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Christmas Gifts For A Nun

By Mary Tinley Daly



Some years ago, we listed Christmas presents suitable for nun friends. Every year since, we have received requests for that list, now rather ho-hum.

With Mrs. Kirby's permission, we print excerpts from her thoughtful letter with its imaginative and practical suggestions.

"That time of year is rapidly approaching when some people will be puzzling about what to pack in that Christmas box for a nun relative or close friend. Perhaps you will be interested in knowing and passing along how this problem was solved for us.

"Five years ago my cousin, a nun, was visiting us. She thumbed through a new mail-order catalogue, commenting, 'There are a lot of things here I'd like to order. We told her to mark each item and note the page number on the cover. We then used the catalogue as a guide for filling her Christmas and birthday boxes.

"Unexpected Choices

"We would never have thought of buying her many of things she indicated. Some were for herself, some for the convent, and others for her to give to friends in her own and other convents on their feast days.

"For several years after that we took along catalogues for her to go through and mark when we made our pre-Advent visit to Pennsylvania. Last year she surprised us. She had written for a catalogue and already had her list. She also told us that some of her religious friends like this idea so much that they have decided to follow it with their families.

"The enclosed clippings are some of the items my cousin marked last year. The disposable aprons, initial ice

cube trays, and 'coffee time' napkins inscribed with the name of her convent were for use when friends from other houses in the area visit on Sunday afternoons. I suppose that the Sisters are like all hostesses and enjoy having something a little different when they entertain.

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"It must be remembered, however, that orders to mail-order houses should be sent sufficiently early to allow for receipt of the shipment, wrapping the items, and packing the gift box in time for delivery to the Sister by Christmas. We do not hold up our box beyond the safe mailing date for any back-ordered or inscribed item that has not been received. We just enclose a note saying, 'More to Come.'"

"The company with which we deal stamps the date of receipt on each order and shows the mailing date on the metered postage stamp. Our experience has been that orders are generally filled and in the mail within three days of receipt. The average time for a shipment to be in transit is a week or ten days (This is from the Midwest.) Items which are to be inscribed or shipped from other locations take longer. The approximate shipping dates for these items and those which are back-ordered are indicated on the original order form which is enclosed with the main shipment."

"We are grateful to Mrs. Kirby, and to her cousin, for passing along these helpful hints in answer to the question of 'What to get Sister for Christmas.' Hopefully, 'Sister' will get some of the 'different' things she wants rather than still more black gloves when she hasn't yet worn out the ones she got last year, and the year before, and the year before that."

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Big Business

Agriculture is a "big business" in New York State, according to the State Commerce Department. About 67,000 farms produced crops with cash value of more than \$850 million in 1964.

College Theater to Rise, Even Without Big Donor

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — A Philadelphia businessman, who has rescaled "money problems" has been relieved of his promise to give Catholic University of America \$1 million for a new theater.

Father John P. Whalen, acting rector of the university, told Jerry Wolman that it was his revelation of "the tremendous financial pressures with which you are faced, and the exhausting efforts you have been making to stabilize your affairs" that led to the university's action.

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Fr. Sullivan Mass Offered By Basilians

A Concelebrated Funeral Mass for Father Edward Sullivan, C.S.B., was offered in Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, by members of the Basilian Congregation Nov. 24.

Concelebrating the Mass were Very Rev. J.C. Wey, C.S.B., Superior General, other Basilian Fathers, John A. Burke, Peter J. Ellinger and James F. Cross of Aquinas Institute; Fathers Joseph Dorsey, Joseph J. Abend of St. John Fisher College; Father Patrick Braden, president of the University of St. Thomas, Houston, and Father J. Gilmore, a classmate of Father Sullivan at St. Michael's, and now of the Albany diocese.

Thirty-seven other priests attended the Funeral Mass. Father Sullivan, a native of Syracuse, died in his sleep during the early hours of Nov. 20, 1967. A Concelebrated Mass was offered in St. Anne's Church, Houston, Nov. 22.

He was a delegate to the 1967 General Chapter of the Basilian Fathers here in 1967 and was nominated local superior, an office in which he served his conferees for a few brief weeks.

