

Facts and Statistics showing the growth of the St. John's Spanish Congregation.

This Mission was started on Passion Sunday-April 6, of the year of our Lord, 1930.

*Catedral Hispana*

Year:	Baptisms:	Confirmations:	Marriages:	Receipts:
1930 -	7 -	30 -	3 -	\$ 80.48
'31 -	7 -	" -	3 -	83.06
'32 -	5 -	22 -	2 -	131.84
'33 -	11 -	" -	4 -	150.89
'34 -	12 -	30 -	6 -	211.02
'35 -	10 -	" -	13 -	298.98
'36 -	29 -	27 -	9 -	413.15
'37 -	9 -	41 -	7 -	513.09
'38 -	22 -	" -	8 -	520.51
'39 -	23 -	57 -	12 -	471.62
'40 -	26 -	" -	18 -	571.70
'41 -	27 -	34 -	19 -	703.03
'42 -	40 -	" -	34 -	742.49
'43 -	34 -	28 -	19 -	962.40
'44 -	52 -	" -	24 -	1,488.86
'45 -	44 -	50 -	28 -	2102.39
'46 -	39 -	42 -	30 -	2975.00
'47 -	42 -	" -	26 -	4857.57
'48 -	42 -	36 -	32 -	4623.69
'49 -	52 -	" -	28 -	4343.78
'50 -	40 -	60 -	25 -	4540.06
'51 -	47 -	" -	26 -	3708.04
* '52 -	21 -	96 -	5 -	1,300.23
Totals:-	641 -	553 -	361 -	\$ 35,825.00

\* Up to April 30.

Of course, numerical figures and financial amounts do not give the exact picture of this work. The Missionary task of the Church is an enterprise which requires many factors which ought to be taken into consideration. This is true in any place but particularly so in a foreign country.

Taking for granted the good will, preparation, devotion and consecration of the Missionary, as the human instrument of God, comes next his desire to face facts as they are in the particular place where the Lord has placed him to work for His Kingdom. People do not come to church just because they hear the bells ringing; they do it when a religious conscience has been awakened in them; when religion is part of their lives.

The missionary work of the Church is a long process which requires reasoning, intellectual conviction and faith. For the Priest to accomplish all this is a matter of time, perseverance and an intelligent way of dealing with people. The very first thing is to win the people's confidence, after that the missionary is ready to do his job.

Our Spanish Mission of St. John's Cathedral has been established in a place very near the strongest Parish and Parochial School of the Roman Catholic Church in Puerto Rico. Our pioneering work was done very carefully in a systematic way. From the beginning we counted as Church Members and Communicants only those who were active in their worship and reception of the Sacraments. Also it has been our practice to make a Canvass Campaign every year and to orientate the congregation towards the goal of a self-supporting parish.



To-day, after twentytwo years of devoted prayer and hard work, having received abundantly the powerful strength and gracious blessing of God, we have a strong congregation which, plus contributing its share in terms of quotas for the support of the Church in general, has also the credit of being the founder of our Parochial School at the Cathedral.

The merit and credit of this work is being recognized daily by the confidence, respect and good will of the people in general as it has been demonstrated by the growth of the congregation and by the undeniable success of the Cathedral Academy. For me, as the humblest instrument of God, I consider with St. Paul that: "neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that gave the increase."

Respectfully submitted,

Christóbal Villapane  
Dean of St. John's Cathedral

Facts and Statistics showing the growth of the St. John's Cathedral Academy - Under the auspices of St. John's Spanish Congregation,

<u>Year:</u>	<u>Pupils:</u>	<u>Grades:</u>	<u>Teachers:</u>	<u>Sch. Buses:</u>	<u>Tuition &amp; Transportation:</u>
1946 -	25 -	Kindergarten -	2 -	0 -	\$ 700.00
1947 -	110 -	K - I -	4 -	1 -	2921.95
1948 -	170 -	K-I-II -	6 -	2 -	9232.25
1949 -	230 -	K-I-II-III -	8 -	3 -	13469.75
1950 -	300 -	K-I to IV -	10 -	4 -	19128.84
1951 -	390 -	K-I to V -	12 -	5 -	25014.50
1952 -	(Up to April 30)				
Total -					\$ <u>10577.50</u> 81624.79

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In this school-term we have 390 students, ten teachers, a Principal and an Assistant. We own five school buses for the transportation of many of our pupils and we have made improvements in the physical plant in the amount of \$ 15,000.

