

MAY '62

## ACT OF VISITATION

Very Rev. John Walsh, O.M.I., has sent an advanced copy of his Act of Visitation by airmail and it will be sokkutatsuing around the mission. Please read it at once and get it off to the next listed stop. I am sure you will all agree that Father Walsh's Act of Visitation is a penetrating analysis of the mission and its problems and that it offers much encouragement and many helpful directives. We should be deeply grateful for Fr. Walsh's efforts in our behalf.

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## "SHIMPUSAMA DOROBO!"

Fr. John Kenny Mahoney is coming out with a pamphlet soon entitled, "The Care and Treatment of Dorobos" or "To Catch a Thief." Nakajima cho has had a couple of nasty experiences with thieves during the past month and on one occasion the burglar actually entered the housekeeper's room at 2:30 a.m. We are grateful that no one suffered any physical harm, however, it would be prudent if all the houses took more precautions in this regard in the future.

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## OKINAWA MISSIONS

Fathers Meyer and Lowney returned from their conquest of Okinawa tired but undaunted and we've had good reports of the excellent job they did down there for Father Bloch.

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## PHYSICAL CHECK UP

As most of you know, our maid here in Tokyo, Miss Sato, has been obliged to return to the sanatorium because of a serious recurrence of her old t.b. troubles. Yearly exams for all the fathers and brothers and housekeepers should be the concern of pastors with chest X-rays particularly for those working in t.b. hospitals.

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## SEMI ANNUAL REPORT

Would pastors please get their June and semi annual reports in the mail by the 25th of June if possible. This will greatly facilitate getting the report of the Vice Province to Boston. Please use the new forms enclosed.

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## VOCATION WORK SHOP

Fr. Bert Silver reports the vocation work shop will be held in Naruto in July and about 40 boys are expected. An excellent idea and we hope and pray a few vocations are forthcoming.

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#### FATHER GILL RETURNS

Father Robert Gill returns to Japan on the 25th of May by way of Rome and Manila. Welcome home! I am sure Father Gill will have much to tell about his stay in the States and his visits to Oblate houses in Europe and the Philippines.

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#### MOTHER GENERAL OF XAVARIAN SISTERS ARRIVES

Reverend Mother Miriam, Superior General of the Sisters of St. Francis Xavier arrived at Hanada on May 10th. Mother Mary Paul came up from Kochi to meet her Superior General and we were delighted to have both these sisters at our seminary for a good part of the day. We trust Mother Miriam's visit to Japan will be an enjoyable one. We should all renew our efforts to assist in the growth of this little community of Sisters who have been of such great assistance to the Oblates in Kochi.

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#### BROTHER YAMAZAKI'S ARRIVAL.

Bro. Michael Yamazaki will arrive at Hanada on Sun., June 3rd.

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#### FIRE! FIRE!

Seminaries are not always the quietest places. A few weeks ago we were shocked to hear the fathers and brothers come thundering down the stairs shouting, "Fire, Fire!" My heart sank as I had visions of flames roaring up from the boiler room. But the fire was in the house across the street.

Fr. Bob Kellen, son of a fireman.....oops.....firefighter of forty years experience, had heard a woman scream and seen smoke pouring from the windows of a house across the street. He dashed across the street, extinguisher in hand, followed by Fr. Healy and the scholastics also carrying extinguishers. The fire was quickly brought under control due to the work of our volunteers. Their quick-thinking and action undoubtedly saved a family their home, for while all this was going on the local fire department was circling the neighborhood trying to find the fire. Father Healy suffered the loss of a cassock, but the Xavarian nuns generously replaced this loss while father was preaching their retreat in Kochi.

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#### SUPERIOR'S MEETING

The joint meeting of the Religious Superiors and Hierarchy of Japan was held on May 11th. Of special interest to all, I am sure, is the work on the Vade Mecum for the priests of Japan that should be coming out late this year. His Excellency, Archbishop Enrichi, the Apostolic Delegate, was guest at a dinner given by the Superiors on the evening of the 11th, and he again mentioned his pleasure in visiting Kochi and his interest in the work of the Oblates there.