BORN NOV. 8, 1918 in Syracuse, he attended Holy Rosary High School, Syracuse, St. Michael's College, Toronto; and entered St. Basil's Novitiate, Toronto in 1938. He made his first profession, August 15, 1939, returned to St. Michael's College in 1939.

He won the Kernahan Scholarship and Mercier Gold Medal in Philosophy, earned his B.A. in 1942 and M.A. in 1947.

Father Sullivan taught in Catholic Central High School, Detroit to 1943 and St. Thomas High School, Houston, 1943-44.

He returned to St. Basil's Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood, June 29, 1947.

He obtained a Licentiate in Medieval Studies, Section Philosophy from the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, Toronto 1949 and a Doctorate in Philosophy from the University of Toronto in 1961.

After joining the staff of the University of St. Thomas, Houston, he taught philosophy there until his death.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Frances Sharkey of Syracuse; three brothers, John F. of Houston, Donald J. and James H. Sullivan, both of Syracuse, and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in the Basilian plot of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Agnes Van Tuyl

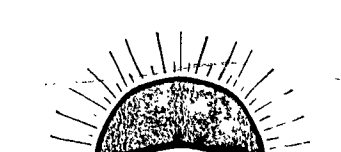
Funeral Mass for Mrs. Agnes Konyu Van Tuyl was offered in St. Augustine's Church by Monsignor John M. Duffy, Nov. 13. Rev. Francis Feeney and Rev. Donald Stivers attended.

Mrs. Van Tuyl died Nov. 9, 1967 in Baltimore, Md.

She was born in Geneva and resided in Rochester before moving to Baltimore.

Surviving are her husband Rodney Van Tuyl, Baltimore; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Hentschel and eight grandchildren, Rochester; several nieces and nephews.

Father Walter Kohl gave the blessing at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Joseph A. Murphy Funeral Home.



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Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Lynda Byrd Johnson participates in the ground-breaking ceremony for a new theater on the campus of Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. President Johnson's daughter was assisted by Ed McMahon, television announcer and president of Catholic University's Alumni Association. Looking on is Father Gilbert V. Hartke, O.P., head of the university's Department of Speech and Drama, and a pioneer in the Catholic Theater movement.

Caroline Quinn Requiem Held Sung For John J. Riley

Funeral Mass for Mrs. Caroline A. Quinn, mother of Melvin Quinn, foreman of the Christlicher Press Inc. composing room, was offered in Immaculate Conception Church, Nov. 27. The requiem Mass was celebrated by Father P. Paul Brenan with Father P. David Fink in the Sanctuary.

Mrs. Quinn of 367 Chaplain St. died Nov. 23, 1967.

Also surviving are three other sons, William of New Jersey, Harold, and Richard, two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Wracht, Waukegan, Ill., Mrs. Margaret Mason, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, one brother, John Smith, Joliet, Ill.; four grandchildren, two great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Techy Sister, Native Of Rochester, Dies

Sister Margaret S. Sp.S. (Helen Wendelgass) bookkeeper at St. Therese Hospital, Waukegan, Illinois, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 1967 of a heart attack which she suffered on October 13. She responded until Oct. 15 when she lapsed into coma until her death.

Sister Margaret was born Christmas Day in Rochester, N.Y., 1894. She entered the business world as a young woman, and was employed by the Little Flower Machine Co., Bastian Brothers, and Leckinger Machine Co. of Rochester before entering the convent, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1920. She and her sister Harriet, now Sister Ruth, S.S.P.S., entered the convent together joining the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters at Techy, Illinois.

Both Sisters made their vows Jan. 6, 1923 and were assigned to the work of their choice. Sister Margaret continued to pursue her business and stenography training while Sister Ruth entered nursing and later specialized as a nurse anesthetist.

Sister Margaret worked as a bookkeeper at the Little Flower Retreat House in St. Louis, Missouri from 1929-1932. From 1932 to 1941, she went to St. Therese Hospital (Waukegan, Ill.) and helped to stabilize the hospital economics during the post depression years and the era of World War II.

She was transferred to St. Ann's Home for the Aged, Techy, Ill. where she worked for one year. She introduced her ideas and abilities at St. Joseph's Hospital, New Hampton, Iowa's business office as well as to that of Sacred Heart Home, Hyattsville, Md.

