

1 Special intention to be remembered for 4 weeks.

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Opportunities for charity abound; just look about you.

Tragedy!

This is about Korea, and how you can help. Monday night the local K.C.'s will canvass the halls for discarded clothing. If you have none and still want to help, send your contribution to the Bulletin. This campaign is nation-wide.

Father George Carroll, representative for War Relief Services-NCWC in Korea, during the past year and a half, has served as Catholic Relief Head in Korea. Those under his care are not only the able-bodied refugees, but the tens of thousands of helpless invalids from hospitals, leper colonies, and orphanages. He writes:

The refugee camps are filled with people, most of them living in the open-- little children, ill-clad and ill-fed, and old people suffering from exposure. The primary need is for bedding and clothing. Few people realize that the Korean winters are more bitter than those in the northern part of the United States. A lot of people are going to die of the cold and many will suffer untold hardship in the coming winter unless relief can be supplied. . . The sights in the hospitals are heartrending.

Statistics.

The statistics that lie back of Father Carroll's descriptions are just as appalling. More than five million homes are destroyed, together with every convenience, utility and public building.

"I doubt if ever in the history of the world, since perhaps the sacking of Carthage, has there been such complete destruction as has occurred in Korea," said a U.N. official who had seen all the war-torn countries of Europe.

Our own Father (Paratrooper) Sampson, 2nd floor prefect in Howard, who spent ten months with our troops in Korea, tells us that we have no idea of the utter destruction, the utter misery, the utter destitution, that prevails throughout this war-ravaged country. He'll tell you a few stories that will make your eyes water and see red. . . and you'll want to give for the kids.

Slam The Door?

Selfishness is so fundamental and deep-rooted a defect that it seems unrealistic to treat of it in anything less than a series of Bulletins. But whether our man Selfishness poses as a cheater, liar, sneak thief, club racketeer, or a philanderer of ladies' hearts, his slick poise cannot disguise his evil parentage. The Seven Capital Sins have sired all selfishness in the world.

Now and then an incident will come along to remind us of the need of being on the watch for it. If you found a poor beggar at your door, hungry, in great pain, with suffering marring his gaunt face, you would have to be pretty hard-hearted to slam the door in his face.

We don't want to be slamming doors in the faces of God's poor. We want to share what we have, our prayers, our sacrifices, our visits to the Grotto, our Masses and Communions. We don't have to tour Skid Row, or take a trip to Korea. All we have to do to find cases for our charity is to open the eyes of faith and see the Poor Souls begging our prayers.

The novena of nine Masses for the Poor Souls was concluded this morning. Now search your conscience. Were you numbered among the 193 who deposited lists for their deceased to be remembered at the altar? Think of it--only 193 remembrances!

Atone for your neglect. Give alms for the poor Koreans for the Poor Souls.