

Five days of Novena for
Parents still remain.
Be great finishers!

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to Helena!

Christmas In A Barn.

After numerous tremors and shocks the Catholic orphanage in Helena was badly shaken. The sisters had to move their youngsters into a barn. It was cold in the barn--very cold for frightened little children. But the Blessed Sacrament was brought and enthroned in a manger. Then there were Our Lord, the love of the Sisters, some straw, and a few blankets to bring comfort.

After the youngsters had been nested at night, near the crunching of dumb beasts, the Sister in charge made the rounds. "We'll all be very close to you during the night, children. If you get cold or afraid, be sure to let one of the Sisters know." A youngster, sensing the sacredness of it all, whispered back: "We're o.k. now, Sister. It's jist like the Crib of Bethlehem!"

Many poor patients and Catholic families of Helena are spending these sharp days in barns and makeshift shelters. Your money can help bring them food and warmth for Christmas. So far, our Helena Earthquake Fund amounts to \$46. There are only a few days left before the holidays. Please rush contributions, little or big, to Prefect of Religion, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Neglected.

For years it has been the custom to send Father Barron a Christmas purse. He is, as most of you know, a Notre Dame man working gloriously in the mission field of Anchu, Korea. One of his most loyal friends in this country is Dr. Howard J. Beard, a non-Catholic physician of Urbana, Illinois.

The good Doctor sends \$5 and reminds us that we have been neglecting Father Barron. Shameful! On top of this comes a plaintive message from Father Barron to Father O'Hara:

"I certainly miss your encouraging letters. Haven't heard from Father Cavanaugh or anyone at Notre Dame in nearly a year. I'm still pounding away, but I need a few cheers from the sidelines.

"I want you to know that in the city of Anchu over five hundred Christians, born in Paganism but regenerated through Baptism, shall join you this Christmas in chanting praises of adoration and love to Jesus their Saviour. Like the shepherds of old, 'coming they saw and understood of the Word that had been spoken to them and returned glorifying and praising God.'

"Five years, thanks to your help, have brought a pleasant change in the Anchu mission where a priest never before resided. A rectory, school, and hospital have been erected at the center and nine mission stations have been opened up in the district that embraces 772,000 souls. But one thing remains to be done--and that is the most essential. A church large enough to accommodate the faithful must be erected. This is a big task but one that can be accomplished if our efforts are united. The depression has dissipated all hope of receiving large gifts, so I shall welcome enthusiastically generous little gifts which, from many, amount to considerable. Like the proverbial postage stamp I shall stick at this campaign till our goal is reached. Even if you are not able to do much in a material way, offer an occasional prayer for our success. --Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am, etc."

We are writing Father Barron that his purse will be ready early in the New Year. Help! Help!

PRAYERS: (deceased) relative of Bill Botzum (Morrisey). Ill. friend of Arthur Hoffman (Corb); three friends of Tom Walker (Brownson).