Holy Father's Christmas Message

Our wish and greeting is addressed before all others to the poor, to the oppressed, to those who for whatever reason sigh in affliction, and whose life depends, as it were, on the breath of hope which can be infused into them and the measure of help which can be procured for them.

They are so very very many, these beloved children! The sorrowful chorus of prayers and pleas for help, far from decreasing as the lapse of many years since the world conflict gave good reason to hope for, continuous and becomes at times more intense on account of many and pressing wants; it rises toward us. It may be said, from every part of the world and rends our soul for all the distress and tears that it reveals.

Salvation cannot come from production and organization alone. One would say that humanity today, which has been able to build the marvelous and complex machine of the modern world, subjecting to its service the tremendous forces of nature, now appears incapable of controlling these forces, as though the rudder has slipped from its hands and so it is in peril of being overthrown and crushed by them.

Such inability to control should of itself suggest to men who are its victims not to expect salvation solely from technicians of production and organization. The work of these can help, and notably, to solve the grave and extensive problems which afflict the world only if it is harnessed up and directed

The Race of Heroes and Saints

By DOROTHY DAY

Peguy said that the race of heroes and the race of saints stand in contradiction, the contradiction of the eternal and the temporal. He was writing of Joan of Arc and he said that the two races meet in her, that meet nowhere else. We would say they met also in Ghandi.

With the Bishops of the United States pointing out that the greatest danger of our age is secularism, it would seem that it is a time when we must beg God to raise up for our time men in whom saint and hero meet to solve the problems of the day. And not by war!

One realizes that here on the west coast where you see the problems of the rich and the poor so clearly. It is a region which is almost monstrous in its exuberance. I thought of that word when I saw the giant trees north of San Francisco. I thought of it again when I saw the coarse gigantic seaweed on the beach. Mountains and sea—how different from the east. And I never realized so clearly the problem of the soil here until I reached the delta section between the San Joaquin & Sacramento rivers, between the mountains and the city of Stockton. This is the first time I ever saw this section, although
The Conversion of Amnon Henney

By DOROTHY DAY

What to say about such a very special man. Amnon, how happy it made us! We have known him 16 years, since the early days of The Catholic Worker in Milwaukee.

He sold the Catholic Worker and distributed it all those years, and loved it because Peter was the Catholic Worker, and because our "personalist, and communitarian revolution is that people will call themselves personalists, and libertarians, pluralist, regionalists, patiently. He sold the Catholic Worker, and it was not one man's business, inaugurating a movement which he had not a single man's property, closed up not one man's business, inaugurating a movement which he had not a single man's property, closed up not one man's business, inaugurating a movement which he had not a single man's property, closed up not one man's business, inaugurating a movement which he had not a single man's property, closed up not one man's business, inaugurating a movement which he had not a single man's property, closed up not one man's business, inaugurating a movement which he had not a single man's property, closed up not one man's business, inaugurating a movement which he had not a single man's property, closed up not one man's business, inaugurating a movement which he had not a single man's property, closed up not one man's business, inaugurating a movement which he had not a single man's property, closed up not one man's business, inaugurating a movement which he had 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The Messiahs of the Holy Innocents

It was in the season of the midwinter rains but they had withheld; And the night-sky quick with stars; And remains the strictest part of the torture.

And some of the vineyards were half-pruned, Matted under the summer canes, each huddling Its stake; And in the little plaza, before the eyes of the inhabitants, And from these dwellings-removed that which we came to seeure;

And the valley lay stretched and whitened about us under the tenseness And the raw air, rarl! with frost, bit
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Some to go here, some there, among the mgn dwellings of the place; And some, I am sure, preferred the place;

And from these dwellings removed that which we came to seeure; And in the little plaza, before the eyes of the inhabitants, We were there to do what we had to do, So they might thenceforth remember that kingship As Leslie sat like mushrooms, overnight, from the backyards of villages.

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**BOOK REVIEWS**

**Missional Saint to the Far East**

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, by James Brodwick, S.J. The Wich-
low Press, New York. $5.00. Reviewed by F. E. Froman.

In the sixteen-century horde of adventurers set their sails for the
Indies and, if they were healthy and lucky enough to live to see
native countries with tales of easy gold which stimulated the universal
imagination. Francis Xavier, a confutation of a dif-
ficult kind, is one of these explorers whose
belief in the spiritual conquest of the
rest. Everything is in those
feet, the author creates.

**Basics for the Faith**

The Physical Phenomena of Mysti-
cism. Edward F. Komanski.

