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Year be an occasion for Reverend Local Directors, Secretaries, Promoters and Associates to strengthen and perfect in every way the material organization of their respective branches.

It is on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, or during the octave, that Promoters, who have given proof of earnestness and persevering effort, should receive their Promoters' Crosses and Diplomas, and make their conse cration. It is becoming that the conferring of their Crosses and Diplomas be accompanied with as much outward solemnity as circumstances of time and place permit.

These well descrving functionaries should not have to wait more than six months for their Diplomas and Crosses, save when very exceptional and serious difficulties prevent their receiving them sooner.

In view of the coming receptions, we beg Reverend Local Directors to make application in season for what they require, and to do so personally or through their Secretaries. The names of the intended recipients should accompany in every instance such application.

Isolated Promoters, who reside in places where the League is not established, may apply directly to the Head Director. In no other case are Crosses sent at the request of individual Promoters.

New Promoters are expected to defray the expense of their Crosses, and to remit to the Local Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer the price of the kind they select. This is the general rule where the resources of local organizations do not admit of the gratuitous presentation of this badge of their office.