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MESSAGE FROM OUR EPISCOPAL CHAIRMAN

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The purpose of Catholic Action is "to restore all things in Christ." This limitless mission was given to it by no less an authority than Pope Pius XI, Vicar of Christ on earth. As a statement it is familiar to the Catholic Actionist. But is it put into practice? Often alas! the real meaning of Catholic Action is obscured and clouded.

How many there are who still regard youth movements of Catholic Action as associations designed to organize sport and social life for young people. There are others again who believe that Catholic Action exists primarily to make its members holier, to give them a fuller Catholic life. This is, of course, nearer the mark, but it is not quite the whole truth.

Catholic Action has been truly described as an army. The purpose of an army is to fight. The battle which the Christian army fights is the battle to christianize everything in the world—every individual, man or woman, boy or girl. This task never goes beyond individuals. But our charge is to restore "ALL THINGS"—not persons alone—in Christ. That is too often forgotten. It is too often forgotten that evil THINGS are frequently more powerful than evil men and women, in destroying the pattern which Our Lord Jesus Christ came to establish on earth. He prayed and asked us to pray (and work) that His Father's Will might be done "on earth as it is in Heaven."

Now what are the THINGS which are destroying the Divine pattern? Practically everything in the modern world. Take, for instance, attacks on marriage. Christ wants marriage to be sound and solid, as an institution. Yet how many things labour to frustrate the Divine aim. Divorce, birth control, intense propaganda are doing a deadly work in this connection. Lesser things too the consequence of which we often fail to realise—insufficient preparation for marriage by boys and girls, romantic illusions concerning love, the fact that many young people have no homes and are forced to live in one or two rooms, insufficient wages, no security in a job—these and other things. It is nonsense to say that we desire the marriage bond to be strong and lasting if we do nothing to combat these real factors which seek to destroy it.

"To restore all things in Christ." How often we see a trade union or an employees' group behaving in an unjust and unchristian way, leaving a train of suffering in their wake; must not Christ be brought into such organizations which have so much power for good or evil? How often youth clubs, cultural bodies, and girls' and women's organizations tie themselves to unchristian policies; must Christ have no place in them?

Surely the answer is that He must live and reign everywhere. Here again the field of Catholic Action is to be found. After all, how will Christ live in every one of these associations if Catholics do not consciously bring Him into them? Again and again, we complain that Communists and other enemies of the Faith are working against organizations that should serve the community. We have only ourselves to blame. One of the great tasks of Catholic Action is to train Catholics for this particular apostolate. As the Bishops wrote in their last Statement of Social Justice:—

“In engaging in the apostolate of social institutions, the men and women concerned will be endeavouring to make the life of charity the inspiration of the world in which they live. People outside the Faith as they see them working selflessly to restore the kingdom of Christ’s love to institutions too often perverted from the source of Justice, will be reminded of the apostolic labours of the first Christians, to whom Our Lord Jesus Christ was a vivid reality, moulding and inspiring every aspect of their lives.”

Have it therefore as a conviction that there is no limit to the work of a member of the NATIONAL CATHOLIC GIRLS’ MOVEMENT.

*+ Edmund Cleason, C.S.B.,
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PRAYER OF OUR MOVEMENT.

"Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go;

Flood my soul with Thy spirit and light. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine.

Shine through me, and be so in me, that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul.

Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus.

Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as Thou shinest. So to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Jesus, will be all from Thee. None of it will be mine. It will be Thou shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise Thee in the way in which Thou dost love best by shining on those around me.

Let me preach Thee without preaching—not by words—but by my example, the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fulness of the love my heart bears to Thee." Amen.

—(Cardinal Newman)

PLAN OF LEADERS' MEETING.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer (10 mins.).
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) Gospel Discussion (15-20 mins.).
- (5) Chaplain's Talk (10 mins.).
- (6) Review of Influence (25 mins.)—
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion on Influence (February-April).
The Enquiry or Campaign (May-October).
Christmas Preparation (November-December) (25 mins.).
- (8) General Business, including completion of minutes (10 mins.).
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting—Gospel, Enquiry, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

FINAL PRAYERS.

Lord Jesus,

Teach me to be generous,
To serve You as You deserve to be served,
To give without counting the cost,
To fight without counting the wounds,
To work without seeking rest,
To spend my life without expecting any other return
than the knowledge that I do Your Holy Will.

PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION OF AUSTRALIA.

O God, Who has appointed Mary, Help of Christians, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus, Patrons of Australia, grant that through their intercession our brethren outside the Church may receive the light of Faith, so that Australia may become one in Faith under one Shepherd, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us;
St. Francis Xavier, pray for us;
St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus, pray for us.

PRIEST'S BLESSING.

May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit descend upon you and remain forever. Amen.

February - March - April.

"INFLUENCE."

With this Programme, the Movement has set itself a definite objective for 1948—so much territory to be conquered, so many people to be won for Christ this year!

In the first three months, we are like the Allied Armies getting ready for D. DAY. Have we the weapons for the job? Are our forces trained for the assault? Is there a perfect understanding between us all—from the National Council to the youngest member—about our objectives and methods?

Let's make sure of this!

In **FEBRUARY** we make sure of ourselves. Does each realise her task: **personally to influence certain individual friends and fellow workers**—Mary X, Jean Y, Kathleen Z? The girl in the next house, the girl at the next machine? Are we clear what "INFLUENCE" means—how to go about it? Perhaps not! Then let us give three or four meetings to discussing the special booklet on "INFLUENCE." We shall know better how to tackle people, how to win their confidence, to begin to change them without making the wrong approach or irritating them.

In **MARCH** we say, "Yes, we understand how we work personally." But we are not just a haphazard collection of groups all over the place—like bands of guerrillas. We are a **MOVEMENT**. We have a National Council, a National Office, experts at our disposal.

Are we making enough use of these helps? Are we isolating ourselves from those fighting on our side? Are we throwing away by our neglect what Headquarters has to give us? If so, our apostolate will suffer badly.

Clearly, most Sections are not making the use they should of the Movement **LITERATURE**, of its **SERVICES**, of its **CAMPAIGN DESIGNS** and material. **IT** is **THEIR** loss. The Pope has insisted that only powerful well-organised national Movements will gain really worth-while results. The local Sections have to fire the bullets, but they can receive the most up-to-date ammunition only from Headquarters.

So let us see how Headquarters and Sections between them can unite their resources—collaborating generously and without narrow prejudice, keeping in the closest touch, calling one on the other for aid in every difficulty.

In **APRIL** we go a step further. We can do a lot by our own efforts, but all along we shall find our personal resources insufficient. We cry out for help . . . we are stuck in the mud! Where shall we get help? From our **SUB-LEADER'S GROUP** or our **TEAM**, of course—that is what it is there for. United with the Team we can increase our own efficiency five hundred per cent., achieve results we could never accomplish **ALONE**.

But we shall need the very best sort of Team. Is our Team yet a little "Christian Community," where all work happily together and to whose meeting it is a pleasure to go? Do we feel after a meeting, "Well, that was worth while. Between us we certainly are getting places." If not, there is much to do.

So we shall all read and discuss another specially prepared booklet, "The Next Stage in Catholic Action." We shall realise then how much the Sub-group or Team can do for us that we could not do for ourselves and what makes an efficient Team.

D DAY IS MAY FIRST. . . . Let every LEADER, every TEAM, the entire MOVEMENT be armed and ready to move forward on that day to make of our Campaign a glorious victory for Christ!

FIRST MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 1st FEBRUARY.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

As you will notice, the plan of the Leaders' Meeting has changed just a little this year, so a brief explanation of a few points may help. For this first Meeting, items 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 are explained and should be studied in their respective order.

THE GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

It is always supposed that the Gospel Discussion at the Meeting has been preceded by some prayerful thought on the gospel text chosen. Unless each member has spent some time in solid meditation beforehand, the discussion will be nothing more than a homework badly prepared.

Each Leader should read the text carefully a couple of times so as to become quite familiar with it—to see herself as part of the scene she has just visualised while reading. Let her become one of the crowd (and always on Our Lord's side) listening to what Our Lord is saying, watching what He is doing. If the leader gets the "feel" of the scene, her mind will be better fitted for real thought and resolution.

We are not asked to follow an unknown Leader—we can and must know our King. The same inspiring, clear-minded, strong Christ, Who won the Apostles, is calling for our allegiance now; He Who longed to win all to Him, wants us to help Him reign in Australia to-day. It is for Him we fight; it is for His cause we pray; from Him will come our guidance, strength and reward. Therefore, let us learn all we can about Him, so as to know Him better, love Him more deeply, serve Him more loyally, and spread His Kingdom in Australia.

