

During November:
Mass in Basement Chapel
of Church at 8:00 A.M.

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(deceased) father of
Leo Coleman (Al), died
Thursday morning

Deep in the Heart of Texas

"My car and bus in two years have travelled 74,000 miles. Add to that some thousands of miles travelled by my confrere Father Dore, and you will have a small idea of our mission field.

"Since 1944 the Holy Cross Fathers have been in charge of three and one-half counties right smack in the center of Texas. Scattered over this vast area are seven chapels, each with its activities and problems. We have longed for the daily and constant help of Sisters, as the priest alone feels so helpless. The idea of a convent and school, and social center was conceived in 1943 under Father Bill Roach, who was later killed in the disaster of Texas City. He gave the first 1500 dollars. At this moment that idea is springing to reality. Twenty men are at work on our new Mission Plant. Relying on the same Providence that built seven chapels, we are going ahead in spite of headaches.

"The school is not my only worry. I still cover gobs of Texas mileage that carries me each day to widely separated missions. In one of my flying trips to Sacred Heart Mission with heart set on reconciling a broken up family of six, I had the pleasure of meeting a Mexican blind girl who had spent years in the State School for the Blind where she learned to read in Braille. Maria has a victrola, and so she is now also enjoying my records of the Life of Christ. She can also play the violin, but the bow is sadly in need of new hair. She will have it back as good as new before long. Before I returned home from my first visit, God in His Goodness helped me reconcile the family.

"My pocketbook is flatter than some of the biscuits I have had to eat all summer. Since we have started the building of the little convent and school, we have lived on a shoe string proposition--taking the cheapest meals at the dingiest restaurants--cutting down to essentials, doling the gasoline--making worn out clothing do a little longer, but it is all Christlike and worth it if the school can be finished and furnished, and the Sisters can be fed. Perhaps my inactive pen has stopped the flow of help--or maybe it is just the high cost of living. But the Cause for which I fight is so wonderful and worthwhile that I feel you will want to share in it.

"If at all possible, may my Mexican Missions have an alms?"

Thus writes Father Schmidt, CSC. Take a peek into your purse to see if you can find a bit of loose change to give him for his convent and school. Make your offering a prayer for some intention, if you wish. One student has started to fill the money bag with a \$5.00 offering. In his note the student says, "Do what you see fit with this offering. Please remember me in your prayers, for I am contemplating entering the religious life and need prayers for guidance." Mail your offering to the Prefect of Religion, 117 Dillon Hall, or leave your envelope at his office door.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Joseph Marti, cousin of Maximo Fernandez (BP). (Ill) cousin of Don Luck (Cor); grandmother of Harry Yeager (Morr.) Two Thanksgivings. 6 So. I.

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