

DOINGS AT THE DALY'S

Once more the four weeks of Advent approach, a season when we can cooperate in our homes with the Church in preparing for a truly holy Christmas.

The weeks of Advent are precious and it is only by spiritualizing this period that Christmas will assume its true importance.

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Advent 1957

By Mary Talley Daly

WE ARE ALREADY bombarded with notices promising: "Get Christmas out of the way. Send us our list—the inference being that Christmas is a tremendous headache."

Premature Christmas carols will soon be wheezed out on the streets, whipping up sentimentalism.

These are four weeks for preparation, certainly—but joyous, take-it-in-stride preparation, with minds and hearts attuned to the Real Reason.

Now we come to answering some November letters attesting to this interest. You've guessed it—the Advent wreath!

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ends. Make a wire-mesh circle (chicken wire) and entwine it with greenery. Insert purple candles and hang with purple ribbons from the ceiling.

This is a rather heavy, cumbersome contraption for the ordinary home and if you hang it over the dining room table, you're likely to get dried greenery in your soup.

FOR A TABLE wreath: take any circular dish or gelatin mold, put melted paraffin in to hold four candles, fill with wet sand, plant tender shoots of greenery, make them bend over the sides to look pretty.

2. This year, apparently, you can buy china, porcelain, and glass bases, colored or plain. We are expecting to see them any day in the supermarket.

3. The prayers: The little leaflet accompanying some wreaths has merely the Collect from an Advent mass, there in your missal. There is no "official" prayer for an Advent wreath.

TO VARY THE procedure and to keep the family alert to the real spirit of Advent, there may very well be readings from various books.

These are but few suggestions which, we hope, may help your family.

Native African Nuns Coronationville, South Africa—(NC)—The first two Negro nuns to become members of the congregation of the Holy Family have taken their final vows here.

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Jewelry Goes For Church

Sloux City, Iowa—(NC)—Aching her heart-loom necklace of rare Whibby jet to the collection of jewelry she is collecting for the Church, is Mrs. James T. Barrow of Sloux City.

Annual Christmas Plays Begin Parish Performances

Christmas Season of plays will begin on Monday, Dec. 2 for the Catholic Theatre of Rochester with two performances of Stephen Vincent Benet's "A Child Is Born."

Over twenty five performances are scheduled.

Production will be given at St. James and Corpus Christi parishes under the direction of William Andia, with Patricia Parker as technical assistant.

A SECOND PLAY, "Man Was Promised Hope" by Willford Scott, will open Dec. 3 at St. Charles Borromeo parish under the direction of Callista Estre-guard. Elizabeth Studer will act as technical assistant.

Roles in the Scott play will be taken by Arlene Brent, Lee Mc Gurn, Barbara Burns, Bill White, Ron Clawson and Herb Yates.

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The Rev. George May, pastor, officiated.

Bride's attendant was Miss Barbara Reals, Rochester, and Charles J. Caughey was his brother's best man. Nicholas Pauline, Cortland, and James Lovelace, brother of the bride, were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Nazareth College and the bridegroom is an alumnus of LeMoyne College, Syracuse.

AMONG WOMEN

Advent Wreath

By Mary Lennon Snyder

A tangible proof that many of our Catholic families are trying to keep Christ in Christmas can be seen in the growth of the custom of having an Advent Wreath in the home.

In previous years we have printed in this column varied suggestion as to the construction and placing of the wreath and also have included the prayers.

FOR SEVERAL years we had an Advent wreath which was suspended from the dining room chandelier. This wreath was constructed on a base which was hand made.

THE ONLY drawback to the wreath hanging over the dining room table was that about the fourth week of Advent we were tacitly reminded that Advent was drawing to a close.

THE ONE which we had last year and which we shall use again this year was most satisfactory.

THIS ONE was also made here at home. It stands about three or four inches off the table on legs made of coat hangers fashioned to give the appearance of wrought iron.

LAST YEAR I used vermouth as a base for the evergreens. I did so because it was at hand when I wanted it; however, I believe a sphagnum moss such as the florists use is more satisfactory.

HOWEVER, simple or elaborate, an Advent Wreath is an excellent preparation for the Christmas season.

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