You will notice in the Programme that questions for the Gospels have not been included this year, and it is hoped that by doing this you will get even more benefit than previously. The girl taking the particular Gospel for the week should draw up a number of questions before visiting the Priest to discuss them with him. The Leader concludes the Gospel by making a brief summary at the end of it. Her summary is recorded by the Secretary in the minutes.

By doing this we hope that everyone will find that the Gospels mean more in their lives—that they will become more part of their lives. The "Beacon" each month will contain many useful hints for the running of the Leaders' Group. Helps in the form of introductions and explanations of the four Gospels for the month will be included. If, however, you find it impossible to conduct the Gospel successfully without questions, we will forward them **ON REQUEST**.

How is the Gospel Discussion conducted in your Group? Is every Leader encouraged to take part in the discussion, thus helping to make a full group discussion? Does anyone or do any few of the group dominate the discussion to the exclusion of others? What could you do to improve the position if it is not satisfactory?

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.

(6) Review of Influence.

In many ways this is the most important section of the Meeting. If this is not done well then we will have very little chance of building a real Catholic Action Group.

(a) **Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Here we read the first part of the minutes of the last meeting, up to where we started on General Business. That will include a record of those present, and anything that was to be done about those not present; a record of who conducted the Gospel, and very briefly the main points of the discussion and any practical lesson we learned from it; a record of the reports, decisions and appointments of work under the Review of Influence; a record of the findings, judgments and planned action from the Enquiry; and a record of the work set for the next meeting.

The reading of the minutes should be interrupted where necessary to check up on jobs that had to be done which arise in the minutes.

(b) **Report on progress of "Sub-groups" and "Teams."** In the early stage this will consist mainly in reports on Contact and Items of Interest. Later, there will be reports on the first steps towards building the Sub-group and the Team and on some Facts of Action. Later still, we will have a complete report of the meeting of the Sub-groups, and reports on Contact, Items of Interest and Facts of Action from the Teams.

(c) **Appointment of Work arising out of reports.** To some extent tasks arising out of reports will be allotted during the discussion of the reports, but at this stage we should check up and see that nothing has been left vague and that wherever action is needed it has been planned and allotted.

(7) Discussion—Campaign—Enquiry.

(a) **Discussion.**—As has been stated before, for the first three months we will be discussing ways and means of "Contact and Influence." There is little necessity, therefore, to emphasise the importance of reading and preparing the matter in booklets beforehand in order to get the very best out of the discussion at the Meeting.

(b) **Campaign.**—The same thing applies to the papers on the Campaigning which should be discussed on the first and second weeks of the month.

(c) **Enquiry.**—This year it has been decided to leave as much time as possible for Groups to investigate and, if possible, remedy its own local problems. These will arise from reported Items of Interest. **From the very first meeting, one Leader should be responsible for recording Items of Interest in a separate book to be kept as possible matter for Enquiries.** This is in addition to those included in the minutes. Many of these Items of Interest will merit no positive action by the Group, but there will be many which are real problems in the environment, and it is these problems which we must tackle and tackle through the Enquiry method. It is only by seeing the situation as it is and as it should be that any chance of a remedy is possible.

It is, therefore, essential that the record of Items of Interest be reviewed at the end of the first three months in order that the most immediate problems may be dealt with. The third and fourth meetings of each month will allow time for Enquiries. For those Groups who so desire, there are a number of set Enquiries in the Appendix, but it is desirable that the Groups do all local enquiries first. Perhaps a few examples will help. One leader reported (as an Item of Interest) that a lass at work reads trashy novels. When this was mentioned, the Group thought it might be a general problem so decided to do an Enquiry on it. The Judg-

ment helped girls to form the right idea, and the Action decided led to a general exchange of good books and recommendations of suitable authors. Another Group investigated the question of whether girls saved for Marriage. The Action carried out was to set up an efficiently organised Savings Scheme, and after six months boasts of a bank balance of over £200.

(8) General Business.

Under this heading, we will complete the reading of the minutes—the general business conducted at the last meeting and discuss any other general business that is brought forward.

(9) Preparation for Next Meeting.

This is most important because the real work of Catholic Action is done between and not at the meetings. Everyone in the Group should be very clear, therefore, on exactly what she has to do for the next meeting. Arrangements are made to contact any Leaders who are not present at the meeting. The text for the next Gospel Discussion is decided upon and the necessity for reading the text between meetings and thinking about it is stressed, and the person who is to conduct the Discussion is chosen. The next Enquiry is decided on and the SEE questions are read and discussed, or the paper for discussion at the next meeting on the Campaign is prepared.

(a) Appoint Leader to conduct Gospel for next meeting.
Read Text.

(b) 1st Section "Influence Booklet" to be read before next meeting.

(10) Statement by each Leader of Duties.

(11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

SECOND MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 8th FEBRUARY.

(1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.

(2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.

(3) Roll Call.

(4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE STORM AT SEA."

St. Mark, chapter 4, verses 35-40.

TEXT.

And he said to them on that day, when evening had come, "Let us cross over to the other side." And sending away the crowd, they took him just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. And there arose a great squall, and the waves were beating into the boat, so that the boat was now filling. And he himself was in the stern of the boat, on the cushion, asleep. And they woke him and said to him, "Master, does it not concern thee that we are perishing?" Then rising up, he rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind fell and there came a great calm. And he said to them, "Why are you fearful? Are you still without faith?" And they feared exceedingly and said

to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion on "Influence" (Part 1).

Points for Discussion:

 - (a) Can the influence of one person do anything towards changing the world?
 - (b) Who has given the best example of how to win human hearts?
 - (c) What difficulties have you experienced in "contacting"?
 - (d) Is this work of influence an added burden?
 - (e) What have you gained from this discussion?
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Read next section of "Influence" during coming week.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

THIRD MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 15th FEBRUARY.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"EXPULSION OF THE DEVILS IN GERASA."

St. Matthew, chapter 8, verses 28-34.

TEXT.

Now when he had come to the other side, to the country of the Gerasenes, there met him two men who were possessed, coming from the tombs, so exceedingly fierce that no one could pass by that way. And behold, they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with thee, Son of God? Hast thou come here to torment us before the time?"

Now not far from them there was a herd of many swine, feeding. And the devils kept entreating him, saying, "If thou cast us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go!" And they came out and entered into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the cliff into the sea, and perished in the water. But the swineherds fled, and going away into the town, they reported everything, and what had be-

fallen the men possessed by demons. And behold, all the town came out to meet Jesus; and on seeing him they entreated him to depart from their country.

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion on "Influence" (Part 2).
Points for Discussion:
 - (a) How would you go about building a real friendship?
 - (b) What are the marks of a Christian?
 - (c) What did Our Lord say about judging people?
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Read next section of "Influence" during coming week.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

FOURTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 22nd FEBRUARY.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE WOMAN OF FAITH."

St. Mark, chapter 5, verses 21-34.

TEXT.

And when Jesus had again crossed over in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered together to him; and he was by the sea. And there came one of the rulers of the synagogue named Jairus. And seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet, and entreated him much saying, "My daughter is at the point of death; come, lay thy hands upon her, that she may be saved and live."

And he went away with him, and a great crowd was following him and pressing upon him. And there was a woman who for twelve years had had a hemorrhage, and had suffered much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and found no benefit, but rather grew worse. Hearing about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch but his garment, I shall be saved." And at once the flow of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

And Jesus, instantly perceiving in himself that power had gone forth from him, turned to the crowd, and said, "Who touched my garment?"

And his disciples said to him, "Thou seest the crowd pressing upon thee, and dost thou say, 'Who touched me?'" And he was looking round to see her who had done this. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened within her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. But he said to her, "Daughter, thy faith has saved thee. Go in peace, and be thou healed of thy affliction."

(5) Chaplain's Talk.

(6) Review of Influence:

(a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.

(b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.

(i) Contact.

(ii) Items of Interest.

(iii) Facts of Action.

(c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.

(7) Discussion on "Influence" (Part 3).

Points for Discussion:

(a) What do YOU understand by "Charity"?

(b) What practical thing can you do to strengthen a friendship?

(c) Can you get another to do something with you? (Fact of Action).

(d) Do we need to be watchful in some conversations?

(8) General business including completion of Minutes.

(9) Preparation for Next Meeting:

(a) Gospel.

(b) Read next section of "Influence" during coming week.

(10) Statement by each Leader of duties.

