



Jan. 2, 1972

Council Meeting: This coming Tuesday, Feb. 8, there will be a council meeting in Tokushima. At this time there will be two points for discussion and a decision: Sale of the Tokyo property and the possibility of a Japanese Diocesan Father coming to Shinhonmachi as Pastor.

Tokyo property: Two offers have been made to us through the efforts of Mr. Inokuma of the Sumitomo Bank, Tokyo. Of the two the one that seems to be the best is for 205,000 per tsubo. If the sale is agreed upon then after the brokerage fee is deducted it would leave the sum of 2,000,000,000 yen. In the event that the sale is agreed upon then we will discuss the manner in which permission will be asked from Rome for the use of the above sum. After a certain amount of yen is deducted from the total and the rest put in deposits an average of thirty to thirty five thousand dollars could be received annually from the interest of the deposit. This would enable the Vice Province to meet its minimum expenses annually. The budget being received from the Eastern American Province would cease - enabling the Home Province to give this sum to other mission works. The Diocese and the Jesuits have been offered an opportunity for purchasing our land and buildings however it does not seem that they have a use for it at this time. Our thanks to Fathers Robitaille and Bourgoin and Mr. Fujino for sitting in on the most recent discussion on the offer.

Japanese Diocesan Father for Shinhonmachi: After consulting the Bishop of Takamatsu several times there is now a good possibility that Father Matsunaga will be able to go to Shinhonmachi as Pastor. This is not only the desire of the Oblates but also that of the people of the parish in Kochi. The Bishop is to notify me by the 8th with regard his decision on this.

Ikeda Rectory: The first stage of reconstructing the buildings in Ikeda has begun. The ground was broken and the foundation begun the first week in January. At present the rectory will come to the sum of ~~KKK~~ 7,700,000. Adjoining the rectory we will try to build a small hall-chapel mission.

Fathers Barrett and Bonang: Both of these Fathers will be returning to the mission shortly. Recently I received a copy of the paper that Father Bonang submitted to Harvard for his degree - this will be distributed to the mission for your perusal. Congratulations to both of them for the hard work they put in on their courses. After their return we will try to make plans for them to visit the missions so that we can benefit from their experiences.

Father Harr's Mother: Father wrote recently that his mother is having further complications - we join in offering our prayers for her and for the rest of the family at this time.

Language Students: Recently Father Fitzpatrick transferred from the Roppongi School to the Naganuma School in Kyoto. Presently he is trying to commute from Itami to Kyoto daily for classes. Hope that the new classes will work out well. Eduardo will be staying at the Roppongi school. Father DeFruyt is with the Fransiscans at Denenchoofu in Tokyo taking private lessons and taking advantage of various apostolic works in the area.

Tokushima Land: There are two families in Tokushima that would like to buy the land that we have near the Xaverian Sisters. This will be taken up also at the coming meeting.

Most of the Reports for the coming Chapter have arrived and there will be more special reports coming. If there are any comments or suggestions that you have for the chapter deliberations you can send them to either Father Mahoney or me. Our present departure date is set for some time around the 20th of March.

This month I plan on visiting Tokyo, Fukuoka and Kochi - there are two meetings coming up in Takamatsu with the Bishop - one is his council meeting the 11th and one the middle of the month. I will let you know when I shall be dropping in.



Feb. 17, 1972

Shinhonmachi: The possibility of having a Diocesan Father come to Shinhonmachi has been discussed in council and twice since with the Bishop and his council and with the Bishop, Father Ikeda and Father Matsunaga. Everything seems to be proceeding well. This coming week Father Matsunaga will go to Kochi to discuss the request. After this we should have something definite to report.

Nakamura: Father Bill Maher will be returning for his vacation in April to the States. While he is absent we will maintain the mission station and the people of the area will be informed that Father will be returning to the Nakamura Mission - so that they will not think we are abandoning the efforts so well made there. The Bishop has been asked about the possibility of his investing funds for land in the Nakamura area - to which he honestly answered that he does not have sufficient funds for this and asks that the Oblates keep this in mind in allocating funds for mission development in the Diocese. After Bill's return he will be able to do some study on the situation and we can then make a decision on this at a later date.

Contracts: The matter discussed at Mefu was mentioned to Bishop Tanaka and he is wholly in favor of this method of acting - withholding making a contract at this time. As a matter of fact, the Bishop mentioned that he saw no particular need, at this time, for going into the question of contracts; that he is more than satisfied with the manner of our operating in the Diocese.

Clarification: Recently Father LaFramboise has been informed that the work of the Night School and the Kindergarten is his prime apostolate. The same type of clarification will be made for Father Novotny and the Christians of both parishes notified of this. Naturally the Bishop has been consulted on this and he is in favor of this step.

Bishop's council: As you know the council of the Bishop of Takamatsu is made up at present of three Provincials and two Japanese Fathers. Recently I asked that with the three provincials an elected missionary attend the sessions (one for each area - Oblate, Burgo, Dominican). The Bishop said that he would take this into consideration.

Ordination: Brother Hahn will be returning to the States this month to make final preparations for his coming ordination. Fran will be ordained at St. Bartholemew's in Buffalo on the 29th of April by Bishop Fitzpatrick of Brownsville, Texas (former pastor of his parish). Congratulations from all on the mission to you - your Father and relatives, Fran.

Fr. Barrett returns to mission: Welcome back, Jack! It was a long time studying - good to have you with us again. We know that you are waiting to get to see the men once more and get to work.

