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PASSIONIST?



WHO? ME?

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COULD BE!

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These are the Passionists!

*You'll be Called to
the Religious Life*

One out of every 340
boys will go to a
seminary this year.
Will you be one of
them? If you have the
signs of a vocation, you
should be one of them.

BUT...

*You'll Have
to Choose...*

Let the Passionists help you make that choice.

This booklet will tell you a little
about the Passionists — who they are —
what they do — how to become one.

For more information write to:

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Mother of Good Counsel Seminary
Passionist Fathers
Warrenton, Mo.



"THEY ARE THE FATHERS WITH THE BIG HEART"

That is what one little fellow said when he was asked, "Who are the Passionists?" He was right. Every Passionist, priest or brother wears a big heart on his habit. His real heart has to be big too, because a Passionist is a religious who has the Passion of Our Lord as his special devotion. St. Paul of the Cross founded the Passionists. Our Blessed Mother asked him to gather together young men who would think of the sufferings of her Son and carry that devotion among the people.



You'll Live in a Monastery

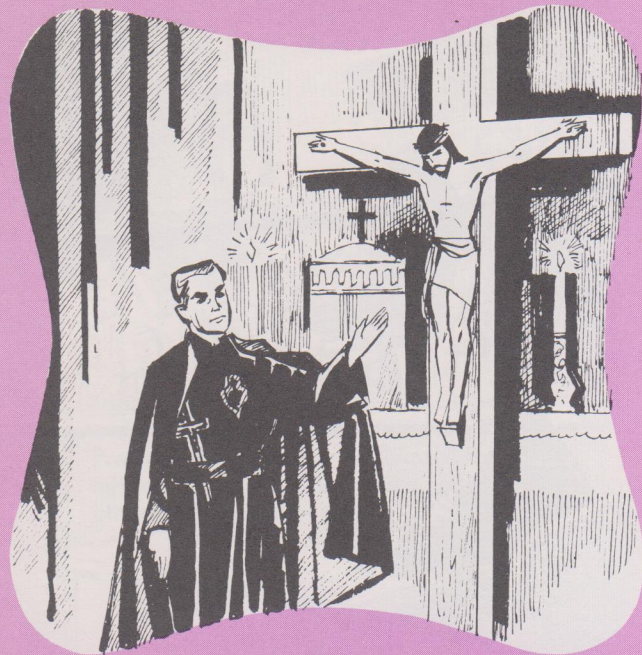


THIS IS WHAT YOU WILL DO . . .

You will live in a monastery. There you will pray. The Divine Office is said in your private chapel. You will do penance. At two in the morning you arise to pray — there are extra days of fasting — and your bed is made of straw. These things are done to get you ready to go before the people to preach the sufferings of Jesus by word and example.



You'll be a Missionary

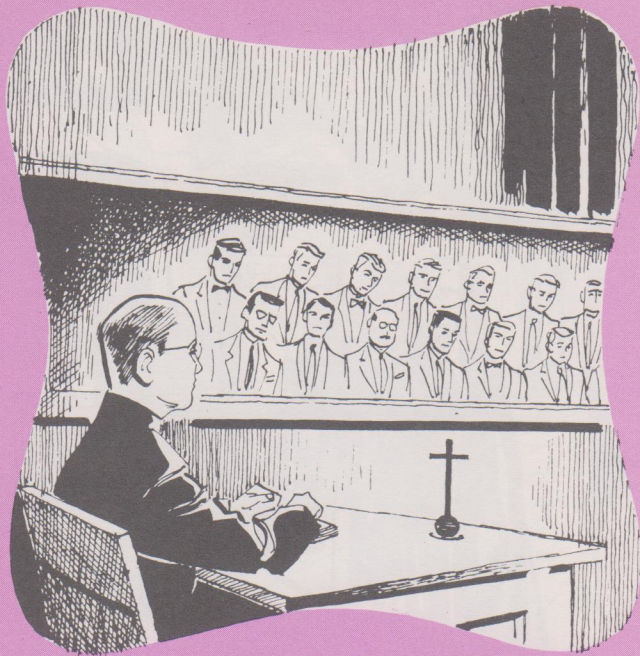


YOU WILL GO OUT . . .