(11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

FIFTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 29th FEBRUARY.

(1) Crucifix and statue of Our Lady in prominent position.

(2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.

(3) Roll Call.

(4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS."

St. Luke, chapter 8, verses 49-56.

TEXT.

While he was yet speaking, there came one from the house of the ruler of the synagogue, saying to him, "Thy daughter is dead; do not trouble him." But Jesus on hearing this word answered the father of the girl, "Do not be afraid; only have faith and she shall be saved."

And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and James and John, and the girl's father and mother. And all were weeping and mourning for her. But he said, "Do not weep; she is asleep, not dead." And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. But he, taking her by the hand, called out, saying, "Girl, arise!"

And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. And he directed that something be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion on "Influence" (Part IV).
Points for Discussion:
 - (a) Give examples of good turns you've done for girl friends.
 - (b) In what ways can you help them?
 - (c) How do we encourage them to join the Movement?
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Read next section of "Influence" during coming week.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

SIXTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 7th MARCH.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"DEATH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST."

St. Mark, chapter 6, verses 21-29.

TEXT.

And a favourable day came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet to the officials, tribunes and chief men of Galilee. And Herodias' own daughter having come in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask of me what thou wilt, and I will give it to thee." And he swore to her, "Whatever thou dost ask, I will give thee, even though it be the half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "What am I to ask for?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in at once with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want thee instantly to give me on a dish the head of John the Baptist." And grieved as he was, the king, because of his oath and his guests, was unwilling to displease her. But sending an executioner, he commanded that his head be brought on a dish. Then he beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a dish, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. And his disciples, hearing of it, came and took away his body, and laid it in a tomb.

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion on "Influence" (Part V).
Points for Discussion:
 - (a) How should a Leader treat those she has to lead?
 - (b) Why is Catholic Action so important?
 - (c) Should we let girls feel they can be trusted?
 - (d) What is the best way to tackle the question of getting someone to do a job?
 - (e) Should we expect great things from everyone?
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Read next section of "Influence" during coming week.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

SEVENTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 14th MARCH.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND."

St. John, chapter 6, verses 1-13.

TEXT.

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the sea of Galilee, which is that of Tiberias. And there followed him a great crowd, because they were witnessing the signs he worked on those who were sick. Jesus therefore went up the mountain, and was sitting there with his disciples.

Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. When, therefore, Jesus had lifted up his eyes and seen that a very great crowd had come to him, he said to Philip, "Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat?" But he said this to try him, for he himself knew what he would do.

Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not enough for them, that each one may receive a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a young boy here who has five barley loaves and two fishes; but what are these among so many?" Jesus then said, "Make the people recline."

Now there was much grass in the place. The men therefore reclined, in number about five thousand. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he

had given thanks, distributed them to those reclining; and likewise the fishes, as much as they wished. But when they were filled, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments that are left over, lest they be wasted." They therefore gathered them up; and they filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion on "Influence" (Part VI).
Points for Discussion:
 - (a) Why is it disastrous to constantly criticise?
 - (b) What is the best method of getting girls to meetings?
 - (c) What did Chesterton mean about tasks being done?
 - (d) How do we gain loyal support?
 - (e) Humility. Why? What did Christ say about it?
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Read next section of "Influence" during coming week.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

EIGHTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 21st MARCH.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"WALKING ON THE WATERS."

St. Mark, chapter 6, verses 45-52.

TEXT.

And immediately afterwards he made his disciples go into the boat and cross the sea ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he himself dismissed the crowd. And when he had dismissed them, he went away to the mountain to pray. And when it was late, the boat was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. And seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking upon the sea, and he would have passed by them. But they, seeing him walking upon the sea, thought it was a ghost, and cried out. For they all saw him, and were troubled. Then he immediately spoke to them, and said to them, "Have courage: it is I, do not be afraid." And he got

into the boat with them, and the wind fell. And they were utterly beside themselves with astonishment, for they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was blinded.

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion on "Influence" (Part VII).
Points for Discussion:
 - (a) Should we seek the support of outside people?
 - (b) Can we expect them to help? Why?
 - (c) Always we must remember "no prayer no effort is ever wasted."
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Read first part of "Next Stage in Catholic Action" during coming week.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

NINTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 28th MARCH.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE BREAD OF LIFE."

St. John, chapter 6, verses 48-59.

TEXT.

"I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert, and died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that if anyone eat of it he will not die. I am the living bread that has come down from heaven. If anyone eat of this bread he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews on that account argued with one another, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus therefore said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has life everlasting and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is food indeed,

and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him. As the living Father has sent me, and as I live because of the Father, so he who eats me, he also shall live because of me. This is the bread that has come down from heaven; not as your fathers ate the manna, and died. He who eats this bread shall live forever."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion on "Next Stage in Catholic Action," pages 1, 2, and 3.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Read next section of "Next Stage in Catholic Action" during coming week.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

TENTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 5th APRIL.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE CANAANITE WOMAN."

St. Mark, chapter 7, verses 24-30.

TEXT.

And he arose and departed from there for the territory of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house, and wanted no one to know it, but he could not keep it secret. For immediately a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, on hearing of him, came in and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she besought him to cast the demon out of her daughter. But he said to her, "Let the children first have their fill, for it is not fair to take the children's bread and to cast it to the dogs." But she answered and said to him, "Yes, Lord; for even the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "Because of this answer, go thy way; the demon has gone out of thy daughter." And when she went to her house, she found the girl lying upon the bed, and the demon gone.

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion, "Next Stage in Catholic Action," pages 4, 5 and 6
". . . they work not for her but for Christ."
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Read next section of "Next Stage in Catholic Action"
during coming week.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

ELEVENTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 12th APRIL.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE BLIND MAN AT BETHSAIDA."

St. Mark, chapter 8, verses 22-26.

TEXT.

And they came to Bethsaida and they brought him a blind man and entreated him to touch him. And taking the blind man by the hand, he led him forth outside the village; and applying spittle to his eyes, he laid his hands upon him, and asked him if he saw anything. And the man looked up, and said, "I see men as though they were trees, but walking about." Then again he laid his hands upon the man's eyes, and he began to see, and was restored so that he saw all things plainly. And he sent him to his house, saying, "Go to thy house, and if thou enter the village, tell nobody."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.

- (7) Discussion, "Next Stage in Catholic Action," pages 6 and 7.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Read next section of "Next Stage in Catholic Action" during coming week.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

TWELFTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 19th APRIL.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE CONFESSION OF PETER."

St. Matthew, chapter 16, verses 13-20.

TEXT.

Now Jesus, having come into the parts of Cæsarea Philippi, began to ask his disciples, saying, "Who do men say the Son of Man is?" But they said, "Some say, John the Baptist; and others, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Then Jesus answered and said, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to thee, but my Father in heaven. And I say to thee, thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged his disciples to tell no one that he was Jesus the Christ.

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion, "Next Stage in Catholic Action," pages 8, 9 and 10.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

THIRTEENTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 26th APRIL.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"FIRST PROPHECY OF THE PASSION."

St. Mark, chapter 8, verses 31-39.

TEXT.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and Scribes, and be put to death, and after three days rise again. And what he said he spoke openly. And Peter taking him aside, began to rebuke him. But he, turning and seeing his disciples, rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind me, satan, for thou dost not mind the things of God, but those of men."

And calling the crowd together with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For he who would save his life shall lose it; but he who loses his life for my sake and for the gospel's sake shall save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, but suffer the loss of his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes with the holy angels in the glory of his Father." And he said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who shall not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God coming in power."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Review of past Three Months. Please fill in NOW Report Form on next page.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Read 1st Campaign Paper before next meeting.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

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REPORT FORM.

- 1. Have you your own Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady?.....
- 2. Do you say the Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer at each meeting?.....
- 3. Do you have a Roll Call?.....
- 4. (a) How is the Gospel Discussion going?.....
- (b) Are you managing without questions?.....
- 5. Is your Chaplain able to be present at each meeting?.....
- 6. Report on Review of Influence—
 - (a) Are minutes always recorded and checked up on?.....
 - (b) Do you understand fully "Contacts"?.....
 - Do you understand "Items of the week?" (Give examples).....
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 - Do you understand "Facts of Action"? (Give examples).....
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 - (c) Do you need any help?.....
- 7. Do you always attend to—
 - (a) Preparation for next meeting?.....
 - (b) Statement by each Leader of duties?.....
- 8. Number of active Leaders.....
- 9. Are your meetings held weekly?.....
- 10. Have you sent subscriptions for the year?.....
- 11. Have you increased sales of "Torchlight"?.....