Surviving are her husband Rodney Van Tuyl, Baltimore; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Hentschel and eight grandchildren, Rochester; several nieces and nephews.

Father Walter Kohl gave the blessing at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Joseph A. Murphy Funeral Home.

Margaret Quiny

Funeral Mass for Mrs. Margaret Quiny was offered by Father Raymond F. Moore in St. Rose Church, Lima, Nov. 18. Mrs. Quiny of 86 South Union St., Rochester died Nov. 16, 1967.

She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Society, SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester.

Burial was in St. Rose Cemetery. Surviving are one daughter, Miss Veronica Quiny and a son, Leo of Rochester.

Arrangements by O'Connell Funeral Home, Lima.

broken for the theater on Nov. 4, with Lynda Bird Johnson, TV announcer Ed McMahon, Sidney Poller and other celebrities participating.

A "crash program" to raise the necessary funds to complete the theater was announced by Father Whalen.

"This is 'crucial,'" he told Mr. Wolman in his letter, since the university now finds itself "in an extremely difficult financial position" regarding the theater. Father Whalen said the objective of the drive would be large gifts to bring the \$2 million plus theatre project to completion.



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A Concelebrated Funeral Mass for John J. (Rip) Riley was offered in Our Mother of Sorrows Church, by Father George Wood with Fathers Eugene Weis, Frederick Eismann, John Steger and William Hogan, Nov. 17.

Mr. Riley who had been re-elected to the County Legislature a week prior to his death, died Nov. 13, 1967 at his home, 1234 Edgemere Drive, Greece. He was 58, an outstanding civic leader, active in church circles and was an outstanding athlete in his early days.

Also in attendance at the Funeral Mass were Monsignor Joseph L. Hogan, Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B., Fathers Joseph Trovato, C.S.B., Louis J. Hohman and Donald Hycok, C.S.C.

His political career began in 1959 as a member of the Greece Town Board from the First Ward. He was reelected three times.

He won reelection to the County Legislature by a margin of 3 to 1 although disabled by illness from campaigning.

As a young man, he starred in school, college and professional baseball and basketball. He inherited the nickname "Rip" from his father, a city policeman who earned it as a fastball pitcher around the turn of the century.

Mr. Riley played guard on the 1928 Aquinas Institute team which won second place in the national Catholic high school basketball tournament. He later played at St. Bonaventure University on the varsity basketball and baseball teams.

After graduation he played professional basketball with the Rochester Central and pitched for Williamsport, Pa. and Omaha, Neb. professional baseball teams.

He was associated with Domino Building Supply Co at the time of his death.

A MEMBER of the Holy Name Society of Our Mother of Sorrows Church, he was also president of the Stadium Club of Rochester and a member of Crescent Beach Fire Association.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Graham Riley; five sons, John P., Donald J., Robert E., Stephen C. and Edward J. Riley; one daughter, Miss Joanne M. Riley; his brother, Thomas F. Riley; and nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by John M. Hedges Funeral Home, Empire Bldg.

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Protestant Decrees Dear Editor: As a Protestant, I have recent editorial on your paper, I am now take a chance and to Article I, Section 3 of Constitution, then getting the needed walls at the proper gates in the

Since Jefferson's before, we Americans building walls and put with locks in them, g to responsible leader with laymen, who les the keys. In a forme nity where our famly ten years, Dundee, I there was a wall w shut to the small I would invade the publ the "non-denominatio groups that wanted t our classrooms. Now New York, there are walls with different in them. But we hol keys, and they serve

The so-called Blain ment, Article 31, seems to recognize, i it tends to cut-off i directly or indirectly public schools and schools. It is not real is time we repealed it. Some Protestant f fearfully, "If there w article XI Section 3, w we be? We would the First Amendme United States Consti that is about all the we should expect o as free men.

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We may as well r so-called Blaine A Paul W. Brayer's exc te for that he is a n that the people of I and many of them olices, have said "N use of public monei tal services in schoo religiously related. Mr. Brayer and I gether bringing in briks tar for that wall, agr as we watch our chil to school-on-the-bu needed medical or st lices that we could d "Blaine." We have new wets Bu new gates to set. Bu we must get rid of before we can do together. -R. Irvin Av