You will go out from the monastery to preach missions. Your mission will begin like this. The pastor will carry a large Crucifix up the aisle. Then you will place the large Crucifix on a platform in the sanctuary. You will stand beneath the Crucifix to tell the people how much God loved them. Many who have been away from the church will come back. The good will become better.



Or a Retreat Master



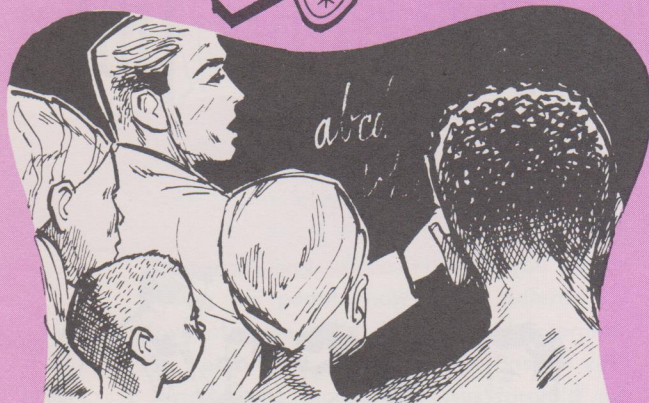
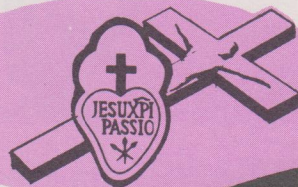
Or You May Work in the Missions



Japan is the foreign mission specially assigned to the Passionists of Holy Cross Province. Beside the ordinary foreign mission work, the priests give retreats to other foreign missionaries.

YOU WILL GIVE RETREATS . . .

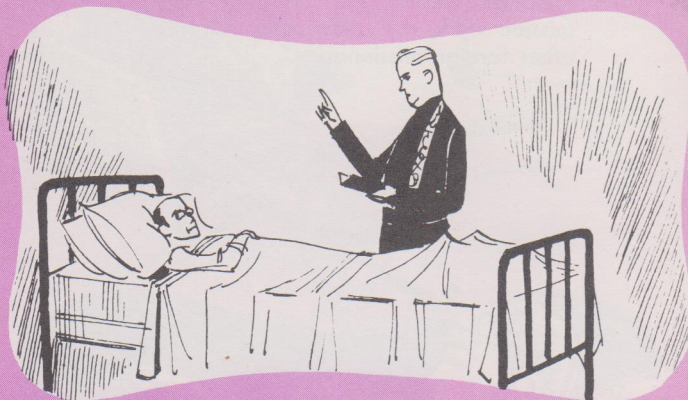
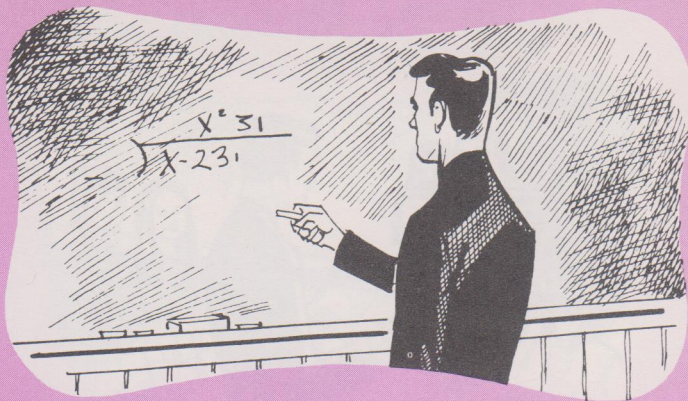
You will give retreats to all kinds of groups: to sisters, priests, and brothers; to nurses and to student bodies of all ages; to men from every walk of life who gather in our retreat houses. To all of these you will preach, and inspire them with new zeal for their work.



