

NEWSLETTER: Feb. 1971



- Spring Ordination: Dave Ullrich will be ordained on March 24, by Archbishop Francis Furey, at the parish of the Blessed Sacrament, San Antonio, Texas. Our congratulations, Dave and also to your folks. Hope that your ordination at the parish in San Antonio will be an inspiration to many young men to join our ranks in the service of Christ.
- Hospital Patients: This past week - after consultation with the Superior of Kaisei Hospital and the check-up by an orthopedic specialist in Kyoto - Jerry Novotny was admitted to the hospital of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Kyoto for an operation on his spinal disc. The operation was successful and he will be in the hospital for several weeks before returning to Kochi the end of March. The address of the hospital is:
St. Joseph Seishien Byoo
6, Higashi Koobai-cho
Kita-ku, Kitano
Kyoto-shi
- The latest that I have from Ray Bourgoin is that there is a possibility of a stone in his gall bladder. Tests are being taken and we should know this week what course the Doctors will take in getting Ray back on the road to recovery.
- Tokyo Apostolate: After a discussion on the Tokyo Apostolate we have given permission to Jack Deely to take on a teaching post at Meiji University and to do pastoral work in Tokyo. The particulars of this are being worked out and will let you know what develops on it.
- Viet Nam: In a recent letter from Pat he mentioned that he will be in the Viet Nam area until June of this year - after his tour is up he will be in Japan - on way to his next assignment.
- Procurator: Bob recently sent on his check of three thousand five hundred dollars for the works of the Vice Province. Really appreciate the work that he is doing for us and hope that the financial help continues to come in - for money is quite tight now in the States.

Budget 1971:

This past week had a notice from Tom Reddy to the effect that this year we will be able to receive \$35,000. from the Eastern American Province for the support of our mission work. As always, we are deeply indebted to the work of the Fathers on the Mission Band who work so hard to keep the Catholics of the States interested in the development of the Church in Japan by their sacrifices - spiritual and material.

Health Insurance:

In the mail you have received the forms from Len concerning the health insurance that the Vice Province is taking out for all of us. Please cooperate by sending in your forms as soon as you can.

Seminary Grant:

Last year I made application to Propaganda for financial help for the Seminary in Tokyo. We received five thousand dollars for this year to relieve the finances of the seminary.

Classrooms added:

Due to the increase in applications for the kindergartens of Koga and Nakajimacho we have added two classrooms at Koga and at present are looking into an estimate for one in Kochi. Thanks to the cooperation received from the parents the donation of the province has been minimal. With Len and Ron giving so much of their time to the work of the schools we hope that their experience will benefit our other missions with schools.

Natrional Superiors' Meeting:

The spring meeting of the Superiors will take place within a few months. Possible themes: (given by the Tokyo Office) are:
Evangelization in a materialistic society.
Evangelization in an "economic animal".
Collaboration between Japanese priests and foreign missionaries.

The first two possible themes do not seem to be as practical as they should be for Superiors - if you have some suggestions please let me know as soon as possible - to forward them to the permanent secretary for consideration. Rather than a study session for superiors - I think that we should be considering more practical suggestions for ourselves and for the Bishops of Japan.

Closed TV:

While in Kyoto this past week I had a talk with Father Hyatt on the possibility of utilizing the process of closed TV for catechetics in Japan. Within a short time Japan will be producing cassettes for use on TV sets. Reels can be taped and utilized in the same fashion, with adaptors. Father Hyatt referred me to one of his Fathers, Father Walsh, in Tokyo; who is somewhat familiar with the same. (It was interesting to hear that the Franciscans had asked about the same) It would be good if the Superiors' Conference would be interested in utilizing this method of teaching catechetics - it seems that the closed TV could be used for many other purposes besides Catechetics.

YBU:

At the time that I met Father Hyatt he asked if there was a possibility of establishing a YBU Center in Shikoku. They are trying to decentralize their efforts of contact through Radio and TV - and for the distribution of Kokoro no Tomoshibi and the correspondence connected with this - in order to accomplish this they would like to have other Centers in Japan. I have asked Father Barton to check into the situation and when we have more information will let you know. Any suggestions or questions that you have on the above two works let me know them.