Any suggestions?.....

Report by Propagandist to meeting of ways in which she is trying to distribute more copies of "Torchlight." (This should be continually before the minds of all Leaders as this is an important part of the work of an apostle.)

This Form is to be returned to the Secretary of your Diocesan Executive immediately. Where no Diocesan Executive exists, please forward to National Secretary, N.C.G.M. Headquarters, 379 Collins Street, Melbourne.

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May to October.

"CITIZENSHIP."

The object of this year's campaign is simple to explain, but not so simple to put into operation. It arises from the N.C.G.M.'s recognition of the fact that it cannot achieve one of its great objectives—the creation of Christian homes throughout the length and breadth of Australia—while so many other organisations whose actions have lasting effect in this field are following un-Christian policies or are at the disposal of anti-Christian influences.

It is the task of the N.C.G.M. then to train its members to spread a Christian influence in every outside organisation. This is as much a part of our apostolate as the influence of individual on individual, and in the long run it may have even more important results.

What are these organisations?

They are too many in number to be listed completely. Among the most important of them are:—

Youth Centres and similar bodies.

Adult Education Centres.

Trade Unions, professional and vocational bodies.

1. As far as possible we must try to get our members to Diocesan Conferences and Summer Schools at which the matter will be thoroughly discussed.

2. From 2nd May to 13th June at two meetings per month we will discuss outlines of the subject prepared by National Headquarters. This will serve to give us a bird's eye view of the job we are supposed to do.

3. From 4th July to 15th August, we will survey the field. We will consider the organisations in our district or our town, of which N.C.G.M. members should also be members. We will see in whose hands these organisations are, what kind of influences they wield. As far as possible, in consultation with Diocesan Headquarters, we will invite speakers to our groups who will be able to help us in this matter.

4. From 5th September to 10th October we will do our best to get every member of the N.C.G.M. to join and play an active part in one or other of these outside associations. It will mean that we ourselves must go along in the first place, and then take others with us. This will require much personal contact and the distribution of whatever literature is available to interest others in the work.

5. Finally we must make this job a permanent part of our work in the N.C.G.M., not only for this year, but for every year.

FOURTEENTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 2nd MAY.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"TRANSFIGURATION."

St. Luke, chapter 9, verses 28-36.

TEXT.

Now it came to pass about eight days after these words, that he took Peter, James and John and went up the mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the appearance of his countenance was changed, and his raiment became a radiant white. And behold, two men were talking with him. And these were Moses and Elias, who, appearing in glory, spoke of his departure, which he should effect in Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep. But when they were fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men who were standing with him. And it came to pass as they were parting from him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. And let us set up three tents, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias," not knowing what he said. But as he was speaking thus, there came a cloud and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son; hear him." And after the voice had passed, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one at that time any of these things that they had seen.

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion—1st Campaign Paper.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Enquiry—Girl in charge of "Items of Interest" to prepare possible subjects for Enquiry.
 - (c) Read 2nd Campaign Paper before next meeting.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

FIFTEENTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 9th MAY.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE DEMONIAC."

St. Matthew, chapter 17, verses 14-20.

TEXT.

And when he had come to the crowd, a man approached him and threw himself on his knees before him, saying, "Lord, have pity on my son, for he is a lunatic, and suffers severely; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, but they could not cure him."

Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him; and the devil went out of him; and from that moment the boy was cured.

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could not we cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith; for amen I say to you, if you have faith like a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'Remove from here'; and it shall remove. And nothing shall be impossible to you. But this kind can only be cast out by prayer and fasting."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion—2nd Campaign Paper.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Enquiry—Decide on subject for Enquiry; draw up "See" questions.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

SIXTEENTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 16th MAY.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

LESSONS TO THE TWELVE—1. "AMBITION."

St. Mark, chapter 9, verses 32-39.

TEXT.

And they came to Capharnaum. When he was at home, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they kept silence, for on the way they had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest. And sitting down, he called the Twelve and said to them, "If any man wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." And he took a little child, and set it in the midst of them, and taking it into his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such little child for my sake, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

John said to him, "Master, we saw a man who was not one of our followers casting out devils in thy name, and we forbade him." But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, because there is no one who shall work a miracle in my name, and forthwith be able to speak ill of me. For he who is not against you is for you. For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you are Christ's, amen I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Enquiry. Report on facts gathered from "See" questions. Suggest literature, etc., to help Leaders form correct Judgment at next meeting.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

SEVENTEENTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 23rd MAY.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

LESSONS TO THE TWELVE (Cont.)—2. "SCANDAL."

St. Matthew, chapter 18, verses 5-7 and 10-14.

TEXT.

"And whoever receives one such little child for my sake, receives me. But whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in me to sin, it were better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

"Woe to the world because of scandals! For it must needs be that scandals come, but woe to the man through whom scandal does come! And if thy hand or thy foot is an occasion of sin to thee, cut it off and cast it from thee! It is better for thee to enter life maimed or lame, than, having two hands or two feet, to be cast into everlasting fire.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you, their angels in heaven always behold the face of my Father in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save what was lost. What do you think? If a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them stray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the mountains, and go in search of the one that has strayed? And if he happen to find it, amen I saw to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. Even so, it is not the will of your Father in heaven that a single one of these little ones should perish."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) The Enquiry—Judgment and Action.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

EIGHTEENTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 30th MAY.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

LESSONS TO THE TWELVE (Cont.)—3. "THE OFFENDING BROTHER."

St. Matthew, chapter 18, verses 15-20.

TEXT.

"But if thy brother sin against thee, go and show him his fault, between thee and him alone. If he listen to thee, thou hast won thy brother. But if he does not listen to thee, take with thee one or two more so that on the testimony of two or three witnesses every word may be confirmed. And if he refuses to hear them, tell the Church, but if he refuses to hear even the Church, let him be to thee as the heathen and the publican. Amen I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound also in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed also in heaven.

"I say to you further, that if two of you shall agree on earth about anything at all for which they ask, it shall be done for them by my Father

in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Enquiry. Each Leader to state individually her action carried out on enquiry since last meeting. President to report group action.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Read 3rd Campaign Paper before next meeting.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

NINETEENTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 6th JUNE.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

LESSONS TO THE TWELVE (Cont.)—4. "FORGIVENESS."

St. Matthew, chapter 18, verses 21-35.

TEXT.

Then Peter came to him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to thee seven times, but seventy times seven.

"This is why the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king who desired to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun the settlement, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And as he had no means of paying, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. But the servant fell down and besought him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will pay thee all!' And moved with compassion, the master of that servant released him, and forgave him the debt.

"But as that servant went out, he met one of his fellow-servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and he laid hold of him and throttled him, saying, 'Pay what thou owest.' His fellow-servant therefore fell down and began to entreat him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will pay thee all!' But he would not; but went away and cast him into prison until he should pay what was due.

"His fellow-servants, therefore, seeing what had happened, were very much grieved, and they went and informed their master of all that had happened. Then his master called him, and said to him, 'Wicked servant! I forgave thee all the debt, because thou didst entreat me. Shouldst not thou also have had pity on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee?' And his master, being angry, handed him over to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So also my heavenly Father shall do to you, if you do not each forgive your brothers from your hearts."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion—3rd Campaign Paper.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Enquiry—Girl in charge of "Items of Interest" to prepare possible subjects for Enquiry.
 - (c) Read 4th Campaign Paper before next meeting.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

TWENTIETH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 13th JUNE.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"FEAST OF TABERNACLES."

St. John, chapter 7, verses 2-10.

TEXT.

Now after these things Jesus went about in Galilee, for he did not wish to go about Judea because the Jews were seeking to put him to death. Now the Jewish feast of Tabernacles was at hand. His brethren therefore said to him, "Leave here and go into Judea that thy disciples also may see the works that thou dost; for no one does a thing in secret if he wants to be publicly known. If thou dost these things, manifest thyself to the world." For not even his brethren believed in him.

Jesus therefore said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always at hand. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me

because I bear witness concerning it, that its works are evil. As for you, go up to the feast, but I do not go up to this feast, for my time is not yet fulfilled."

When he had said these things he stayed in Galilee. But as soon as his brethren had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly, but as it were privately.

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Discussion—4th Campaign Paper.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Enquiry—Decide on subject for Enquiry; draw up "See" questions.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

TWENTY-FIRST MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 20th JUNE.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"WOMAN TAKEN IN ADULTERY."

St. John, chapter 8, verses 1-11.

TEXT.