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Dear Reverend Fathers,

On December 15, 1954 the Holy See granted our Congregation an Indult by virtue of which we were authorized under certain restrictions to receive stipends for masses binated by our Fathers and to apply same stipends in favour of the houses of formation or for Oblate vocations. This Indult and the modalities of its use were forwarded to you in our Circular of June 6, 1955.

At that time however bination practically occurred on Sundays and feasts of obligation only and not on week-days. When the practice of bination on week-days was introduced, some of our Fathers applied the stipends for these Masses to the above mentioned purposes. Following this, some of our Provincials and Vicars have inquired whether this practice is legitimate or not and they wonder what should be done, as it is actually impossible to account for such Masses. Unfortunately our Indult granted us the privilege for Sundays and day of obligation only.



In order to clarify this matter, we have obtained from the Holy See another Indult which grants us the following privileges:

1. the condonation of all stipends of Masses binated on week-days in the past and duly assigned, de facto, to the various works of formation or for vocations of our Congregation;
2. the faculty henceforth to retain the stipends of Masses binated on week-days as well as on Sundays and days of obligation for the same vocation or formation purposes. Masses binated by Parish Priests and Vice-Parish Priests are excluded from the privilege, BUT ONLY IF THE ORDINARY SHOULD SO DEMAND.

Therefore, in order to derive the greatest benefit from the new indult, we have decided and do prescribe as follows:

1. All the Fathers of our Congregation (excepting those mentioned below in #3) who are duly authorized by their Ordinaries to binate, are to celebrate the second Mass for the intention of their Provincial or Vicar. The Provincials and Vicars will use the monies thus obtained for the support and development of their houses of formation in their Province or Vicariate: if there are none of these established in the territory, the funds will be spent for the recruitment of vocations.

## 2. THE INDULT

- a) extends only to a bination Mass, not to a third or trination Mass; that is to say, when three Masses are said, one only can be said for the intention of the Provincial Superior (besides of course the regular daily Mass for the intentions of the Superior: see the following par.
  - b) does not prevent daily Mass being celebrated for the intention of the local Superior, according to our Constitutions, and concerns in no way the three Masses permitted on Christmas Day and on November 1st, All Souls Day. c) extends also to Masses binated on week-days.
3. According to the very wording of our Indult, the Ordinary MAY demand for himself the stipends of Masses binated by our Fathers who are Parish Priests and Vice-Parish Priests in the sense explained below. Therefore, except in the case where the Ordinary does so demand these stipends for himself, our Fathers who are Parish Priests or Vice-Parish Priests are also bound by our present decision.

## 4. Parish Priests and Vice-Parish Priests

### I PARISH PRIEST (PASTOR) - Parochus

- a) By parish priest (or quasi parish priest in Vicariates and Apostolic Prefectures) is meant a pastor of souls in charge of a parish (or quasi-parish) with specific title as such, and canonically installed as such by the Ordinary. (Can. 451, 1)
- b) That there may truly and canonically be question of a parish or quasi-parish, there must be a delimited territory with its church designated as a parish or quasi-parish church, enclosing a certain population whose souls are confided to a priest designated as their

## II VICE PARISH PRIEST

Under this heading are meant all priests placed over a parish by the Ordinary and having full pastoral powers but without the title of parish priest. They can belong to one or the other of the following categories, which are variously designated in different countries:

