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Trappists' Lives In Kentucky
By REV. BRUNO HAASPIEL, S. V. D.

This is the second of three articles in which the author, through the medium of an interview with a certain Father Guerric, S. V. D., explains the Trappist emphasis on prayer and penance, the author's own personal objection.

"All this is very good, Father," I said, "insofar as it makes something very important. To be sure, it makes for personal sanctity, but it neglects our neighborly life, it is rather selfish."

"I have heard that many times before," said Father Guerric, "and each time that I hear it, I feel as if up in my mind the scene that took place in Simon the Leper's house when Mary Magdalene poured her precious ointment on the head of Jesus. The disciples, says the Gospel, had indignation, saying: 'To what purpose is this waste? For this might have been sold for much and given to the poor.'"

"You remember what our Blessed Lord said in her defense: 'The poor you have always with you but Me you have not always.'"

In behalf of the Trappist he may say pretty much the same: 'Many think of their neighbor's welfare, but few, very few, think of My rights to the full and undivided love and service of my creature.'"

Glorifying God

In this age we are so self-centered referring everything to ourselves and evaluating persons, things and events according as they minister or are inimical to our pleasure, happiness or advantage, that we shall overlook one most important aspect of the Trappist and monastic life, namely, the glorification of God. It is the reason for loving God. It is He who is God and we may say that the reason for the Trappist's life is a matter of fact, for all purely contemplative orders glorify God.

In Himself God is an abyss of infinite perfection. He possesses in Himself infinite grandeur and dignity, therefore all rational creatures being immeasurably below Him owe Him the most profound adoration. He is our Creator, and by that fact alone acquires an absolute supreme and inalienable dominion over His creature's entire being. His body with its senses, his soul with its faculties every moment of its existence. He is our benefactor from whom we receive all that we have in time and all that we hope for in eternity. He is, above all, our Father, lavishing upon us an infinite love, communicating to us sanctifying grace, a participation in the Divine Nature which makes us children of God and gives us a right to eternal life.

Recognizing God's Claims

Recognizing all these claims of God to His creature's love and service, it is so strange a thing, the souls dedicate their whole being to Him in an austere Order? It is too much to give Him, more than He deserves. His Scripture tells us: 'Love the Lord as much as you can for He will pay far exceeding.' He has put on her pretty flowered dress her mother allowed her great freedom in selecting when the priest, priest, given occasion and each dress had a spiritual significance because of the flowers of grace which confession would make bloom in her soul. The child was happy as she stood forth for inspection and admiration. One glance was enough for mother's keen eyes. "But Mary where is your slip? Quick before I see through your very young dress." Perhaps Mary did not wear the slip or perhaps she merely forgot it. The mother's quick wit left the child in no doubt as to its necessity and left no room for questioning her excuses. In a minute or two she was tucked and then there was praise for the appropriateness of the flowered dress, no scolding, no harshness, but a firm, gentle, loving vigilance in making the girl an intense "little love of Jesus."

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GOD AND YOUR CHILD

By Marie Cecelia McGrath, Ph.D.

Questions or comments concerning the religious and moral training of children will be welcomed by the writer. Address her care The CATHOLIC COURIER.

Mrs. Russell Says: Pen Pals 'Stand By' Ever Ready To Help

My dear Girls: I want you to know how some of us are carrying on even in vacation days. I am going to quote from two letters, the first from Loreto B. She writes:

"Immediately upon receipt of your letter I tried to get in touch with Lillian S., to go with me to Rosemary's, but Lillian was not at home, so I went alone. That was Wednesday evening, she had just had a bad attack, and the family was awaiting the coming of the priest. I couldn't see Rosemary, but I learned she had been a shut-in for about 17 months. Her mother said it was long trouble. Before I left I told them we would be so glad to be of the least assistance at any time, and said I would come again the next day."

Thursday morning we sent Rosemary some flowers, but she never called about them, for she had passed away early that morning. Although I did not see her alive, I know she was a beautiful girl. I am very sorry we did not know her before, for we could have helped her pass some of her evenings, which undoubtedly must have been long.

"Our Unit is having a Mass said for Rosemary and when we were at her home Sunday, Lillian and I went to see her mother. She showed us a little box in which Rosemary kept all her Pen Pal letters, but she never read your last letter to her. It came after she had gone. But we will not grieve for Rosemary, neither would you, Mrs. Russell, if you could have seen the expression on her face after her death. You would know she had gone to her real home in Heaven—gone as a little child, sweet and pure and good, for she had never faced the world outside her home."

ALWAYS READY

Standing by, ready to help, our Pen Pal girls! It makes me so proud of them, for we do know that if they are there sorrow and suffering will be helped as far as human aid can help to alleviate the heart bowed down.

Here is another letter, equally fine. Genevieve writes: "I just received the 'cries' of the recipient mother, who was all unprepared for the coming of the little stranger, and I immediately called our Unit and we took care of the case. I called on this mother several times, and we'll continue to watch this case until all is well again."

In life or death it is just the same, with Pen Pal girls—be kind, be gentle, be loving, be helpful whenever help is needed. Sometimes it is but an encouraging word, a little lift over a rough place, a lonely hour made cheerful by a friendly letter, a helping hand whenever help is needed. Sometimes it is but an encouraging word, a little lift over a rough place, a lonely hour made cheerful by a friendly letter, a helping hand whenever help is needed.

Published subscription lists never fail to have many names—but the gray little room on the third floor, or the frail little mother left alone, is seldom the object of a published subscription list. If some mother's girl gets into trouble because of the drink, friendless life or through hunger, because she has been driven to the very extremity, mightily soon is it blazoned forth for the world to know and to share. But seldom does that same world-know, or care about a lonely heartick, homesick unemployed girl sitting in her poor little room afraid of every step upon the stairs, for fear of the upper room—girl some mother's door should open to before it is forever too late.

