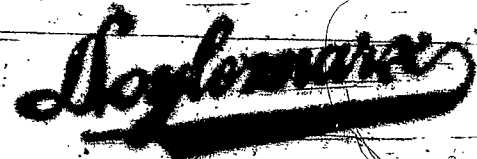


In every truth no sacrifice is so pleasing to God as zeal for souls. —St. Gregory.

'But They Are Cloistered'

By MARGARET B. GERALD

"But they are cloistered"—"They can never go home again"—"They don't do anything but pray"—"I certainly don't believe in that order"—And so you spoke as did some of our other Catholics—not mind you—our Protestant friends but rather men and women born to a Catholic heritage.



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Queen, isn't it, that we can refer to those outside the church as being narrow-minded!

Then we close our eyes to the most precious gift of Mother Church, a contemplative order, consecrated to the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the perpetual recitation of the Rosary.

Well, at this point, we are tempted to resort to the vernacular. In response to your, "So they are cloistered?"—we would say, "So what?" Of course, you think it's all right for a mother of a large family, to cloister herself in the home to the exclusion of each and every other interest. (Thank God—by the way—some Mothers are still that old fashioned.) And again you smile your loving approval of a beautiful romance, the climax of which, sends a girl with the man of her choice across the country. "That's wonderful—he's in the service, you know — she won't be acquainted with anyone in California—she'll be sort of on her own—because Bob only gets in port every three months—but they will have those few days now and then."

ARE DIFFERENT

And your career woman, who forgets family, friends and social contact, because she is consecrated to her ambition to become a great writer. "She is different though"—You are so sure of that—Well, I agree with you. They are all very dissimilar — cloistered within the pale of a human love or vocation—a devotion that is still of earth, even though it may be a mother's love for her child. Sure they are different as daylight and dark—as morning and evening—as God and Man. They are as unlike our Dominicans, as their cloistering is different from that of the Monastery.

Before you allow me to answer your questions, you probably want to concede that Rosary Sunday on Dominican Hill was beautiful. Even though our Dominicans are "cloistered," their observance of their patronal feast was a spiritual interlude to be remembered. Long before the sun peeped over Chemung's green and gold splashed hills, even from the first midnight moment of that Sunday, the Aves of Our Lady's Rosary heralded the coming down of her Special Feast.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was at seven o'clock. There was nothing new about that Divine Drama, it lead up to and followed one central climax. Only "the brushings of our angel's wings" broke the silence, as the priest who stood at the altar, became in reality the Saviour of Mankind. A hush like a whisper from Heaven—a human form before a tabernacle fading into space—and the eyes of faith seeing only a white Host raised that we might adore our Divine Redeemer.

Just a few seconds before a particle of bread rested on a golden paten—and then—a voice had said "Hoc est enim corpus meum"—"This is My Body" those words of our Divine Saviour as though in echo down through more than 1900 years—repeating, there again on another Calvary, the sacrifice of the First Good Friday. Bread had become the Sacred Body of the God Man and then in a golden chalice, wine is His precious Blood. Yes, it was the same Holy Sacrifice—but dare we not believe that on that first Rosary Sunday on Dominican Hill, our Blessed Lady joined those myriads of angels to smile in loving affection upon Her Divine Son's little family of Dominicans.

DOMINICAN PRACTICE

And then you would tell me that you were there for Benediction that afternoon. You found the little altar throne ready for its King, flowers of white, studded with the bright flames of many candles, shining like precious stones in a lovely setting. You were perhaps surprised at the meditations that preceded, each decade during the recitation of the Rosary and which you later learned is another Dominican practice.

Father explained that and answered some of your other questions. "It was a sermon that you will not forget. The deep sincerity that challenged you to find peace and real happiness in fingering the beads of our Lady's chaplet sets you thinking. I myself liked particularly his promise that anyone who faithfully says the Rosary

can be assured of a direct contact with the Queen of that chapel and Her Divine Son.

Then Benediction—a tiny Host—the God of Heaven and earth, lovingly cloistered in a gleaming censerium. Did you not realize how close you were to the Divine

Presence? Did you hear His whisper—"My child cloister me in your heart."

You were strangely quiet when you came out into the brightness of the late afternoon. You gazed

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