East Asia Pastoral Institute: The brochure for this year's course just came in the mail. Applications are being accepted by the school now. At the meeting in Takamatsu with the Bishop this past Thursday the Burgo Fathers asked if there couldn't be a team sent from Shikoku for next year's course. I suggested that Father Tanaka go as the Japanese Fathers representative. If there are any interested in the course for this year or for next year would you please notify me so that we can consider this at the coming council Meeting.

Catechists Training: (or -retraining) Last year we received two thousand dollars for our catechists. It was decided to use this money for their further education. Mike is checking into the courses that are available for the summer months and those parishes having catechists will be asked to attend them. Their full expenses will be paid from the

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funds that we have put aside for this.

Council Meeting:

The next Council Meeting will be held sometime around the end of February or the first of March. At that time we will be considering among other items: The Role of the Delegate for the Chapter: The Mission Meeting Agenda: Superiors' Meeting (National): other items mentioned in the newsletter. Any suggestions that you have, please send them either directly to me or to your council members.

February 17th

With best wishes to each and all on the Vice Province on this day - may we utilize the anniversary of the blessing of the Church upon our Congregation - whose members have served Christ under the protection of our Blessed Mother for so many years. to renew our dedication to the service of the people we have come to serve.



NEWSLETTER: April, 1971

Car Accident: Recently Jack Barrett was in a serious car accident. He fell asleep at the wheel of his car and completely demolished his car coming off one of the major throughways near his home. According to Dick Borang it took the firemen thirty minutes to free Jack from the car. Fortunately he had no serious complications from the accident. I have heard from Jack and he has been released from the hospital and resting at home. Thank God he came through it so lightly and that it will be only an adventure to match Pat Healy's and Ray Bourgoins.

Mission Congress: At the recent Council Meeting the agenda was discussed and approved. The material for this is in the mail. We have some three and a half months in which to make a good preparation for this gathering of the men on the mission.

Delegate: Congratulations from all on the mission to John Mahoney as the delegate from Japan for the General Chapter. He will have quite a bit of work trying to accumulate the opinions and suggestions of all for presentation at the InterProvincial Meeting and at the Chapter.

Second Vows: Congratulations also to Patrick Miyamoto on this occasion. May he be able to influence many more to join us in the service of the Church in Japan.

New Missionaries: Thanks to the cooperation of the Eastern American Province we are going to be able to welcome Robert Fitzpatrick to the mission in the Fall. Bob will be ordained in the Spring in Washington. Welcome to the Mission, Bob. In a recent letter from Father John Murphy, Provincial of the Philippine Province, he mentioned that he would be receiving one of his Philippine Scholastics. He is coming up for perpetual vows. Our sincere thanks to both Provinces for their sacrifice in sending us new missionaries.

New Mission - Kochi: As of this school semester Kochi University has a Full Assistant Professor of English - Jerry Novotny. As was suggested by many of the Fathers in the Kochi area over the years he will be taking up separate residence near the University in order to be more available to the students. Over week-ends he will continue to be with the Shinmonmachi Christian Community. We hope that the effortsspent in helping the students there and the help he will be giving to the two parishes in Kochi will be a contribution to the apostolate in Kochi City.

Full House: From April Tokyo will be just about a full house. The new seminarians from the Guadalupe, Viatorians, and Redemptorists have joined us in Tokyo. With them are about as many student boarders as we can take at the present. Dan Ward is acting Superior while Ray Bourgoin is resting up - after his recent illness.

Tokushima Mausoleum: The next topic is health insurance - didn't know which to put first. This Mausoleum is the third such one that we have built on the mission - joining Fukuoka and Itami. Building for this should begin soon - the funds have been raised - for the most part - by the Fathers and Catholics over the last several years in Tokushima.

Health Insurance: The recent policy has come through - for those who are not at present on a health insurance plan. You should be receiving your copy soon. Remember - this is just a hospitalization plan.

Bursars; General Meeting: Len Robitaille is representing the Asian Region at the Bursars' Meeting in Rome. During his absence Don LaFramboise is taking care of the chekks. The Aki Mission is being taken care of by the Kochi Fathers and Gerry Stevens from Ikeda.

Rescript: The rescript for Maicization for Bob Kellen arrived and was given him recently.



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May 20, 1971

Re.: ELECTION RESULTS OF THE ALTERNATE TO THE GENERAL CHAPTER.

