

Baptist Monk Giving Retreat At Mt. Saviour

The Benedictine Community at Mount Saviour Monastery, Ellicottville, started their annual retreat last Monday night, to continue until Sunday, Jan. 6, Feast of the Epiphany.

The Retreat Master is the Rev. Dom Vincent Martin, Monk of the Abbey of St. Andre, Bruges, Belgium.

Father Vincent was educated in Belgium and after his ordination served for 10 years at St. Benedict's Priory in Chengtu, West China.

DURING THE last war Father Vincent directed a medical unit for care of wounded troops in China. He is currently writing a Doctoral Thesis in Sociology at Harvard University.

During the period of the retreat, in addition to their regular daily program, the monks will participate daily in three extra conferences to be conducted by Father Vincent: daily recreation periods will be eliminated, this time being spent in silence and prayer.

SUPPORT

The best way to get the other fellow on your side is to try to prove to him that you're wrong. —O. A. Bettista.

Our Lady Of Goodbyes

Mary's Life Comfort To Those Parted By Armed Forces Call

Steubenville — (NC) — "The answer to the pain of your goodbyes is in the saga of Mary's path through life," Bishop John King Musso of Steubenville declared in a sermon in Holy Name Cathedral here.

At a time when so many mothers, wives and sweethearts are taking farewells of their loved ones as they go off to the nation's armed forces, they no doubt wonder "why must love pay this cruel price of separation?" and why must "goodbye" be the passport of those whose only happiness is in the wedding of their souls as one, the Bishop asserted.

HE THEN TOLD the saga of "Our Lady of Goodbyes," recalling the poignancy of her first goodbye to her parents, Anne and Joachim, as a young girl as she entered the service of the temple.

"How lovely for her passed days, the beautiful temple services, the companionship of the other girls, good, kind and high in their dedication of life," Bishop Musso said. "But then again, when the term of her services had been fulfilled, she must say goodbye. At that time her beloved parents had gone to God and she, most likely, had to seek a place in the home of others."

Bishop Musso related how Mary became betrothed to Joseph, and how the Angel appeared to her and announced that she was to become the mother of God. He recalled the sadness of the goodbyes to her friends when Mary and Joseph set off from Nazareth to Bethlehem to register in accordance with the decree of Caesar Augustus.

"I WONDER what were Mary's thoughts as she bade goodbye to her little home," Bishop Musso said. "I wonder how she held back the tears as she bade goodbye to all the good friends who circled lovingly about her, to Ruth and Sarah, Eben and Esther, Judith and Josiah, and little Benjamin. They had all been so good to her, so thoughtful, so kind."

"And then came Bethlehem, and the stable and that starry night when the angel cried out to the shepherds: 'There has been born to you today, in the town of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord!'" Bishop Musso continued. He emphasized that on that night Christ bade goodbye to Heaven and became the "infant wrapped in swaddling clothes."

THE BISHOP recalled the kindness of the shepherds; the visit of the Magi, who brought gifts that turned the stable into a palace. He also recalled the visit of the angel to Joseph in a dream, directing that Mary and the Child should be taken to Egypt. He added: "It was to be another goodbye, to that manger that had cradled her Infant Son" as they left for Egypt and made a new home.

"There the Child increased in wisdom and knowledge," Bishop Musso continued. "And, just when Joseph was getting along quite well in his trade, and their little home was comfortable through good and lawful means, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph, saying: 'Arise and take the Child and his mother and go into the land of Israel. For those who sought the Child's life are dead.'"

HE RECALLED how the little family came back to Nazareth where they had to start all over again.

"Now however, there loomed up the pain of a goodbye that would never leave her," the Bishop said. "She must say a last goodbye to Joseph. No words of mine could possibly picture the tenderness of that scene. Only Mary could really divine the fine spun gold of that saintly character; only God knows how humble, how obedient, how disciplined was the spirit of this foster-father of His Son."

For "Our Lady of Goodbyes" there still was work to be done—Jesus must be cared for, trained and prepared for the future, Bishop Musso said. But soon came the day, the Bishop related, when Mary stood on the threshold of her home and watched a Young Man walk over the hill and out of her sight. He was going to gather around Him His disciples. He was going to start the work for which He had been sent. He was about to begin seriously His Father's business, and Mary knew there was nothing she could do about it, nothing she wished to do about it. For this was God's will.