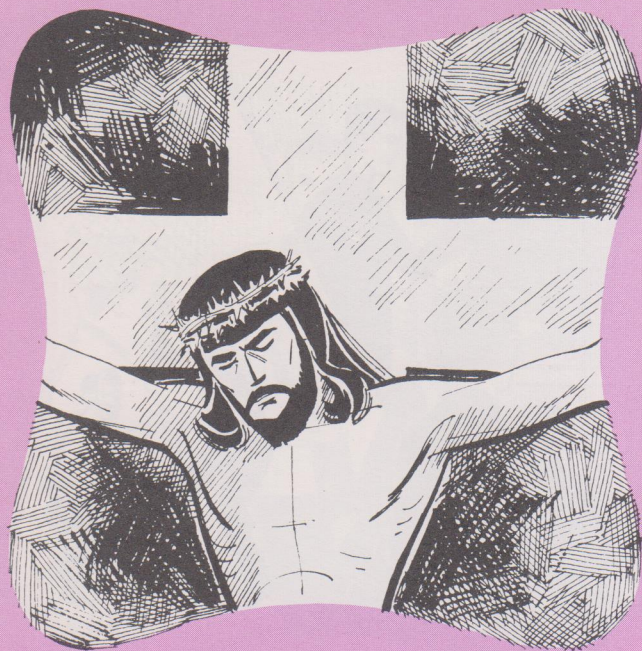
In this country the Passionists have missions among the colored people in Ensley and Fairfield, Alabama. In each place there is a church and a grade school. Ensley also has a high school and a hospital.



Some other things you may do . . .



But Always You Will Preach
CHRIST CRUCIFIED

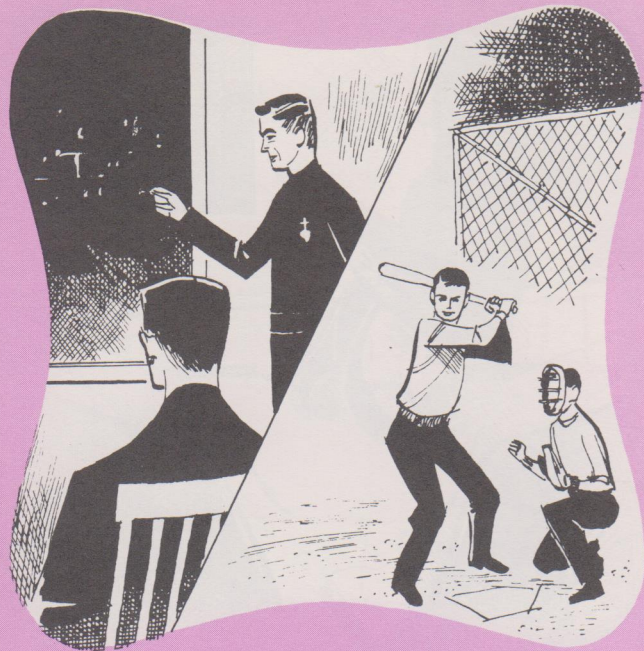


YOU WILL WEAR THE SIGN . . .

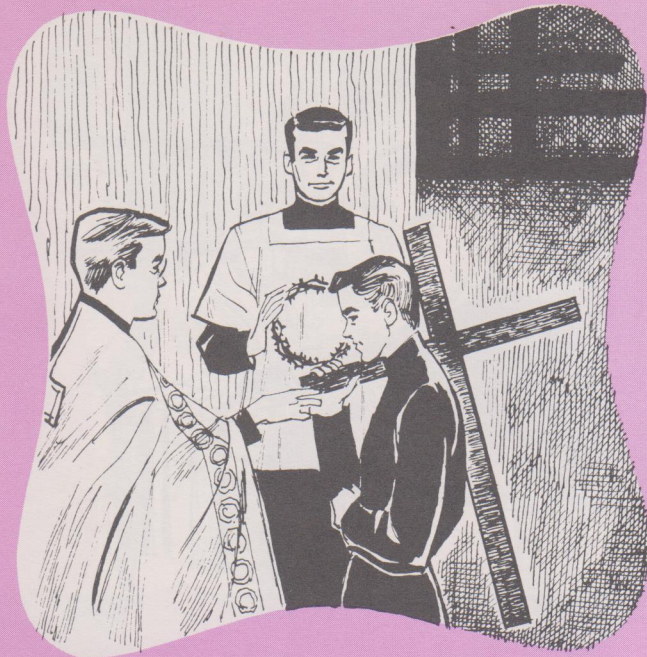
No matter what you will be doing or where you will be preaching, people will know you as a Passionist. You will wear the Sign of Christ's Passion over your heart. Your preaching will be alive, for you will be telling the people how Christ suffered for love of them. That is a powerful sermon. St. Peter's first sermon on the Passion converted three thousand. Jesus foretold the power of His Passion: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself." It will be your joy to lift up Christ on His Cross.