But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. And at daybreak he came again into the temple, and all the people came to him; and sitting down he began to teach them.

Now the Scribes and Pharisees brought a woman taken in adultery, and setting her in the midst, said to him, "Master, this woman has just now been taken in adultery. And in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such persons. What, therefore, dost thou say?" Now they were saying this to test him, in order that they might be able to accuse him. But Jesus, stooping down, began to write with his finger on the ground.

And when they continued asking him, he raised himself and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to cast a stone at her." And again stooping down, he began to write on the ground. But hearing this, they went away, one by one, beginning with the eldest. And Jesus remained alone, with the woman standing in the midst.

And Jesus, raising himself, said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned thee?" She said, "No one, Lord." Then Jesus said, "Neither will I condemn thee. Go thy way, and from now on sin no more."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Enquiry. Report on facts gathered from "See" questions. Suggest literature, etc., to help Leaders form correct Judgment at next meeting.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

TWENTY-SECOND MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 27th JUNE.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE GOOD SHEPHERD."

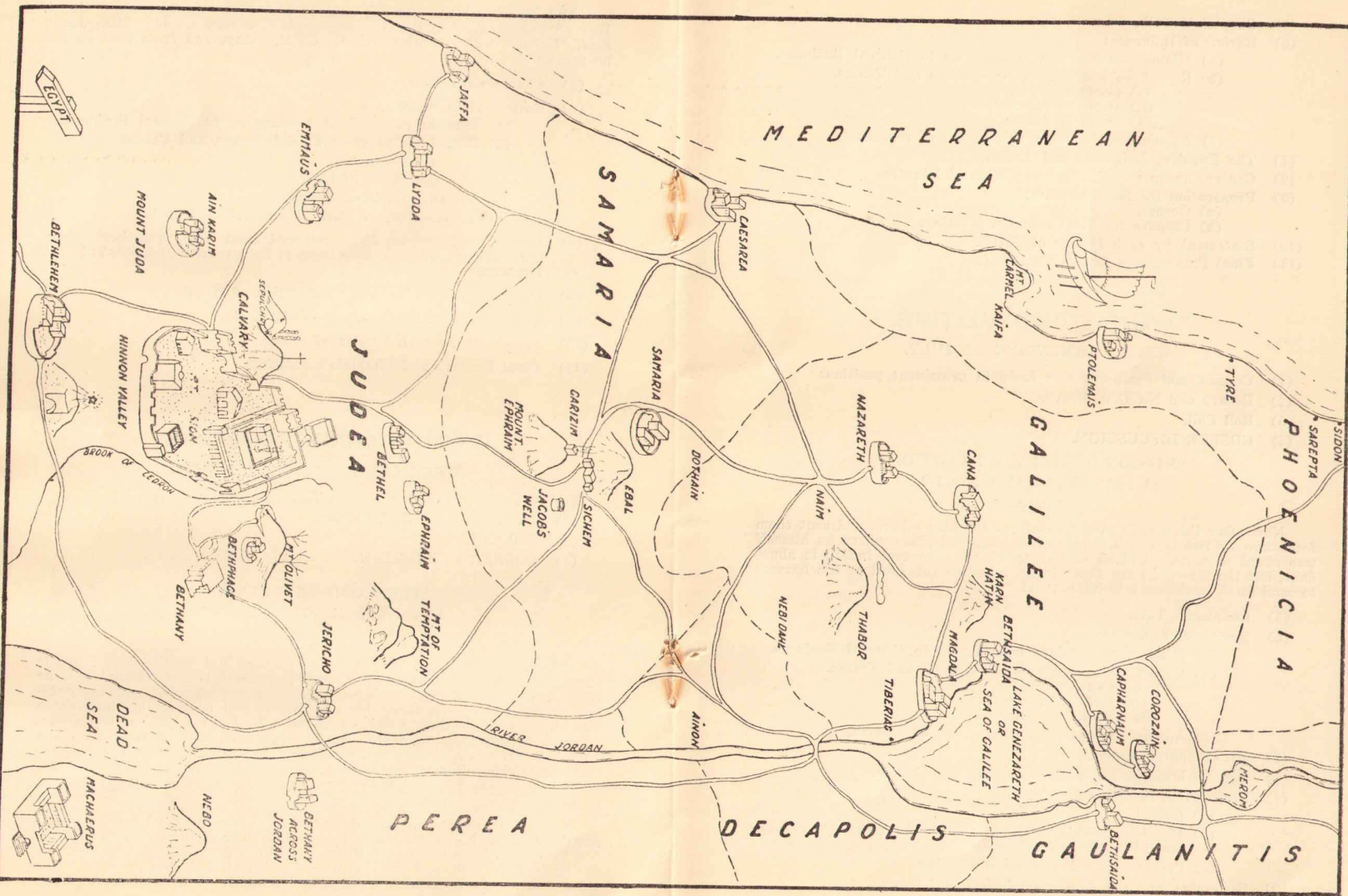
St. John, chapter 10, verses 1-21.

TEXT.

"Amen, amen, I say to you, he who enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up another way, is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. To this man the gate-keeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them forth. And when he has let out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. But a stranger they will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers."

This parable Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Again, therefore, Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All whoever have come are thieves and robbers; but the sheep have not heard them. I am the door. If anyone enter by me he shall be safe, and shall go in and out, and shall find pastures. The thief comes only to steal, and slay, and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly."



- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) The Enquiry, Judgment and Action.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Prepare for 5th Campaign Meeting.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

TWENTY-THIRD MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 4th JULY.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"MISSION OF THE SEVENTY-TWO."

St. Luke, chapter 11, verses 1-2.

TEXT.

Now after this the Lord appointed seventy-two others, and sent them forth two by two before him into every city and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, "The harvest indeed is abundant, but the labourers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into his harvest."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) 5th Campaign Meeting.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Enquiry. Girl in charge of "Items of Interest" to prepare possible subjects for Enquiry.
 - (c) Prepare for 6th Campaign Meeting.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 11th JULY.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"PARABLE OF GOOD SAMARITAN."

St. Luke, chapter 10, verses 25-37.

TEXT.

And behold, a certain lawyer got up to test him, saying, "Master, what must I do to gain eternal life?" But he said to him, "What is written in the Law? How dost thou read?" He answered and said,

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God
with thy whole heart,
and with thy whole soul,
and with thy whole strength,
and with thy whole mind;
And thy neighbour as thyself."

And he said to him, "Thou hast answered rightly; do this and thou shalt live." But he, wishing to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

Jesus answered and said, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell in with robbers, who after both stripping him and beating him went their way, leaving him half-dead. But, as it happened, a certain priest was going down the same way; and when he saw them, he passed by. And likewise a Levite also, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan as he journeyed came upon him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion. And he went up to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And setting him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more thou spendest, I, on my way back, will repay thee.'

"Which of these three, in thy opinion, proved himself neighbour to him who fell among the robbers?" And he said, "He who took pity on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go, and do thou also in like manner."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) 6th Campaign Meeting.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.

- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Enquiry. Decide on subject for Enquiry; draw up "See" questions.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 18th JULY.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"WITH THE MULTITUDE IN JUDEA" (1).

St. Luke, chapter 12, verses 1-9.

TEXT.

Now when immense crowds had gathered together, so that they were treading on one another, he began to say to his disciples, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. But there is nothing concealed that shall not be disclosed, and nothing hidden that shall not be made known. For what you have said in darkness shall be said in the light; and what you have whispered in the inner chambers shall be preached on the housetops."

"But I say to you, my friends: Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will show you whom you shall be afraid of; be afraid of him who, after he has killed, has power to cast into hell. Yes, I say to you, be afraid of him. Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And yet not one of them is forgotten before God. Yes, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore, do not be afraid, you are of more value than many sparrows."

"And I say to you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, him will the Son of Man also acknowledge before the angels of God"

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Enquiry. Report on facts gathered from "See" questions. Suggest literature, etc., to help Leaders form correct Judgment at next meeting.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 25th JULY.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

“WITH THE MULTITUDE IN JUDEA” (2).

St. Luke, chapter 12, verses 10-12.

TEXT.

And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemeth against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven.

“And when they bring you before the synagogues and the magistrates and the authorities, do not be anxious how or wherewith you shall defend yourselves, or what you shall say, for the Holy Spirit shall teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) The Enquiry, Judgment and Action.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 1st AUGUST.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

“WITH THE MULTITUDE IN JUDEA” (3).

St. Luke, chapter 12, verses 13-21.

TEXT.

