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Plan Harvest Festival

Annual Harvest Festival sponsored by the parish Societies of St. Peter and Paul's church, Elmira will be held in the school auditorium on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12 and 13. Mrs. George Bragg and Mrs. Clyde Kent are chairmen. In the photo shown preparing for the variety booth, from left Mrs. Louis Johnson, Mrs. Chester Pabst, Mrs. Harry Osborn and Mrs. Kent. This booth will feature hand made items including aprons, hankies, embroidery work, crocheted work, knitted and plastic articles.

'God Picks The Choicest'

By SISTER M. CORNELIUS, R.S.M.

"Mother, I want to be a missionary."
His mother looked up from her ironing, into the serious face of her seventh grade son who had just come in from school. She knew that his enthusiasm had been fired by Father Michael, a missionary Benedictine from Africa, had really left an impression on one young boy.

The impression proved to be a lasting one. The boy, now himself a Benedictine missionary assigned to Africa, is our own Father, Damian Milliken, O.S.B., affectionately known to family and friends as "Jack". He is the son of Mr. Cornelius J. Milliken of St. Patrick's Parish, Elmira, and the late Mr. Milliken. Many Elmira residents

member Mr. Milliken as a prominent Catholic layman and newspaperman; he died in 1958. The sixth of fourteen children, Father Damian was born on January 2, 1933. He was quite a normal lad, with a boy's love of sports and of the outdoors. He served on the altar and sang with a boys' choir at St. Patrick's, delivered newspapers with his brother, and enjoyed the fun of belonging to a large family. But he answered God's call at the early age of thirteen, when most boys are just beginning to "have a good time" as they grow up. It was hard; he had lonesome days, and his family missed him. But he had made his decision and knew that he belonged first to God.

HE ENTERED the Benedictine Seminary at St. Paul's Abbey in Newton, New Jersey in September, 1948. High school and two years of college were completed at the Abbey; in 1952 he received the habit. He took his first vows the following year, and was solemnly professed as a Benedictine monk in 1956. During this time he was studying philosophy and theology at St. Mary's College in Morristown, New Jersey.

Monastic life was not all work and study, however. During his seminary days, Father Damian found time to develop other interests. Handy with a carpenter's tools, he designed and made several beautiful altars, tabernacles, altar rails, crucifixes and candlesticks of polished wood. This talent he says is inherited from his father, whose favorite hobby was carpentry and woodworking.

Ordained on May 31, 1958 in Rochester by Bishop Kearney, Father celebrated his first solemn Mass in St. Patrick's Church the following day. Another year of study at the Abbey and of performing priestly duties in neighboring parishes helped to round out his

experience. His next assignment, a year's study at the University of Wurzburg, Germany, was not too far underway when he received word of his appointment to the African Mission. He will leave November 6.

Father Damian's work is already laid out for him at St. Benedict's Seminary at Namanga, in the diocese of Ndanga, Tanganyika. Supervision of construction of a new seminary will utilize his aptitudes along that line. Work in the dispensary (and even an occasional tooth-pulling), learning Swahili, and preparing lessons for the native seminarians promise him busy days. Since the "real heart of mission work" as Father put it, "is the training of the native clergy," a bushy many takes on even greater importance. Laurian Cardinal Rubens, Tanganyika's reigning prelate and Africa's first primate of the Church, started out in such surroundings.

MISSIONARY WORK is a Benedictine tradition from the beginning. Besides the holy founder St. Benedict, who sent his monks into the Roman countryside to evangelize the pagans, missionaries of the order include St. Boniface, Apostle of Germany; St. Augustine of Canterbury; St. Anselm in Scotland; and Pope St. Gregory the Great, a dynamic mission-minded pontiff of the seventh century.

Father Damian's congregation (one of 15 in the loosely knit Benedictine order) was founded by Pope Leo XIII in the late nineteenth century to be specifically designed for foreign mission work. It is called the Congregation of St. Ottilien for the Foreign Missions. There are five abbeys in Germany, with the motherhouse in Bavaria. St. Paul's in Newton, New Jersey is the only American abbey of the Order. Its congregation, numbering about 30 priests and 20 brothers.

Third Order Secular Of Saint Francis

by Fr. John McGulick, T.O.B.

Part II

Membership in the Third Order

Who may belong to the Third Order? "Only those who are reformed after perfection is not limited to the sincere will to do as members, who have completed their fourteenth year, to be saved for old age."

Some Catholics hesitate to join the Third Order, objecting that they are not good enough, that they are not sufficiently pious. The rule of the Catholic Church and the Apostolic See. These are the requirements set forth by the Rule.

One further consideration is included for married women. That they "may not be received without the husbands' knowledge and consent unless their confessors judges otherwise." (This is required in order to support the Divinely appointed order of wedlock. If a wife shall be subject to the husband.)

THUS WE see that the Third Order is meant not only for the mature and aged, but for the young as well; it sets the minimum age at a point where one is capable of understanding

AS TO THE "tried fidelity" mission must of necessity be in the Catholic Church and must not manifest his submission to the wishes of the Holy See made would dare join? But simply known through the Bishops and that one be a practical Catholic.

It is intended as a means to help ordinary, good Catholics in many within the home, the rule to save their own souls. "Not does the Third Order exclude repentant sinners; we see this exemplified in St. Margaret of Cortona, Matt. Talbot, and of the family."

IN view of peace and harmony, it puts the authority of the family where it was intended to be — in the husband. In the words of St. Paul, "Let wives be subject to their husbands as to the Lord; because the husband is head of the wife, just as Christ is head of the Church."

For information on other fraternities, write to the Third Order Provincial office, Garrison, N.Y., or contact your pastor.

Fr. Morgan
Speaks At
Lourdes Meet
Reading and books were featured at the regular monthly meeting of Our Lady of Lourdes Mothers Club, Elmira held last week.

Father John A. Morgan was the guest speaker and stressed the importance of reading as a means for information and inspiration, also to help yourself and others. Books and pamphlets were displayed from St. Christopher's Library.

MRS. DONALD Guthrie explained membership in the library and Mrs. Norman Baker outlined the advantages of a good school approved encyclopedia in every home. A Halloween party for the children of the parish school will be held in the church hall today (Friday) in the church hall from 7 until 9.

Co-chairmen are: Mr. and Mrs. James Carmody and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Leo. Assisting are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster, Mr. and Mrs. John Foy, Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Freda, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Alciari, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thurber, Mr. and Mrs. William Vanderlip.

Miss Margraff
Given PR Post
Miss Mary K. Margraff has been named Catholic Daughters of America public relations chairman for New York State. The appointment was made by Mrs. Clancy Harrington, State Regent.

A FORMER MEMBER of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America and a past grand regent of Court St. Rita No. 137, Miss Margraff recently completed a term as district deputy for the Addison, Hornell and Watkins Glen area.

She has served as president of the Elmira Business and Professional Women's Club and the Horshoover Classroom Teachers Association.

Speaks To Mothers' Club

"My Future Life In The Missions" was the subject given by the Rev. Damian Milliken, O.S.B., last Monday evening. He described his work and a probable schedule he would follow in his African mission post. Father Milliken also outlined his term of study and travel in Germany this past year.

MRS. SPOONER, the newly formed Christian Mothers' Club of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira. About 75 women attended this initial meeting to witness installation of officers by Father Michael Hogan, Moderator.

Those who will serve a one year term are: president, Mrs. Paul Sweeney; vice president, Mrs. Andrew Colucci; secretary, Mrs. Vincent E. Heher; treasurer, Mrs. John Wilmut. A social hour followed with Mrs. Joseph Caparulo in charge.

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