So You Would Like to Try

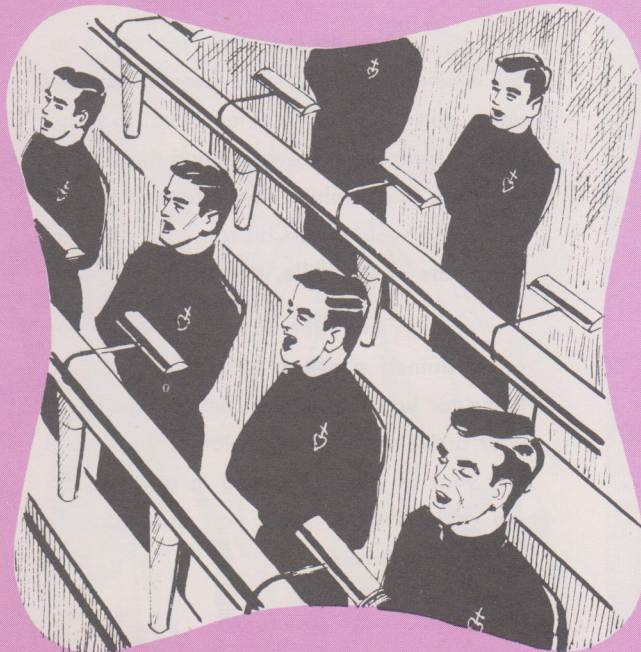


Then the Novitiate

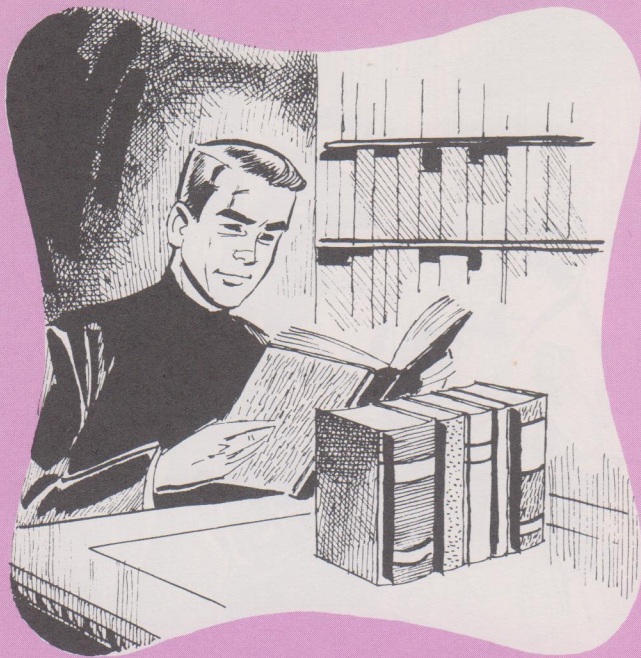


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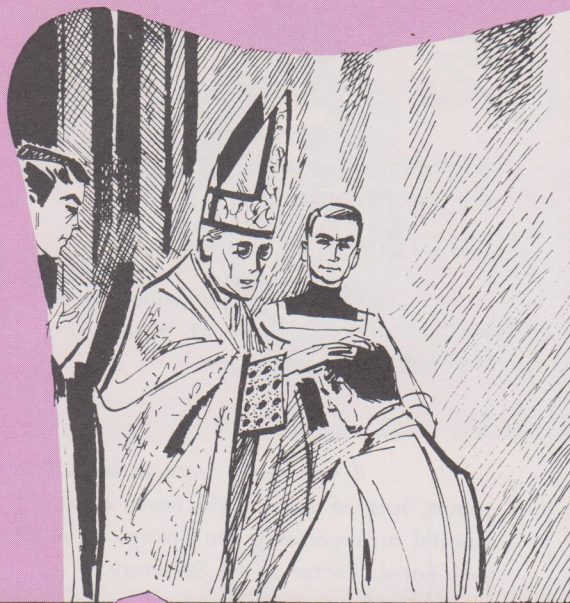
to become a Passionist. First, you take your high school and two years of college at the "Prep" near St. Louis. Then you go to the novitiate in St. Paul, Kansas. This is the year for trying out the Passionist life. At the end of this year you take the vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and a fourth vow to promote devotion to the Passion in the hearts of the people.



