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# Our Lady of the Atonement

In the Old Testament, whenever the Jews had offended God greatly, they were severely punished. But whenever they did penance or atonement, God blessed them abundantly. Atonement seems to have a special power to obtain favors from heaven. Was not mankind redeemed by the

Atonement of Our Lord? And is not prayer accompanied by penance all-powerful?

The novena offered at the Church of Our Lady of the Atonement, Baguio, during the month of May has been once more a proof of this admitted truth. Before the novena 51 petitions had been sent in, all asking for special favors. 13 were received to obtain the conversion of sinners and non-catholics. 10 asked temporal favors, such as improvement of health, the finding of a good job, and other blessings in enterprises. 9 prayed for a vocation or progress in virtue. 13 begged the Lord for the extension of His reign thru catholic education or the establishment of catholic societies.

Several of the temporal and spiritual favors were granted during the novena, others were obtained after the novena. So it was announced and it may easily be supposed that other favors were received which were not related.

A large congregation of men and women followed the novena. The songs were beautiful. Flowers and candles adorned the altar and church. It was very typical to hear how the rosary offered in english was answered in spanish, english, ilocano, tagalog etc. But God understands all languages. The closing of the novena was an exceptional success. The church was crowded. Many pious mothers had brought their little children to be blest.

The devotion of the Atonement pleases the people who spend a few days vacation in Baguio. At any time of the day till darkness had set in, one could always find some persons kneeling at the feet of the divine Atoner and the dear Mother of the Atonement. What a consolation this must have been for Jesus and Mary, alas! so offended even by those who call themselves christians. What graces must have been bestowed upon these pious visitors. Some lady told Father Carlu, expressing her grief and hope: "my husband is not converted yet, but I will do for him what Saint Monica did for her son Augustin. I will offer atonement and continue offering even for years if needed. I will pray together with my children for the conversion of their father. Grace MUST convert him". If we had some more of this kind of pious mothers, God would be less offended and many families would be happier in this world.

You, readers, who are in need of any grace, please send in your demands per letter to Father Carlu, Baguio. Your intention will be added to the many other intentions of the novena. And if you obtain the favor asked, please send a notice so that it may be published in "The Little Apostle" for the greater glory of God and the spread of the devotion to Our Lady of the Atonement.

