LETTERS from our MAILBAG

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

A free picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help with the Family Novena Prayers is available from the Redemptorists. Write: Brother Patrick Concidine, 1429 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60657. Please enclose a 20¢ stamp.

Mariological Society of America

"Modern Reappraisal of Marian Doctrine" in three volumes. Contact: Marian Studies Office, Marian Library, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio 45469.

Religious Video Cassettes

The Daughters of St. Paul have produced nine religious video cassettes for both home and institutional use. For more information, write to: Daughters of St. Paul, 50 St. Paul's Ave., Jamaica Plain, Mass. 02130.

Rosary Bouquet

A Spiritual Bouquet for Mary on her birthday. For further information write to: Margaret and Bern Foley, The Rosary Crusaders for Our Lady's Birthday, 125 Sierra Drive, Mount Tamborine, 4272 Queensland, Australia.

Dear Marian Associates,

If you believe in Jesus . . . If you believe in Our Blessed Mother . . . you'll appreciate this record, "Lead us to Jesus." Our group Tranquil Sun has produced two original songs "Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady" and "Dear Blessed Mother" on a 45 RPM. For your copy send a check or money order for $3.50 to: Inspired Music Inc., 6023 Harrison Place, West New York, N.J. 07093. Proceeds used to spread devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

Dear Editors,

May I complement you on your Jan. - March issue. It was used to convince a fallen away Catholic to return to the sacraments.

L.W. Stevens Point, Wisc.

Dear Editor,

I just finished reading your Marian Helpers Bulletin of Jan.-March 1984. I always enjoy reading it, however, I'm afraid St. Scholastica won't be too happy for depriving her of a thousand years of her Eternal Bliss with God. I have always read and been taught that she died in 543 and not in 1543. She and St. Benedict were twins and we celebrated the 15th centennary of St. Benedict's birth in 1980. May Sts. Benedict and Scholastica love and pray for you.

Sister MC, OSB, St. Marys, Penn.

NB. Thank you Sister for catching the typographical error!

Fatima Film Ready for Television

"FATIMA", the one-hour television film has been completed and we tell *you* with great joy . . . you, who have been so instrumental in bringing it about.

Ricardo Montalban is the narrator, and Shelby Newhouse is the producer/director a national Emmy (his third) for best documentary of its category for 1983.

As you may remember, the first half of the film depicts the events of Fatima: the six apparitions; the miracle; the prophetic message regarding Russia spreading error throughout the world and the "annihilation of several nations"; the Blessed Mother's message that daily prayer, particularly the rosary and sacrifice are *the answers* to the plight of today's world — the moral chaos and the threat of nuclear war. These dramatic sequences are excerpted from Warner Brothers Fatima film and are interspersed with the religious/political and day to day living conditions in Russia and Portugal, and World War I. Also included is historical film of Lucia, Jacinta, Francisco and the crowd of 100,000 who witnessed the Fatima miracle.

Highlights from the final half of the film include: Scenes of the "Great Light" of January 25, 1938 which appeared over Western Europe . . . this was the Great Light the Blessed Mother had prophesied in 1917 that would herald the beginning of World War II . . . 47 days later Hitler marched into Austria; just-filmed sequences of Sister Lucia's Carmelite convent chapel in Portugal; the statue in her chapel that Sister Lucia states "is the one statue that is most like the Virgin Mary as she appeared to us"; attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square May 13, 1981 (anniversary date of the first Fatima apparition in 1917); Pope John Paul's coming to Fatima (with Sister Lucia) on May 13, 1983 to give thanks to Our Lady for having preserved his life exactly one year before; the one and a half million people that night at Fatima each carrying a candle is most moving. Bishop Amaral of Fatima speaks of the "Secret"; and more too numerous to relate.

St. Gabriel Media, is a Catholic non-profit, tax exempt organization. Every religious group must *purchase* TV airtime (prime-time evening televising is planned). However, it is only necessary to purchase TV airtime in the *1 major* city of each state because the medium and smaller cities will be automatically funded. The explanation for this is: Ricardo Montalban has an excellent one-minute appeal at the end of the film requesting funds so that the film may be shown in other cities. The donations received will be sufficient to purchase TV airtime in the remaining areas of that state (it is quite inexpensive in the less-populated areas).

Thus, St. Gabriel's is now fundraising for the major city in each state and is receiving support from the Daughters of Isabella, Knights of Columbus and Marian organizations. However, these wonderful Catholic organizations are already committed to many worthy Catholic causes and the remaining funding needed can be accomplished *only with other assistance.*

The overall excellence of the film in its entirety can only be attributed to the prayers of so many.

Will you help to spread Our Lady's message — Her Peace Plan — through your prayers and donations? Please write to: St. Gabriel Media, P.O. Box 255, Farmington, Michigan 48024.

PILGRIMAGES

The Association of Marian Helpers Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, Mexico (1983)

July 17 — July 30, 1984
• AUSTRIA, GERMANY, SWITZERLAND

Visit Vienna, Oberammergau, Munich and Lucerne. The Passion Play at Oberammergau is one of the world's most unforgettable religious experiences. This special performance commemorates the 350th anniversary year of this truly spiritual event. Our itinerary includes the beautiful Bavarian countryside and Swiss mountains and lakes. Cost includes excellent hotels, continental breakfast and dinner each day, admission to the Passion Play, air-conditioned coaches, etc.

From New York ..... $2,299.00 per person double occupancy

August 3 — August 18, 1984
• POLAND

Join us for a unique visit to the beautiful country of Poland. This is an all-new itinerary for 1984 — including travel to Western and Northern Poland not previously included in our past pilgrimages. A visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa is, of course, included. En route, we'll worship at the St. Joseph Shrine in Kalisz and Our Lady's Shrine at Lichen, before arriving in the Northern port city of Gdansk. We'll continue on to the beautiful city of Mragowa in the Mazurian Lake District before returning to Warsaw. You don't have to be Polish to enjoy this pilgrimage to the many religious shrines and beautiful countryside of Poland.

New York ..... $1,365 per person
Chicago ..... $1,420 double occupancy

September 6 — September 21, 1984**
• JORDAN, HOLY LAND, EGYPT

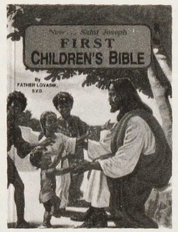
This 16 day pilgrimage to the ancient Middle East will bring new meanings to your Bible readings and daily/weekly Scripture passages heard throughout the Liturgical Year at Mass. Join a Marian chaplain in this journey through time — from Moses, to Christ's Birth at Bethlehem, to His Death at Jerusalem, to the modern, yet ancient, city of Cairo. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and His disciples; experience the thrill of seeing those historic and inspirational sights so relevant to our Christian lives.

From New York ..... $1,699.00 per person double occupancy

** You may want to extend your pilgrimage for an additional six days (September 21 - 26) for a cruise on the Nile River to ancient Egypt's wonders of the Pyramids, Karnak Temple, Aswan Dam, etc. The cost (in addition to basic cost) is $649 per person.

These pilgrimages are designed especially for Marian Associates. Although time is set aside for shopping, relaxation, etc. the spirit is primarily religious in nature. Mass is celebrated daily and spiritual exercises are encouraged. Either Fr. Walter, Chaplain of the Marian Helpers Pilgrimages, or another Marian priest will accompany each group. Association of Marian Helpers members, their family or friends are welcomed to participate in these wonderful opportunities of sharing with one another their mutual interests and concerns.

FROM OUR SHRINE GIFT SHOP



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Dear Fr. Joseph —

Please send information on the pilgrimage below.

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