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DOINGS AT THE DALY'S

By Mary Tinley Daly

Date of her spinal operation set by the patient, our 19 year old Mary, O.K'd by Dr. Rush.



Mary Daly

shy and found it hard to pick up that receiver, dial that num-ber.

Arrangements completed, we realized that this was it. Cold with apprehension, we counted the hours—and we prayed—tried to, that is. Somehow, the formal learned-as-church prayers seemed to vanish from our lips and all we could summon was a "Please... They will be done—but PLEASE..." Don't dictate to the Lord, we told ourselves, and breathed another, "Thy will be done."

How friends rallied 'round with prayers: The Sisters of the Visitation, where Mary had gone to high school, were praying. So, too, were the Sisters at Trinity College, the Priest Fathers, at the instigation of Mary's former teacher, Father Irany; the Capuchins, whose aid our friend Father Sebastian had enlisted; the priests in our own Blessed Sacrament parish.

NIGHT BEFORE "admission," a big dinner of Mary's favorite steak (Mary getting the tenderloin), with mushrooms, and with Aunt Virginia as special guest, and all of us pretending that the party was in honor of Virginia's belated birthday. Then Mary's gang descending in full force for an evening of nonsense. Lights out at 11 and "Wake me for the 7:30, Mom," from a sleepy Mary.

"She's so calm," the Head of the House said. "That's the way to be. All those prayers... we have faith."

Next day, routine admittance

Speaking Of Operations

By Mary Tinley Daly

to the hospital. We, and a dozen or so others waited, answered the necessary questions and went up to Mary's room with her—and

That evening at home was out-wardly calm. We looked at TV and didn't know what we saw; we read the evening paper but it might have been printed in Greek. Finally, bedtime... We remembered some ironing to be done and crept down to the kitchen.

Setting up the ironing board, we noticed a couple of dingy dish towels on the rack... Come to think of it all the dish towels had been getting grayish.

Pouring bleach and detergent into the dishpan we squinted those towels through and through the hot sudsy water until they were chalk white, the very physical effort bringing a release from tension. How silly! To be bothered about dish towels, we told our-selves.

Somehow, though, hanging them up in the backyard, in the deep silent black of the night, the wind bringing a hint of home-suckle fragrance, we found a real prayer rising from heart to lips. And we slept.

MASS, BREAKFAST, and a visit with Mary in the hospital... We kissed Mary and promised prayers as she was rolled away to the operating room on a stretcher.

Then the long wait, beginning at noon... First a visit to the small hospital chapel where others were praying for their dear ones, the quiet broken only now and then by a soft sob... The red sanctuary lamp twinkling... the words of the Head of the House, remembered... all those prayers—we have faith!

Out into the sunshine, we took a long walk around the grounds.

"Nice shrubbery," the Head of the House commented.

"Beautiful. Wonder what kind of a bush that is?"

"I think it's some kind of a magnolia."

"Yes, I guess it is." (We couldn't have cared less.) 12:53...

The "bite of lunch" recom-mended by the Head of the House took up a little more time, but we found it hard to swallow. The hands of the clock seemed to crawl... 1:25...

"They'll bring her off the ele-vator near this waiting room," the nurse at the desk told us, so we took up our post... 1:40...

A chat with some other wait-ing families and convalescing pa-tients in the sunny waiting room... 2:23... 3:05...

Then our patient was rolled off the elevator on the stretcher—a waxy-pale Mary with blue eyes fogged but brightening when she saw us and a wan re-lief of her cheery smile. "Hi," she whispered. "Nice of you to wait..."

Reassurance from the surgeon that all was well and "condition satisfactory."

Another visit to the chapel for a fervent "Thank You!"



SISTER LAUREEN MARIE

Rochester Girl Professed As Maryknoll Nun

Sister Laureen Marie, who was formerly Nancy Elaine Nolan, made her first profession of vows at the Maryknoll Sisters Mother-house June 21. A graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School, Sister was a student for two years at Nazareth College before entering Maryknoll.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nolan, live at 41 Vermont St., Rochester, and are members of St. Ambrose's parish.

