

What would you not do to repay for that consoling word, for that friendly action, for that participation in your pain and sorrow? By your own feelings in such circumstances, judge what the Heart of Jesus, so sensitive, so grateful and also so powerful and generous must feel, when at the sight of His torments caused by innumerable sins, as the Mother of Atonement, you shed a tear upon your crucifix, offer a prayer for the conversion of pagans and sinners and add some act of mortification or an act of self-denial to stop even only one mortal sin.

Is it then any wonder that the devotion to Our Lady of Atonement should have immensely increased during these latter years in the shape of Atonement? At Graymoor, U. S. as many as sixteen thousand Petitions have been sent in for a single Novena in honor of Our Lady of Atonement, for, there where many graces are granted, many should be asked.

So it is likewise in the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Atonement at Baguio. For the Novena of July, nine petitions well detailed were sent in, asking for the conversion

of sinners, while six more asked for the conversion of sinners in general. Eighteen more came in to ask the cure of sick persons and success in serious undertakings. Thirteen spiritual favors were solicited. After the novena four persons informed us that they had obtained the graces they had asked for. A little later three more acknowledged the successful issue of some very difficult affairs.

At the closing of the Novena, no less than two Bishops were present: the Most Reverend Archbishop of Manila and Right Reverend J. McGinley. What created the greatest impression was the solemn blessing of the little children.

For the month of August several intentions were received; one of them seems to have come from a very good girl from Manila: she asks to succeed in collecting many subscriptions towards the Little Apostle. Be sure that intention shall be well recommended. The Novena begins on the 2nd of August: the Saturday after the first Friday of the month. May God hear our prayers and grant the graces asked for.

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Catholic Princess Washes Feet of Poor Girl

Princess Marie José, the 18-year-old daughter of the King and Queen of the Belgians, washed the feet of a poor Belgian girl on Maundy Thursday, as a mark of humility. The custom is observed annually at the Sacred Heart Convent at Linthout, Brussels, where the Princess is at school. Twelve poor girls from a neighboring free

school went to the convent, where twelve girls are chosen annually to perform the act of humility. The Princess asked permission to be included in the number, and she washed and kissed the feet of her poor sister "with the utmost grace and devotion," says the *Birmingham Mail*, which tells the story.