Now one out of the crowd said to him, “Master, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who has appointed me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take

heed and guard yourselves from all covetousness, for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

But he spoke a parable to them, saying, "The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundant crops. And he began to take thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, for I have no room to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast many good things laid up for many years; take thy ease, eat, drink and be merry.' But God said to him, 'Thou fool, this night do they demand thy soul of thee; and the things that thou has provided, whose shall they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich as regards God."

- (5) **Chaplain's Talk.**
- (6) **Review of Influence:**
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) **Review of past three months. Please fill in NOW Report Form on next page.**
- (8) **General business including completion of Minutes.**
- (9) **Preparation for Next Meeting:**
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Prepare for 7th Campaign Paper.
- (10) **Statement by each Leader of duties.**
- (11) **Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.**



No. 2.

REPORT FORM.

- 1. Have you your own Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady?.....
- 2. Do you say the Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer at each meeting?.....
- 3. Do you have a Roll Call?.....
- 4. (a) How is the Gospel Discussion going?.....
- (b) Are you managing without questions?.....
- 5. Is your Chaplain able to be present at each meeting?.....
- 6. Report on Review of Influence—

- (a) Are minutes always recorded and checked up on?.....
- (b) Do you understand fully "Contacts"?.....

Do you understand "Items of the week?" (Give examples).....

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Do you understand "Facts of Action"? (Give examples).....

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- (c) Do you need any help?.....

- 7. Do you always attend to—

- (a) Preparation for next meeting?.....
- (b) Statement by each Leader of duties?.....

- 8. Number of active Leaders.....

- 9. Are your meetings held weekly?.....

- 10. Have you sent subscriptions for the year?.....

- 11. Have you increased sales of "Torchlight"?.....

Any suggestions?.....

Report by Propagandist to meeting of ways in which she is trying to distribute more copies of "Torchlight." (This should be continually before the minds of all Leaders as this is an important part of the work of an apostle.)

This Form is to be returned to the Secretary of your Diocesan Executive immediately. Where no Diocesan Executive exists, please forward to National Secretary, N.C.G.M. Headquarters, 379 Collins Street, Melbourne.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 8th AUGUST.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

“WITH THE MULTITUDE IN JUDEA” (4).

St. Luke, chapter 12, verses 22-31.

TEXT.

But he said to his disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. The life is a greater thing than the food, and the body than the clothing. Consider the ravens; they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storeroom nor barn; yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than they! But which of you by being anxious about it can add to his stature a single cubit? Therefore if you are not able to do even a very little thing, why are you anxious concerning the rest?”

“See how the lilies grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass which to-day is alive in the field and to-morrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith!

“And as for you, do not seek what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; and do not be in anxious suspense (for after all these things the nations of the world seek); but your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be given you besides.”

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) 7th Campaign Meeting.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Enquiry. Girl in charge of “Items of Interest” to prepare possible subjects for Enquiry.
 - (c) Prepare for 8th Campaign Meeting.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

TWENTY-NINTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 15th AUGUST.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

“FEAST OF THE DEDICATION.”

St. John, chapter 10, verses 22-42.

TEXT.

The Jews therefore took up stones to stone him. Jesus answered them, “Many good works have I shown you from my Father. For which of these works do you stone me?” The Jews answered him, “Not for a good work do we stone thee, but for blasphemy, and because thou, being a man, makest thyself God.”

Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law,
‘I said you are gods’?

If he called them gods to whom the word of God was addressed (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of him whom the Father has made holy and sent into the world, ‘Thou blasphemest,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? If I do not perform the works of my Father, do not believe me. But if I do perform them, and if you are not willing to believe me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in me and I in the Father.”

They sought therefore to seize him; and he went forth out of their hands.

- (5) Chaplain’s Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) 8th Campaign Meeting.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Enquiry. Decide on subject for Enquiry; draw up “See” questions.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain’s Blessing.

THIRTIETH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 22nd AUGUST.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"MAN WITH THE DROPSY."

St. Luke, chapter 14, verses 1-4.

TEXT.

And it came to pass, when he entered the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on the Sabbath to take food, that they were watching him. And behold, there was a certain man before him who had the dropsy. And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath?"

But they remained silent. And he took and healed him and let him go. Then addressing them, he said, "Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit, and will not immediately draw him up on the Sabbath?" And they could give him no answer to these things.

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) The Enquiry.
 - (a) Report on facts gathered from "See" questions.
 - (b) Suggest literature, etc., to help Leaders form correct Judgment at next meeting.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

THIRTY-FIRST MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 29th AUGUST.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"DISCOURSES ON THE ROAD" (1).

St. Luke, chapter 14, verses 26-33.

TEXT.

Now great crowds were going along with him. And he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and

mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. And he who does not carry his cross and follow me, cannot be my disciple.

“For which of you, wishing to build a tower, does not sit down first and calculate the outlays that are necessary, whether he has the means to complete it? Lest, after he has laid the foundation and is not able to finish, all who behold begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish!’

“Or what king setting out to engage in war with another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to meet him who with twenty thousand is coming against him? Or else, whilst the other is yet at a distance, he sends an embassy and asks the terms of peace. So, therefore, every one of you who does not renounce all that he possesses, cannot be my disciple.”

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) The Enquiry, Judgment and Action.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Prepare for 9th Campaign Meeting.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

THIRTY-SECOND MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 5th SEPTEMBER.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

“DISCOURSES ON THE ROAD” (2).

St. Luke, chapter 15, verses 3-10.

TEXT.

And he spoke to them this parable, saying, “What man of you having a hundred sheep, and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the desert, and go after that which is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it upon his shoulders rejoicing. And on coming home he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost.’ I say to you that, even so, there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, more than over ninety-nine just who have no need of repentance.

“Or what woman, having ten drachmas, if she loses one drachma, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma that I had lost.’ Even so, I say to you, there shall be joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

- (5) **Chaplain’s Talk.**
- (6) **Review of Influence:**
 - (a) **Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.**
 - (b) **Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.**
 - (i) **Contact.**
 - (ii) **Items of Interest.**
 - (iii) **Facts of Action.**
 - (c) **Appointment of work arising out of reports.**
- (7) **9th Campaign Meeting.**
- (8) **General business including completion of Minutes.**
- (9) **Preparation for Next Meeting:**
 - (a) **Gospel.**
 - (b) **Enquiry. Girl in charge of “Items of Interest” to prepare possible subjects for Enquiry.**
 - (c) **Prepare for 10th Campaign Meeting.**
- (10) **Statement by each Leader of duties.**
- (11) **Final Prayers and Chaplain’s Blessing.**

THIRTY-THIRD MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 12th SEPTEMBER.

- (1) **Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.**
- (2) **Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.**
- (3) **Roll Call.**
- (4) **GOSPEL DISCUSSION.**

“DISCOURSES ON THE ROAD” (3).

St. Luke, chapter 15, verses 11-32.

TEXT.

And he said, “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his means between them.

“And not many days later, the younger son gathered up all his wealth, and left home for a distant country; and there he squandered his fortune in loose living. And after he had spent all, there came a grievous famine over that country, and he began himself to suffer want. And he went and joined one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his farm to feed swine. And he longed to fill his belly with the pods that the swine were eating, but no one offered to give them to him.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many hired men in my father’s house have bread in abundance, while I am perishing here with hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee. I am no longer worthy to

be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired men.' And he arose and went to his father.

"But while he was yet a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion, and ran and fell upon his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee. I am no longer worthy to be called thy son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Fetch quickly the best robe and put it on him, and give him a ring for his hand and sandals for his feet; and bring out the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry, because this my son was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and is found.'"

(5) Chaplain's Talk.

(6) Review of Influence:

(a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.

(b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.

(i) Contact.

(ii) Items of Interest.

(iii) Facts of Action.

(c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.

(7) 10th Campaign Meeting.

(8) General business including completion of Minutes.

(9) Preparation for Next Meeting:

(a) Gospel.

(b) Enquiry. Decide on subject for Enquiry; draw up "See" questions.

(10) Statement by each Leader of duties.

(11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 19th SEPTEMBER.

(1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.

(2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.

(3) Roll Call.

(4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"DISCOURSES ON THE ROAD" (4).

St. Luke, chapter 17, verses 5-10.

TEXT.

And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." And the Lord answered, "If you have faith even like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"But which of you is there, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, who will say to him on his return from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table!' But will he not say to him, 'Prepare my supper, and gird thyself and serve me whilst I eat and drink; and afterwards thou thyself shalt eat and drink'? Does he thank that servant for doing what he commanded him? I do not think so. Even so you also, when you have done everything that was commanded you, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what it was our duty to do.'"

