



## Newsletter

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### DOROTHY W. MATHIS

Miss Dorothy Mathis of New Jersey in memory of her aunt, Julia E. Scott, sent the Marian Library \$100.00 toward a fund for buying Marian Collections. "My aunt", writes Miss Mathis, "made it possible to give it in honor of Our Blessed Mother. It would be wonderful if we in America could have the finest library honoring Our Lady." We agree, Miss Mathis, most heartily with you & we thank you for your most helpful gift.

### Not 400 but 800

Our Newsletter of November announced a conservative number of 400 Legion of Mary members coming to visit the Marian Library on Sunday, Oct. 29th. It was not 400 but 800 who came from Cincinnati in fifteen busses to visit this project of Our Blessed Mother. Thank you for coming!

### Stephen Breen (Nov. 22)

"His Excellency, the new Bishop of Lipa, arrived in New York last Saturday. We shall carry a full account of it in the Jan. Feb. issue of the magazine, SCAPULAR."

### L.P. Everett C.S.S.R. (Nov. 2)

"It is very consoling to know that there is an institution such as yours at the disposal of would-be theologians throughout the country. I am working on my paper for the coming Mariological Convention." (Convention is in Worcester, Mass. on January 3 and 4th, 1951-ALL ARE WELCOME).

### Father Neubert S.M. (Nov. 18)

"Father Scherrer S.M. will send you the encyclicals (on Mary) with autographs, but there is no possibility to obtain the signature of the Pope. Vloberg (of Paris) sent me an account of 5 of his rarest books-I told him to send me a bigger list. While listening to the Pope defining the new Dogma on Our Lady, I prayed for you and the Marian Library. Magnificat!" Thank you, Father!

### Father Cacella (Nov. 11)

"It is really very edifying that Dayton University is making an exhaustive collection of Marian Literature. I pray that the good work will prosper." Father also offers to send to the Marian Library his latest book on Fatima, "Doves of Peace". Thank you, Father.

### J.L. Allie O.M.I. (Nov. 19)

"I think we have many books not listed in your catalogue. We have many new and old books on Mariology. I will be glad to have the work of checking done for you" (Canada)

### M.I. Turner (Nov. 23)

"You say you need more workers, etc?--I have only a little of funds, but I do offer help in any way I can. Do let me know if I can be of any assistance." (London, Ont. Canada)-Books have been received, as gifts to the Library, from Miss Turner of London, Ontario). THANKS!

### Father Arendt (Nov. 9)

"Upon receiving the \$15.00 from you, I have posted to you 5 packages of books (7 pounds each) from our Library in Belgium. Several of these are very rare (from 1500 A.D.)." Father shall send us more later, when we are able to check his doubles' list. He is most anxious to help us in building our Marian Library here at Dayton. Thank you, sincerely!

### FATHER THOMAS STANLEY S.M. (Nov. 1)

"In his (Father Roschini's Marian Library in Rome) catalogue, he uses an adapted version of the Library of Congress system. The Library is divided into two major divisions-the Marian Library proper and the Pius XII Collection. Both divisions comprise about 3,000 books. The Pius XII Collection is divided into language groups only. The Marian Library proper is divided as follows:- 1. Generalia 2. Dogmatic works 3. Monographs 4. Texts (I think we would call them primary source works) 5. Collections 6. Literature 7. Biography 8. Fine Arts (most of these are kept in another room on reserve) 9. Periodicals 10. Rare Books (these also are kept locked in another room) 11. Manuscripts 12. Microfilms (just beginning, doesn't have much) 13. Cult 14. Shrines 15. Miscellaneous (i.e. belongs to several categories or none, v.g. packets of pamphlets bound into one volume) 16. Ascetic Works 17. Homiletics 18. Devotional Works 19. Books of little or no consequence (they are not even kept in the Library and he showed me no examples) 20. Prohibited Books. He (Father Besutti O.M.I., assistant librarian) had no idea of how many books were in each of the above 20 divisions. Each of the divisions is subdivided into five others according to height of the book, and that for the purpose of shelf arrangement. There is also a new section he has added which contains the acts of all the Marian Congresses held to date. It includes all languages. Presently he is negotiating the purchase of an instrument whereby he will be able to read his microfilms. He is also engaged in making a list of all first editions of Marian works in the world. Presently, I believe, it is being checked in the British Museum. It will be published in one or two years. He is also planning to start a Union Catalogue. He told me, too, that he will eventually undertake the collection of works of art, etc. Regarding his Library it must be noted that it contains only those works that are completely devoted to a Marian topic.

#### CHECKLISTS

Every month more checklists come to the Marian Library. This time we would like to mention the very extensive one(some 500 titles) from the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal, sent to us by Father Emil Deguire C.S.C., Director of that most beautiful shrine to Saint Joseph.

#### TWO MARIAN WORKERS

Jack Sandhaas and Jim Kenny, two affiliates of the Society of Mary('48), presently students at Niagara University initiated a project to bring before the students there the proclamation of the Dogma of the Assumption of Our Lady. Congratulations to them on their Marian zeal!

#### QUEEN OF ALL HEARTS

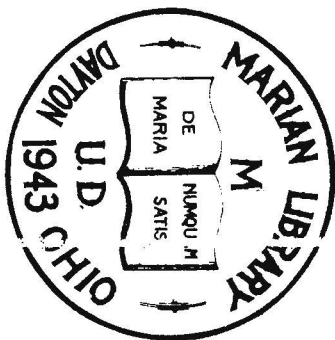
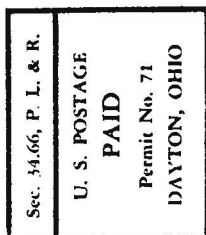
In the Nov. Dec. issue Page 4 of this new Marian magazine is an article with pictures(5) about the Marian Library in Dayton. Thanks to you, Father Charest, Editor of this fine review, for this publicity. The magazine is surely a very fine instrument for spreading devotion to Mary, and the issues should appear in every Catholic home.

#### A MARIAN CALENDAR FOR 1951

Finally, we have a MARIAN calendar(desk-size) for distribution--each month is headed with an artistic picture of Our Lady. Because of the expense entailed, we are asking 10¢ each for them--however, if you want one gratis, just drop us a postal.

#### MARIANUM

One of the finest theological reviews in the world that deals totally with Mary(MARIANUM); edited by the Servites of Mary in Rome, has a five page criticism of the Marian Library of Dayton in its Annus XII Fasc. IV 1950 edition--pages 472 to 477. Father Besutti O.S.M, assistant director of the Marian Library in Rome, is author of this article, which is written in Italian. In general, Father Besutti commends the work done here; then he offers some very practical comments on the Booklist of 1949 which we edited, along with suggestions for a revision. He concludes his article by asking for cooperation among students of the mystery of Mary. "Why wouldn't it be possible to divide the labor," says he, "If each institution or cultural establishment would make a contribution to Marian bibliography, could it not in such a way be possible to gather together a documentation really exceptional, pertaining to Our Heavenly Mother? Would not the search for books on the part of mariologists be facilitated? the work simplified and accelerated? Would not this then be a contribution far more efficacious than mere discussions, often sterile, on subjects quite useless? On the eve of the dogma definition of the Virgin's Assumption and of the International Marian Congress(the first one that might really be called MARIOLOGICAL), we launch our idea(proposed) with the assurance that it will have at least a few good results." Thank you, Father Besutti. We believe you have an excellent idea in this.



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