

(Deceased)
father of Art Owens
of Cavanaugh hall.

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Confessions: 6:30 P.M.
in Basement Chapel of
Church; after 7:30 P.M.
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Souls . . . But No Priests.

Every day God whispers to young men and asks them to become priests. Maybe He is calling you. If He is, then the following letter will convince you once more of the vast amount of work ahead of you in the apostolate. Even though you have no vocation to the priesthood, this letter will inspire you to do all in your power to promote vocations. Father Joseph Doherty, C.S.C. writes from the missions in Chile.

"Father George DePrizio has asked me to add a few words about my experiences in the mining camps of Chile. Before going into details I would like to say that all one hears about the indifference of the people here is more or less true, but there is another side. My impression is one of admiration at the fact that they are as good as they are, considering the dire lack of spiritual assistance given them. There is one priest for every 3500 Catholics, that is counting the aged and the sick, but if we were to count those actually exercising the ministry, there is one for every 10,000.

"Hundreds of people die every year in the north without the sacraments not because they do not ask for them, but because there is no priest at hand. I know one elderly priest who has two villages to look after; one has 21,000 souls, the other 7,000. I know another village of 3,000 where there has been no regular Sunday Mass within the memory of the oldest resident; yet the people gather around an outdoor shrine during the month of Mary and carry on May (down here November) devotions. . .

"The Parish Priest of a mining town near Santiago came to ask for a priest to help him on the 8th of December. As no Chilean priest could be found I went. With the exception of half an hour at 7 and 15 minutes at 11, I spend from 2 P.M. until 1 A.M. hearing confessions. It was the same thing all next morning. These people had no resident pastor until 8 months ago. There is no parish school, almost no religious instruction, yet they cling to the essentials. For me it is a miracle.

"I went twice to visit the English speaking Catholics in the mining town of Portrerillos and Chuquicamata. . . The trip up is a real experience. The train to the north runs on a narrow gauge. As you know, the country is very mountainous, so the average speed is 22 MPH. I counted 29 tunnels in one day of traveling. Of course there is no air conditioning, the windows are open and smoke pours in as we go through the mountains, and the dust makes its appearance when we reach the desert.

"One arrives at his destination looking like a desert caravan driver, but there are innumerable things to be done, any one of which would make the trip worthwhile. For example, there is always at least one marriage to be fixed up. Last time I baptised two babies at the point of death. One did not live 30 seconds after I finished pouring the water. . . ."

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8:00 Monday	8:00 Monday	Febr. 25	*	8:00 Tuesday	8:00 Tuesday	Febr. 26
9:00 Monday	8:00 Wednesday	Febr. 27	*	9:00 Tuesday	1:15 Tuesday	Febr. 26
10:00 Monday	10:00 Monday	Febr. 25	*	10:00 Tuesday	10:00 Tuesday	Febr. 26
11:00 Monday	10:00 Wednesday	Febr. 27	*	11:00 Tuesday	3:15 Tuesday	Febr. 26
1:15 Monday	1:15 Sunday	Febr. 24	*	1:15 Tuesday	1:15 Saturday	Febr. 23
2:15 Monday	1:15 Monday	Febr. 25	*	2:15 Tuesday	3:15 Monday	Febr. 25
3:15 Monday	3:15 Sunday	Febr. 24	*	3:15 Tuesday	3:15 Saturday	Febr. 23

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