Two teachers: Miss Marina Dalmau gave us her professional services entirely free for one year, and her sister, Miss Luz Maria Dalmau has been giving her services also, free of any charge, all these years. Mrs. Consuelo Escalona, our Principal, gave her services free also during five years; and my wife, Mrs. Rosa Cid de Villafañe, resigned her position in the Insular Department of Education in the year 1947 and since then she has given free of any charge all her time to this educational project. By this valuable help we have been benefited in the establishment of this Academy and it is only fair that I make recognition and express my gratitude to these persons in this official document.

The study of statistics: dollars and cents, school buses and equipment, material things like the improvement of our physical plant: are not in any way the only things to take into consideration in order to appreciate and judge the importance of this educational project. They are of course of an absolute necessity and we could not have been able to accomplish anything without them - and in this particular case it is of the utmost importance and merit because the money to provide the same has been locally raised, as our School has been a self-supporting project since its beginnings; but still there are many other factors which can not be overlooked if we want to make a fair and thorough estimate of the Cathedral Academy.

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- (1)- This Parochial School is a vital necessity of our Church people so that they have the privilege to educate their children under the influence and religious teaching of their own Church.
- (2)- It gives us the opportunity to come in contact more and more with many other parents who have confidence in us and put their children in our school. In a way they are potential church members in a near future and as a matter of fact, eighty of our students and thirty-six of their parents have been received, either by Confirmation or Reception, in the Communion of the Church in the last classes presented by us in the Cathedral.
- (3)- A good many of our boys and girls will be in the future professional men and women who will not only profess our faith but will also stand for and defend the Episcopal Church.
- (4)- By having this Parochial School our Cathedral has placed itself on the same level of dignity and prestige with the other important parishes of the Roman Catholic Communion and of the Evangelicals who have parochial schools also.

- (5)- This Academy has added facilities and equipment which is benefiting all the congregations of the Cathedral, particularly in regard to our Sunday School Department.
- (6)- The Cathedral Academy is contributing its share in the development of education in Puerto Rico and is giving the best publicity and prestige to the Episcopal Church in the Metropolitan City; our school-buses, full of children, to and fro through our residential zones are a vivid sign of life and vitality which creates confidence in the Church and great hopes for the future.
- (7)- Finally I consider that this Parochial School is an adventure of faith and its tremendous success is the most remarkable sign of what can be accomplished in the Missionary task of the ~~Cath~~ Church if we combine the intense power of faith with the effective and practical action of work, because then our prayer and our work become somewhat alike; devoted and consecrated prayer inclines us to action, and work in the vineyard of the Lord is a sort of prayer; Prayer not expressed in simple words with our lips, but intensely and vividly spirited in our minds and bodies.

*Christides V. Clapan*  
Director of St. John's Cathedral Academy

P.S.: SUMMARY OF STATISTICS:

Total of Enrollment fees, School Tuition and Transportation-----	\$ 81,824.79
Contribution of the Spanish Congregation-----	6,457.61
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Grand total received, up to April 1952-----	\$ 87,482.40
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Spent on 5 School-Buses-----	\$ 19,000.00
Spent on School Equipment-----	6,000.00
Paid in salaries: Teachers, Matrons, Chauffers and Sextons -----	35,000.00
Operating expenses of buses and other running expenses-----	12,482.40
Adaptation of the building for School purposes and two patios-----	15,000.00
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Grand Total of disbursements-----	\$ 87,482.40

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