On this 20 day of the month of May 1971, under the Chairmanship of Fr. Bertram N. Silver, O.M.I., Provincial of the Vice Province of Japan, assisted by Father Edward Lowney, O.M.I., and Father David Barton, O.M.I., as Tellers, the votes of the Electors of the Vice Province of Japan were examined and counted in view of the election of the Alternate to the General Chapter, according to Father Provincial's instructions to the Electors, in a letter dated March 19, April 24, 1971.

21 votes having been cast of which 21 were valid, the Provincial declared that a relative majority sufficed for this the second ballot. In this second balloting the record indicated the following:

Votes for Father Angelo Siani, O.M.I.	- 9
Votes for Father Ronald LaFramboise, O.M.I.	- 7
Votes for Xavier Delporte, O.M.I.	- 5

Father Angelo Siani, O.M.I., having received the relative majority of votes validly cast, was recognized and proclaimed Alternate to the General Chapter.

The election having been completed, the president enjoined the two tellers to burn all the voting ballots used. Then the certificate of election of the Alternate was drawn up and signed by the Provincial and the two Tellers, and sent to said Alternate.

The official record of the election was inserted in the Book for the Minutes of the Provincial Council, and an authentic copy was sent to the General Administration.

Done in Tokushima this 20 day of May, 1971.

Signed:

Bertram N. Silver, O.M.I.
Provincial

Edward Lowney, O.M.I.

David Barton, O.M.I.

3. In my estimation, the reason why the religious community I am a part of is not a force in society is that we don't intimately know

(circle one)

a. God b. each other c. the Scriptures d. needs of society

4. I find the quotation from Robert Raines (A WORD ON THE WORD)

(circle one)

a. right on target b. a bit exaggerated c. ridiculous

Phase Two:

1. If I were to take the Scripture passage seriously, it would mean

(circle one)

a. a radical change in my present values
b. a radical change in my lifestyle
c. a radical change in my relationship with people

2. I want the whole will of God in my life

(circle One)

a. all of the time b. most of the time c. some of the time
d. in a crisis e. vaguely f. I don't know

GROUP BIBLE STUDY

THE WORD:

"You are like salt for all mankind. But if salt loses its taste, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless; so it is thrown away and people walk on it.

"You are like the light for the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. Nobody lights a lamp to put it under a bowl; instead he puts it on the lamp-stand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and give praise to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:13-16

WORD ON THE WORD:

"A servant people inevitably becomes a witnessing community. When we identify ourselves with the sufferings of others who have no observable claim on us, the world takes note....

The leaven which was hid cannot be concealed any longer; the light is seen to be shining in the darkness; there is a community as obvious as a city set on a hill."

Robert Raines ("Reshaping Christian Life")

REFLECTION WORKSHEET:

Phase one:

1. The thought of being "salt for all mankind" and the "light for all the world" is something that

(circle one) a. leaves me cold

b. frightens me

b. grabs me

d. blows my mind

2. According to this passage, the Christian community should be a force in history by its

(number these 1 to 4 in order of importance)

-individual purity - radical lifestyle of love

-involvement in the needs of society - separation from society



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NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER, 1971

Mefu Report: The final copy of the notes of our Mission Meeting should be reaching you with this letter. This coming Monday I will be meeting with the council to go over the guidelines that were discussed at the Meeting. I am confident that the results will be beneficial for our present apostolic and spiritual renewal.

Regional Meeting: Philippines: The Meeting began in Cotabato on the second of August and went to the sixth. The daily sessions were long ones - At least six hours a day were spent in discussing the agenda for the coming Chapter. The next step is the final meeting that will take place in Hong Kong the first week in November. At that time the report for the Chapter from the Region will be prepared.

After the Meeting we all had an opportunity of visiting the Oblate Mission in Jolo. All were in admiration at the outstanding work that the Fathers and Brothers were doing there.

Before leaving Manila I met with the scholastic who will be coming to Japan - as soon as his visa comes through. His name is Eduardo Quicho - he has finished his first year of theology and is anxious to start his Japanese studies.

Oriental Religions: Fr. Michael Rodrigo, O.M.I. (Ceylon) - is presently teaching a course in Oriental Religions at Notre Dame College, Cotabato. In October he will be in Japan for a short time and I have asked him to share his knowledge with us in the form of two short seminars. At present he will be in Shikoku and Tokyo - some time in October - when I have his exact arrival dates I will let you know.

