that she does not want to leave. She is waiting for a chance to ask His Excellency to allow her to stay at the Novitiate and, in the meantime, she keeps begging her big sister to arrange things in such a way that she will not have to return home.

We cannot keep this twelve-year-old child with us just now, but only a little later on when the opening of an apostolic school will answer the needs of the missions and, besides fostering vocations, help to prepare those who are not yet fully instructed in their holy religion.

### **Thursday, September 7**

The retreat is already drawing to a close; the preparations for the mystical nuptials are being made in prayer and silence... What a contrast with worldly festivities!... Everywhere, there is peace and happiness, for the Divine Spouse will soon present Himself.

### **Friday, September 8**

This lovely Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin will ever be regarded as one of the most beautiful days of our missionary life! Nature itself, entirely refreshed by yesterday's rain, seems to share in our happiness.

This morning, His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre celebrated for us the Holy Sacrifice during which, as a preparation for the renewal of the Holy Vows of a few of our companions, we sang with all our hearts a favourite hymn which recalled the most pleasant memories.

The statue of our Immaculate Queen, adorned with white asters and verdant foliage, seemed to listen to the promises of each of our companions, while from the heavenly heights, our tender Mother must have smiled and assured her missionary children who, with heartfelt love, knelt before her blessed image to dedicate themselves anew to the service of her divine Son and her own, that she would continue to watch over them.

At three o'clock, we again repaired to the chapel for the Final Profession ceremony, at which His Excellency deigned to preside. Reverend Fathers Crevier and Berichon acted as deacon and subdeacon respectively, and present in the sanctuary were Reverend Fathers Jasmin, Masse, Gilbert and Schetagne.

Several Christians, having responded to the invitation extended them, also assisted at the ceremony.

In a sermon in which he expressed his gratitude to God, Mgr. Lapierre took pleasure in remarking how richly this ever-bountiful Father has blessed

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1. Therese SAUVE, of Montreal.

the land of Manchuria and how consoling are the results of the progress of the Faith therein. His Excellency then went on to assert that just as formerly the birth of Mary foretold that happy days were about to dawn, so the repeated ceremonies of Final Profession, which mean the embracing forever of a life of sacrifice and of self-denial, were, for the vicariate the augury of fruitful days which would witness the spread of the religion of Christ in Manchuria and the implanting of His love in many souls.

After the ceremony, one of the women present told us what she thought about it. "You seem," she remarked "to be in a little corner of heaven upon earth, and to share in the bliss of the other life." In her picturesque language, the words uttered by this lady were, doubtlessly, even truer than she thought... Is there another place upon earth where true happiness is more complete than in the religious state, where Our Lord's promises are fulfilled?...

Shortly after, the bell rang for supper, which was followed by a long recreation together. These moments of intimate conversation after ten days spent in silence are greatly appreciated on the evening of such a beautiful feast. Each one speaks of what has impressed her the most, passes her reflections, and then we all go in spirit to our dear Mother House to pay a visit to our beloved Mother whom we miss greatly, especially on an occasion of the kind, despite the fact that we continually feel that her heart is with us... Oh! yes, dear Mother, we feel that you are near us, and such a feeling gives renewed strength and happiness to your little Manchurian missionaries.

### **Saturday, September 9**

Each of the new spouses of Christ, after having worn her wreath of white lilies the whole day long, places it this evening before the statue of the Blessed Virgin, entreating our tender Mother to return it to her in heaven. It is with the greatest emotion that we witness this simple but very touching ceremony. Our thoughts are carried back to the evening of February 12th last, when our dear Sister St. Dominique<sup>(1)</sup> confided to our Immaculate Mother, the day after taking her Final Vows, her symbolical wreath. This loving Queen gave it back to her up above much sooner than we thought she would!...

Very often during the retreat, we paid a visit to the grave of our dear departed Sister, and if the flowers adorning it could speak, they would, no doubt, tell of the very serious reflections made and the many salutary resolutions taken during these days of recollection. It is our duty to profit by the life given us by God, for one day which is perhaps not far off, the summons will come for us also and, if we have made good use of every instant, it will be with the greatest happiness that we shall don the crown which our heavenly Mother will return to us far more beautiful and more precious than we can imagine it to be.

1. Marguerite Marie DUNN, of l'Acadie, P. Q.



**Monday, September 11**

At our new dispensary which was opened to-day, two children received Holy Baptism. It is to be hoped that numerous will be the poor patients who will come to be treated therein, for it is while relieving their many ills that we may do good to their souls which, very often, are in a worse state than their bodies.

**Tuesday, September 12**

The old dispensary has been transformed into an apostolic school, which opens to-day, seven pupils being enrolled; other aspirants have delayed coming on account of the brigands who are to be found in great numbers on certain roads, but they will join their companions as soon as possible. May God bless this important work which has had such a humble beginning!



A MISSIONARY SISTER OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MANCHURIA,  
AT WORK AT THE DISPENSARY  
WITH HER HELPER.

**Sunday, September 17**

A dying baby is brought to us this afternoon and is baptized at once on the back porch... What a sublime act accomplished with so little ceremony; it goes to show that God is satisfied with very little sometimes. Ah! how good He is!...

Mr. and Mrs. Hamazaki, both Christians, come to visit us to-day; they are accompanied by a gentleman and his wife and their neighbour's little girl. For a long time past, the latter has been longing to see the Sisters but her father always thought that the Mission was too far away to let her come alone. We do not know what urges this child to pay us a visit, but we extend her a hearty welcome, for we have found out by experience that it is through children that God often permits the conversion of grown-up people to be brought about.

**Monday, September 18**

Just at dusk, we welcome three little girls from Fakou, all of whom have come to attend the apostolic school. They at once joyfully begin to observe the rules. The youngest is a bright-eyed child; we can easily see that she is candid and intelligent.

**Wednesday, September 27**

At the Dispensary, two little souls are cleansed in the Sacred Waters of Baptism. It often happens that patients too sick to be cured come

here just in time to give us the happiness of baptizing them. What has made them think of coming to see us? Certainly, they are guided by an invisible hand... Perhaps, they owe this favour to the prayers and sacrifices of one who leads a very hidden life, but who is zealous for the salvation of souls. We are very grateful to these unknown apostles!...

### **Friday, September 29**

A little four-year-old girl from our Orphanage at Pamien Tcheng has been adopted by some people of Szepingkai. This evening, she stays with us during recreation, while awaiting the arrival of her new parents. Being a very bright child, she realizes that a decision is being made concerning her and is eager to understand all that is being said. She feels quite at home with us, for she has always been with our Sisters since being received at the Orphanage when but two months old. We hope that she will not be lonesome for her little companions of Pamien Tcheng.

### **Saturday, September 30**

Report of the Dispensary of Szepingkai for the months of August and September 1933:

Baptisms.....	38	Treatments.....	4,853	Dressings.....	596
Patients.....	2,520	Homes visited.....	106	Injections.....	32

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## **LEAO YUAN SIEN, CHINA**

*Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Leao Yuan Sien  
Manchuria, China*

### **Trinity Sunday, June 11, 1933**

Joyfully do we register the baptism of another little soul which we offer to the Most Blessed Trinity.

We shall now tell you how it came about that heaven was opened to this child. A Christian woman, while on her way to church, this morning, noticed something wrapped up in an old mat, on the side of the road; a few people had already passed that way, but had paid no attention to the repulsive bundle. This good woman guessed what was in it and, stepping forward, she picked up the little one and brought it to the Mission. After hastening to wash the child, we put a pretty white dress on it and bring it to the church, where it is baptized and given the name of Mary. This privileged little waif is so weak that we are sure that it will not be long before it leaves for a better land.

### **Monday, June 12**

At the Dispensary, seven children receive Holy Baptism and, while





LITTLE MANCHURIAN GIRLS  
WITH THEIR HAIR ARRANGED  
IN CHINESE FASHION.

on a visit to a pagan home, we have the happiness of pouring the Saving Waters on the brow of a little girl.

### **Tuesday, June 13**

Little Mary, who was brought to us last Sunday, to-day wings her flight to heaven. May this favoured child of our Triune God intercede for us, that we may succeed in baptizing many of her pagan brothers and sisters.

### **Friday, June 16**

We always have much work to do among our patients but, as it is the Feast of St. John Francis Regis, we, uniting with our Sisters at the Novitiate, celebrate the Patronal Feast of our devoted Mistress by taking a lovely holiday.