*Except we see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.*
John 4:48

"Rum to run sundays to place
the relics of saints and are
wonderful works; they behold
their white faces, and kiss their sacred bones, swept up in silk and gold.

...[Some] in the state of making
seers are moved with
curiosity; they examine the
right, and little fruit of
assent is realized in many
cases.

The obvious object of
the reader, to observe the reactions among
Catholics to the well balanced work
of Hilda Graef on Theene
neus,
and expect signs and wonders and
who place great importance
on
discipleship. The thesis is that
would be scandalized, to regard Dr. Grae's book as something of an attack
on
the Church. The author claims that
the New Testament was in no way dependent
on
those signs and wonders wel-
come. And they also welcome Father Thurston's
book. The man who can
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good things and whose faith is not
shattered when it
the book as something of an attack on
the Church applies in determining
ual status in. the abbey when
the author creates

many complimentary things
when he was twenty-eight years old, and to Ignatius "the
visionary" that

The most glaring error occurs in
this book when a youth breaks the
rules of the Abbey for the
of a Yogi to discover, on the word
which are not the exclusive prop-
termite the truth of a particular
religion, one must do so inde-
that would result to someone who
was truly the apostle of his Asian
ative religions is partly responsible for
the artistry is partly responsible for
his loneliness, the incredible hard-
ships he endured, his disappoint-
ments and above all his incurable optimism and trust in his beloved.
Only one thing is missing. No
where does Francis let escape him
a single detail of description of
the artisanal lands which were home ter-
itory to him for ten years. Father Brodwick
suggests ruefully that
the book was
advised to be read
the "Benedicite" and
for his brothers in Rome, who he
loved so well that, together with
his friends, he destroyed their
names, torn from a letter signed
by the pope. As a missionary, Francis has
been compared to an angel in times of
other in their tireless zeal and the
remembered and the fruit which poured from both of them.
Francis' "praising, teaching and
understanding" is the only real
mission and to the priests and catechists
under his direction strengthened
the resolvent. The fruit of these
efforts is a good example of what
winter as apples, but the cultivation was
a stinking apple.

Like all saints, he was that
remarkable being, a whole man,
and a visionary in the true sense.

The most apparent feature of
Xavier's character is his
for Christ.

Certainly Father Brodwick
succeeds in making Francis Xavier
another land that had promised
riches.

**Downside Review**

The First Issue of the Down-
side with the most apparent
of its new editor, Dom Sebastian
Wickenden, contains excellent articles,
particularly two on the Christian Life and
Social Problems. It is

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Upon finishing this novel you
might be justly tempted to hide it
ever on your library shelves,
even concealed behind other books.
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the stark Jansenistic handling of
the subject of sex as an ugly and
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THE CATHOLIC WORKER

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+ + FROM THE MAIL BAG + +

Japanese House

Chinese

418 Laguacheille West
Montreal 2, Quebec

Dear Dorothy,

A few of us have joined in taking an apartment at this address in which we are trying in our own way to put your House of Hospitality ideals into practice. We also intend to publish an out-of-stock pamphlet about the Lay Apostolate in Canada. A principle function of the publication will be to make the layman better known as such to the Catholic Living which are being carried on so successfully in so many places today.

At first we thought of asking your permission to call ourselves "The Dorothy House" and then give the name of the use of the name. Perhaps the best way to explain this to you is to copy for you:

There were five of us concerned in the actual opening of the house: Anthony Guglielmi, of the Holy Cross Fathers, Donny McGinnis, Steve Perry, Dr. Mary Sato, and myself. Our preliminary talks had been rather incoherent attempts to define exactly what we wanted to do. Basically we were convinced that the spirit of the Lay Apostolate was needed everywhere. That there was a great lack of awareness among Catholics of the obligation of Christian Living to which this spirit was a means of furthering. As part of this awareness we felt that the many efforts towards Christian Living which other militant Catholic groups were making needed a Catholic way of life which would be completely Catholic. There was a tendency to say, "All right. You have started something. It's a good idea." But we have declared that we did not want to "start something else," but to functioning for about three months.

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There were five of us offered a fair cross-section of people in different circumstances which controlled the extent to which they could participate in lay apostolate activities. Tony was an old friend of the Girl Scout movement, one of the pioneer starters of Madonna House in Combermere until ill health forced her to come. She, incidentally, is the only one of us who subscribes wholly to the Catholic Worker program including doctrinaire Pacifism, a lay apostolate to the working class writer. Not long out of college, Steve is asking himself if he got his Catholic education to write two lines under the picture of a bottle of Simon wine in a poor district, shares her home with girls who need of a temple.

