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Recently His Holiness established the "Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations" to spread knowledge of the need and to unite the faithful of the whole world in communion of prayers and pious practices. We urge all our readers to join in this crusade of prayer, especially during the month of August.

Vocations are not lacking in the Near East. But there is lack of means to feed, clothe and house the young men who desire to study for the priesthood. One Hundred Dollars will care for a student for a year. Please sponsor one. Or join our Student Support Club and send One Dollar a month.

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The Biggest Grafter

A Bishop who has been a priest for fifty years, the Venerable and most beloved John B. Morris of Little Rock, Arkansas, is by his own admission "the biggest grafter." He prides himself on having grafted twenty-three different kinds of apples on one tree.

He was born June 20, 1866, near Hendersonville, Tennessee. Farm bred, farm reared and a farmer to date, even if an episcopal one, for forty years he has been an active member of the Burbank Society.

"My father was a good farmer," said the Bishop when the Executive Secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference called at the episcopal residence to bring the greetings of the Conference on the occasion of the former's Golden Jubilee.

The Bishop's farm is about four miles from North Little Rock on the Jacksonville Highway. The Benedictine Sisters reside there, and Tony Deller is the Bishop's right-hand man. While standing in the shade of one tree he will ask you: "What will you have for dessert—apples or pears?" Fresh from God's own factory and refrigerating plant both grow on the branches of the same tree.

There are English walnuts from Michigan trees, pomegranates from Arkansas City, Japanese persimmons, Star's Golden Delicious pears, Chinese chestnuts, almond trees from Spain—all in the Bishop's garden. A Chinese Ju Ju Ho Tree is the gift of Senator Caraway. Sister Caletta says: "It looks like a plum and makes delicious pie."

Bantam hens here and pheasants there, partridges, turkeys and a stately peacock—all on an eighty-acre farm, and yet room to room.

"My mother," continued the Bishop, "always had flowers on the table. She raised them herself so I, too, raise them and have them on my table. I think all families should have flowers." He takes pride in twenty-seven varieties of peonies, some of which he has developed himself.

He clinches his agrarian argument for the mobility of farming and for its economic possibilities with these words: "With my own hands, year after year, I have raised not less than thirty-eight varieties of vegetables for my table."

All hail to the country gentleman from Little Rock! Ad multos et agricolas amen!—L. G. Egwell.

Priest's Prayer in Senate Asks Just, Lasting Peace

WASHINGTON.—The Rev. John F. A. Cavanaugh-Donnelly, Diocesan Director of Catholic Social Action in the Diocese of Corpus Christi, opened the July 30 session of the United States here with a prayer. Father Cavanaugh-Donnelly's prayer was as follows:

"Let us pray:
"May God the Father, creator of all, bless us 100,000,000 Americans, and safeguard our boys and girls, particularly those in the armed forces.
"May God the Son, by His example, teach us to sacrifice for the duration of the war.
"May God the Holy Spirit guide our great President, his Cabinet, our illustrious Senators, our Representatives, our admirals, our generals, officers and enlisted men all, to victory and a just and lasting peace. Amen."

Reports Cure At St. Anne Shrine

STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRE, Que.—Octave Nadeau, 22, of Ste. Apolline, who has been suffering from inflammatory rheumatism since he was 16 and for the past three years has been compelled to use crutches, reports his cure at the internationally known shrine here. After attending Mass he left his crutches at the shrine, and returned to the Infant Jesus Hospital where he had been staying.

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