As a professed Maryknoll Sister, Sister Laureen Marie is now eligible for assignment to any one of the 50 mission stations staffed by the Maryknoll Sisters.

Cloistered Nuns Will Hear Pope

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII will shortly make three special broadcasts in nuns throughout the world belong-ing to contemplative orders, the Vat-ican Radio announced.

Contemplative orders devote themselves exclusively to divi-ne worship by prayer, penance and mortification in a life of solitude and retirement from the world. The members may leave the convent only on exceptional occa-sions after receiving a special dispensation.

The Vatican station described the Pope's projected talks as "an-ible audience" to religious fre-longing to "the living dead." It said there are 35,000 nuns living in strictly cloistered convents, mostly in Italy, Spain, France and Poland.

U. S. Catholics Hold Lead In Radio Programs

Chicago — (RNS) — The Roman Catholic Church in the U.S. is "far, far ahead" of the Church in other countries in the development and use of broadcasting, 400 delegates to the 10th anniversary con-vention of the Catholic Broadcasters Association here were told.

The Rev. John S. Banahan, Chicago archdiocesan director of radio and television, said the Church in other countries looks to Catholic broadcasters in the U.S. for leadership in the field.

Priests whom he visited in the Vatican were "astounded" by progress in broadcasting of the Church in the U.S., he said.

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Invents Unbeatable Game

By FRANK KELLY

Ever feel like a complete dope?

This is how your reporter felt after paying a visit to McQuaid Jesuit High School last week.

I was out there to investigate the claim of one of the students, Neil Pappalardo, that he had built an unbeatable "tic-tac-toe" game.

Neil, a 16-year-old sophomore at McQuaid, is taking the Greek Honors Course at the school — the toughest one McQuaid offers, and intends to become an engi-neer after he graduates.

With my Jesuit-trained back-ground, and being of normal (I'm not so sure now) intelli-gence, I found this claim im-possible to accept — without per-sonal investigation.

So, Mr. Thomas Dorney, S.J., one of the Scholastics teaching at the Jesuit high school, ar-ranged an interview — not so much with the inventor, but with the machine itself.

NOT BEING able to speak, Neil interpreted for the machine, which may be patented and built for mass distribution.

"I built the machine in about a month's time," Neil said. "Al-though it's not infallible."

"Not infallible," I broke off, with the intelligent man's smile of contempt. "Mr. Dorney told me that it can't be beaten."

"That's true," Neil replied. "It can't be beaten, but it can be tied."

"We'll see about that," I said to myself, as I rolled up my shirt sleeves to get down to the serious business of teaching this machine a trick or two.

We (the machine and I) started our moves. Being the guest, I moved first, pressing the switch for the box in the upper left hand corner of the machine. Before I could blink, the machine had answered with its light an-swering up in center box.

This made me think twice. And my ego started to be deflated.

I pressed the switch for the lower right hand corner, the machine countered with a move in the middle left hand box. Quick as a wink I blocked him, or it, with a move in the middle right hand box, and the perspira-tion was coming out on me.

WITHOUT A moment's hesi-tation, (and not a drop of sweat), the machine blocked me with a move to the upper right box.

BUT THE WORST was yet to come. Driving back to the



NEIL PAPPALARDO, 16-year-old student at McQuaid Jesuit High School, looks puzzled — and he should be. He invented a Tic-Tac-Toe machine that just can't be beaten, as a doubting reporter of the Courier found out. (Courier photo-by-Paul-Contestable.)

Now at my wit's end, I glanced over the board, utterly hope-less in my attempted conquest. But I couldn't show any signs of defeatism, so I braced my upper lip and put on my thinking cap.

"No machine is going to beat me," I said to myself.

Without a moment's hesita-tion, I blocked the machine with a patty to the lower left hand box. The machine countered with its move to the upper middle box, and with the final move in the game I blocked the bound-ary with a move in the lower mid-dle box.

"There," I exclaimed, "your machine didn't beat me."

"But I didn't say it would," Neil replied. "I said that you wouldn't beat it."

"So you did, so you did," I mumbled to myself, as I walked slowly down the hall, wondering if I should send my degree back to Fordham and start school all over.

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Irish Businessmen Honor Our Lady

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