The backbone of our house, then, could only be Tony. I live there part time. The others participate in the activities and help with their support of this project.

The difficulty of getting a suitable place held us up until the necessary furnishings were furnished and house was in a lived-in condition, and the backbone of the house's activities was set.

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The Mother Abbes, Trappistines

Yokosuka, Yokohama, Japan

The Mother Abbes, Trappistines

Crestwood, New York

London

Shinto-1, Shinjuku, Tokyo

Paradise, Pennsylvania

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Dear Mrs. Lehman:

Thank you so much for your kind letter. We were delighted to find that families concerned with the children's education. Though American and mothers are Japanese, I, too, have the same deep sense of responsibility.

It is difficult to get real statistics, but I would estimate that the policy was strictly to ignore these children! When leading Japanese were quite a constant reminder of the children, the policy still was the same. The Japanese children began to feel safe enough to go to the general population and that they were not "our business." It has been said that the Japanese people are not accepting them as a whole, although they are, as elsewhere, are, good individuals.

Mrs. Miki Sawada is one of these, a young married lady of high position. She belonged to one of the groups of women, or a large number of the group. In addition to offering to help the world in the form of preparation for a career, Dr. Seng is one of the members of the group. We have been looking for an apartment, and the others in the group have now been functioning for about three months. I edit a little magazine in a town about forty miles from here where I have a house by a mother. The printing of the magazine brings me here regularly and I am very grateful for the help of my attaché.

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Paradise, Pennsylvania

Dear Dorothy Day:

I must say how much I have enjoyed reading your latest book. I have been particularly interested in the beautiful stories you have written about the lives of these children. The situation in Japan is very monotonous and conditions are extremely grateful for some Catholic literature which will help to spread the Lay Apostolate better known to all. I am very interested in the way in which you have managed to live in the Japanese milieu. Subscribers wholly to the Catholic Worker program including Pacifism, a lay apostolate to the working class writer. Not long out of college, Steve is asking himself if he got his Catholic education to write two lines under the picture of a bottle of Simon wine in a poor district, shares her home with girls who need of a temple.

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I must say how much I have enjoyed reading your latest book. I have been particularly interested in the beautiful stories you have written about the lives of these children. The situation in Japan is very monotonous and conditions are extremely grateful for some Catholic literature which will help to spread the Lay Apostolate better known to all. I am very interested in the way in which you have managed to live in the Japanese milieu. Subscribers wholly to the Catholic Worker program including Pacifism, a lay apostolate to the working class writer. Not long out of college, Steve is asking himself if he got his Catholic education to write two lines under the picture of a bottle of Simon wine in a poor district, shares her home with girls who need of a temple.

There were five of us concerned in the actual opening of the house: Anthony Guglielmi, of the Holy Cross Fathers, Donny McGinnis, Steve Perry, Dr. Mary Sato, and myself. Our preliminary talks had been rather incoherent attempts to define exactly what we wanted to do. Basically we were convinced that the spirit of the Lay Apostolate was needed everywhere. That there was a great lack of awareness among Catholics of the obligation of Christian Living to which this spirit was a means of furthering. As part of this awareness we felt that the many efforts towards Christian Living which other militant Catholic groups were making needed a Catholic way of life which would be completely Catholic. There was a tendency to say, "All right. You have started something. It's a good idea." But we have declared that we did not want to "start something else," but to functioning for about three months.

In addition to offer passing Catholic education to write two lines under the picture of a bottle of Simon wine in a poor district, shares her home with girls who need of a temple.

The backbone of our house, then, could only be Tony. I live there part time. The others participate in the activities and help with their support of this project.

The difficulty of getting a suitable place held us up until the necessary furnishings were furnished and house was in a lived-in condition, and the backbone of the house's activities was set.

For packages too large to go by parcel post add Via Port of Yokohama.

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Children. Two of them resembled, Larry. Marty Paul had met me at the train. We went over rough waters until we reached the farm. Here I felt at home among the old horses and working women. I had been burned up to make the slaves employed night some Quakers and pacifists of that cult to which she and her teaches music here at the home rooms. She is of a more demure with sending the murderous prod- Grath, circulation manager of the product o f Los Alamos abroad but in admirer of the CW. The following mon t hs. Mammon is not satisfied enjoyed the hos.pitality of John Mc­

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The debt of gratitude to the men who sacrificed their time and super patriotic atmos­ was a CW fan, the moth­

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Tom Sugrue, our very good friend, is dangerously ill in a local hospital. Tom's condition is a great deal of intense suffer­
I've been up and down the valley many times before, and made a study of the migrant problem on one of the largest farms in the valley visiting all the Federal migratory labor camps established by Roosevelt for the protection of these most neglected workers.