This evening, we are able to offer five little souls to our Immaculate Mother, in her name.

### **Wednesday, June 28**

On our way back from a visit to our patients, someone stops us, asking us to go to his house to see a sick baby. Surmising that the child is in a dying condition, we gladly comply with this request and make the little one an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven.

### **Thursday, June 29**

We had been called, in the latter part of April, to the bedside of a patient suffering from congestion of the lungs. This gentleman had begun to study the Catholic doctrine but, at times, forgetting the resolutions he had taken, he would burn incense in honour of the pagan deities. We had told him that he was seriously ill, that we were not sure that he would get better, and it was then that he decided that the wisest thing to do was to take more Chinese medicine.

We had not been to his home for some time, but yesterday we received word that he absolutely wished to see us, as he felt much weaker and was anxious to be baptized. In reality, death was rapidly approaching. We did all that we could to relieve him and, complying with his request, promised him that the priest would pay him a visit. Reverend Father Charest left immediately and, after giving him a few instructions, baptized him.

Oh, how glad we are this morning to learn that he has left this land of exile! God was satisfied with the steps he had already taken in order to

learn about our holy religion, and as He is not to be outdone in generosity, He opened heaven to him at the hour of death.

### **Monday, July 3**

This evening, our hearts overflow with happiness for, during the day, we had the privilege of baptizing sixteen children and the very thought of these souls which have been saved causes us to forget our troubles and fatigue! We return most grateful thanks to God and to our Immaculate Mother.

For a few days past, we have not received as many patients as usual, for a number of them are busy extracting the juice from poppies, with which to make opium. The fields are full of poor people, several mothers even leave their little ones with strangers in order to go with their older children to reap the harvest and thus earn a few cents.



A POOR UNFORTUNATE WOMAN OF LEAO YUAN SIEN, MANCHURIA, WHOSE HUSBAND WAS SHOT BY BANDITS; BEING IN DIRE DISTRESS, SHE HAS COME TO OFFER HER LITTLE GIRL TO THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

### **Wednesday, July 12**

As soon as we have finished singing the hymn at the beginning of the noon recreation, Sister Superior hastens to read to us a letter she has received from our Reverend Mother Superior.

We listen attentively the while and, at each word, we feel what affection for each and every one of her children is contained in the heart of our beloved Mother. With filial gratitude, we receive the lovely pictures, souvenirs of the beautiful Feast of Pentecost, which are enclosed in this welcome missive.

And, to crown our happiness, we receive, at the same time, the chronicles of the Mother House; these Echoes from our dear Sisters in Outremont enable us to spend in spirit a few happy hours with them.



### Sunday, July 16

In the course of the afternoon, someone comes asking us to go to treat an old man sixty-six years of age, who burned himself while gathering up some gun-powder which he had spread out in the sun to dry. Just as he was stooping down, the powder, which was already too dry, exploded. The unfortunate man has some bad scars, but we hope that after we have treated him well, they will heal over. And Divine Providence, in calling us to the bedside of this good old man, had other designs.

In the same house, a young baby suffering from dysentery was in a dying condition. Doubtlessly, no one would ever have thought of sending for us to attend to this little creature, but as we were close at hand we were asked to treat it. The Saving Waters were immediately poured on the brow of the dying child, making it an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Wednesday, July 19

A young consumptive whom we treated at the Dispensary some three months ago and to whom we had given a miraculous medal, to-day asks to see us. He is in the last stages of the dread disease and is in a dying condition. Without a moment's delay, he is baptized *in articulo mortis* and given the name of Vincent de Paul. This is still another conversion which is entirely due to the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Oh! what good has resulted from the wearing of her blessed image! The moment we succeed in tying this medal around the neck of our patients, we notice that there is a great moral improvement; we cannot but recognize its wonderful effects on the souls of the poor pagans.

Our one ambition as missionaries is to lead as many souls as possible to God. If conversions of adults do not take place every day, we at least have the happiness of offering Him daily the souls of several children. These numerous baptisms greatly console us.

This year, many Koreans are coming to our Dispensary for treatment. We easily distinguish them from the Chinese, for they are dressed all in white or in black and white. They arrived in the city with the Japanese.

The other day, Mr. Toua Fong Hang, the Mandarin at Leao Yuan Sien, asked one of our Sisters if his daughter, to whom she is giving treatment, would be allowed to embrace our holy religion. This pagan gentleman was afraid that there might be exceptions for certain nationalities and, when our Sister assured him that anyone at all who believed in God could be a Christian, he appeared to be very much satisfied. Let us hope that now that they have taken such a step, they will finally embrace the Faith.

### Tuesday, July 25

A poor man thirty-four years of age, who has been suffering from tuberculosis of the bones for several months, comes to the Dispensary to-day. He looks so miserable that he excites our pity. On telling him that if he had come to see us sooner we could have given him some medicine that would have relieved him, he replies: "I didn't come because I live several

li distant and I hadn't any money to hire a rickshaw. I haven't even enough to eat, all the rice I have is given me by my neighbours." After asking him a few questions, we discover that his ancestors were all Catholics, but that he himself, having been obliged to leave home while still quite young, had, little by little, lost the Faith. This poor man has come to the Dispensary just as death is about to claim him and we feel that God in His mercy certainly wishes him to enter into His Kingdom.

### Monday, July 31

Report of the Dispensary of Leao Yuan Sien for the months of June and July 1933:

	Baptisms.....	237		
Patients.....	4,322	Treatments.....	7,210	Dressings.....1,321
Teeth extracted...	41	Homes visited....	246	Consultations.... 390

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## TAONAN, CHINA

*Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Taonan,  
Manchuria, China.*

### Wednesday, June 21, 1933

While visiting the different pagan homes, many a heart-breaking scene meets our gaze. To-day, in a yard, on a heap of earth a few feet square, we notice a poor old man who appears to have been forsaken by his relatives. Oh! how we pity this poor unfortunate and how sorry we feel that we are not able to help him!

### Thursday, June 22

To-day, at the Dispensary of Tong tang, we have the happiness of baptizing five dying babies.

### Saturday, July 1

The aged beggar who has been coming to the Dispensary for some time past and who has already expressed his desire of embracing our holy Faith, is baptized to-day. As he has heart disease and is very weak, we keep him with us at the Mission after obtaining the authorization to do so from the City Hall. In this country, one must go to much trouble in order to be free to give charity. We could be arrested or looked upon as poisoners if this patient happened to die while with us.

### Sunday, July 9

His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre, who arrived in Taonan Thursday evening, left this morning for Tong tang, a new mission station established in the



City of Taonan. He proceeded with the blessing of the new church, the dispensary and catechumenate and celebrated the first Mass at this post. All the Christians, as well as the pupils from the two schools of the Mission, were present at the ceremony. Oh, how wonderful it is and how merciful God has been to grant that another temple, wherein He may reside night and day, be erected in a pagan land!

In the afternoon, His Excellency, accompanied by Reverend Fathers Berger, Guilbault, Brulotte, Lecompte, Asselin and Schetagne, comes to see our pupils and presides at the school closing exercises, during which



THE PRECEPT OF CHARITY TOWARDS ONE'S NEIGHBOUR  
BEING PUT INTO PRACTICE.

prizes are awarded to those who have come out first in their English lessons and to the best sewers and singers. All the children sing a few songs and take part in some dialogues. His Excellency and Reverend Father Berger, in a few words, congratulate and encourage them and all go home very happy.

### **Friday, July 14**

This morning was held the funeral of a mandarin, our next door neighbour who, early this week, met with a most tragical death. This gentleman, having gone to pay a visit to the soldiers appointed to keep watch at the gates of the city, found them all asleep and upbraided them for not doing their duty. In a fit of rage, the guilty men murdered him on the spot. The ten soldiers who accompanied their good leader, quickly laid hold of the murderers, whose trial will come off very soon. Without delay, the body of the victim was sent to his home and, from then on, music was played night and day around his coffin, while many people wailed loudly. An immense tent was pitched and under it was placed the coffin, surrounded by flowers, incense and a thousand and one objects of superstition. Not far off, people sat eating at tables which had been

set for the occasion. This mandarin, a fervent pagan had always looked favourably upon the Catholic Mission. His little girl attends our school.

