



Ordinations On Tokyo TV

Tokyo, Japan — (NC) — Millions of Japanese television viewers saw their first Catholic ceremony by television during ordination of 16 Jesuits by Bishop Jo former Bishop of Hiroshima. Radio Tokyo TV and other stations of the Nippon Television Network "the rites. Of those ordained, four were Japanese.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MONTY REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

THE DEITIES IN OUR MISSION LANDS are so unlike Christ. Buddha had no wounds; Confucius had no scars; Lao-Tze had no defeat; not one of the millions of gods in the Hindu Pantheon was ever challenged to come down from the cross. Only Christ wears scars; only He has stumbled to His Throne on Easter so that no man can ever say: "God does not know what it is to suffer."

NO TEACHER IN MISSION LANDS ever came back from the grave to say to doubting disciples, as Our Lord said to Thomas: "Let Me have thy finger; see, here are My Hands. Let Me have thy hand; put it into My Side. Cease thy doubting and believe." (John 20, 27 B). This is the only place in Scripture that the nails were mentioned. The finger of Thomas evidently corresponded to the size of the nails and the hands of Thomas to the wound in His Side.

IT IS THOSE GLORIOUS SCARS OF CHRIST that must be brought to the people of Asia and Africa; while they suffer their Eucharist. Only One Who has been identified with their hunger, their thirst, their poverty, their sufferings, their deaths, can bring them hope.

BUT HOW SHALL HE BE BROUGHT to them except through a more immediate contact on our part with Our Lord. Not until we put finger into His Hand, and Hand into His Side shall we feel His Sacrifice is our sacrifice.

LET IT NOT BE, that we dress with undue luxury on Easter as Christ wears His Scars and as the pagan world gropes in the dark for Him Who is the Light of the World. The burden of the world's sin is ours, but we are one with Christ Who bore it.

AS THE RUSSIAN POET NERASSOV put it: "There are times, there are ages when nothing is more desirable, nothing more beautiful than the Crown of Thorns." While then our heads are adorned for Easter, in reparation for any excess, be mindful of Him Who bore the Thorns. With a finger that touched His Scars, write a sacrifice for those who might do even more than we, if they could touch the Scar in His Sacred Heart.

GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. F. P. for \$40. "This is \$1 for each day of Lent and I know that the Holy Father will use it where it is most needed." ... to J.M.K. for \$500 "To express my thanks to God for an improvement in health and guidance in selling—my business." ... to M.V.B. for \$25 "In thanksgiving for a satisfactory medical examination."

THE LOVELY WHITE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF TELEVISION shows the Blessed Mother holding Christ before the world. Your sacrifice-offering of \$3 for the statue will help the missionaries supported by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ. You may address your request and offering to the National Office at 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York or to your Diocesan Office.

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Assumption Parish's Discussion Clubs Attracted 131 To Training Program

One hundred and thirty-one parishioners were members of the 16 Discussion Clubs which functioned in Assumption of Our Lady Parish, Fairport, the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, pastor, reported this week.

"In the Fall, a new Discussion Club Leaders Course will open to all who are interested in spreading the kingdom of Christ on earth," Father Kelly said.

Some of the clubs met Sunday afternoons because their weekly evening schedules were filled. Howard Shea, chairman of the clubs said: "I've enjoyed every minute of the discussions and the Fall will find me an ardent enthusiast in recruiting other parishioners to join a club in their neighborhood."

THE CLUBS used the text, "The Redemption" by the Rev. Benedict Elmann and were sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney canonically erected the Confraternity in the parish on May 24, 1957.

Leaders were trained in eight classes last Fall in both Discussion Techniques taught by Sister Maureen of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart and in Doctrine, taught by Father Kelly.

At a joint meeting of the 16 clubs in Assumption School of Religion, participants viewed the "Redemption" and "Mass" filmstrips produced by St. John University, Brooklyn. Members in small groups of eight or 10 people, discussed the questions pertaining to the doctrine.

"Besides deepening their faith, the members share their knowledge and experience, become more articulate speaking Catholics, meet new friends and receive an increase of grace," Father Kelly said at the joint meeting.

"LEADERSHIP AMONG the laity is a great need of our day," Father Kelly continued. "Through discussion clubs, latent talent is often discovered and recognized talent is developed. Every adult Catholic should be prepared to explain intelligently to interested or even curious inquirers the meaning of their Faith, the reason behind certain religious practices, the symbolism of the liturgy of the Church and other questions. The CCD prepares them for this through Discussion Clubs.

"Extend your Faith by explaining to others that these clubs meet once a week for a period of eight weeks in the Fall and again in the Spring. At these informal meetings, members of the laity discuss the teaching of our holy Faith, bring up current problems and seek ways and means of making their Faith a part of their every day life: business, social and other affairs."

FATHER KELLY said that with the world engulfed in materialism "there is a world to be conquered for Christ." He urged the members to extend an invitation to a non-Catholic friend to join the next Discussion Club in the Fall.