OUR PEN PAL CREED

These, and other cases, the Pen Pal girls and never have until help is there. Sometimes it is a long life ending, sometimes a life that has just begun. Sometimes it is sorrow, sometimes suffering, sometimes loneliness. But whatever it is, we find a way to help—the word to say, the deed to do, and though we are intensely human, and made great mistakes at times, we try to follow the Master's footsteps, as we daily live our Pen Pal Creed.

OUR PEN PALS

Greetings to our new Pals: Ella Marie Stevens, Alice Patenaude. Welcome letters have come from: M. M. I. M. O. F. M. M. J. E. D. A. S. R. S. M. S. E. S. J. L. A. F. C. A. H. A. E. H. P. O. N. M. S. M. McC. L. T. C. F. J. W. M. T. C. I. K.

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THE CASE OF MARY

Mary is a black-eyed six-year-old child who received very careful home training both in religion and in habit formation. An ever-watchful mother, with a numerous family, and an elder sister have guarded and directed this child from birth as a specially chosen soul.

That the mother's intuition was not mistaken is manifest in the little one's love of Jesus, Our Lady, and of the saints. One of her favorite pastimes is singing carols to make "love" for Jesus. These "loves" are most frequently lolly-pops, cookies with raisins in, and oranges—Mary's own favorite delicacies. These "loves" for Jesus consist of a crude drawing made while saying an aspiration, such as "Sweet Heart of Jesus be my Salvation," "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in Thee." In order to be offered to the Infant Jesus, these "loves" must be said aloud, while being drawn.

For all her sweetness, Mary is an ambitious child—and loves praise when the priest, priest, given occasion and each dress had a spiritual significance because of the flowers of grace which confession would make bloom in her soul. The child was happy as she stood forth for inspection and admiration. One glance was enough for mother's keen eyes. "But Mary where is your slip? Quick before I see through your very young dress." Perhaps Mary did not wear the slip or perhaps she merely forgot it. The mother's quick wit left the child in no doubt as to its necessity and left no room for questioning her excuses. In a minute or two she was tucked and then there was praise for the appropriateness of the flowered dress, no scolding, no harshness, but a firm, gentle, loving vigilance in making the girl an intense "little love of Jesus."

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Catholics In American History

JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY

O'Reilly is well known in American letters as a poet, novelist, and editor. He was one of the leading Catholic figures of his day and his influence and activity was widely felt not only in Catholic circles but in the life of the nation as well.

In Ireland he attended the National School conducted by his father. He also worked as a printer on the Drogheda Argus. His patriotism flamed with love of Ireland and he followed with keen interest the Irish struggle for liberty in his youthful ardor he believed that only physical force could free his country and so became active in the Fenian movement. He was arrested, court-martialed, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

On account of his youth his sentence was commuted to 20 years' penal servitude in Australia. He made his escape from the penal colony through the help of the captain of an American whaling ship from New Bedford, Massachusetts. He thus arrived in this country and remained here the rest of his life.

He became editor of The Pilot in Boston. He was the author of four volumes of poems "Songs of the Sea," "Legends of the Legend," "The Statues in the Block," and "In Bohemia." His novel, "Moonshine," was based on his experiences in Australia. He edited the "Irish Review," "The King's Men," and was the author of "Athletics and Manly Sport." He was born at Douth Castle Drogheda, Ireland, in 1844, and died at Hull, Mass., Aug. 17, 1917.

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Beginning also on Monday August 24, will be two exhibitions daily by five British girls in juggling, Indian clubs, hoops, tennis rackets and other objects with amazing dexterity.

The Park is planning a Mut Dog Show for boys and girls 15 years and under to include a parade on Sept. 13. Entries open August 28. Each day for 8 days, beginning August 21, 250 Souvenir Mut Dog Show Buttons will be given away at the Park Pavilion between 10 and 11 a. m. for boys and girls not over 15 years of age.

BARRY'S BAY (N.C.) The Rev. P. B. Biernacki, beloved pastor here, was named as Domestic Prelate at an impressive service at which the Most Rev. Patrick T. Ryan, Bishop of Pembroke, presided.

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Noise in water pipes gives the home owner a great deal of trouble. Accompanied by vibration, this condition may result in loosened connections, leaks and even pipe-splitting if allowed to continue.

Causes of pipe noises are varied. The "chatter" due to loose or worn washers or other parts in the faucet is one of the commonest and easiest to correct. It can be remedied by replacing or tightening the loose washer or part.

Rumbling in hot water lines especially when the hot water supply tank is heated by a coil in this heater's fire box, is caused by steam, formed in the coil, forcing its way through the water in the coil as it rises to the tank. Coil connections should slope upward to allow the steam easy escape.

Rumbling also occurs when a faucet is opened with the water boiling. Water under pressure will not vaporize as soon when heated as the water in the boiler. When pressure is relieved by opening the faucet, steam will instantly form and rumbling results from its forcing its way out through the water.

The most common so-called "water hammer" is due to the momentum of flowing water being suddenly checked by the closing of a faucet. The flow in the far end will continue and cause a rise in pressure and hammering of loose parts in the faucet. Air cushions formed by extending the pipe above the top faucet and capping the end will take up this momentum. Other devices are on the market to correct this condition. Faucets may be injured and pipes split from water hammer. A competent plumber can analyze any correct any of the conditions and may save costly repairs resulting from leaks and other defects in the system.

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