

THE BROTHERS TODAY

A FULL, ACTIVE AND REWARDING LIFE

The Brother, whether teaching at home or on the missions, is part of an important team carrying out God's urgent work. Each Brother has the responsibility of teaching and leading the young - it takes courage and discipline to live up to this vocation.

As a Brother, he can personally share the ideals and ambitions of youth. On account of the grace of vocation the Brother is a natural leader, because he has longed to do something worthwhile - this gives every Brother the spirit and stamina to teach Christianity in a practical way.

THE CHALLENGE

In the modern world material values are being pushed on God's children. There is a constant threat to the home and family and such is the power of the strong over the weak there is little room for justice in modern society.

This is the challenge facing the Brother today! He may be called to work anywhere in the world - he goes gladly and he knows that his vocation means working himself and being worked in the service of others. He knows that he is an instrument in the hands of Christ who uses him to make a positive contribution towards helping the young of to-day to live and work in peace.



IMPORTANCE OF THE BROTHER'S VOCATION.

THE importance of the Brother's vocation is borne out by the Congregation's vital role in the work of the Church. As Christ, by his life and his Gospel, would lead all men to God, so each Brother on account of his life of prayer and of the work he does in the Congregation, brings the light of Christ to the world.

Penned by Edmund Ignatius Rice, each Brother is an open letter from Christ, a message written not in ink, but in the spirit of the living God, with a faithful human heart to carry it.

THE COMMUNITY

True love for God is mirrored in the love we have for one another and it is in the context of community living, a living, loving family that he uses us to spread his Kingdom on earth.

It is the solidarity and love, the support and the unity of purpose that grows from prayer and living around the Blessed Sacrament that gives the Religious Community its power to be an effective force in the life of the Brother and in the life of the church.

« I have given them the glory you gave me,
that they may be one as we are one.
With me in them, and you in me,
may they be so completely one
that the world will realise
that it was you who sent me. »

Christ's prayer for his Apostles at the
last supper.

Giving honour and glory to God is the purpose of all life; the Religious does this as totally as he can. He is the witness the leaven in the world to the presence of God among His people.