Learning Important Things

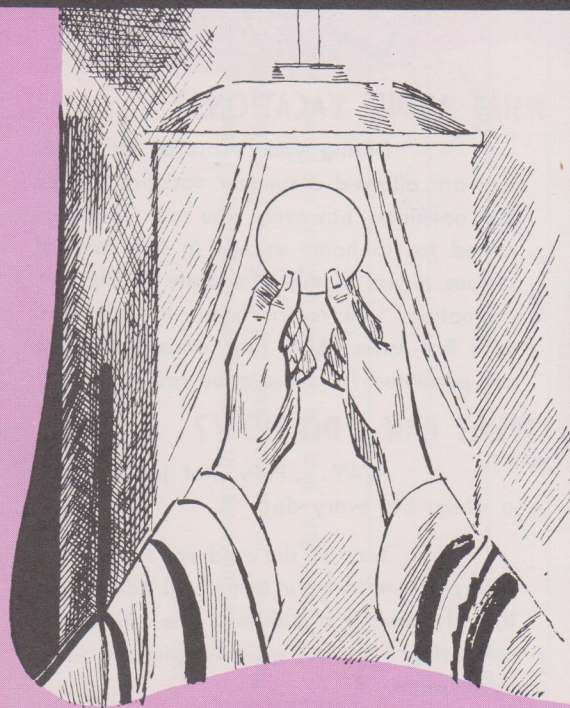


A Priest Forever



A priest must be a learned man. So immediately after you pronounce your vows, you go to Des Moines, Iowa, to begin your student life; here you spend three years studying Philosophy. Then there are two years of Theology in Chicago, and the final two years in Louisville, Kentucky.

Finally the big day on which you are ordained a priest. After that, you go home for your first Mass. Before you begin your active work as a Passionist, you spend one year of special training in sermon writing and delivery. Now you are ready to preach the Passion.



Things to Remember . . .

WHO CAN BE A PASSIONIST?

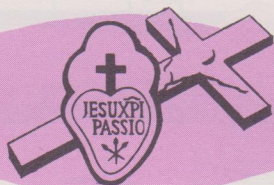
Any boy who has the usual signs for a religious vocation, and a desire to do what the Passionists do.

WHEN TO APPLY?

You can make application to the Prep school after eighth grade, or any time during high school or college.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

If you really want to be a Passionist, lack of money will never stop you. Special arrangements can always be made with Father Rector of the Seminary.



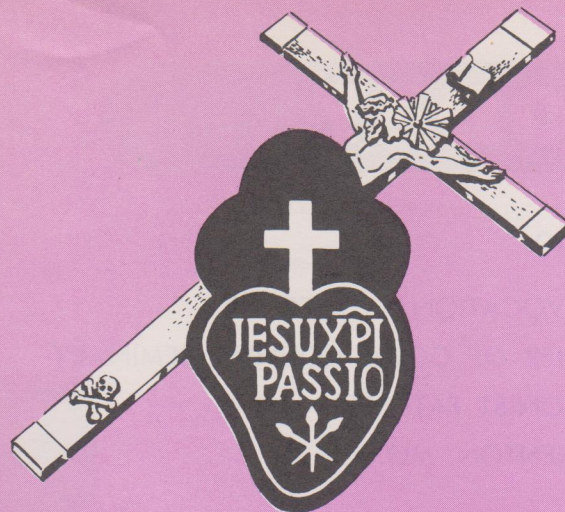
WHAT ABOUT VACATIONS?

During your years at the Prep, you are allowed a summer vacation. After the novitiate, however, you are not permitted to go home except in the case of serious illness in the immediate family. At ordination, you return home to celebrate your first Mass. After that, occasional visits are permitted for some good reason.

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

PRAY . . . Pray, not just once in a while, but every day.

Tear off the card you find on the next page, write your name and address on it, and drop it in a mailbox. You will remain completely free, but we will send you some information.



Dear Father:

I am interested in knowing more about the Passionist way of life. Please send me further information about the Passionist () Priesthood, () Brotherhood.

I understand that this does no obligate me in any way.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

TODAY...

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