



## Newsletter

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### THE MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The first annual Convention of this Society is scheduled for January 3 and 4th, 1950. The meetings will be at Catholic University, in Washington D.C. According to Father Joseph Fenton, its secretary, this Society will be devoted to Marian theology. The members of the Society will include all who wish to become better acquainted with the work being done in Marian theology here and abroad. The members meet once a year to listen to scholarly papers and to discuss current mariological problems. All who are interested in said Society are cordially invited to the Convention. The Director of the Marian Library has been invited to address a General Assembly of this convention at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 4th, on MARIAN COLLECTIONS IN THE U.S.A.

### THE MARIANIST MEDAL

The Director of the Marian Library is one of three committee members to determine each year the recipient of the new MARIANIST MEDAL to be awarded by the University of Dayton (generally on December 8th) to the person most worthy of the award. Lay or religious persons are eligible of the award. The conditions are that the person must live in the United States and that he or she has accomplished something special in the field of Mary--theological, liturgical, intellectual, practical. First awarding of this Medal will take place in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception of the University of Dayton May 17th, 1950 by the president of the University.

### BOOKS ON MARY DONATED TO THE LIBRARY

Recent accessions to the Library have come from Brother A. Goerdts of St. Louis who sent us 12 books, from the Seminary in Cincinnati (3 books); from Brother O. Arnold of Dayton (2); from Mrs. M. McGoldrick of New Jersey (1); besides, clippings, magazines, booklets and other Mariana. Thanks to one and all who have been so mindful of us!

### MARIAN CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS

The Marian Library for the first time has interested itself in both Marian cards and Marian calendars. 150 boxes of cards have been sold to interested people. The calendar desk-size, with beautiful Marian pictures, will be distributed free. They can be had for the asking. (Delivery of these calendars to the Library will be delayed because of a recent fire at the manufacturers.)

### OUR LAST NEWSLETTER-NOVEMBER '49

6000 copies of the November Newsletter were issued (some of these multilithed papers were not so good, we know; please, hold us excused). These 6000 were circulated through the world, mostly in the United States, and in Canada. Thanks to the zeal and labor of A. Bolt of Cleveland, 4000 of them were sent around to religious and priests of the U.S. and of Canada. Each month this same party will not distribute 200 copies.

### SPECIAL THANKS

To the Baltimore Mass League (Mrs. Fick, Treasurer) a most sincere thank you for the 100.00 check toward the Library. And to the Ursuline Nuns of N.Y. a similar thank you for their check for 100.00 to the Marian Library. These and other money-gifts have been received by the Library, and we are most grateful to all donors.

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To each and every friend of the Marian Library, the world over, our very special greetings on this glorious feast of Christmas. Our prayers for you that the Divine Child, Mary's own, grant through her His choicest blessings of peace and joy. God bless and love all of you forever! Mary Immaculate keep you ever in her ways!

A MERRY M A R Y CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

Presently the Marian Library is trying to gather as many records(victrola) that deal with songs,music pertaining to Mary, as possible. Thanks to Brother George Mukits of Dayton,we have 3 excellent AVE MARIA recoris(all by different artists). Vera Gott o f Cincinnati sent us Caruso's AVE MARIA on record. Doctor Kenneth Schraut of the University of Dayton faculty has donated a record player. We plan to build up this collection of records NOW. Perhaps you can help along this line.

MARIAN STAMPS

In the December issue of the MIRACULOUS MEDAL magazine,there is a very interesting item about Mary. A French Vincentian,Father Guerniel reports that to his best knowledge(and he is a philatelist for years) 165 postage stamps bear a representation of the Virgin Mary. These are scattered over 19 European countries and 8 A-merican countries. Spain alone has 15 such postage stamps. Hungary has 12. Mex-ico is the sole North American country that has issued a Marian postage stamp.

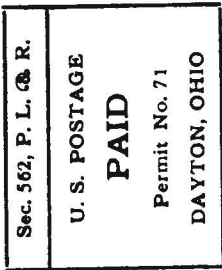
STORY OF LIPA

More and more we hear and read of the singular events taking place in the Phil-ippines,at Lipa. Bishop Verzoza of Lipa has approved the public veneration of the statue. The shower of rose petals at various times seems to continue even now. The message from there is very similar to that of Our Lady at Fatima,and at Lourdes. Isn't it singular that Our Lady appears so often to us in this era,or century,and always so clearly? Surely there must be some good reason for these many apparitions of Our Lady. Let us not ignore them.

THE MORE RECENT CHECKING OF BOOKS

Fieldworkers of the Marian Library have sent us recently new lists of books for our UNION CATALOGUE. Reporting in are those from St.Louis(8 Libraries),from Sioux City(2), from New York City(10), from White Plains(1), from Nebraska(1), from Albany(1), from San Antonio(5),from Brooklyn(4),from Gethsemane,Ky.(1). Thanks to all,who are continuing this necessary work of building up our UNION CATALOGUE.

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