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Two Priests in Need.

"Dear Father: I am making an appeal for prayers and sacrifices on behalf of the young men of this tiny mission parish. Two of us young priests were sent to open this parish just five months ago. It is located in the middle of several mining towns and we have about 1400 square miles under our care.

"After a survey of this large territory we see that we have only 171 who have made their Easter Duty and who can still be called Catholics. We have 59 souls who are out of the Church and who refuse to return. For all these we ask your prayers, but my special plea is for the young men, as life is especially difficult for them.

"In the mining camps there is no recreation whatsoever and in the whole territory every wholesome pastime is forbidden by the non-Catholic churches and the famous Blue Laws. This has driven the young men to drink and immorality, and this town is the center of vice for all the surrounding mining camps.

"In this environment it is extremely difficult for our few Catholic young men to keep straight. Several non-Catholic ex-servicemen are sincerely searching for truth in our Church but we are unable to offer them decent recreation to replace their former bad habits.

"I beg the young men of the University to help their less fortunate brothers here. I would be happy if any of the men would drop me a card saying he will go to Holy Mass one day each week for the intention that our young men here will return to the Sacraments and that those who are trying to lead clean lives may persevere against so many difficulties."

This letter came in the mail yesterday. On the previous day a letter came from Father Fred Schmidt, CSC, down in the Holy Cross Mexican missions. In Father's envelope another letter was enclosed, one that he had received from a high school senior. The girl's letter will give you an idea of what some Catholics are doing for priests. You should be generous enough to attend Mass daily, especially during Lent, and to keep a special intention in the Holy Sacrifice for the two mining camp priests. Here is a paragraph from the letter of the high school girl.

"Even current events prove to us how much a priest needs prayers and help. So I have decided to devote my whole life to writing to, praying for priests over the world. This letter has to do with the praying part. Every day, especially on Saturdays, by Mass, Holy Communion, a Rosary and some special prayer for priests, I remember all your intentions to God. Also every day all I say and do is offered up for you." (This girl has written to 421 priests offering her prayers.)

PRAYERS: (deceased) cousin of Bill Gallagher (Sor); uncle of Jerry Terhaar, Jr. (Cav); mother of Msgr. Geisen (Chancellor of Covington Diocese); mother of Joe Genz (Chef in Corby); father of Al Zmijewski (Anniv). Light Special Intentions. One Thanksgiving.

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