

THE SISTERHOOD OF ST. JOSEPH.

ITS ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT.

Rev. F. J. O'Sullivan in House Messenger.

Every age in the history of the Church has witnessed a new society in the answer to the call of God, as expressed in the words of the Royal Prophet, "Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thy ear, and forget thy people and thy father's house."

As it is impossible in missionary countries to have all these different congregations, there arose the idea of a triple apostolate of prayer, teaching and charity. Such is our own diocesan community, the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The new congregation fittingly chose St. Joseph as its patron. He who protected, cared for, and clothed the sacred humanity of our Lord, is a fit patron of souls who devote themselves to tending the suffering members of Christ's mystical body.

Like the mustard seed, the new institute grew rapidly, and at the commencement of the revolution in 1798 had houses in almost every part of France. But as is the case to-day of religious orders were persecuted with the utmost severity.

when she again opened her convent at Monistrol.

The community again flourished, and in 1812 it was found necessary to establish a mother house. What more fitting spot than the city of Lyons, the city of Mary, the city whose first Bishop was St. Irenaeus, the disciple of St. John the Evangelist, the apostle of Charity, the city of the propagation of the faithful?

Such in short, is the history of the founding of the community of St. Joseph. The first house in this country was established in the Diocese of St. Louis, in the year 1836. Bishop Rosati of that city, one of the spiritual children of St. Vincent de Paul, being on a visit to Lyons, requested Mother St. John to send a colony of her Sisters to America.

With characteristic self-sacrifice and zeal she accepted the invitation, but being unwilling to impose any such heroic sacrifice on her children, she appealed to them to volunteer. With a sorrowful heart she saw, among those who responded to the invitation, her own two nieces, Sister Febronia and Sister Delphine de Fontbonne.

The St. Joseph Sisters were brought to the diocese of Peterborough in the year 1850 by the late Bishop Jamot. In the year 1850 they became a distinct community under the jurisdiction of our present beloved Bishop, Rt. Rev. R. A. O'Connor.

THE STRENUOUS LIFE OF A MISSIONARY.

Most of the comfortably churched people have a very meagre idea of the work that a missionary in the remote sections has to go through with.

"I have now almost finished this round of my missions. I have said Mass in eleven places, with four more still to visit. In some places Mass was celebrated at private houses, at others in school houses; at one place in an opera house; at another place in a shack church. It is reached by following a trail about four miles up a mountain side on horseback.

"Now let me jump a lot of other doings and tell you my history from Friday last till Sunday evening. I left headquarters on Thursday, went about thirty-eight miles on the railroad. When I started out to find stray sheep, I hunted up some Hungarians and then went up the river to find more. I did find more, but they did not appear

at Mass the next day. After supper I went to two families who had not gone to their duties for about nine years, with the result that nearly all went to the sacraments the next morning.

"The next day, Sunday, I had a large crowd in the opera house. I placed the altar on the stage after cleaning out the dirt left by the last passing show company. Well, with two baptisms and two marriages, I had to hurry a quarter of a mile for breakfast and catch the train at 9 o'clock to get home for catechism and evening service here."

This page from the diary of a missionary is only typical of what hundreds of priests do, and yet the comfortably churched people of the North sometimes fail to appreciate the blessings of religion at their hand. Such hard-working priests are the heroes of the Church.—The Missionary.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

O living fount! O fount of life! Bear me up amidst thy strife; Let my soul be ever in thy will, Keep me from the snares of evil, Save me from the snares of sin, From all sin my soul keep free—Save me to Eternity!

In Thy life I'll always live, Let Thy blood be ever in me, Life to what'er I be, Grace to keep Thy will, Strength to will and do my part, Grace and blessing ever will be Mine unto Eternity.

Our thoughts turn naturally to the Precious Blood of Christ, the God-man, in this month dedicated to His honor. How little men think of it! No wonder that the Paulist Calendar, "that corrupt politicians try to cloak their villainy by alleging that public opinion against them is founded on religious prejudice."

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PRIEST GIVES HIS GIFT AWAY.

The regular monthly meeting of the New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus, was held at the Grand Central Palace yesterday.

The Rev. Henry Van Hensseler, S. J., Chaplain of the Chapter, and the Rev. Alexander P. Doyle, C. S. P., who was its former chaplain, were seated on the platform.

The main incident in the stirring proceedings of the four-hour session was the presentation by Dongan Council of a check for \$1,000 to Father Doyle to mark the esteem in which he is held by his fellow members of Dongan Council.

The presentation was particularly appropriate at this time, when Father Doyle is just completing his twenty-fifth year in the priesthood.

Father Doyle was visibly affected, as he rose to reply. He said he was over-measured by the testimony of their affection for him. Dongan Council has manifested the truest fraternity, but there was not a council in the order which would not do the same thing under like circumstances.

"If," said Father Doyle, "there is one beautiful thing about the order of the Knights of Columbus, it is the willing hands of its members, who are always ready to help a fellow member when he has a burden to bear."

"Whereas, on the 22d of May, 1905, Reverend Alexander P. Doyle, C. S. P., completed his twenty-fifth year since his ordination in the holy priesthood, and, Whereas, Father Doyle has by his unceasing devotion to the principles of our honored order and his frequent and untiring efforts in promoting its best interests, won the hearts of all its members and,

"Whereas, Dongan Council, of which Father Doyle is a member, has this day presented to him for the use of the Apostolic Mission House at Washington, D. C., a check for \$1,000, and, Whereas, the New York Chapter is heartily in accord with the movements begun by Dongan Council, and regards with favor the work of the said Apostolic Mission House, in which Father Doyle is engaged; therefore be it

"Resolved, that the New York Chapter in token of its respect and esteem for Father Doyle, and as an evidence of its hearty approval of the work in which he is engaged, hereby records its indorsement of Father Doyle's unstinted devotion to the propagation of our faith; and commends his work on behalf of the Apostolic Mission House to the Chapter and to the order."

A committee was appointed to assist Father Doyle in promoting the work to which he is devoting his life.—N. Y. News.

CATHOLICS IN PUBLIC LIFE.

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FOR FEMALE TEACHER GERMAN PRE-ferred, wanted for school section No. 10, State salary. Address Amund Schurr, Formosa, Ont.

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MARRIED. McGRATH LYNCH - At St. Michael's church, Monday, July 17th, Mr. J. McGrath of Whitby to Miss Maxwell, eldest daughter of Mr. J. Lynch of Toronto.

STEVES CURTIS - At the church of the Sacred Heart, Paris on Monday, July 10th, 1905, by the Rev. Father Clonin, Mr. Francis H. Curtis of Toronto formerly of Hamilton to Miss Nora Curtis of Paris.

ALEXANDER JONES - At St. Francis Xavier church, Missions, Montreal on Tuesday June 20th by Rev. Father J. J. O'Sullivan, S. J. Mr. Stephen W. Alexander of Hamilton, Mont., to Josephine O. Jones, daughter of Wm. Jones, of Guelph, Ont.

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