

### WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALYS'

Better Dead Than Different  
By MARY FINLEY DALY

Glinny saved her surprise until dinner time. After grace, she produced a small cotton-filled jewelry box, opened it and laid it proudly in the middle of the table.

"That's it," she shouted triumphantly.

"Ugh!" Eileen made a face, picked up "The Thing" in its box and set it on the serving table. "A dead tooth at the dinner table!"

"It's what we've all been waiting for," Glinny defended herself. "I thought you'd be glad."

"We are glad," the Head of the House said. "We're glad it's out after watching it wobble in the breeze for a week. But we'd rather see you smile now."

Glinny obliged. "Mommy took it out," she explained. "And you know what she did? She took a hanky and she wet it..."

"And then she wrung it out," Pat took up the tale, "and she got a good grip and told you to say a 'Hell Mary' to yourself and

### TO STUDY MEDICINE IN U.S.



Agnes Osei-Kumudu, left, has just arrived from Kumasi, Gold Coast, West Africa, to study at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Taking premedical courses at St. Mary's, she plans to become a doctor and return to Africa to work among her people. After she finished her studies under the Holy Child nuns in Cape Coast, about 200 miles from her home, a priest friend of her parents arranged for her to come to the U. S. Her arrival here was delayed several months by visa difficulties. She is shown above being interviewed by two St. Mary's students for the college newspaper. (NC Photos)

### AMONG WOMEN Peace On Earth

By MARY LENNON SHYDER

In this column last week I quoted at length from a leaflet of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers of Pittsburgh on fostering the true Christian spirit in Christmas.

"The slogan reads 'Put Christ back into Christmas.' Could the shepherds of old ever dream that such a slogan would have to be used?"

Read it! Believe it! Last year in a rural community that is almost entirely Catholic, the Sisters requested the children after the holidays to bring their Christmas cards to school that they might read the religious pictures and send them the missal. Startling to say, over half of the cards had no religious text at all. Thoughtless people were so far away from the true spirit of Christmas as to send pagan greeting cards.

"In place of the Baby Jesus, the cards picture Kittens and Scotty dogs, cocktails and cherries, old oaken buckets and icicles, Santa Claus and snowmen. No wonder the cry is: 'Put Christ back into Christmas!'"

"Whose job is it to give Christ His rightful place on His own birthday? It is everybody's job. Hearts must be forming Christ in their even as Mary's in the first Advent season. Then if 'out of the heart the mouth speaks,' our expressions will reflect the true spirit of Christmas that is

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### HAIL MARY!

Then whose name all but starting love may claim! For Our Lady's Day, December 8th, we make our last appeal for help in completing her Shrine Chapel of the Assumption in Amman, 45 miles east of Jerusalem.

Perhaps you will want to add your mite. There are still sacred articles to be given for the sanctuary. Ten dollars will pay for a stone which will form part of the floor of the Living Bread. Any gift, say annual will be deeply appreciated by the poor of Amman.

Why not make your gift a memorial to a loved one departed? Mary will smile on you for this kindness. We do hope to obtain the six hundred dollars needed to complete the shrine. If you cannot give it all, perhaps you and many others can pay this tribute to Mary.

Emmanuel  
This is what the prophets called Our Lord—"God with us". It is also the name of a young student for the priesthood at the Russian College in Rome. Emmanuel is just four years away from priesthood, and needs \$400 to pay for his training. Can you adopt him, paying the amount over four years, in any amount you wish?

MARIE-NOEL  
Mary and Noel—Christmas! This is the name of a young novice of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary at Bakfava, Lebanon. Would you not like to make her your adopted daughter in Christ and give \$150, needed for this year of her preparation to be a missionary Sister? How she will bless you when she sings to Mary on Christmas Day.

THOSE CHRISTMAS CLUBS  
Why not join our dollar-a-month clubs—the CHRISTOSTOMS, for our seamstresses; the BASHIANS, for our poor schools; the MONICA GUILD, for our mission sisters and sanctuaries; ORPHAN'S BREAD, which helps us to feed hungry little mouths? Then you might wish to add a mite to our DAMIEN LEFER FUND for those poor outcasts who make a deposit in MARY'S BANK for our missionary sisters. These are investments in eternity.

FONDLE FOUNDINGS  
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OUR NEEDIEST  
Too numerous to mention are our needy cases at Christmas. We have appeals from every country of the Near East. From East Palestine we need \$7 to give a girl a stringless dress for the year. From the Philippines we need \$20 to give a girl a place of one of the Three Kings at the Christmas Crib.

WHAT GIFT WILL YOU BRING TO HIM?  
Have you thought of our beautiful three color GIFT CARD? We gladly send it to a friend or loved one. It will say that you are having Mass offered at Christmas by a needy missionary or that you have made a gift of a sacred article to a poor Near East Mission chapel, out of love and friendship. Let us do your Christmas shopping, or rather let the Lord of the poor do it.

SWADDLING CLOTHES  
Mary put these "vestments" on the Little Lord in the Manger. We must replace the latter Mass vestments of poor missionaries from time to time, so that they may worthily appear before the Lord. Can you give \$50 for a set?

INCENSE FOR GOD  
The incense with which the priest offers our incense to God at solemn Mass and Benediction may be purchased for a Near East Mission Chapel for \$20. By giving it you take the place of one of the Three Kings at the Christmas Crib.

A CHAPEL A MONTH—IMPOSSIBLE?  
Right now we have before us forty appeals for chapels, and even if we could get a complete chapel donation of \$2,000 each month, it would take us over three years to fill present appeals. That is a great deal of money, and many of these appeals will have to go begging. But any amount, large or small, will help us to build God's House.

### To My Mother At Christmas

This Christmas at the heavenly shrine  
A sweet old lady stands in line  
With patient smile upon her lips,  
God knows how many similar trips  
She made on earth, her offerings clutched  
In faded hand . . . her tired eyes touched  
With inner joy, as she by one  
She counted husband, daughters, son,  
Relatives, friend and many more  
The list grew with the years four score,  
Then when at last it came her turn  
To sit at the festive lights to burn  
Her hand would tremble so she'd ask  
Someone nearby to do the task.  
Across a shrine there then would grow  
Candle blossoms, row on row,  
Spirits of hers, radiant, fair,  
Sent to do her favorite prayers.  
Laid on a home she'd write,  
"A candle burns for you tonight."  
That message on a penny card  
Was all she wrote . . . the words would guard  
Each friend against a black despair;  
A candle burning in the air,  
A miracle of thought . . . a spark  
To banish loneliness and dark,  
A steady ray symbol of  
Her own unwavering faith and love.  
This Christmas at the heavenly shrine  
A sweet old lady stands in line  
Her mission happiest by far  
This year she lights a shining star.

### Kim Of Martyr's Slayer Ordained

Sidney (N.C.)—A descendant of three men who massacred Blessed Peter Chanel, first Martyr of Oceania, was recently ordained a priest at Lano, Wallis Island.

He is the Rev. Vitell Polifenua, a native of Fortuna Island, Orphaned at an early age, Father Polifenua was adopted by Robert Watson, of St. Heliers, in 1940.

Mr. Watson had long prayed that a priestson of Fortuna would offer Holy Mass in reparation for the shocking death inflicted on Blessed Peter Chanel. Sent to be educated at Lano mission, the young lad felt a vocation to the priesthood and completed his ecclesiastical studies at the Grand Seminary of Lano.

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