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) The Enquiry. Report on facts gathered from "See" questions. Suggest literature, etc., to help Leaders form correct Judgment at next meeting.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 26th SEPTEMBER.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"TWO PARABLES ON PRAYER."

St. Luke, chapter 18, verses 9-14.

TEXT.

And he spoke this parable also to some who trusted in themselves as being just and despised others. "Two men went up to the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and began to pray thus within himself: 'O God, I thank thee that I am not like the rest of men, robbers, dishonest, adulterers, or even like this publican. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I possess.' But the publican, standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me the sinner!'"

"I tell you, this man went back to his home justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) The Enquiry, Judgment and Action.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.

- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Prepare for 11th Campaign Meeting.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 3rd OCTOBER.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE RICH YOUNG MAN."

St. Luke, chapter 18, verses 18-30.

TEXT.

And a certain ruler asked him, saying, "Good Master, what shall I do to gain eternal life?" But Jesus said to him, "Why dost thou call me good? No one is good but God only. Thou knowest the commandments:

Thou shalt not kill,
 Thou shalt not commit adultery,
 Thou shalt not steal
 Thou shalt not bear false witness,
 Honour thy father and mother."

And he said, "All these things I have kept ever since I was a child." And when Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing is still lacking to thee; sell all that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When he heard these things, he was much grieved, for he was very rich.

And Jesus, seeing him become sad, said, "With what difficulty shall they who have riches enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And they who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" He said to them, "Things that are impossible with men are possible with God."

And Peter said, "Behold, we have left all and followed thee." And he said to them, "Amen I say to you, there is no one who has left house, or parents, or brothers, or wife, or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who shall not receive much more in the present time, and in the age to come life everlasting."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.

- (7) 11th Campaign Meeting.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Enquiry. Girl in charge of "Items of Interest" to prepare possible subjects for Enquiry.
 - (c) Prepare for 12th Campaign Meeting.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 10th OCTOBER.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"AMBITION OF SONS OF ZEBEDEE."

St. Mark, chapter 10, verses 35-45.

TEXT.

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him, saying, "Master, we want thee to do for us whatever we ask." But he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said, "Grant to us that we may sit, one at thy right hand and the other at thy left hand, in thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking for. Can you drink of the cup of which I drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I am to be baptised?" And they said to him, "We can." And Jesus said to them, "Of the cup that I drink, you shall drink; and with the baptism with which I am to be baptised, you shall be baptised; but as for sitting at my right hand or at my left, that is not mine to give, but it belongs to those for whom it has been prepared."

And when the ten heard this, they were at first indignant at James and John. But Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers among the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wishes to become great shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be the slave of all; for the Son of Man also has not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.

- (7) 12th Campaign Meeting.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting:
 - (a) Gospel.
 - (b) Enquiry. Decide on subject for Enquiry; draw up "See" questions.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 17th OCTOBER.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"ZACCHAEUS."

St. Luke, chapter 19, verses 1-10.

TEXT.

And he entered and was passing through Jericho. And behold there was a man named Zacchaeus; and he was a leading publican, and he was rich. Now he was trying to see Jesus, who he was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was going to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay in thy house to-day."

And he made haste and came down, and welcomed him joyfully. And upon seeing it all began to murmur, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, I give one-half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." Jesus said to him, "To-day salvation has come to this house, since he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) The Enquiry. Report on facts gathered from "See" questions. Suggest literature, etc., to help Leaders form correct Judgment at next meeting.

- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

THIRTY-NINTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 24th OCTOBER.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE ANOINTING AT BETHANY."

St. John, chapter 12, verses 1-11.

TEXT.

Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised to life, had died. And they made him a supper there; and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those reclining at table with him.

Mary therefore took a pound of ointment, genuine nard of great value, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and with her hair wiped his feet dry. And the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Then one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, he who was about to betray him, said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii, and given to the poor?" Now he said this, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and holding the purse, used to take what was put in it. Jesus therefore said, "Let her be—that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you have always with you, but me you have not always."

Now the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there; and they came, not only because of Jesus, but that they might see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also. For on his account many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) The Enquiry, Judgment and Action.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

FORTIETH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 31st OCTOBER.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

“THE NEW DISCIPLES.”

St. Luke, chapter 9, verses 57-62.

TEXT.

And it came to pass as they went on their journey, that a man said to him, “I will follow thee wherever thou goest.” And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have dens, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

And he said to another, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” But Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead, but do thou go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” And another said, “I will follow thee, Lord; but let me first bid farewell to those at home.” Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Review of past 3 months. Please fill in NOW Report Form on next page.
- (8) General business including completion of Minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.



- 1. Have you your own Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady?.....
- 2. Do you say the Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer at each meeting?.....
- 3. Do you have a Roll Call?.....
- 4. (a) How is the Gospel Discussion going?.....
- (b) Are you managing without questions?.....
- 5. Is your Chaplain able to be present at each meeting?.....
- 6. Report on Review of Influence—
 - (a) Are minutes always recorded and checked up on?.....
 - (b) Do you understand fully "Contacts"?.....
 - Do you understand "Items of the week?" (Give examples).....
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 - Do you understand "Facts of Action"? (Give examples).....
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 - (c) Do you need any help?.....
- 7. Do you always attend to—
 - (a) Preparation for next meeting?.....
 - (b) Statement by each Leader of duties?.....
- 8. Number of active Leaders.....
- 9. Are your meetings held weekly?.....
- 10. Have you sent subscriptions for the year?.....
- 11. Have you increased sales of "Torchlight"?.....
- Any suggestions?.....
- Report by Propagandist to meeting of ways in which she is trying to distribute more copies of "Torchlight." (This should be continually before the minds of all Leaders as this is an important part of the work of an apostle.)

This Form is to be returned to the Secretary of your Diocesan Executive immediately. Where no Diocesan Executive exists, please forward to National Secretary, N.C.G.M. Headquarters, 379 Collins Street, Melbourne.

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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER.

For every Catholic worthy of the name, Christmas has always a great charm. It has an atmosphere all its own. It is a time of gladness and joy, of home-joys and family re-unions, a time of generous giving—when people are prompted to open their purses as well as their hearts. Above all, it is a time of peace, a peace of soul, unique in character, indefinable in its sweetness. Christmas calls forth the best that is in us. The gladness in our own hearts makes us desire to see others happy too; we wish well to all; we forget past bitterness, we want all hate to disappear from the world.

At the present time there are vast numbers, even among so-called Catholics, for whom Christmas has no meaning. They are too preoccupied with the goods and pleasures of the modern pagan world; they have lost all appreciation for spiritual values; they are incapable of perceiving the peace of Christmas.

The Infant Jesus addresses to us Leaders a special appeal. He wants us to become more active instruments of His peace, the peace He came on earth to establish; for this purpose He has called us to be Leaders. The world is at present starving for want of love, sympathy and kindness. From the world, in which atheistic Communism and semi-civilised paganism are rampant, we Catholics can only expect hatred and ridicule. Human nature would urge us to give as good as we get, to reply to our enemies with weapons of hate and contempt. But would that be the answer of the Prince of Peace?

Stormy passion and bitter hate cannot restore peace to the world. Let us try with the weapons of kindness and love. Our goodwill will be a most acceptable gift to the Babe of Bethlehem. Let us start now with our preparations for Christmas, 1948.

PLAYS

CUSTOMS

RALLIES

CAROLS

Further information and help will appear in the "Beacons" for November and December.

FORTY-FIRST MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 7th NOVEMBER.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE BLIND MAN AT JERICOH."

St. Mark, chapter 10, verses 46-52.

TEXT.

And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a very great crowd, Bartimeus, a blind man, the son of Timeus, was sitting by the wayside, begging. And hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him and tried to silence him. But he cried out all the louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then Jesus stopped and commanded that he should be called. And they called the blind man and said to him, "Have courage. Arise, he is calling thee." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang to his feet and came to him. And Jesus addressed him, saying, "What wouldst thou have me do for thee?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabboni, that I may see." And Jesus said to him, "Go thy way, thy faith has saved thee." And at once he received his sight, and followed him along the road.

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Study "Beacon."
- (8) General Business including completion of minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

FORTY-SECOND MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 14th NOVEMBER.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"JESUS AND THE CHILDREN."

St. Mark, chapter 10, verses 13-16.

TEXT.

And they were bringing little children to him that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw them, he was indignant, and said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for of such is the kingdom of God. Amen I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God as a little child shall not enter into it." And he put his arms about them, and laying his hands upon them, he blessed them.

