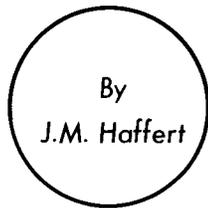


The Successful Apostle Who Could Do



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NOTHING

... as Christ fastened on the Cross could do "nothing".

Recently we received a letter from a generous soul in Detroit, Michigan, who for years has prayed and worked that an active center of the Blue Army might be established in her area. She thought she might succeed because her only brother was a priest.

However, year followed year and she was never able to accomplish anything. Sickness soon stretched her on a bed of pain. Still she was ever conscious of the reality of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, and of Our Lady's words that only when enough persons were praying and making sacrifices for the sins of the world could we obtain the conversion of Russia and world peace.

Now bedridden, she began to offer her own sufferings alone.

Recently she wrote to headquarters:

"I was thrilled by the last issue of SOUL Magazine, showing our Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, receiving Monsignor Colgan. It is some little consolation for the sadness we have borne so long with little response given to the message of Our Lady in my own area. The attitude of my own brother has caused me

an anguish and pain difficult to describe.

"When I read in the previous issue of SOUL of the 'extra sufferings' in the story of the doves, written by Father Loya, I suddenly received that special grace of encouragement and determination to love the sufferings sent to me. In that moment I received relief, and now I can walk."

Our Own Hearts

Those of us who have been most active in the Blue Army for the last fifteen years have come to realize that what Our Lady asks of us in the Blue Army is not external success, but *our own hearts*. And the success that is being obtained in the world against international communism — evident particularly in the split between Russia and China and in the presence of the Russians at the Ecumenical Council — above all evidenced in the fact that an atomic war, which over several past incidents might already have engulfed us has not come — are all proofs that those members of the Blue Army who have truly reached out to Our Lady as obedient child-

ren, anxious to fulfill her requests, have been truly successful.

This is the success which cannot be seen. It is a success of persons who feel that they can "do nothing," as it appeared that Christ, fastened by three nails to a cross, could do nothing.

A generous member of the Blue Army in Louisiana, who suddenly lost her husband, and has the care of a mentally retarded child, wrote very recently: "I kept telling Our Lord 'Thy Will be done' when my daughter was so sick recently and I knew she was an angel and would be so much happier if she could go to heaven. But I could not ask him to take her. Now I feel that I would have been asking to be relieved of my responsibility. So I am glad I did not. She is so sweet, but I so hate to see her suffer.

Gratitude Fitting

"After reading your article in SOUL, I feel as you do, that God has burdened some Blue Army members with troubles to help save the world. I feel very humble and grateful that I should be a part of it."

Again this was a generous person who had striven long to establish a center of the Blue Army in her area, who failed, and who felt that she could "do nothing."

Oh what glorious pages are being written in heaven by such generous souls! How much the world owes these unseen, unknown, great hearts, which have leaped up to unite themselves with the Immaculate Heart of Mary which burns to let fall the fullest grace upon the world tobogganing down its materialistic century toward self-destruction.

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Our

Sunday Visitor

Is it absolutely necessary to pray the rosary moving the lips? That tires me very much. I like to pray mentally.

It is not absolutely necessary. To gain the indulgences it ought to be a vocal prayer. However, there is such a thing as inner speech, which is a movement of the articulatory organs so restrained as to be inaudible either to yourself or to any other person. This inner speech, if it be prayer, is still true vocal prayer. But pray mentally, if you prefer. The prayer itself is always more valuable than the indulgences attached thereto.