### **Monday, July 31**

Reports for the months of June and July 1933:

Dispensary of Si Tang, Taonan:

	Baptisms.....	81			
Patients.....	5,574	Treatments.....	7,328	Dressings.....	1,177
Teeth extracted...	20	Homes visited....	102	Injections.....	201

Dispensary of Tong tang, Taonan, open three times a week:

Baptisms.....	33	Patients.....	1,464	Treatments.....	1,884
Dressings.....	113	Homes visited.....	2	Injections.....	9

Dispensary of Pai Tchong tze, open once a week:

Baptisms.....	6	Patients.....	365		
Treatments.....	464	Dressings.....	27	Homes visited.....	1

### **Wednesday, August 9**

A good old woman, Mrs. Liou, who embraced the Faith about a year ago, leaves for the heavenly abode after edifying everyone around her during long months of sickness. She had spent her time saying her beads, and to those who asked her her reason for doing so, she always replied: "I must not lose a minute of the time I have still to live, for I have begun to know about God so late in life. For the rest of my days, I shall praise, love and thank Him for the great favour He has granted me in letting me be baptized."

### **Friday, August 11**

Almighty God sent us a fresh consolation this evening. Towards half-past five, a Christian woman comes asking us to go to baptize an old lady seventy-two years of age, who is dying. As this poor patient has already been prepared for Baptism by her Christian neighbour and is favourably inclined towards our holy religion, we pour the Saving Waters on her brow, giving her the name of Mary Anna. She appears to be very happy and several times she repeats: "I renounce the different idols, I am sorry for my sins, I believe in the one true God, I love him and I believe that He will give me eternal happiness..." She is deathly pale, and her poor body has become quite cold, but we feel that her soul has now wings with which to take its flight to heaven. On returning to the convent, we thank Our Immaculate Mother for the sweet happiness which, through her intercession, we enjoy while labouring for the salvation of souls.

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"The first and second Eve were both created pure; but Eve became the cause of our death, Mary, the cause of our salvation."

*St. Ephrem.*



## TSUNG MING, HAIMEN VICARIATE, CHINA

*Letter from Sister Marie de l'Epiphanie, (1) Superior of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception of Tsungming, China, to her Superior General.*

*Tsungming, July 10, 1933.*

DEARLY BELOVED MOTHER,

I take pleasure in sending you the following report of our Works at our Mission in Tsungming and at our little post in Paochen, from June 1st, 1932, to June 1st, 1933:

	Tsungming	Paochen
Children baptized.....	927	476
Children taken in.....	891	433
Dressings.....	5,668	10,634
Adult Baptisms.....	50	15
Children given out to be nursed.....	184	
Children at the Orphanage and Foundling-Home.....	102	
Total number of children helped during the year.....		1,430

It is only natural that after making out this report, I should tell you more about our Foundling-Home and Orphanage, where our work is chiefly carried on. At the opening of the month there were fifty-four children from two to nine years of age, at the Orphanage, and besides the fifty-six babies that had been given out to be nursed, forty-eight were being cared for at the Foundling-Home.

Concerning the 1,430 children rescued this year at our establishment, 1,430 different stories telling of superstition, of wretched poverty and sometimes, although less frequently, of brutal cruelty, could be related. But being aware of the great misery that exists all around us,— the poor people having no other means of livelihood than a small piece of land — we are inclined to be lenient. Not knowing what their own souls are worth, they think nothing of the souls of the children given them by God. They are convinced that the best thing to do with a new-born infant is to put an end to its life, since its fate will doubtlessly be no better than theirs. And these child-murders which leave after them no stings of remorse, are not uncommon! One day at the Dispensary, a patient said to one of our Sisters who had remarked how sorry she was that such a small number of children were being brought to the Foundling-Home, "I didn't know that you accepted children that we're anxious to get rid of; a few days ago, I got a little girl to carry away a new-born baby. I gave her twenty cents for doing so, but I don't know what she did with the child." A little girl said in turn: "I found a baby on the roadside, and as I didn't

1. May MOQUIN, of Eastman, P. Q.

know what to do with it, I threw it into the canal. If I'd known that you'd have taken it in, I'd have brought it to you, another time I'll know where to come." And a woman spoke up, saying: "One of my neighbours wanted to rid herself of her child and so she drowned it in a bucket of water; she would have brought it here had she known that you still received children, but she thought that you were like the people at the pagan foundling-home who have announced that they do not take in children any longer." Thus our Sister was given a fresh proof of the necessity of often telling all who come to us for treatment or for other purposes, that we receive



THE BABIES THAT HAVE JUST ARRIVED AT THE FOUNDLING HOME OF TSUNG MING, CHINA, BEING CARRIED TO THE CHURCH TO BE BAPTIZED.

and raise forsaken children. The number of children whom we shall never have the opportunity of rescuing, will always exceed by far the number of those brought to us.

Usually, the pagans bring us their little ones in order to reward a Sister who has given them free treatment or because they are in need of a few cents; it happens frequently enough that others are brought to us by Christians eager to save a few little souls. The Angel of Death joyfully comes for these frail little waifs whose immortal souls, having been washed in the Sacred Waters of Baptism, will forever adorn the courts of heaven.

Alongside the host of little souls which are continually mounting heavenwards from our Foundling-Home, there is another, not quite so numerous, but fidgety and noisy. Oh, what care we must give these little motherless creatures from the time of their birth until they are four or five years of age, if we wish to snatch them from death, there being all kinds of diseases among the children of China. It is here especially that a directress of an orphanage may prove how zealous and industrious she is. In the kitchen, refectory, dormitory and linen-room, she is obliged to attend to the wants



of a hundred and the days in China, as everywhere else, contain but twenty-four hours; one is inclined to believe that time glides by more quickly here than elsewhere, although it is surely not because the Chinese are more exacting than others, for their everyday life, especially that of the poor, is very simple. The hardest problem to solve is that of providing, with the little financial help we receive, lodging, food and clothing for so many persons. As the number of our orphans has considerably increased, we were obliged to make use of the first native novitiate which was being kept for the future postulants. It was impossible to do otherwise and we must manage as best we can until a new wing is built. For a year more, there will scarcely be enough room for all our cherubs, but they are so used to being crowded that they do not seem to mind it. In nearly every bed, two, or even three, little ones sleep together.

Eight of the eldest of our orphans who are all between six and eight years of age, help us after spending four hours daily at school. Nearly half their time in class is spent in learning how to sew, the most skilful among them are already rather good at making articles of clothing. Those



A GROUP OF ABANDONED CHILDREN, WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN SHELTER AT  
THE ORPHANAGE OF TSUNG MING, CHINA.

four and five years old assist at the lessons given the others, romping or sleeping the while, and nothing hinders them from joining in the prayers which their elder companions are reciting at the top of their voices for, in China, this is the way anything is learned by heart. The tiny tots also know how to shell and sort the beans which are to be cooked for their meal, to move their little benches around, to put on and to take off the babies' bibs; but, on the other hand, they also know how to hug the babies too tightly or even to pinch them; this, however, only serves to break the monotony. Children must scamper about and make a great deal of noise... The mischief-maker, caught in the act, must first kneel down for at least a few moments and then go to beg pardon, but all this is quickly forgotten

and the youngster is ready to begin all over again as soon as Sister's back is turned.

This "hive" of thriving children excites the curiosity of those around us and of visitors anxious to learn of a method of teaching. It must be acknowledged that the Chinese, following the example of the people in well-organized countries, favour the education and instruction of children of school age. It is not uncommon to hear of delegates visiting the High Schools or Uni-



LITTLE TOTS OF THE ORPHANAGE OF TSUNG MING, CHINA,  
LEARNING TO SING.

versities of the principal cities of China where missionaries have settled, and even those of Europe and of America. Teachers and pupils of a few renowned pagan schools on the Island of Tsungming visit the institutions in which they believe they will find something to interest them. Thus it was that just lately two groups of pupils, boys and girls, accompanied by their teachers, paid a visit to the schools of the Mission and to the Orphanage. If they did not find our establishments as comfortable-looking as those which are well supported, they at least discovered that order and peace reigned among the numerous forsaken children of our schools. Their words which reveal their astonishment prove that they, like those of their nation who have preceded them, are filled with admiration on seeing what they themselves are unable, despite many an effort, to accomplish. The reason for this is that they do not know of the true source of enduring charity: the Heart of God Himself. These pagans, looking upon the missionaries as extraordinary people and some even going so far as to believe that they are spirits or fairies, do not make any further enquiries. It may easily be seen that supernatural motives have nothing to do with paganism.

