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Newsletter
ANNOUNCEMENT

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The second annual Convention of the American Mariological Society will take place January 3 & 4, 1951 at the Sheraton Hotel in Worcester, Mass. Theme for the Convention: CO-REDEMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

INTERNATIONAL MARIAN CONGRESS

Between October 23 and November 1st the first International Mariological & the 8th International Marian Congresses were held in Rome. Theologians of 16 nations actively took part in the Congresses. 250 papers relating to Our Lady's Assumption and allied topics were read. The proclamation of the dogma of the Assumption was in St. Peter's Square by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII. This was the first public proclamation of a dogma by the Pope since 1870 when Pius IX declared the Dogma of Papal Infallibility.

LEGION OF MARY OF CINCINNATI

Between 300 & 400 members of the Legion in Cincinnati stopped at the University of Dayton on their annual pilgrimage. Here they visited the Marian Library where they heard a talk on the Library by the Director. This was Sunday, October 29th, 1:00 P.M., feast of the Kingship of Christ. VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY.

RECOMMENDED MOST HEARTILY:-

THE MARY BOOK by F.J. Sheed-1950 S&W, N.Y.

FIELDWORKERS FOR THE LIBRARY

Brother Fred Mathues while visiting in Belgium and Brothers William Wilder and James Imhof in Switzerland, with others, have been checking libraries for their Marian books. From the University of Louvain Library we received 89 new titles, 120 old titles for our Union Catalogue. From the Jesuit Scholastic Library in Louvain we have 59 new titles and 60 old ones. From Banneux, Belgium, we have received a list of 100 duplicates on Sanctuaries of Our Lady, 60 duplicates in Flemish, 30 duplicates in German, 180 duplicates in French and 90 duplicates in English--all of which are ours for the asking. From the Abbaye de Hauterive in Fribourg, we received 86 new titles, 60 old titles and 21 corrections for our list. From the Grangeneuve Agricultural School Library of the Community, Chaplain and Working Brothers--we have 40 new titles and 200 old titles of Marian books. And from Institute Ste. Marie of Refes, Belgium, there is a list of 46 new titles, 60 old and 70 corrections. From this Library we have an offer of many very old Marian books. The Marian Library is very grateful, indeed, for the work done by these European fieldworkers. Thank you, Brothers!

THE MARIAN LIBRARY IN ROME

Quoting from a letter of Brother Thomas Stanley S.M., a visitor to the Marian Library in Rome, we have the following first hand report:- (Letter is dated Sept. 28, 1950)

"I met Father Roschini personally and spoke with him. The Marian Library occupies a special room on the second floor. This room is rectangular with bookshelves covering three walls completely. Bookshelves are between the three windows on the fourth wall of the room. The 6000 or 7000 entries (that includes pamphlets, and booklets, as well as bound books) are catalogued by author and by material. The cards are neatly arranged in an American metal filing cabinet. There was a second set of cards in that cabinet which as far as I could make out was the shelf list. Next door to his (Father Roschini's) Library was the library of the house (religious). Father pointed out that there was much Marian material there, not listed in his catalogue (e.g. that contained in the books on patrology, theology, etc). His Library has nothing other than books--no art collection, no stamps, etc. Father Roschini was the one who showed us around but he wasn't able to answer all our questions fully because he doesn't have much to do with the technical part of the Library. That is Father Besutti's field and he isn't in Rome just now. However, he will be back in about ten days and at that time, Father Roschini told us, we could come over and get pictures you asked for of the Library. He said that he thinks there is a picture of the very room. Father Roschini took special pride in showing us some 3000 volumes that Pope Pius XII had given him from the Vatican Library to encourage him in his work. Those volumes constitute a special section of the Library and all their tags bear the name Pius XII. He also showed us a special volume I think you would be interested in. It was LE ENCICLICHE MARIANE, a collection of all the important documents on the Blessed Virgin made by A. Tondini and published by Angelo Belardetti (1950). It's in Latin and Italian. It would be an excellent one to get the Pope's signature on, it seems to me. Cost of the book is about 2000 lire, that is, 3 or 3 1/2 dollars."

Our Comment: This is a most interesting letter. The Library is writing airmail to Rome asking Father Emil Neubert S.M. to get that very volume and also, if possible, to get the Pope's autograph on same.

THE POPE OF MARY-PIUS XII

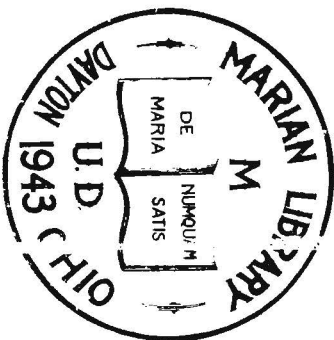
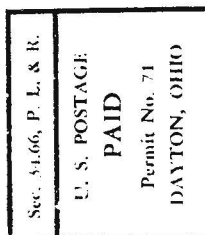
With the present proclamation of the new dogma concerning Mary's Assumption, it seems that enough in favor of Mary has been done by Pius XII to merit the title in history of THE POPE OF MARY. He is living in the Age of Mary; he attended the beatification of the seer of Lourdes; he consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; he approved of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima; he seemingly sanctions the visions of Our Lady in Lipa, and now, he climaxed all these with the world-wide proclamation of the ASSUMPTION. Therefore, for these reasons and more, it seems to us that we can justly and fitly call our presently gloriously reigning pontiff, Pius XII, the POPE OF MARY. Vivat! Vivat! VIVAT!

Not this year...

Marian Christmas cards will NOT be available this Christmas from the Marian Library. We cannot find a complete set of Marian cards that satisfy.

THE ZEAL THAT IS COMMENDABLE

1. Brother Benito Moral of Madrid, Spain writes us on October 12: "If you wish that I continue to send books for the Marian Library, please say the word. I shall get many very interesting ones and it is a pleasure for me to work for the Marian Library."
2. Brother William Wilder of Fribourg, Switzerland writes on August 7th: "For a long time I've been interested in your Library. I have begun work on the Cantonal Library but the job is mammoth. The librarian told me that there are some 520,000 books (tho not many Marian titles); to make matters worse there is no subject list--only the author catalogue. I figure that it is going to take 360 hours just to check the Marian books of this Library in Fribourg."
3. Father John Mole OMI, Editor of Our Lady of the Cape magazine, sends us issues of his magazine for the past 5 years. This magazine contains many excellent articles and much fine art work on Our Lady. Thank you, Father!
4. Father Emile Déguire, Director of the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal just sent us six bound volumes of the magazine of the Oratory----material dealing for the most part with St. Joseph. Thank you, Father Deguire! Come visit us again, any time.
5. Father Charles Bloemer S.M. of U.D. donates \$25.00 to the work of the Library. Thank you!
6. The new MARIOLOGY CLUB on the campus of the University of Dayton (founded October 24th) will in its 12 members aid the Marian Library.



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