- a) A priest in charge of a parish attached "pleno jure" to a religious house. (Vicarius actualis: Can. 471, 1)
  - b) A priest named to administrate a parish pending the nomination of the new Parish Priest. (Vicarius oeconomicus: Can. 472, 1)
  - c) A priest in charge of a parish that is vacant pending the nomination of a Vicarius oeconomicus or a new Parish priest. (Vicarius supplens)
  - d) A priest who, with the Bishop's approval, takes care of a parish during an absence of more than a week of the Parish Priest. (Vicarius substitutus: Can. 474)
  - e) A priest named by the Bishop to help a Parish Priest incapacitated or prevented from performing his functions, provided he governs the parish with full powers. (Vicarius coadjutor: Can. 475, 1)
5. However, as often as such Parish or Vice Parish Priest is called to binate outside his parish or quasi-parish, he is obliged in each case to do so for the intention of the Oblate Provincial. In such instances, he is not acting as Parish Priest but as an ordinary priest supplying in a place other than his parish.
6. By virtue of the faculties granted to us by the Indult, we hereby up to the present grant in turn the condonation for all stipends of Masses binated on week-days and duly assigned de facto, to Oblate formation or vocations; we grant further that in the future our Fathers may receive also stipends for Masses binated on week-days and apply these same stipends to the work of formation or for Oblate vocations.
7. Fathers who are thus bound to apply bination Masses for the intentions of the Provincial should faithfully make a signed entry of such Masses on a special page in the ordinary Mass register of the house.
- The local Bursar or whoever is responsible should make a quarterly report of such bination Masses to the Provincial Bursar. The Provincial will report annually to the Superior General the amount of funds received from these Masses and the purpose for which he has spent it.
8. Should any difficulty arise in observing these regulations, the matter is to be submitted to the Superior General for his decision.

You do know, dear Reverend Fathers, how anything that may help our recruiting is most dear to our heart especially in these times where requests for additional workers are constantly flooding our desk. May the present decision help increase our numbers and provide the Church with more Missionaries.

With renewed affection we thank you for your cooperation and we extend to you and to all the Oblates entrusted to your care our Paternal Blessing.

Religiously yours in J.C. and M.I.

Leo DESCHATELETS, O.M.I.  
Superior General



Dec. 10, 1962

Dear Fathers and Brothers:

**MEDICAL FORMS:**--The enclosed medical forms have been received from the Provincial and are to be filled out and returned here to Tokyo. They will be kept on file in case of future illnesses. This system has proved to be very helpful in other communities.



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**MASS CARDS:**--I am enclosing a sample copy of the new Mass cards that have just come off the press. There are two types; one has the words "With Deepest Sympathy" omitted so it can be used for the living. You can order the cards from here in the seminary. They are 5 yen a card but this does not come close to defraying the costs of printing.

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**LETTER FROM SISTER ELANORE JOSEPH, S.N.D.:**--..."Notre Dame certainly has many reasons for gratitude to you and the OMI's in Japan. I know that our prayers are small recompense for the ever-devoted services rendered, but I hope that they assist you, in some small way, for the works of the apostolate that are you and yours in abundance.

"I have asked Emmanuel's Tabernacle Society to send a few items (Benediction Cope, Veils) to the Seminary. Maybe they will be a material proof of our gratitude.

Gratefully in Notre Dame,

Sister Elanore Joseph, S.N.D.,  
Provincial Superior.

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**SNAPSHOTS:**--As I mentioned in a previous letter, we need two snapshots, head and shoulders, of each father and brother. A shot of the church or school or rectory would also be appreciated. These are for the files at Jamaicaway. If you send them to Tokyo, I will forward them all together.

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**MASS WINE:**--During my recent visit to Shikoku and Itami, I spoke to the Dominican Fathers about the possibility of getting wine in bulk from Spain as they do. It seems likely we will be able to get a shipment from Spain, but since the shipping distance is so great, it will certainly be Spring before our ship comes in. In the meantime....maaa!

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**END OF THE YEAR:**--To assist the Provincial Bursar in getting his reports off to Boston, I would appreciate it very much if pastors would get their December and Semi-annual reports in the mail by Christmas.

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**TOKUSHIMA GROUND-BREAKING:**--The ground-breaking for the church at Tokushima finally took place on the 27th of November, the Feast of the Apparitions of Our Lady. Fr. Reilly handled the M.C. job masterfully.

Best to all for a Blessed Christmas,  
P.Brady, O.M.I.  
V. Prov.