
Mission Sunday.

Without counting the ones at Notre Dame, there are more than a billion heathens in the world.

If each Catholic would convert four heathens the world would be Christian.

To each Catholic Our Blessed Lord said: "As the Father hath sent Me, so do I also send you. Going therefore teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. And behold I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world."

Here is what Notre Dame is doing in the Foreign Mission field to carry out this command: The Congregation of Holy Cross has the mission field in Bengal, India, one of the most unsalubrious places in the world. For convenience of administration, the field has been divided recently into two districts, each with its Bishop, one of which belongs to the American Province, and the other to the Canadian Province of the Congregation. In the American diocese graduates of Notre Dame are working as Bishop, Priests and Brothers for the conversion and education of more than twenty millions of pagans. It is about the hardest life one could imagine, but it has been accepted cheerfully by these men in true Notre Dame spirit.

What are you doing to spread the Faith? Right here in the United States three out of every five have no religion. They constitute an enormous mission field. They have this count against them, however: they are not as needy as the heathens in lands where the Gospel has not been preached, because they have the Church at their door. If they have set their hearts against the Truth, we are only carrying out another divine command if we ignore them and turn our attention to the heathen world abroad, because Our Lord told His Apostles that if the people to whom they went would not receive them they should shake off the dust of their feet as a testimony against them and go elsewhere to teach. -- And your history will tell you that when Northern Europe rejected the Church in the Sixteenth Century God had prepared against their infidelity to grace a new field of labors, and within fifty years after the discovery of America more Indians had been baptized in America than Catholics had fallen away in Europe.

Here are suggestions on what you can do:

1. You can volunteer for the Foreign Missions as a Priest or Brother;
2. You can pray and offer acts of self-denial for the success of the laborers in the mission field;
3. You can contribute to the support of missionaries and their dependants;
4. You can lead the kind of life that will make people think well of the Church.

The collection taken up in church tomorrow will be for the Missions. If this collection amounts to more than \$150 the surplus will be given to Fr. Molinie's fund, which has increased \$11.50 since the last report.

A Novena for the Missions, to end the day before the Feast of All Saints, will begin tomorrow. You can join with the seniors in their General Communion tomorrow for the needs of the Missions, and you can continue to offer Holy Communion and pray for the same intention the following eight days. (And in the name of common sense go to Confession today, and don't pile up 500 strong at the 7:00 and 8:00 Masses.)

PRAYERS: Father Carrico's nephew, killed; the deceased grandmother of the Melian boys; three special intentions.