Certain men of note also make their way to our Foundling Home sometimes. What surprises them most is to see that the little ones confided to us, even those who are blind, are so well cared for and to find, after a



close examination, that all have their two eyes. Many Chinese still believe that the missionaries pluck out the eyes of children and make medicine out of them.

In every clime, the simplicity of little children holds a special charm, and the yellow babies have innocent and winning ways which do not fail to gladden our hearts. During the month of May, the biggest orphans, on noticing that the picture of the Blessed Virgin in every room had been adorned with garlands and different kinds of flowers, decided to do something also. In the room in which they spend most of their time, on a sideboard covered over with a white lace-edged cloth, there is a little statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, before which Bernadette is kneeling, holding a taper in her hand; on certain days, all our orphans are surprised to hear music coming from it; the tiny tots are so delighted that they stop crying for a few moments. This statue was given to Sister Marie de Sion by her parents, just before she left Canada. It was upon this modest "altar" that our dear orphans offered their tender Mother the tribute of their love. One of them ventured to ask Sister Superior if she could have some flowers from the Sisters' garden. As soon as she was given permission to do so, she gathered a bunch of sweet-smelling white roses and after putting them into a bottle, she climbed up on a stool and placed them on the little altar. Several of her companions soon followed her example and kept the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes surrounded with flowers all during May. But a few of these dear children, wishing to do even more for their heavenly Queen, offered her numerous little sacrifices. Here is how the Sister in charge of the Orphanage learned of their pious childish plans. On examining the little "altar", she found some scraps of paper of various bright colours, some small pieces of coloured glass, some withered petals, and even a candy that had already been licked. Could anyone find better sacrifices to offer? Surely no costly flowers could have been more sweet-smelling than those!

Every noon and evening, when it is time to say the *Angelus*, "the prayer of the three bells", as it is called here, all the little ones who are playing in the yard or inside the Orphanage hasten like a flock of doves to the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes and there, kneeling in a row, they repeat to their Queen the salutation of the Angel Gabriel. Even the tiny tots fold their hands, close their eyes and prattle what their companions are reciting with the greatest fervour.

A little blind girl, four years of age, cries because she is not allowed to go with the others to assist at Mass and to pay a visit to Our Divine Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. When we tell her that she is too small and that we shall let her go to church when it is time for her to prepare for her First Communion, she says: "I want to study my Catechism right away so as to be able to make my First Communion."

Another little blind girl, eight years of age, was sad because she was unable to help Sister who has so much to do. In order to console her, we let her help one of her companions to wash the bowls and chop-sticks after each meal. Each dish has to be handed to her and someone has to

go with her to the cupboard to help her to put everything away. She is proud to do something for us and is always in good humour now. As time goes on, these blind children will make themselves useful and when they become accustomed to their work they will not find it so hard to be deprived of their sight. It takes them a long time to do anything, but they are very assiduous and attentive and are not so distracted as are the children who have the use of their eyes.

A little girl of eight does all she can for her six-year-old companion who suffers from rickets and is unable to walk. One day, she ventured to carry the crippled orphan in her arms. The generous-hearted child, acting as a Good Samaritan, did not notice that she was far from being strong enough to carry her little friend and that her burden was much too heavy for her; happily, she was met by the Sister in charge of the Orphanage, who entrusted the little cripple to a more sturdy child who was only too glad to help her.

Sometimes we wonder what will become of all the little ones that are continually being brought to us. It is not an easy problem to solve, God in His Providence has come to our assistance up to now; will He always act thus towards us, opening wide His treasures according as our needs become greater? Can we doubt it?... Dear Lord, increase our faith and, in Thy mercy, protect our little orphans, for Thou art their Father on earth as well as in Heaven!

The Annual Report shows that sixty-five adults have been baptized *in articulo mortis*; nearly all of these baptisms were registered during the cholera epidemic last summer. And we may here mention many facts regarding the extraordinary mercy shown by our Infinite God. How is it that a Sister or a virgin catechist happens to be by the bedside of a dying pagan who is anxious to be baptized, rather than by the bedside of one who is deprived of this priceless gift? It may simply be because a Christian friend or neighbour of the first patient has spoken to him of religion, perhaps also he has had explained to him the pictures of heaven, of hell, and of the death of the just man and that of the one who dies in the state of mortal sin, or he may have heard a missionary priest whom he happened to meet, speak of the Supreme Being, of His works, of His sovereign dominion over all creatures. Since then he has always secretly yearned to embrace our holy religion. Now that his death is near at hand, he has not forgotten what he has seen and heard and, without delay, he asks to see the persons who love the sick and the poor, and who promise endless happiness to those who, ceasing to adore their uncouth pagan deities, acknowledge God as their Supreme and Sovereign Lord. As he is already favourably inclined towards our holy religion, he listens attentively to the short instruction given him, and a few moments later, after being purified in the Sacred Waters of Baptism, his soul wings its flight to the eternal abode. Is not a conquest such as this a most beautiful one!

One of our Sisters was surprised one day on discovering a miraculous medal tied on the neck of a little dying girl whom she visited for the first time. On enquiring where this medal had come from, she was told that



it was the one she had given to a sick child in a neighbouring home. After wearing this beneficent talisman, the little lad had recovered his health and was only too glad to give it to his little neighbour who expected to be cured in the same way. The latter did not recover her health but, through the medium of the Miraculous Medal, she obtained something much better: everlasting bliss. Our Sister Infirmarian had the happiness of pouring on the brow of this dear child, the Sacred Waters of Baptism, which her little soul seemed to be waiting for in order to appear before its Supreme Judge.

A pupil attending the school of prayer arrived one morning saying that a man in her neighbourhood was in a dying condition and that he had already expressed the desire of being baptized. A virgin catechist left immediately and on reaching the home of this patient, she had just time to ask him if he wished to be baptized. On seeing him make a sign with his hand, she hastened to pour the Sacred Waters on his brow, just before his soul left for the other life. An hour later, our virgin catechist returned with a light heart, telling us how happy she was to have had the occasion of offering our heavenly Queen an immortal soul, on the last day of her blessed month.

The women in our workroom, besides giving us many a consolation, now work quite well. They have made some pretty lace for a rochet, a combination of Renaissance and Venetian lace worked on tulle. This rochet was offered to His Excellency Bishop Tsu just before he left for Rome. Upon the request of Reverend Father E. Cote, S. J., the covers of three albums which were to be presented to Our Holy Father, to the Cardinal Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda and to the Reverend Superior General of the Jesuit Fathers, were also embroidered in our workroom. Our skilful workers have made some pretty lilies and roses with which the statue of our heavenly Queen, to whom the workroom is dedicated, is always adorned and, although very poor, they willingly spend a few cents of their small pay on candles, which they light at prayer-time. Sister Marie de Sion<sup>(1)</sup> is quite proud of these young girls who can now sing the Magnificat and another hymn to Our Blessed Mother fairly well.

The Teresian Congregation actually counts seven Professed Sisters and ten novices. On August 1st, we shall receive a new group of postulants. May the little mustard-seed which is springing up under the auspices of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus become a towering tree, in the shade of which hosts of souls may come to seek shelter!