Arthur Firestone, CCD Executive Board President of the parish said: "These clubs have shown us what wonderful neighbors we have and how keenly interested each one is in acquiring a deeper knowledge of his faith."

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bartolotta said: "We never realized how little we knew about our religion and how much we had to learn until we joined a Religious Discussion Club."

Discussion Club leaders were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shea, Albert Stolt, Margaret Pace, Mrs. Dina Crane, Mrs. Gordon Henry, Mrs. Elvira Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perdue, the Misses Florence Stolt and Josephine Bartolotta. Also Firestone, Philip Erbland, Thomas Hahn, Tony LaPietra, Michael Lucet, Eugene Murphy and Quinn Murray.

Refreshments were served by St. Mary's Guild.

Lourdes Stamps On Sale At Mission

Brother Arnold, S.V.D. of the Divine Word, Seminary at Conesus, is selling the stamps issued by the Monaco government in connection with the centenary of the Lourdes Apparitions and also the first birthday of Princess Caroline.

The Lourdes stamps, 13 in all, consist of 11 regular and two air mail stamps. Brother Arnold also said that he also has stamps on sale commemorating the 27th annual Monte Carlo automobile rally.

All the profits from the sale of the stamps will go to help missionaries in foreign lands. Brother Arnold said. For more information and prices, write to Brother Arnold, S.V.D., St. Michael's Mission Seminary, Conesus, N.Y.



TEACHING RELIGION to Catholic children in public schools, a project of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was explained to sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth Academy, Tuesday, here participating in program are: Rev. Albert H. Schinckel, CCD director; Sister M. Josephine, S.S.A., teacher and Sister Maureen of the Mission Helpers

High Court Refuses Smut Case Review

Washington — (NC) — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused, without comment, to review the case of a man convicted of violating the Florida state obscenity statute, who claimed the law is unconstitutional.

Positioner in the case was John G. Matthews. In November, 1956, the Criminal Court of Record, Duval County, Fla., found Matthews guilty of violating the state obscenity law by exhibiting certain pictures to a child.

HIS CONVICTION was subsequently upheld by the Florida Supreme Court. Then Matthews sought to have the U.S. high court review the state supreme court ruling.

In his petition for review, Matthews challenged the constitutionality of the Florida obscenity statute on the grounds that it "prohibits exhibition of books, pictures and other things to the general public on the basis of the undesirable influence said exhibition may have upon youth."

He asserted this test of obscenity had already been struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in its February, 1957, ruling involving a similar statute in Michigan. At that time the court found the Michigan law objectionable, remarking that the statute tended "to reduce the adult population of Michigan to reading only what is fit for children."

IN JUNE, 1957, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its Roth decision, established a new legal definition of obscenity. At that time the court ruled that the standard for obscenity is "whether to the average person, applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to the prurient interest."

Island Bishop:

Headhunters Still Hunt Heads...

By JIM KELLY
(N.C.W.C. News Service)

San Francisco — "Well, no, they've never killed a missionary that way... but they're still headhunters — and you can't take chances, at any time."

The stocky, gray-haired man smiled forward. A wry smile played on his kindly face. He knew what happened to men who took chances in New Guinea.

But he has also seen a people, one of the world's most primitive, lifted to the threshold of civilization. And he has helped with the lifting.

THIS WAS BISHOP Herman Tillmans, Missionary of the Sacred Heart from New Guinea, a vicar here en route back to his See.

At 58 years, fellow countrymen from Holland, he is winning for the Church 150,000 savage in island. Some of them are being trained to become doctors of the same age; they still use knives made of wood.

It's a slow job. In 33 years the Dutch missionaries have baptized 150,000. The first priest waited 18 years before his first converts were enough about Catholic doctrine to receive the sacraments.

BISHOP TILLEMANS is Vicar General of Merak, swamp-landed out-post almost at the mouth of New Guinea's southern coast. No Dutchman could be there from home and still live under Holland's flag. Aside from a few stray Japanese bombs, even World War II passed it by.

Maridus, Mandobo, Mufu, Mapud, Asmar... strange names for strange people. But souls to be won.

"We have 25 different tribes and just as many different languages," the Bishop said. "Some are headhunters, some cannibals, some both. You win their confidence by stages. It may take a priest two years, from the time he has entered the area, before he can talk to the natives. A false step would wipe out everything—and maybe him too."

Tobacco and tools are the building stones of Christianity among primitive Papuans, the generic term for all New Guinea peoples. "A sack of tobacco has led to many a convert," the prelate smiled. "New come steel axes, as they have, of wood almost

Pope Receives Iceland Delegations

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII received a delegation from Iceland here, including many members of its parliament.

Addressing the group in English, the Holy Father recalled the visit here last year of President Asgeir Asgeirsson of Iceland. He said he hoped the two visits would set an example and that "more of your fellow citizens will be found mingling among the countless host of pilgrims who come each year from all parts of the world to this eternal city."

Mother Of Jailed China Bishop Dies

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Official Roman Catholic sources here reported that the 79-year-old mother of imprisoned Bishop Ignatius Kung Pin-mei of Shanghai died in that city on March 6.

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