Retreats: At this time we will plan on having two "private" retreats together - at the Opus Dei House near Nishinomiya (Kobe Area). Please let me know by the 15th of this month which group you would like to join. The first one will begin Sept. 27 and go to the 1st of October; the second one: from Oct. 4-8.

In your prayers: Mrs. Mahoney returned from the hospital after an exploratory operation for cancer of the liver. Father Mahoney returns this week after having been with his mother for a few weeks. Mrs. Harr - who recently had a very bad heart-attack. Father Harr may anticipate his vacation to the States due to his mother's illness.

New Missionary: Welcome to Father Bob Fitzpatrick, O.M.I. - who arrived recently in Japan. Before starting his Japanese course at Roppongi he had an opportunity of visiting some of the missions. - Although he hasn't arrived yet - we also welcome to the mission Eduardo Quiocho - may many more follow them!

Catholic Graph: The November issue of the graph will have a feature article on Brother Tsuda. Any help that we can give to backing this modern approach to Mass Media will be appreciated.

News: For ourselves - the coming months' apostolic approaches and plans will be gathered and sent around to all - so that we will know what each one is trying to do here in Japan.

Personnel Inventory: To American Missionaries - a form has been enclosed. Please fill this out and send it back to me by return mail.



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Sept. 24, 1971

Preliminary investigation of sale of Tokyo property: As a result of a conference with Mr. Inokuma, Shitencho of the Sumitomo Bank, Shinjuku, we have asked their Real Estate Company to make investigations concerning the sale of the land in Tokyo. There is no commitment to them. If they come up with an offer that is satisfactory to us then we can accept it or reject it. If the Bank should make an offer to buy it directly (for dormitory) then the Real Estate Agent's fee of three percent is not required. However, if it turns out to be a private transaction then the fee is required. A professional estimate will be made on the value of the land. At present the property seems to be valued between 180 to 200 man per tsubo. Our present plans are to sell eight hundred of the 1000 tsubo and hold on to the 200 tsubo (the section with the small Japanese house on it). Will keep you informed of developments.

University students at the house in Tokyo: The students have been notified that as of the first semester of the coming year they will have to find other rooming facilities. Letters to this affect will be sent to their parents and pastors. Even if the land should not be sold by this time we will not continue taking university students.

Seminarians at the house in Tokyo: These students also have been notified of our selling plans. There does not seem to be any difficulty in these students finding suitable lodging in Tokyo.

Language students: Courses there began on the 13th. Bob was there for the beginning - a full schedule. Each year the school seems to be improving its teaching methods. Eduardo arrived a little late - but there should be no difficulty in making up the seven or eight days of missed class.

Eduardo: I hoped to be in Tokyo to welcome him - but it didn't work out that way. But the men in Tokyo have been taking him around to the various offices, school, etc. Welcome to Japan, Ed, from all the Oblates and will be looking forward to seeing you during your Christmas vacation.

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Material regarding Religious Corporations: While in Tokyo I had a conference with the head of Education at the National Catholic Committee. Most of the time was spent in trying to clarify some of the particulars of Shuukyoo Hoojin and Gakkoo Hoojin. This is something that we should be familiar with as it applies to ourselves - not only with regard our work but also as individuals - members of a hoojin. Ray is sending to each house a recent publication by a Jesuit on this matter.

Jack Barrett: Jack is in the last stages of his studies in the States - a recent letter gave a listing of his studies. Propaganda in International Affairs, Public Relations Principles and Practice, Public Relations for Health, Education and Welfare, Writing for PR, Communication Research Methods, Theory and Process (of Communication), Media Techniques in PR, Seminar in Values, Institutional Development, Television Workshop, Behavioral Factors in PR, City Room Practice (Newspaper Journalism), Film Studies and TV, Lectures on Japanese Politics (at Harvard).

Dave Ullrich: Started his semester at the University of the United States, San Diego, California - he will be working for his MA in Sociology. We hope that all of the information that will be gathered by these three will be of help to each one of us, and to the Church in Japan during the coming years.

Fr. Rodrigo, O.M.I. who was to visit us and give some talks on Oriental Religions will not be coming. Father wrote mentioning that due to lack of time he will not be able to come at this time - but will send some material for our use - and hopes to be able to visit the mission for a longer time some time in the future. Sorry about this!

Mission Meeting recommendations: Is being prepared and should reach you soon.