Before closing, I am going to tell you, dear Mother, of a slight accident which Sister St. Jean Baptiste<sup>(2)</sup> met with just lately while on her way back from the Dispensary of Paochen. Our Sister was accompanied by a virgin catechist and had with her two babies which she had picked up during the day and which she was bringing to the Foundling-Home. She had just had a very busy day and found it very pleasant to contemplate the Works of Almighty God, which seem to say so much to us at this season

1. Florida RAVARY, of St. Clet, Co. Soulanges.

2. Irene PELLAND, of West Glover, Vt.

when everything bespeaks hope. The country roads were almost deserted and the peasants, still busy in the fields were hidden from view by the tall reeds which grow in dense masses all along the numerous canals. Our Sister was sitting very quietly, scarcely realizing that her rickshaw (a cart in which there is room for one person only) had just been pulled up on a bridge about twelve feet high, fifteen feet long and no wider than the cart itself. All of a sudden, a plank gave way and everything on the bridge which her companion's rickshaw had just safely crossed, was hurled into the canal. Sister was a little dizzy for a few moments after being upset in this way and when she realized what had happened, she found that she was still in the rickshaw, which some men were trying to lift out of the water. The road on which there was hardly anybody a while before was soon filled with people who had been attracted by the cries of the frightened coolie. Sister, on hearing him screaming thus, asked him if



NATIVE NOVICES OF THE CONGREGATION OF ST.  
TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS, TSUNG MING,  
DIRECTED BY THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION.

he had hurt himself. But his only answer was: "It isn't my fault, it's because the plank gave way!" "Try to get out of the water," Sister said to him, while handing him the parasol which was cumbersome. On inquiring what had become of the basket containing the two children, someone pointed out to her the spot on the bank where it had been placed. She herself had to think of getting out, she was up to her neck in water. The canal, which had just been dug anew, was very steep and she was unable to gain a foothold. As there was no ladder near at hand, several persons formed a chain extending from the top to the bottom of the canal, the last one holding by the hand our Sister who felt herself being gently lifted up to the bank. The rickshaw had been badly shaken up but, nevertheless, Sister St. Jean Baptiste was able to get into it and to continue on her way with the two babies which were also soaking wet, but very quiet. There



was no fear of anyone catching cold, for it was a very hot day. A Christian offered to draw the rickshaw, while the coolie was taken to the Dispensary in a wheel-barrow pushed along by another Chinese. On arriving, the unfortunate man was immediately given treatment for he had been slightly bruised, and for the next few days was allowed to remain at the Dispensary. Our Sister considered the accident as being simply an amusing adventure which certainly would have been a more tragical one if Divine Providence had not protected her. Two days after, she started out on a like trip, but in a Chinese wheel-barrow, for the bridge had not yet been repaired. The Chinese are never in a hurry.

By the Chinese calendar, we see that there are, this year, two fifth "moons". All the "moons" of the year together form twelve months, each having, as those of our own calendar, twenty-nine or thirty days. In order that the year may always begin at the same period, towards the end of January or at the beginning of February, a month must be added every third year to the Chinese calendar; during that year, there are thirteen months instead of twelve.

I shall, in a few words, end up these few pages which will give you a little more news of your daughters living on one of the islands in the Yellow Sea. Sister St. Jean Baptiste, accompanied by a virgin catechist went, this morning, in a Chinese cart, to visit a patient whose home is ten *li* distant from the Mission. These visits are very tiresome on account of the sweltering heat, but we hope that the poor pagans who look to us for help, will greatly benefit by them. While returning home, Sister treated several patients whom she met on the way and had the great happiness of baptizing a little one whom she named Marie Camilla and who never would have seen God if she had not been asked, this morning, to visit this patient's home. We offer you this pure little lily, dear Mother, as a present for the blessed anniversary you will celebrate on August 8th.

We were extremely pleased to receive the letter you sent us in the first days of June and the little souvenir pictures which do us so much good. The Teresians were also very glad to receive the leaflets you enclosed for them and, together with us, they send you their most filial thanks.

Your nine daughters wish to repeat to you the expression of their gratitude and to assure you of their affection while respectfully bidding you good-bye.

Sister MARIE DE L'EPIPHANIE, M. I. C.



Mary was the choice of God Himself, and He chose her to be His Mother. She was the gate by which the Creator entered into His own creation. She ministered to Him in a way and for an end unlike those of any other creature whatsoever. What, then, must have been her beauty, what her holiness, what her privileges, what her exaltation! To depreciate them is to depreciate the wisdom and the goodness of God.

*Father Faber.*

# Extracts FROM THE Novitiate Chronicles

*Dedicated to our dear Parents*



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

*St. Bernard.*

## Saturday, September 30, 1933

We have just received a telephone message from the Mother House informing us that our beloved Mother is sick. Believing that her illness will be of short duration, we pray fervently in order to lessen our uneasiness concerning the one whom we love so dearly.

## Sunday, October 1

Ah! what painful news is brought us on this cherished Feast of the Most Holy Rosary! The usual procession held on the first Sunday of each month has just ended. We are still recollected and filled with the pious sentiments which it never fails to awaken in our hearts when, towards three o'clock this afternoon, we learn that our Mother has just been anointed!...

Ah! the pain which this news causes us cannot be described. Tears well up in all eyes and an extremely sad expression appears on every countenance. In a moment, every room is vacated and the chapel filled. As in all great trials, we place our trust in God. We hasten to the foot of the altar, and, kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament, unable to speak on account of being so deeply impressed, we simply gaze upon our Eucharistic King, knowing full well that He will understand the entreaty, love, confidence and abandonment expressed by our silent prayer.

And in fact, our hopes are not in vain. Once again our Divine Lord listens to us, His loving Heart could not turn from our entreaties... We receive a second telephone message informing us that our Mother is a little better and that she is calm and feels very happy after receiving the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. Fresh hope springs up in our hearts... Dear God, Thou wilt spare our beloved Mother to us!...

During recreation this evening, we group around our dear Mistress who gives us some details of the illness of our Mother... Everything she tells us inspires us with fresh hope for her recovery... "It is impossible for our Mother to leave us," our Mistress tells us, "God cannot take her from us now, for she is too greatly needed!" She then asks that a second guard of honour to the Blessed Virgin be commenced, so that our Mother may soon be completely restored to health.

## Monday, October 2

There is practically no change in our Mother's condition the whole day long. We live in hopes!

Alas! during recreation, this evening, Sister Marie Eugenie looks quite



upset after answering the telephone: Our Mother is very ill... the doctor has just left her... he has given up all hopes!...

"No! such a thing is impossible," our Mistress again repeats, "God cannot take her from us... Let us not lose our confidence... if no earthly hope remains, we may always trust in God... We must pray fervently... Let us have our spiritual reading at once and we shall then repair to the chapel to recite the Rosary in common."

All exclaim with the greatest confidence: "Yes, yes, the Rosary... we shall say the Rosary and our Mother will be cured!"

Oh! how whole-heartedly do we recite the holy Rosary this evening!... It is not only a prayer, a supplication, but a cry, a heart-rending appeal to the Mother of Jesus: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, now... beg Thy divine Son Jesus, to deign to spare to us our earthly Mother in order that she may continue to lead us along the path of perfection."

After each five decades, we recite the *Memorare*, our arms outstretched the while.

Oh! the efficacy of the Rosary! When we have nearly finished reciting it, the telephone bell rings a second time. Everyone gives a start... what news is to be conveyed to us?...

We grow all the more confident and we find that our hopes are not in vain, for after the last decade of the Rosary, our Mistress begins to recite the *Magnificat* instead of the *Memorare*. And, wishing to reassure us, she has us assemble when we have finished our evening prayers, to tell us that our beloved Mother will most probably rest well during the night. The Guard of Honour will be continued without interruption for nine days and when the novena is over, we shall make a second one, in order to return thanks to the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.

### **Tuesday, October 3, Feast of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus**

While singing a pious hymn, we offer our homages to our loving patroness, and beg her to shower down roses upon all our missions. But we pray chiefly for our dear Mother's recovery. Oh! St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, not being able to say resignedly to Almighty God: "Take our Mother to Thyself, if such be Thy Holy Will", and not wishing to go against this Holy Will, we shall pray as thou thyself didst pray while upon earth: "Dear God, let it be Thy Holy Will that our Mother remain with us still many years longer."

This evening, there is a great improvement... We grow more and more hopeful!

### **Sunday, October 8**

To-day, His Excellency Most Reverend A. Cassulo, Apostolic Delegate, honours us with a visit. Very Reverend Canon Roch, Superior of the Foreign Mission Seminary, who accompanies our distinguished visitor, tells him how happy we are to receive a visit from the Pope's representative.

Although His Excellency has difficulty in speaking owing to the fact

that he has a bad cold and is very tired after his repeated trips, he nevertheless addresses us in a most fatherly way. "If the novices are pleased to see the Pope's Delegate," he says to us, "the Pope's Delegate is also pleased to see the novices of the Immaculate Conception. This is not the first time that the representative of the Sovereign Pontiff has visited this convent, but it is probably the first time that this group of novices have met him here, for, to be a novice means to sojourn; after preparing for your field of apostolate, you take your leave... Having come to visit the Foreign Mission Seminary and representing as I do the Pope of the Missions, I would not have felt that my task was completed if I had not come to see the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception."

