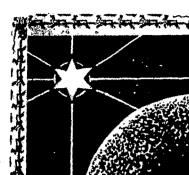
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Custom of Three Christmas Masses Said To Be Based On Tradition Of Savior's Birth At Midnight

This little Japanese miss listens to the explanation of the Crib of

Bethlehem as given by a Sister of the Divine Heart of Jesus. Found-

ed at Akita by the Holy Ghost Sisters from Steyl, Holland, this con-

gregation of native Japanese Sisters now has a total of 33 members. (NC-Fides photo.)

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all Masses on Sundays and Feast Days of the year. Today, Catholics at Bethlehem hold their liturgical commemoration of Christmas in a different way.
IN JERUSALEM TODAY

Today, in the afternoon of Christ mas Eve, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem leaves his residence ac- who tends the candle-stand and keeps companied by the Canons of the Holy guard at the Grotto when all the Sepulchre and makes his soler in entry pilgrims have left into the Basilica of the Nativity The three solemn Pontifical Masses which rippling of the river, and the darkthe Latin Patriarch sings are not ness, relieved by the golden light of sung in the Basilica of the Nativity, the dancing candle-flame, we stood but in the adjoining Francison Church | before the altar in the Grotto. of St. Catherine, which is the parish

Mass before the Gospel is sung, the funts," said another priest. Patriarch and all the clergy leave the Church of St Catherine and march in procession to the Holy Grotto, carrying a statue of the Christ Child which is placed on the exact spot where the Nativity of Our Lord took place. Deacon sings the Gospel of the day went in and as the new day was born Then the Patriarch and the clergy return to the Church of St. Catherine stood and proceed with the Mass.

without interruption by Catholic priests of the Latin Rite in the Grotto at the Altar of the Cradle. Pilgrims from abroad as well as large representations of the faithful from all parts of Palestine attend the Catholic observances of Christmas in Bethle-

The Greek Orthodox still celebrate their Christmas in Bethlehem in the month of January, according to our

K. of C. Will Take **Christmas Cheer To** Bath Soldiers' Home

Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus will join with Councils in Binghamton, Elmira, Corning and Bath to provide a day of Christmas cheer and entertainment for disabled veterans at the Soldiers' home in Bath on Saturday, Dec. 29.

Knights from Rochester will go by bus leaving Columbus Civic Center Building at 1 p. m. and returning at 11:30 p. m. They will be headed by James M. Ryan, Jr.

The delegations will take them cigars, cigarettes, candy, chewing gum, pipes, magazines, books, puzzles and other donations. A program of entertainment will be presented at the Home.

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vited to make the trip.

God gives each one of us sufficient

To Bethlehem By Way Of Lourdes

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In the silence, broken only by the

"Let us say three Hail Marys for church for Bethlehem Catholics of the our dead comrades, said a priest
Latin Rite. When they were ended: "Disons However, during the Midnight trois aves pour nos camarades de-

Afterwards there was a De Pro-

Among us there were clergy who were prominent in the Association of Priest Ex-combatants. A word from them caused the candle man to open There the to us the gates of the Grotto. We kissed the Rock on which Mary had

And in that deep, cold wave, From Midnight until the afternoon formed in the Rock of Massabeille, peace was in the hearts of men who in the heat of battle had faced one another in hatred. Our hearts were ın Bethlehem

And in that cave at Lourdes Our Lady looked down over the tabernacle before which we had sung her praises, prayed for our dead and pledged our peace: just as she had watched over Her Son at Bethlehem-

Perhaps you will see why the sight of a crib will always take my mind back to a night at Lourdes, when tired men, full of a new resolve went to saulte the King of Peace, through Mary His Mother.

THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

In th Name of Fod the Father. Of the Son and the Holy Ghost! May the light of our Christmas Candle

Reach those who need it most. We'll place it here in the window. And open the shutters wide, And we'll pray for the ones who

Thorugh the gloom of the night outside.

We offer our prayer in memory Of that night long, long ago When Jesus and Mary and Joseph Were out in the wind and snow. With no one ot give them succor Save the beasts in a lowly shed, And the shepherds whose steps wer

guided By a Star in th sky o'erhead O bountiful Babe of Bethlehem! Look down on the homeless poor, And leaed their feet through the dark.

Up here toour open door. Where the kindly light of our candle Sheds forth a welcoming glow, For the sake of the Gift God sent us One Christmas long ago. ,

-Brian O'Higgins in "Knights of St. John"

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) At a time when the Christmas celebrations in royal palaces of Europe were revels of great lavishness and extravagance, monks in humble monasteries sat at table, each with a bundle of straw beside him to remind him of the hay in Our Saviour's crib in Bethlehem

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