



Newsletter

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CONGRATULATIONS

Now we have the Mariological Society of America. Its Constitutions and its Officers were voted upon at the first Convention, held in Washington, January 3rd and 4th. The Officers are the same as those tentatively elected in November--all four have been confirmed in their office, with Father Juniper B. Carol OFM elected to the presidency. And what a capable leader he is, too, as was manifested by his direction, organization, and participation in the Convention! May the Society have a long and fruitful life to the honor and glory of Our Blessed Mother! The other officers are Fathers Connell, Fenton, Moore--all doctors in their fields. The Society, whose aim is to promote an exchange of views on Marian doctrines and to further studies and research in Mariology has excellent leadership.

63 priests registered and were present at the meetings of the Convention. One layman, of Indiana, attended as an auditor. The second day five Christian Brothers came to the meetings. Although the number seems small, yet it represents 27 different religious orders, the secular priesthood, and the laity. According to reports the Mariological Society of America is larger numerically than the predecessors in Flanders(1931), in France(1935), in Spain(1941), in Portugal(1945), in Canada(1948).

Six priests--charter members of the Society--were elected to the Board of Directors--one of whom, for a three year term, is Father Peter A. Resch, provincial superior of the St. Louis province of the Society of Mary(Marianists). In fact, at the Convention there were four Marianists present, three of whom were either provincial or provincial representatives. The Society of Mary in America is then MOST INTERESTED in The Mariological Society of America.

So, CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE AND ALL, most especially to the sparkling dynamism and organizational ability of Father Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M., first president!

"MARIE"

Roger Brien of Nicolet, Canada, edits in the French language a most excellent Marian magazine, with splendid pictures (of the Masters generally), and wonderful articles, all and only about Mary, Our Mother. It is without doubt the finest, or one of the finest magazines, in its class, in the whole world. Many have expressed their desire that it appear in English--and it will, if 25,000 subscribers at 3.50 per year, can be had. It is worth that price. It would be a grand tribute to Mary to have such a magazine for the English speaking world. Could we help put this idea across? The Marian Library would gladly act as a center to sponsor this project, knowing full well that such a work is definitely advancing the cause of our Blessed Mother among us. We would very much like to have reader-reaction toward our working to this end--an edition in English of the Canadian edited French Marian magazine, now 4 years old, called MARIE. The magazine has been approved by the Bishop there, and by many other Bishops. It has been highly praised by many Cardinals. It has been papally blessed. It is definitely considered by those who know as superb in its field. WE NEED ONE SUCH MAGAZINE IN THESE UNITED STATES. Would you help?

LIPA

The Mother Superior at the Phillippine Carmel has honored us with 3 of the rose petals that fell miraculously, consequent to the apparitions of Our Lady to a novice there. We are keeping these among our cherished possessions. They were sent us upon the request of the Bishop of Lipa just for the Marian Library.

BANNEUX

The never tiring Father Arndt is asking for duplicates, so that he might build up the English section of the Marian Library in Banneux, Belgium. We are in contact with him. We have sent him some materials; and we shall send more. His friends in Australia have already sent him 485 books. That is wonderful.

SPAIN

More books in Spanish on the Blessed Virgin have recently come to us from Brother B. Moral S.M., who is our contact man in Madrid. He does an excellent job for the Marian Library, as do the other key-men in France, in Austria, in Switzerland, and elsewhere. Thanks Brother for the 86 excellent Marian books you have already sent to us. May Our Blessed Mother reward you for your interest and zeal in this project of hers in America!

FIELDWORKERS

More volunteers to help the cause are these in Columbus--Mary G. Selleck (whose mother recently from Italy brought to us 3 dozen papally blessed rosaries and a papal blessing on parchment--thanks sincerely to her), and in Philadelphia we have Joseph Connelly, Jr., and in Washington we have Mary Kolb. It is wonderful to note the willingness and zeal of those who hear of the work we are engaged in. They want to help. And we do need others, many others. Sincere thanks to J. T. Glaser of Dayton, for her donation of a 3 speed record player to the Marian Library. Now we want to build our collection of Mary RECORDS.

VIAU

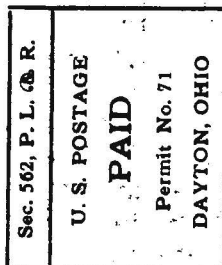
It was agreed by almost all at the Mariological Convention recently held in Washington that the book THE VIRGIN AND THE EUCHARIST (2volumes) by Rev. Arthur Viau of LaFargeville, N. Y. is not recommended for reading. It has no imprimatur; It writes of doctrines that are definitely not approved by the Church. The book seems to be circulating more and more, even among religious.

CONGRESS

Back in 1945, at the Shrine, leaders of Marian movements in USA met and formed a Federation of all Marian activities of the USA. Monsignor Reilly, director of the Shrine, is also director of this Federation, which includes such men as Father Lord of the Sodality, Father Skelly of the Miraculous Medal, Father Seery of the Sorrowful Mother Novena, Father Baumeister of the Marian Library and others. Nothing seemingly has been done since. The Mariological Society of America is not a replacement of the Federation (Congress). Neither has it the same objective. The purpose of the new Society is to promote an exchange of views on Marian doctrines and to further studies and research in Mariology. We must not confuse these two organizations in any way. Both surely have their proper place in the USA.

LIBRARIES

We have mimeographed the list of 750 libraries that have been checked for their Marian books. Gladly shall we send it, or part of it, to any fieldworker or interested person, so that duplication of effort in a given locality can be avoided. The list is made up of 8 large pages--naming places and addresses of each library checked by our fieldworkers. The list can be had for the asking.



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