Oh! how grateful and deeply impressed we are on hearing the Delegate of the Holy Father add: "I said Mass, this morning, in the Seminary chapel and I prayed for your Superior General and Foundress. I have been told that she has been seriously ill, but that she is better now. I thanked God for having cured her and asked Him to let her live for a long time yet, for she accomplishes so much good!..."

Then His Excellency gives us a few words of advice concerning our religious formation. "Strive above all," he tells us, "to acquire the spirit of prayer, of self-denial and of zeal." After having rapidly expounded in a simple and practical way these three virtues which remain engraved on our hearts and which we wish to put into practice, His Excellency says: "I bless all of you and your Mistress as well; I desire to give my blessing to your Superior General in return for all the good she is accomplishing in Canada and in foreign lands and I also wish to bless all your Sisters in China and Japan and in every place where you have convents."

When it comes time to leave us, Very Reverend Canon Roch inspires him with the happy thought of giving us a holiday which will be "the Pope's holiday"; this privilege is at once granted us and we rejoice at this fresh favour. Then kneeling to receive a blessing anew, we witness the departure of the prelate who has shown himself to be the true representative of Our Holy Father, that is, one possessing the greatest fatherly kindness.

### **Wednesday, October 11**

Every day we receive comforting news concerning our beloved Mother. Our loving Lord, in His infinite bounty, has hearkened to our entreaties and has left to us the one we need so much. We entreat the Blessed Virgin to thank her divine Son in our stead and we continue to ask for a complete and speedy recovery for our revered patient.

### **Thursday, October 12**

Yesterday it was agreed upon that we were to take "the Pope's holiday" without any further delay. And as it will not be an ordinary day of rejoicing we have made arrangements so that it may have a character all its own.

On awaking, we offer the entire day for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff and for those of his Delegate. The altar in our chapel is adorned



with the papal colours, and during Holy Mass we sing hymns in which we express the wishes we have formulated for Our Holy Father.

At nine o'clock, our holiday begins and a special Guard of Honour is commenced. Throughout the entire day, we go in turns to the chapel to recite the Rosary for Our Holy Father the Pope and for his representative in Canada.

### **Wednesday, October 25**

Although a few flakes of snow fell yesterday, we were far from expecting, this morning, to see Nature clothed in a coat of ermine. Can it be that winter has set in, hiding from view the grass which has not yet withered and the pretty autumn foliage of the different trees?...

It is with a smile that we greet the first snow of the season, for it is so pure and white and it brings back to our minds the most pleasant memories of our childhood days.

But we do not fail to think of those in poverty and want who, during the cold weather, will be downhearted and will have to endure great suffering.

May God who in His Providence provides a shelter for the little birds, come to their assistance and see to all their needs!

### **Tuesday, October 31**

At the opening of October, we knelt before the statue of Our Lady of the Rosary to promise our loving Queen that during the month dedicated to her we would form a mystical rosary by reciting numerous Aves every day.

We tried to remain true to our promise, but in order to make up for our negligence in the service of our heavenly Mother who has never ceased to watch over us and to shower upon us the choicest blessings, our Mistress yesterday exhorted us to be doubly fervent so that during the last hours of this blessed month, all our actions accomplished with renewed zeal might be as so many golden roses in our loving Queen's crown. This evening while presenting her with these mystical wreaths composed of acts of filial love, we offer ourselves to her as her "slaves" while renewing our Act of Consecration to her.

### **Wednesday, November 1**

Last night, after having asked the Blessed Virgin to choose us a patron or a patroness from among the innumerable citizens of heaven, we went to sleep, wondering what saint our heavenly Mother would send us. On awaking this morning, a mysterious voice seems to whisper to us the name of a saint mentioned in the martyrology. It is the saint chosen by Mary and who has already been appointed our protector who is to watch over us during the year.

At the opening of the day's recreation, the traditional presentation of our holy patrons takes place, and we are thus taken in spirit to the different parts of the celestial abode.

**Wednesday, November 8**

We are given an interesting conference by Reverend Father Primeau, S.J., one of those in charge of the pilgrimage being made by the Catholics of Canada on the occasion of the nineteenth centenary of the Redemption. The pilgrims visit the Holy Land, the Eternal City, Lourdes and other places of note in Europe.

The interesting discourse lasts a whole hour but we find that the time glides by only too quickly. The pious speaker relates so many spiritual and edifying anecdotes that when the conference is over we are all filled with renewed zeal and anxious to scale the heights of perfection and to prove our love to God.

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Mary is only our adopted Mother, given us from the Cross; her presence is above, not on earth; her office is external, not within us. Her name is not heard in the administration of the Sacraments. It is her prayers that avail, and they are effectual by the *Fiat* of Him who is our all in all. Nor does she hear us by any innate power or any personal gift, but by His manifestation to her of the prayers which we make her.

Cardinal Newman.

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Why is it that so many excellent people undertake good works without any success? It is because they begin without sincere trust in God, and without a complete renunciation of self. He who does not put his entire trust in God is not worthy to be His instrument.

Fenelon.

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**Indulgences to be gained during the Forty Hours' Devotion**

In order to urge the faithful to visit the Blessed Sacrament exposed to public view, the Sacred Penitentiary, by a decree dated July 24th, 1933, grants the following indulgences: To all those who, after having confessed their sins and received Holy Communion, visit the Blessed Sacrament exposed during the Forty Hours' Devotion, or exposed *ad instar* (in conformity with the Decree of the Holy Office *Augetur*, which is dated January 22nd, 1914), and recite five *Paters*, *Aves*, and *Glorias* as well as a *Pater*, *Ave* and *Gloria* for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff, the Holy Father grants a Plenary Indulgence, which may be gained every day as long as the Blessed Sacrament is thus exposed.

To those who with at least contrite hearts make this visit, His Holiness grants a partial indulgence of fifteen years, which may be gained *toties quoties* all the time the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

This decree of the Sacred Penitentiary was published in the *Acta Apostolicæ Sedis* dated September 1st, 1933, page 381.



# Thanksgivings to the Blessed Virgin

## for favours obtained

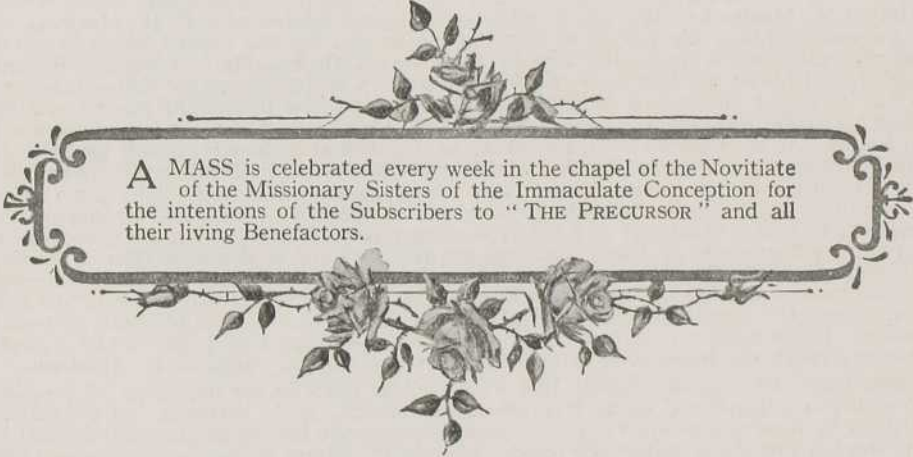


*"O MARY, the entire universe would perish before you refuse your assistance to those who, with all their heart, implore your help and protection."*

BL. HENRY SUZO.

