Native Abbot

Tokyo, Japan—(NC)—Father Alexis Noda's election as abbot of the Trappist monastery here marks the first time that a native Japanese priest has ever become an abbot. A native of Sapporo, the abbot-elect is 55 years old. His brother, Father John Noda, is Prefect Apostolic of Niigata.

Jesuits Plan College In West Virginia

Wheeling, W. Va.—(NC)—The cornerstone of Wheeling College, West Virginia's first Catholic college, was laid at ceremonies at which Archbishop John J. Swint, Bishop of Wheeling, officiated.

Under direction of the Jesuits, the new school offers courses in business, accounting, chemistry, biology, fine arts, writing and speaking arts, secretarial, and engineering in collaboration with the University of Detroit.

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WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALY'S

In Answer To Your Letter . . .

By Mary Tisley Daly

Let's take a look at the mail bag this week.

With the First Sunday of Advent coming up, there is a resurgence of interest in the Advent wreath.

"Our sodality is having a bazaar," writes Mrs. O. from New York State, "and we'd like to have a display of various kinds. Will you please describe?"

"I should like to introduce the Advent wreath at the Family Life Committee meeting," writes Mrs. R. of Virginia. "I have never seen one."

And from Mrs. F. of Pennsylvania: "The children want an Advent wreath this year. Will you please tell me how to make one?"

These are typical of many letters. So, here goes:

Take a round ring mold — one you make jello in is fine — coat the inside with paraffin, then fill it with damp sand or dirt. Plant springs from bushes, ivy, or any greenery. Put four white candles in — north, south, east and west positions — and around the base of each tie a bow of purple ribbon. This is the basic, but it can be fixed up any way your imagination dictates: long candles or short, satin ribbon or velvet.

How to use it? Light the first candle the first Sunday of Advent and let it burn for all, or part of the principal meal. Ditto all through the week. Light the second candle on the next Sunday, and follow the same procedure during the four weeks of Advent.

Prayers to say? Either the one in the little leaflet obtainable from Conception Abbey, Conception, Mo., or from the Gospels.

IN ANSWER to other letters resulting from the column on broken rosaries, statues and other religious goods:

From Mrs. F. in Florida: "I fix broken rosaries when they break and we use them again. Good rosaries are expensive and cheap ones break easily in children's clumsy fingers. Is the blessing gone because I've replaced a bead or two? Or repaired the links? The five going to school need rosaries every day."

From Mrs. K. in Pennsylvania: "I replaced a Hail Mary bead that was missing on a highly indulgenced pair of rosaries with a bead from a damaged pair also highly indulgenced, making one complete rosary. Please answer in your column whether this mended rosary retains its blessings or whether it will have to be blessed again."

And, bless her heart, Mrs. K. offers to pray the rosary for my intention as a "thank you!"

Many other letters asked about broken statues.

These requests sent me scurrying again to ask the advice of Father Sebastian. A bead or two replaced, the chain links repaired, does not cause the rosary to lose its indulgence, says Father Sebastian. It is only when it loses its identity and is badly damaged that this happens. Father cited as an example rosaries made of locust beads which disintegrate.

As to statues, if they are completely broken, they should be blessed again. However, a nick that can be glued together is considered a minor repair and the blessing remains.

HOPE THIS answers the questions. In talking with Father Sebastian, a lot of other questions came to mind — mostly about "church etiquette" — and he has promised to help me write a column on that subject if readers would be interested.

Among questions asked of this columnist are: "How do you politely suggest to people that they move over in a pew at church?" . . . "Is it fair to have to plow over people when you come back from the Communion rail?" . . . "Which knee do you bend when you kiss a bishop's ring?"

Let's get together some of these questions . . .

Then we'll all know.

Airmen Dedicate Wings To Our Lady

Goodfield, Air Force Base, Texas—(NC)—Seven officers who were graduated with Class 55-B from the multi-engine training school here have dedicated themselves and their wings to Our Lady of the Airways.

According to Father (First Lieutenant) Joseph J. Pollack of the Steubenville diocese, it was the first time that the ceremony had been performed here. He said that succeeding graduating classes will have similar rites for Catholic men.

At the end of the Mass, the seven officers bowed, pinned their newly acquired wings at the feet of the Virgin's statue, saluted here as Madonna of the Skies and dedicated themselves to her with a prayer which started:

"Hail, Mary, Mother of God and my Mother; my Queen and my Lady; I lay my wings at your feet, and this day dedicate my service to you."

Nazareth College Seniors Set 'Pink Guitar' Talent Night

The senior class of Nazareth College will hold a Talent Night on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the college auditorium. With the theme, "Pink Guitar", proceeds from the evening will help finance the school yearbook.

Decorations in the auditorium will be in pink and black, and men of St. John Fisher College will join their talents with those of the Nazareth students.

Chairman is Anita Gullo, Newark, assisted by: Maureen Donovan, Buffalo; Margaret Schumacher, Cohocton; Pauline Monsour, Syracuse; Isabelle Scisciolí and Mary Ann Dakin, Rochester.