"THE NEXT goodbye of Mary was said on Calvary. I shall not linger here long. It is hard to watch a gentle woman in so much sorrow, in such pain, transfixed by the sharp sword of her suffering. Here was all her love, here was her whole life, here was the reason for all her goodbyes, here hanging so helplessly on the Cross. . . . It was her most anguished goodbye; a goodbye that first formed on her lips the day the angel announced to her that she would be the mother of the Saviour of the world."

The Bishop recalled that there still was another goodbye, when Mary on her deathbed bade farewell to the companions of her Son, Peter, James and John, Philip and Nathaniel, and all the others who walked with Jesus and were known as His disciples.

BISHOP MUSSO related how Mary was assumed into Heaven. He said: "And as she drew near the portals of Paradise, she saw her Son, arms outstretched to embrace her, she saw His smile, His eagerness to show her all

Third Order



of
Mt. Carmel

The Third Order of Mt. Carmel will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, Jan. 6 at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orange and Whitney Street at 3 p.m.

The Rev. Joseph A. Cirincione, spiritual director, will conduct the meeting. Anyone interested is invited.

the glory of Paradise. Behind him she saw Joseph, tears of joy in his eyes, and on his lips formed yet unspoken words: Welcome Mary. Wrapped now in the warm, tight embrace of her Divine Son, Mary hears the welcoming words of the Father and the Holy Spirit; down upon her as dew falls the benediction of a melody sung by countless choirs of angels.

"And so today, mothers and fathers everywhere, and sweethearts and pals are saying their goodbyes to men about to do their duty to country. For right authority has set that duty of service, and all authority is from God: A soldier's service to his country, then, is a man's service to his God. And, though there be suffering and pain in the moment of the goodbye, there is also hope. For the will of God must be done, and only in the doing can we find our peace and joy."

Three To Enter Benedictines In Rite On Saturday

At a ceremony to be held on Saturday, January 5, at 4:15 in the afternoon, three postulants at Mount Saviour Monastery, Ellicottville, will become Novices of the Benedictine Community.

POSTULANTS WILL be shown a copy of the rule of St. Benedict and inquiry will be made as to their willingness to observe these rules. Upon their assent to do so with the help of God, the impressive ritual continues with the "Mandatum," or washing of the feet as was done at the Last Supper.

At the time of St. Benedict, this ritual was observed for the reception of guests to the Community but is now reserved for those entering as members of the Community.

AFTER THE WASHING of the feet of each Postulant by the Superior, the other Monks then kneel in turn before the new Novices and kiss their feet, symbolic of the reverence for Christ who is received in them and of the fulfillment of His laws of Fraternal Charity and Humility. The ceremony will conclude with the investiture of the Postulants in the Novices' Cowl, distinguishing them from Postulants and Professed Monks.

Those to become Novices are: Rev. Joseph Riordan, Lehighton, Pa.; Brother Benedict Tighe, Somerville, Mass.; and Brother Joseph Brown, Woodmere, Long Island, N. Y.

PRINCIPLES Never esteem anything as of advantage to you that shall make you break your word or lose your self-respect. — Marcus Aurelius.

Fire Damages Three-Story KC Building In Dansville

Dansville—Fire of undetermined origin broke out shortly before 11 o'clock Sunday morning on the second floor of the three-story Knights of Columbus Building on Main Street.

All Dansville Fire Companies under Fire Chief Darrell F. Spencer responded to the alarm and upon arrival, Chief Spencer sent in a Mutual Aid alarm for assistance.

RESPONDING to the Mutual Aid call were firemen and equipment from Wayland, Groveland and Mt. Morris. Chief Gil Jenkins, Livingston County Fire Coordinator also responded to the alarm and directed the out-of-town companies to fire stations for fill-in and to aiding the Dansville firemen in fighting the blaze.

The fire was brought under control after an hour's work by the volunteers.

The meeting rooms of the Dansville Council K. of C. on the second floor of the building were

seriously damaged by the fire and the A. and P. Super Market on the first floor was damaged by smoke and water as was the Milligan Drug Store next door.

Chief Spencer said the damage would be better than \$20,000 but he believed the loss was covered by insurance.

German President Honors Priest

Frankfurt — (NC) — The Federal President of the West German Republic, Theodor Heuss, bestowed the Grand Cross of the Order of Distinguished Service, Germany's highest decoration, upon the Rev. Karl Adam, noted theologian, who recently observed his 75th birthday.

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