novena in honour of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for my intentions. A Friend, **North Bay, Ont.** — I am enclosing an offering for a favour obtained from our Blessed Lady. P. A., **Middletown, Conn.** — The enclosed offering is in thanksgiving for a favour received. I only wish I could increase it a hundredfold. Anonymous. — My husband has been successful in finding work and I am sending you an offering in thanksgiving. Mrs. A. M., **Windsor, Ont.** — The great favour I have been asking for has been granted. May our Blessed Mother be thanked a thousand times over. I am enclosing a cheque in favour of your Missions. Mrs. J. H. G., **Napierville, P. Q.** — Our prayers have been answered and I am renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR in grateful thanksgiving. Mrs. J. D., **Wallaceburg, Ont.** — I am enclosing an offering as promised, for I have received my favour. I want you to keep on praying for me. Mrs. L. F., **New York.** — My sister has been working for some time now and I shall never be able to thank Our Blessed Mother enough for her kindness. I am enclosing a small offering which I would like you to accept for your Missions. H. McG., **Windsor, Ont.** — I am sending you an offering which I promised if I received a favour. Mrs. A. L., **St. Andrews East, P. Q.** — I am sending in my subscription to THE PRECURSOR in thanksgiving to our dear heavenly Mother who helped us to get settled on a farm. Mrs. G. L. — Grateful thanks to the Blessed Virgin for, through her intercession, my young daughter has been well enough to attend school regularly. Mrs. W. F. — I wish to return thanks to the Most Blessed Virgin for her motherly care. Mrs. P. H. — With my subscription, I am enclosing the price of a novena of lights in thanksgiving for favours obtained. A. L. — Kindly accept this offering, in thanksgiving for a favour. A. G. — Most grateful thanks to the Blessed Virgin for all the favours I have received during my life. We entreat this good Mother to continue to protect us, for we stand in need of her assistance. Mr. and Mrs. P. R. — I return most grateful thanks to God and to His holy Mother for all I have received from them. I am asking for some other favours, especially that my two sons may find work. Mrs. E. L. — Kindly accept this offering for your missions in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. A. L., **Lachine.** — Heartfelt thanks to our dear heavenly Mother for the favours she showers upon us. Please ask her to continue to watch over us. Mrs. J. C., **Verdun.** — My most grateful thanks for favours received through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. R. R., **Holyoke.** — I am enclosing a Postal Note in favour of your Works, in thanksgiving for having received an answer to my prayers. I now wish to obtain some other favours. A friend of the Missions. — I wish you would publish my thanksgiving for the securing of a position after making with confidence, many novenas of the Three Hail Marys. J. G., **Montreal.** — An offering for your missions in China, in thanksgiving for favour received through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. H. B. — I am sending you a subscription to THE PRECURSOR to thank our dear heavenly Mother for a favour granted me. M. J. D., **Upton.** — I am enclosing the price of the ransom of four dying Chinese babies. It is my thank-offering to our Immaculate Mother who has lovingly watched over me. A Subscriber. — To fulfil my promise, I am sending an offering in thanksgiving for a favour granted me through the intercession of our dear heavenly Mother. Anonymous. — The Blessed Virgin has helped me to keep my position and, to prove my gratitude to her, I am forwarding you an offering for the ransom

of a dying Chinese baby. Anonymous. — You will find enclosed an alms in favour of your Works in thanksgiving for a cure obtained through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. Miss E. D., **Montreal**. — I would like you to publish my thanksgiving to Mary Immaculate who has helped my son to secure a position. Mrs. D. L., **Chambly Bassin**. — Our dear heavenly Mother has hearkened to my prayers and I to-day wish to return her my heartfelt thanks. Miss A. F., **Montreal**. — An offering for the ransom of a baby likely to live, in thanksgiving for a favour received. L. G. M., **Henryville**. — Find enclosed a Postal Note in thanksgiving for favours received. A. L. — A small offering in favour of your missionary work in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for a favour obtained. — My husband has now a higher salary, and I am sending you the sum promised for the ransom of Chinese babies. Mrs. H. M., **Springfield**. — I wish to return thanks to the Blessed Virgin for the favour she has granted me and I am gladly fulfilling my promise by sending you the enclosed offering for the ransom of two pagan children. D. L., **Newton Falls**. — I return heartfelt thanks to our dear heavenly Mother who has obtained me the favour I have been asking for and am enclosing a subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Mrs. G. P. B., **Spencer**. — You will find enclosed a subscription to THE PRECURSOR and an alms for the ransom of a dying Chinese baby in thanksgiving for a favour. Mrs. N. J. — Please accept the enclosed offering which I promised to send you. My heartfelt thanks to our Immaculate Mother. Mrs. J. T. A. M. — With my subscription to THE PRECURSOR I am sending you an offering for the ransom of a pagan baby in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. H. J. — Heartfelt thanks to our Immaculate Mother for her watchful protection. I am now asking for other favours. Mrs. J. E. B. — Find enclosed a cheque for my subscription to THE PRECURSOR and for the ransom of a Chinese baby likely to live, in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for a favour received. Mrs. A. D. — Please accept this offering in thanksgiving to our dear heavenly Mother for a favour granted me. I beg her to continue to protect us all. Mrs. B. G., **Holyoke**. — I have never invoked the Most Blessed Virgin in vain; many a time I have been in straitened circumstances and have always been successful. I attribute my success to our dear heavenly Mother, who makes everything very easy for me. Anonymous, **Montreal**. — I am sending you an offering for the ransom of some dying Chinese babies, in thanksgiving for a position obtained. Mrs. E. R. — I have obtained an answer to my prayers and return heartfelt thanks to God and His holy Mother. I am asking for several other favours. Mrs. H. B. — I am enclosing an offering in thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes through whose intercession I obtained a favour. Mrs. A. P.



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## Petitions

"O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee."

I promise to give an offering for the ransom of four dying Chinese babies and ask that you be kind enough to make a novena for my intentions. Mrs. J. F., **Montreal**. — There is a particular favour which I would so like to have soon and I would be very grateful if you would pray that I may obtain it. M. G. D., **Chatham, Ont.** — I am an old subscriber to THE PRECURSOR and I beg you to make a novena for me as I have been very sick. When am cured I will send you an offering. May our dear Immaculate Mother be pleased to grant my requests. Mrs. J. P., **Montreal**. — Enclosed please find a small offering. Kindly



