

The Beat Goes On For Dominican

Kentfield, Cal. — (CPJ) — A decade ago, Brother Antoninus was a "beatnik" poet, whose name would be mentioned along with Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg and Lawrence Ferlinghetti.

Beatniks have been replaced by hippies, and Brother Antoninus is still around, but he just can't become a hippie, the 55-year-old Dominican lay brother says.

"I cannot be a hippie, I'm a doer. I've got to do more than adorn my body with flowers," Brother Antoninus explains. "Beatniks were creative, while the hippies have produced very little in the way of art. What they have produced—and that's confined to their posters and music—is so extremely diffuse that it's not going to make an impression."

What is making an impression is the steady body of poetry that Brother Antoninus has been producing—beginning with a 1948 volume called "The Residual Years," "The Crooked Lines of God" in 1959, "The Hazards of Holiness" in 1962, and his latest, "The Rose of Solitude."



Brother Antoninus in a photo taken by Thomas Merton.

of Brother Antoninus himself, a man whose name was William Everson.

He became a Catholic in 1949 and a Dominican in 1951. During World War II, he was interned in an Oregon camp for 3½ years for his extreme pacifist views. He was married twice, the second time to a Catholic who had also been previously married. He has said that her spirituality was one of the things that forced them apart and later led him to enter the Catholic Church.

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Brother Antoninus, who was born in Sacramento, now resides at the Dominican Priory at Kentfield, Cal., and regards writing as "my apostolate," writing it and from time to time reading it in public appearances throughout the country.

"I began poetry as a way to discover God rather than to discover myself," Brother Antoninus has explained. "It became a first way of worship for me long before I was a Catholic."

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Anglican Prelate to Talk In Catholic Cathedral

London — (RNS) — Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury has accepted an invitation to preach in the Roman Catholic Westminster Cathedral during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18-25.

He will be the first Anglican Primate to speak from the pulpit of a Catholic cathedral. The invitation was extended by John Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster.

Archbishop Ramsey will speak at an evening unity service, but the exact date during the week-long observance has not yet been announced. During the same week, Dr. Ramsey is scheduled to preach at a Methodist church.

In Britain's growing ecumenical atmosphere, a number of prominent Catholic clergy have preached in Anglican churches.

During last January's week of prayer, the Rev. Harold Riley, syndical secretary of the Convocation of Canterbury, spoke in a Catholic church in North London.

In other ecumenical observances announced so far for next January, Catholic Bishop Gordon Wheeler of Leeds will preach in an Anglican church on Jan. 24. Canon Fenton Morley, Anglican vicar of Leeds, will return the gesture two days later by preaching in Leeds Catholic Cathedral.

Priests Elect Consultors Cleveland — (NC) — Seven of the board of diocesan consultors named by Bishop Clarence G. Isenmann of Cleveland were elected by the priests of the diocese.

Brain Drain in Ireland of Ireland's churches was re-Virginia, Ireland — (NC) — A Dublin Jesuit speaking to a Dublin audience here today said his "here-istand" attitude of all States to find freedom.



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A critic for the Philadelphia Archdiocese's "Catholic Standard & Times" reviewing Brother Antoninus' latest volume suggested that there is a noticeable trend toward his style of poetry and that this trend is certain to bring Brother Antoninus greater attention.

"Dylan Thomas became popular in the Forties when public taste shifted to favor the way he had been writing for years," commented the critic, James A. Butler. "The same phenomenon seems like to occur with Brother Antoninus. He has been writing psychological confessional poetry since 'The Residual Years' in 1948, but the popularity of Robert Lowell—most forcibly evidenced by his appearance on the cover of 'Time'—will almost certainly bring about a deservedly increased notice for the Dominican Brother."

This "psychological confession" is especially displayed in "Rose of Solitude," which is one long poem about a woman who falls passionately in love with a dancer and finds after the affair is ended—that his sin has brought him closer to God.

"The spiritual life is both speculative and practical, but a painful tension obtains between the world of the ideal and the world of immediate experience," Brother Antoninus wrote in a foreword to the book, "and it is out of the opacity between them, the dark zone in human nature left by original sin, that religious poetry springs into being."

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Valleau City — (RNS) — L'Osservatore della Domenica, an unofficial Catholic weekly published here, printed an article criticizing efforts to change divorce and remarriage.

The article was written by Msgr. Ferdinando Lambroschini, a theologian who frequently contributes articles on moral questions. It was apparently directed at a recent national meeting held in Rome by the Italian League for Divorce and attended by more than 1,000 delegates.

During the meeting, an unidentified air plane dropped thousands of pro-divorce leaflets on Rome, many of them in St. Peter's Square.

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- Mission Guild**
The regular monthly meeting of the Catholic Mission Guild will be held Jan. 10 at the Knights of Columbus, Monroe Ave.
- Catholic Adult Club Doings**
There will be a business meeting Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. at Father Wood's, 5800 Mt. Read Blvd. Jan. 14 is the date for a Cabin party at the Pavilion in Ellison Park. Round and Square Dancing. Admission: members, \$2.50, guest, \$3.00. For reservations call Carmie Petote, 488-5236 by Jan. 12.
- There will be dinner and dancing at the Moose Club Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Palm Room. For reservations call Carmie Petote by Jan. 16.
- CDA Meeting**
Court Our Lady of the Con-acle No. 1139, Catholic Daughters of America will hold its next meeting Tues. Jan. 9 at 8 p.m. at the Calvary Evangelical Church on the corner of Culver Rd. and Melville St. The Pope's Stomach will be featured this month with members bringing items of wearing apparel for infants and small children to be distributed among the poor.
- Mercy Guild**
The first meeting of Mercy Guild of the Little Flower for the year will be held Tues. Jan. 9 at Catherine McAuley College at 1:00 p.m. Mother M. Bride, and Sister M. Judith, will be guests of honor. Mrs. Joseph Klingler, retiring president, will conduct the business meeting. The following officers will be installed: Mrs. Elmer O'Brien, President; Mrs. Walter B. D. Hickey and Mrs. Henry Keane, Vice Presidents; Mrs. Bryan Ford, Secretary; Mrs. John McGrath, Treasurer.

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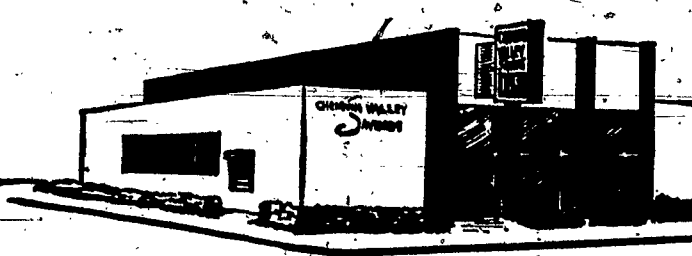
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