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Tickets may be purchased at the door. Donation is $1.00.

St. Mary League To Sponsor Community Play

St. Mary League will sponsor the play Point of No Return at the Community Playhouse on Dec. 9. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the boys of St. Joseph Villa.

Mrs. Justin Knauf is chairman assisted by Mrs. Edward Klee and Mrs. Fred Loewenruth.

Mrs. Knauf

The league sponsors a project at St. Joseph's Villa each year in addition to the parties and annual picnic through the guidance of the Rev. Austin B. Hanna, chaplain.

St. Luke Day Rites Urged On Doctors

Appropriate recognition of St. Luke's Day on the part of the Guilds of Catholic Doctors in the United States might see the feast become as popular as the Red Masses initiated by Catholic lawyers.

That is one of the points made in the annual report of the N.C.W.C. Bureau of Health and Hospitals to the Bishops of the United States. The bureau cited "substantial progress" in the growth of Catholic physicians' guilds throughout the country.

AMONG WOMEN

Christian Peace

By Mary Lennon Snyder

Because so many Catholic women never have an opportunity to read the reports of the talks given at the National Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, I am taking excerpts from some of the addresses given at the recent Boston Convention.

Mrs. Snyder

"Catholic Women and Peace" the subject of the address given by the Most Reverend John J. Wright, D.D., Bishop of Worcester, is worthy of printing in its entirety, but, because of space limitations, I shall quote only in part.

Bishop Wright at the outset of his talk defined his terms, as follows: "Peace is not the same in a Christian mind as it is in the mind of the Pacifist. A Christian peace is not the type of peace which the Pacifists talk about. A Christian peace is a paradoxical peace: that is to say, it is a seemingly contradictory thing. It is peace with a soul. It is not passive, nor negative, nor sleepy, nor off-guard, nor complacent. It does not swing in a spiritual hammock, nor even remain wrapped safely among friendly neighbors, as if it didn't have an enemy in the world.

"THE CHRISTIAN concept of peace is much more alert and intelligent. It is peace with a struggle. It is something that the Christian understands to be attainable only by fighting for it, and to be maintained by constant vigilance, and readiness, if need be, in all ways.

"The Christian concept of peace is, like a thought from childhood in the personal and spiritual life, to be ever mindful that our adversary, the devil, goes about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, and therefore, we should be prepared to resist him in all ways.

"And so Christians carry over from their individual personal spiritual lives into their concept of the collective life of the community and of the moral life of the community as they are organized into society, the understanding that it is part of the human condition, that we must always keep God before us in the case of being ready to resist the adversary, who in another form goes about in each generation, in a different form, perhaps, in each generation, seeking whom he may devour.

"The Christian is taught, too, from childhood, that peace of soul, which he craves, was purchased by blood; it is the truth of Redemption. It cost a terrible price.

"WE SPEND A whole liturgical season in each year, meditating on the terrible battle that was waged on Calvary. And while we welcome the glory of Easter, we do not leave the Easter Season, thinking that the battle is over. Quite the contrary. We understand it is renewed in every individual's soul to the end of time.

"So that the truth of the victory won there may be applied unto the Redemption of each Christian, to carry his concept over into the life of society and of the moral person that is in the ordinary community, and we know that there will be no peace that is true which involves the devil, whether he comes to us, individually as a personal temptation or whether he comes to us as he does in history, as a temptation to a nation, or against a nation.

"A Christian understands that peace, for us, is a peace in the midst of temptation. In the life of an individual soul, we can never be off our guard, lest we fall. So it is with the world, for in most civilized communities, crime is always around the corner, and in the most orderly world, peace will always be presupposed.

"WE SHOULD BE vigilant because it is there. Peace must include something that is worth defending. That is something beside itself. It is important to emphasize this, because we are frequently in the temptation of heeding the old and fallacious assertion that "Peace at any price is good." There can be a peace that is shameful—there is a peace that is evil."

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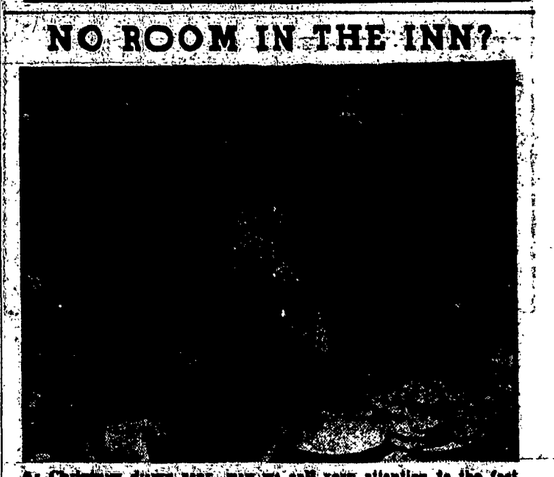

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IN HIS ARMS

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