pray that we may collect some of the money that is due us and for another intention. A Subscriber. — I will send an offering for the Missions if my prayers are answered. Mrs. A. W., **North Troy**. — Enclosed you will find the donation I promised to send you. Please continue to pray for the conversion of my son and that he may stop drinking. Mrs. W., **Montreal**. — Three very special intentions. Mrs. Carroll. — You will find enclosed a Money Order for which please see that votive lights be burned for my intentions. Mrs. C. G., **Saratoga Springs**. — Would you please remember my family and other relatives in your prayers for three special favours. Mrs. M. H., **Montreal**. — Please have prayers said for special intentions. Miss B. — Will you please pray for a favour I am very anxious to receive and if granted I will send a subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Mrs. M. B., **Montreal**. — I am writing to ask your prayers for my intentions. If my favours are granted, I will subscribe to THE PRECURSOR and also send an offering for a novena of lights in thanksgiving. M. L. B., **Richmond**. — Please pray that a son may obtain a position. Mrs. D. — Enclosed is my subscription to THE PRECURSOR and an offering for the ransom of two dying babies. Please pray for me. Mrs. B. Y., **Montreal**. — I am writing to ask you to please pray for me. You will find enclosed a small donation and when it is possible I will send you more. Miss E. K., **Chatham, Ont.** — Please pray for my intentions. M. H., **Harwick, Mass.** — I am enclosing a Money Order for my renewal subscription to THE PRECURSOR. I am asking God to protect and lead my boy in the right way. Mrs. A. J., **Montreal**. — Enclosed you will find a small offering. Please pray that I may be successful in selling my property soon. I will send a substantial donation if my request is granted. Miss M. S., **Albany**. — Please pray for my son, for I am afraid he is falling into bad company. Mrs. A. S., **Montreal**. — I wish you would remember us in your prayers. If the favour we are asking for is granted, we will send you an offering for your missions in China. Mrs. J. H. G., **Napierville**. — Please find enclosed my renewal subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Would you be kind enough to remember me in your prayers. V. C., **Montreal**. — I am asking our Blessed Lady and the Little Flower of Jesus to help me to rent my flats and to guide me through my troubles safely. If my requests are granted, I will send you a small donation on the last day of each month for a year and besides subscribing to THE PRECURSOR as long as I live I will do my best to get other subscribers. Mrs. T. Y., **Ilion, N. Y.** — Please make a novena for my intentions. As soon as I find work, I will send you what I promised. Mr. S. C., **Timmins, Ont.** — I wish you would make a novena that I may obtain a special favour. Mrs. O. T. — Please pray that I may be successful in selling my property and that my husband may lead a better life. Mrs. A. R. — I am asking our Blessed Lady to grant that my husband may return home. Mrs. A. N., **Montreal**. — Will you kindly pray for a special intention. R. B., **Montreal**. — I am sending you a subscription to THE PRECURSOR and beg the Blessed Virgin to grant me my health and several other favours. Anonymous, **Georgiaville**. — I beg our Blessed Lady to watch over me, that I may not lose my position, and to obtain the conversion of my wife. A. L. — I am sending in my subscription and promise to forward you an offering if we are successful in selling a house. Mrs. P. L. — Please pray that my son may be restored to health. A. B., **Chambly**. — I am asking for the following favours: health for my son and daughter who are not yet through school; a position for my husband; health for myself; my daughter's success in her examinations. Anonymous. — Will you kindly pray for a poor mother who has several children to bring up and who is not able to find tenants for her houses, also that a young girl may not grow discouraged. M. B. B. — If I obtain a great favour, I will subscribe to THE PRECURSOR for five years and send you an offering for the Missions as well as other donations. Anonymous, **Bagotville**. — I promise to send an offering for the ransom of a few Chinese babies if my young daughter is restored to health and if I am successful in some important undertakings. A Subscriber. — I wish to obtain a special favour. Please make a novena for me. Anonymous. — I trust that I shall obtain a great favour through the intercession of our dear heavenly Mother. Miss A. P., **Montreal**. — I would ask you to pray fervently that we may have peace in our household. I promise to send you a donation if things brighten up this month. L. I., **Farnham**. — I am asking that my husband may secure a position and promise to renew my subscription and to publish my thanksgiving if my prayers are heard. Mrs. A. V. — I am asking for a favour and am enclosing an offering for Votive Lights to be burned at Mary's Shrine. Miss T. M., **Taunton, Mass.** — I am praying fervently for some spiritual favours. M. L. C., **Mistassini**. — I would like you to make a novena that my brothers may get steady work and for another special intention. I will send my offering as soon as possible, in thanksgiving, if I obtain these favours. Mrs. G. C., **Montreal**. — I beg you to pray for my mother who is suffering from paralysis and that I may have better health myself. Miss A. P., **St. Damase**. — A position for my husband and success in selling an automobile. Mrs. B., **Shawinigan Falls**. — Some spiritual favours for all the members of the family and work for my husband. Mrs. A. C., **St. Joseph, N. B.** — Please pray that a person who is called to the religious life may have better health. Mrs. A. L., **Arthabaskaville**. — I am writing a few lines to ask you if you will please pray that my friend may get work. If this favour is granted, I will send you an offering if I am able to. M. R., **Pawtucket, R. I.** — Will you please commence a novena that I may obtain a very special favour. If my request is granted I will send you an offering to help along your missionary work. Mrs. W. P., **Outremont**. — Herewith a small offering for your Chinese missions. Please pray to our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph



and the Little Flower for my daughter, that she may be cured and not have to undergo an operation. I wish you would also pray for the conversion of her husband, that there may be peace and harmony in her household and for another special intention. If I obtain these requests or some of them, I will send you other donations. Mrs. E., **Montreal**. — I am making a novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, as I have a great deal of trouble. Would you kindly pray for my intentions. If I obtain the favours I am asking for, I will send some money for your good works. M. F., **Montreal**. — I am enclosing a small offering with the request to please include in your prayers our urgent petitions to our Blessed Mother. If I obtain what I am asking for, I will send you a substantial donation and will contribute what I can as long as I live. Miss J. M. S., **Albany**. — May I ask you to make another novena to Our Blessed Lady that I may succeed in renting my three flats. I will send you an offering if I am granted this favour. Mrs. M. C., **Woonsocket, R. I.** — I am renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Would you please pray to our Blessed Mother that through her intercession my brother-in-law and my sister may find employment. If they get work soon, I will send an offering for the ransom of a dying Chinese baby. Mrs. C. H., **Three Rivers**. — Will you please make a novena for me that I may have steady work. I will send a donation if my request is granted. Miss L. H., **Schuylerville**. — Please pray that I may be restored to health and for some other special intentions. I promise to send a donation for each favour granted me. Petitioner, **Grenville, P. Q.** — I am sending a small offering to help a Chinese baby. Please remember me in your prayers. M. B. T., **Schenectady, N. Y.** — If I regain my health, I will send you an offering in thanksgiving. A Subscriber, **Lacolle**. — I am asking for the following favours: the recovery of a sum of money due me, restoration to health and the securing of a position. Mrs. F. L. — Will you kindly make a novena for me that I may obtain an important favour. Mrs. A. R. — Four years ago, I took sick and I have been bed-ridden for the last two years. Will you kindly ask the Blessed Virgin to assist me, M. C. R. — I wish you would pray that I may regain my health. Mrs. E. C., **Holyoke**. — Please pray for my husband who is addicted to drink. Anonymous. — May the blessed Virgin help my husband to keep his position all winter. Mrs. R. D. — Please pray for a special intention and that I may obtain a position. Miss L. P. — May I ask you to pray that I may be restored to health, if such be the Holy Will of God. Mrs. D. D., **Bathurst**. — Will you be kind enough to pray that I may obtain a very important favour. L. M., **Waterbury**. — I wish you would pray for my sick sister who is the mother of several children. Miss J. P. — I have been paralysed for the past year and would ask you to pray that I may be cured if God so wills. Miss A. G. — I am asking for two favours: the conversion of two people and the recovery of a sum of money which I am afraid of losing. E. L. — Please pray that I may be successful in something I am undertaking, if such be the Holy Will of God. Mrs. L., **St. Lambert**. — I entreat the Blessed Virgin to help my husband to secure a position, for he has been out of work for two years. Mrs. G. B. — I wish to obtain the following favours: grace for my young daughter to discover her vocation; the conversion of my husband who is addicted to drink; health for myself. Mrs. O. D. — I recommend myself to your prayers, for I have undergone an operation which seems to have been an unsuccessful one. I wish you would also pray that we may succeed in selling a piece of land. L. B., **Shawinigan Falls**. — Please join with me in asking our dear heavenly Mother to intercede for my husband that he may act better towards me. Anonymous. — I wish you would remember me in your prayers, for I am anxious to discover my vocation. B. D. — The cure of a sick person and another very important favour. A Friend. — Will you kindly make a novena to the Immaculate Conception that my daughter may be restored to health. Mrs. W. F., **Holyoke**. — The cure of my brother who has lung trouble. We are depending upon him to support us. A Subscriber. — The conversion of a sinner and success in trade. Mrs. S. D. — Will you kindly pray for my son, the father of four little ones, who is addicted to drink. Anonymous. — I am enclosing herewith a small sum for the ransom of some dying babies, in order that I may obtain special favours which I am asking St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Mrs. A. B. McD., **Montreal**. — I am writing to ask you if you will make a novena in honour of the Little Flower of Jesus for me that I may obtain two favours. I will send a donation if these requests are granted. Mrs. J. H., **Schuylerville**. — My husband has been out of work for almost a year. I am asking if you will pray to St. Anthony and the Little Flower that he will get something to do. If this request is granted me, I will send you an offering and do what I can to help you. Mrs. F. S., **Schenectady, N. Y.** — I am renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Kindly pray that my mother will have better health and for my intentions. Mrs. J. L., **Springfield, Mass.** — I enclose an offering for the Missions and would ask you to say a prayer for me that I may be cured of rheumatism and that I may hold my position. Miss B., **Montreal**. — I am renewing my subscription and ask that my husband may find a position soon and that I may obtain the favour I have been praying for. Mrs. M., **Shawinigan Falls**. — If I am restored to health, I promise to renew my subscription to THE PRECURSOR next year. Mrs. M. T., **New Bedford, Mass.** — I would ask you to pray that I may obtain a very special favour. A Subscriber, **Ottawa**. — I am sending my offering for the ransom of dying pagan babies so that they may intercede for me in heaven. V. S., **Burlington, Vt.** — I enclose herewith my renewal subscription to THE PRECURSOR and would request a remembrance in your prayers for my intentions. Mrs. J. B. G., **Price, P. Q.** — I promise to make an offering for your missions if my health is restored. Mrs. G. R., **Montreal**.





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# 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 a 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 poor 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.