These camps are owned by corporations now, and the situation of the migrant is worse than ever before. For those who work, a penurious salary of two dollars and a tramp, the wages of men who bring the crops, are being given to the workers. As wages range from ten to fifteen dollars a month, it is evident that the laborers are overworked and underpaid. The wages of laborers are not only low, but they are extremely irregular. The laborer is frequently left without work, and when he is employed, the wages are so low that he cannot support himself and his family.

In one camp, a man who worked for two months and earned ten dollars was left without work for three months.

Many of the laborers are not even paid for their work, and are forced to work for food or lodging only.

The labor conditions in the camps are deplorable. The living quarters are crowded and insanitary. The food is often insufficient and of poor quality. The camps are often located in remote areas, away from the cities, and are isolated from the rest of the world.

The labor conditions have improved somewhat in recent years, but they are still far from satisfactory. The workers are still denied their basic rights and are subjected to exploitation.

The workers are denied the right to form unions and to strike for improved conditions. They are not given the right to vote, and their voices are not heard in the political process.

The workers are also denied the right to education, and are not given the opportunity to learn new skills.

There is a need for government intervention to protect the rights of the workers and to improve their living conditions.

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The Race of Heroes and Saints

Molly was in bed for over 4 weeks, with an attack of high-blood pre
dress, she also want to express a prayer, the kitchen and dining room, as
Then Dorothy McMahon came down with laryngitis and the flu.

Maryfam

Maryfam has been receiving Christmas cards from many friends— we express our gratitude to you. We are also deeply grateful to the children who sent so many cards. We think the spirit of the Christ Child may be seen in the hearts of these children. On the anniversary of His birth, through Mary His Mother,

Books for Sale at the Catholic Worker

The Long Loneliness by Dorothy Day
Published by Harper & Bros. $3.50

On Pilgrimage by Dorothy Day
Published by the Catholic Worker $1.90

This tract is printed on good quality bond paper, asking $4.00, the old house was bought for $2,000. The work house had to be added to and furn-
ished. It is situated on a hill overlooking a building which they have painted and whitewashed. The new room there is a cem pool in the center of the yard which serves the five houses and the room. It is cleared and heated by gas burners. The men have a monthly and the other houses ten months. There was an attempt to build private ownership and community by asking payments of the rent. The girls are lucky if they can get ten dollars a month to keep up the payments, the taxes and the re-
pairs. The families were just too far apart to work the food community material and the little group of houses remains as they are in this time of the year in a sea of mud, no shelter, no comfort. One family has' planted geraniums along one side of the house a
d a chicken coop on the other. Other fam-

Editor's Note

The above is only a part of the message delivered from the Bishop of Stockton, and Frances Wilson and Marjorie Noonan are social work-
ers such as those who have been seen before. The two girls, inspired by Sister Xavier, have moved into

Sister Xavier of Maryknoll, who heads the Caridad Centers in Stockton, and Frances Wilson and Marjorie Noonan are social work-
ers such as those who have been seen before. They are happy to report for our readers as much of the more recent activities of the Catholic Workers do, and we are proud to include them in the first major Missionaries Pro and Con of power ma-

Not many guests during the win-
time. Robert King, from Stockton, and a common laundry house with washing machine and tubs shower-
s and toilets, and an extra guard- room meant for some Mexican Missionary plans who have not yet
gotten in on the other. Other fam-
ilies in the neighborhood, accord-
ably, have their own gardens, paint, plant and make a home.

The problem of the worker un-

Maryfam (Continued from page 3) the slums, and living in a little four room house bedroom has two double beds, one for the parents (one has) have taken in people who have been in grave need for short and long periods. Their house stands on a low lot with a driveway dithched around it, and on the same lot a tiny community has come about. There are several families, and a trailer in which a single Mexican cotton picker lives, and a common laundry house with washing machine and tubs shower-
s and toilets, and an extra guard-

The Alonso family, who live in one house have four girls out of eleven children and he is away pick-
ing cotton out of the fields while they were living in a basement room with a dirt floor and a hole in the ceiling. She brought her sister Mary as a helper and they ran a little home for about an hour one afternoon.

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(Continued from page 7) in a packing house in Tracy.

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