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Would You Do As Much For Christ?

Today the Church honors an American martyr, Isaac Jogues, a Jesuit missionary. He answered the call of Christ and worked among the barbarous Iroquois. Of all the sacrifices you have made for Christ none of them have approached those suffered by Jogues.

One day two savages made at him like wild beasts. They tore out his finger nails with their teeth and crushed his forefingers to the last joint. His escape back to France was miraculous.

On account of his maimed hands, Father Jogues could not say Mass. He was able to perform the ceremonies of the Mass, but he was prevented from offering Mass by the Church law which forbids a priest to say Mass if his forefingers and thumbs are not intact. The rubrics prescribe that the Host must be held with the consecrated forefinger and thumbs. Father Jogues' forefinger had been crunched when he was captured, and later during another torture session his left thumb was hacked off. The Holy Father sometime afterwards granted the intrepid missionary the unusual favor of celebrating Mass in this maimed condition.

Jogues did not quit. He wanted to return to the scene of his past sufferings. He wanted to bring Christ to those who knew nothing of Him. They tortured and maltreated him. His was a happy heart when they martyred him.

Imitate Father Jogues by accepting all your sufferings without complaint.

"I Can Read Anything."

We doubt it. Some reading material will lead you and others into sin. If you wish to hear an authority speak on the poisonous effects of comics on young minds, take time out Monday evening to hear Sister M. Clare of Cleveland. Sister Clare will speak at the Central High School at 8 p.m. There is no charge. Bishop Noll will speak on "Clean Reading" at this meeting sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Women.

The Missionary Hopes You Will Be Great Saints.

"Those of our day who hearken to Christ's words, live in the inspiration of His life, become the saints of Main St.: baby saints; saints of the lollypop and ice-cream cone; holy tots of the sand pile; clean-minded youth of the playground; saints that chuckle merrily at the Sunday comics and smile happily at their prayers; uncanonized saints of the shop; saintly depositors at the people's savings bank and holy men who joyfully clip coupons that they may help Him and His brothers; merry saints of the golf links, the tennis set and the swimming pool; hiking saints, saints that sail and fish; saints who, like Him, love to climb mountains, saintly Josephs and Marys of the Christian home."

(Father John Delaunay, C.S.C., in The Catholic Digest.)

Freshmen!

The Freshmen are forbidden to assist at the 10:00 student Mass, and at the parish Masses. The 8:30 High Mass is out in one hour. This Mass is no longer than the Low Masses. Holy Communion will be distributed after the 7:00 Mass in the church, in case you wish to go to breakfast before attending the High Mass. Teach yourself to receive Holy Communion as often as you can in the Mass.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Tom O'Neill; mother of Father George Pellegrin, C.S.C.