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Study "Beacon."
- (8) General Business including completion of minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

FORTY-THIRD MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 21st NOVEMBER.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE RAISING OF LAZARUS."

St. John, chapter 11, verses 32-44.

TEXT.

When, therefore, Mary came where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell at his feet, and said to him, "Master, if thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died." When, therefore, Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he groaned in spirit and was troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." And Jesus wept. The Jews therefore said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that this man should not die?"

Jesus, therefore, again groaning in himself, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was laid against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to him, "Lord, by

this time he is already fetid, for he is dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Have I not told thee that if thou believe thou shalt behold the glory of God?" They therefore removed the stone. And Jesus, raising his eyes, said, "Father, I give thee thanks that thou hast heard me. But I knew that thou always hearest me; yet because of the people who stand round, I spoke, that they may believe that thou hast sent me." When he had said this, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And at once he who had been dead came forth, bound feet and hands with bandages, and his face was tied about with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

(5) Chaplain's Talk.

(6) Review of Influence:

(a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.

(b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.

(i) Contact.

(ii) Items of Interest.

(iii) Facts of Action.

(c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.

(7) Study "Beacon."

(8) General Business including completion of minutes.

(9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.

(10) Statement by each Leader of duties.

(11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

FORTY-FOURTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 28th NOVEMBER.

(1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.

(2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.

(3) Roll Call.

(4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE LEAVEN OF PHARISEES."

St. Mark, chapter 8, verses 13-21.

TEXT.

Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had but one loaf with them in the boat. And he began to charge them, saying, "Take heed; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod!" And they began to reason among themselves, saying, "We have no bread." But Jesus knowing this, said to them, "Why do you reason that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive, nor understand? Is your heart still blinded? Though you have eyes do you not see, and though you have ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." "And when I broke the seven loaves among four thousand, how many large baskets of fragments did you take up?" They said, "Seven." And he said to them, "How is it that you do not yet understand?"

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Study "Beacon."
- (8) General Business including completion of minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

FORTY-FIFTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 5th DECEMBER.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"THE WHEAT AND WEEDS."

St. Matthew, chapter 13, verses 24-30.

TEXT.

Another parable he set before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were asleep, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. And when the blade sprang up and brought forth fruit, then the weeds appeared as well. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' And the servants said to him, 'Wilt thou have us go and gather them up?' 'No,' he said, 'lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the weeds, and bind them in bundles to burn; but the wheat gather into my barn.'"

- (5) Chaplain's Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Study "Beacon."
- (8) General Business including completion of minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting—Gospel, etc.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

FORTY-SIXTH MEETING.

WEEK COMMENCING 12th DECEMBER.

- (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

“THE WIDOW’S MITE.”

St. Matthew, chapter 12, verses 41-44.

TEXT.

And Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and observed how the crowd were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. And there came one poor widow, and she put in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called his disciples together, and said to them, “Amen I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who have been putting money into the treasury. For they all have put in out of their abundance; but she out of her want has put in all that she had—all that she had to live on.”

- (5) Chaplain’s Talk.
- (6) Review of Influence:
 - (a) Minutes of previous meeting up to General Business.
 - (b) Report on progress of Sub-groups and Teams.
 - (i) Contact.
 - (ii) Items of Interest.
 - (iii) Facts of Action.
 - (c) Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- (7) Study “Beacon.”
- (8) General Business including completion of minutes.
- (9) Preparation for next meeting; final arrangements for Christmas Play, etc., numbers for Summer School.
- (10) Statement by each Leader of duties.
- (11) Final Prayers and Chaplain’s Blessing.



APPENDIX "A."

SUPPLEMENTARY ENQUIRIES.

The following Enquiries are to be used only in cases where it is found to be impossible to draw up Enquiries from your group's reported "Items of Interest." Every effort is necessary so that you will be able to deal with the problems of your own particular environment, and thus help to remedy the difficulties of your everyday life.

In the Enquiries given below, the Observe and Judge questions only have been set out. Since all these Enquiries are meant to cope with LOCAL conditions we are leaving it to you to plan your own Action to suit the situation you have observed and judged.

LEISURE.

(1) Observe.

1. Do the young girls you know go about regularly in mixed crowds of boys and girls? How regularly?
2. Is there much "pairing off" for the purpose of "parking" at parties, picnics, socials?

Judge.

1. What are the advantages of being in a crowd?
2. Is there anything wrong with "pairing off" for the purposes of "parking"?

Act.

(2) Observe.

1. Do you know many cases of "teen-age" girls having a regular friendship with one boy?
2. What do they say about such friendship? Do they see any disadvantages or dangers?

Judge.

1. Are these regular friendships wise for "teen-agers"?
2. Are there any moral dangers?

Act.

(3) Observe.

1. How many cases of a Catholic girl having a regular friendship or keeping company with a non-Catholic boy do you know?
2. What do they think of such company-keeping? Of mixed marriages?

Judge.

1. What should be our attitude to mixed company-keeping and mixed marriages?
2. On what grounds do we base our attitude? What does the Church say?

Act.

LEISURE AND OUR POCKET.

(4) Observe.

1. On what generally do the girls you know spend their money?
2. Do they save anything regularly? What reasons do they give for not doing so?

Judge.

1. Would there be any real danger if girls continuously wasted their money?
2. Would the habit of saving a little regularly do anything to remedy this?

Act.

1. Have we tried out a N.C.G.M. Savings Scheme? If we haven't, could we write for particulars? Who will? If such a scheme is already established, does it need revision?

2. Are we always eager to get more members?

(For full details for setting up of Scheme, write to National Secretary, Headquarters, 379 Collins Street, Melbourne.)

LEISURE AND OUR APPEARANCE.

(5) Observe.

1. What proportion of our salary do we spend on "beauty aids"?
2. What is the attitude of girls we know towards make-up and general appearance? What is their aim in using make-up?

Judge.

1. Why is it important to take a reasonable interest in one's appearance?

2. In what ways is it true to say that personal appearance is an expression of personality?

3. How can a proper care of one's appearance develop the virtues of Christian womanhood?

Act.

LEISURE AND OURSELVES.

(6) Observe.

1. How many contacts confine their spiritual life to attendance at Sunday Mass?

2. Do any attend week-end Retreats or the like during the year? How often?

Judge.

1. Why is it so important to devote a part of our leisure time to the enrichment of our spiritual life?

2. Why does our personality become one-sided and undeveloped if we neglect this?

3. Why are all our attempts to make Christ our Leader useless unless some part of our leisure-time is given to learning to know Him better?

Act.

1. What steps ought each one of us to take individually?

2. In what ways can we tactfully influence our friends so that the spiritual life is not forgotten immediately after Sunday Mass?

LEISURE AND THE FAMILY.

(7) Observe.

1. How much of our time and that of our friends is spent at home?
2. Do girls we know take their boy friends home to spend an evening with their family?

Judge.

1. What should our attitude be towards our family?
2. Is it a good idea to entertain our friends at home? Especially boy-friends? Why?

Act.

FILMS AND US.

(8) Observe.

1. Have the films any influence on the conversation of our contacts?
2. Is their idea of love, marriage, home-life, what they get from the films?
3. Do they ever go to see a film that is reputed to be morally bad?

Judge.

1. From the facts gathered, have the films any influence on young girls? Is it for good or evil?
2. What steps should we take to make sure that the films we see are morally sound?

Act.

READING—NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

(9) Observe.

1. Which newspapers are most popular in our surroundings?
2. What reasons are given for their popularity by people we know?
3. What kind of articles in them do people we know pick out and read?

Judge.

1. In what ways does the daily press influence the thought and activity of our friends?
2. Why is it essential for a Christian to make every effort to disentangle truth from false reports which tend to make their way into our daily papers?

Act.

SPORT.

(10) Observe.

1. Do the girls we know play any sport? What kind?
2. Where and in what company do they play their sport?

Judge.

1. Is sport good and necessary?
2. Are all forms of sport suitable for girls?
3. Might there be dangers (moral or religious) from the company with which we take our sport? How?

Act.

DANCING.

(11) Observe.

1. Do the girls we know go dancing? How often?
2. Where do they go? Do any prefer non-Catholic dances? Give reasons.

Judge.

1. What should be our attitude to dancing?
2. Are there any dangers in frequenting public dances, especially unaccompanied?

Act.

PARTIES.

(12) Observe.

1. Do the young girls we know go often to mixed parties?
2. How do the people amuse themselves at these parties?

Judge.

1. Can you see any possible dangers?
2. Should such parties be well-planned?

Act.

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