Permission to sell Tokyo: After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of selling the Tokyo land it was agreed to sell to the Taihei Kogyo Co for the final selling price of \$644,000.00 (six hundred and forty-four thousand dollars - American). It was decided that there was no need to decide immediately how the money will be invested. A thorough investigation will be started as to the most sound way of utilizing the funds - then we will consult with the Eastern American Province and permission will be asked for from Rome.

Inventory: A select number of Fathers will be asked to be in charge of the inventory of the goods of Tokyo. The list will be made available to all the houses... preferences will be established. In the case of duplication of requests we will have to make a decision at that time.

Future of Tokyo apostolate: This coming week I will discuss this with the community in Tokyo and see what we can come up with.

Budget approval for 1972: Once more the Eastern American Province has been most generous in allocating the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars for our ordinary allotment for 1972. Even though they themselves are under a financial strain in the home province they have been able to secure this amount for our mission use - our thanks to the efforts of the Fathers in the States for their interest in our mission endeavors.

Tokushima land Sale: At this time we have decided not to go ahead with the sale of our land there.

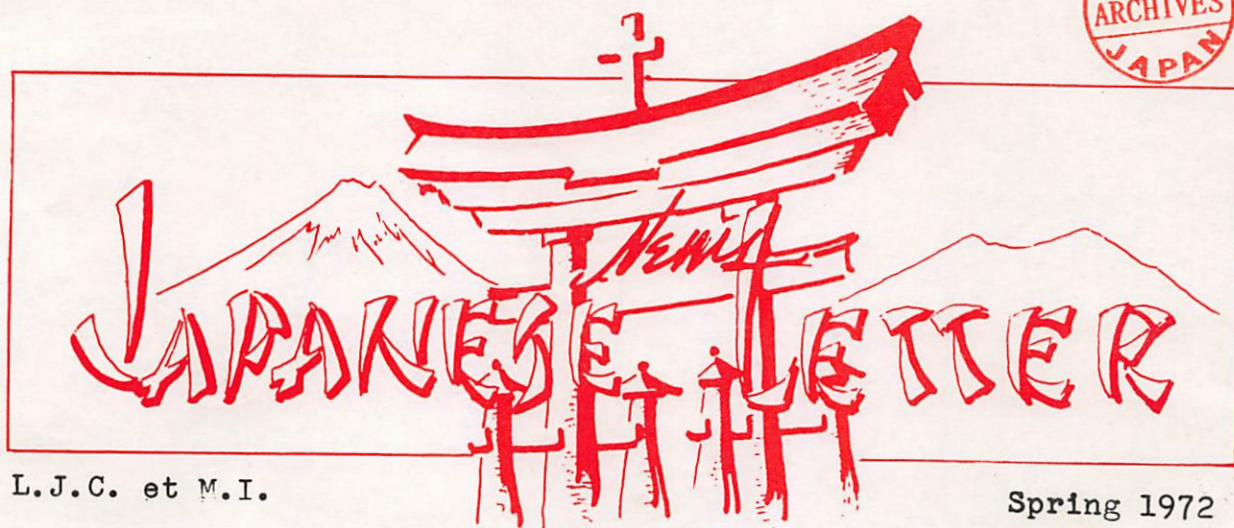
Ikeda Building: After the present rectory is finished in April a combination chapel-hall will be built - plans are being worked on.

Visits to missions: Tentative dates for visit to the missions: 18th to the 26 - Tokyo. 1st to the 4th March-Fukuoka. 6th to 10th - Kochi. If there is any change I will be sure to let you know.

Fr. Mahoney: Final reports are coming in for the Chapter. John will be making contact with the various areas for his visit to see you concerning any suggestions you may have for the Chapter.

Chapter preparations: As we enter the season of Lent I ask that you keep the Chapter in your prayers that the Holy Spirit will guide us in the spirit of the Founder that the deliberations at the Chapter will be beneficial for the work that we have as missionaries in the world.

Acting Provincial: During my absence Father Lowey has been asked to take care of the mission business.



L.J.C. et M.I.

Spring 1972

PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION ADDRESS CHANGED

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Change effective from April 15, 1972.

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

of Rev. Francis J. Hahn, O.M.I. is happily announced by the Japanese Province. Fr. Hahn completed his theological studies in Tokyo and will be ordained at St. Bartholomews Church, 335 Grider St., Buffalo, New York by the former Pastor, Most Rev. John J. Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Brownsville, Texas. The date, April 29, 1972, was chosen because it is a national holiday in Japan to fete the Emperor's birthday. The ordination will be at 10:30 A.M. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered at St. Bartholomews on Sunday, April 30th at 7:30 P.M. The entire Province joins in extending congratulations to Fr. Hahn and to his Family. The newly ordained missionary will return to Japan in September to take up his work at Nakajima-cho Mission in Kochi. While in the U.S. his address: 101 St. Amelia Drive, Town of Tonawanda, N.Y. 14150.

THIRD TEMPORARY VOWS

were offered to God as an Oblate of Mary Immaculate by Japanese Scholastic Brother Patrick Miyamoto at a concelebrated Mass by the Tokyo Community on April 17, 1972. Bro. Miyamoto received Tonsure and Minor Orders on Dec. 19th. He is beginning his third year of theological studies.

GENERAL CHAPTER DELEGATES

from Japan are Very Rev. Bertram N. Silver, O.M.I., Provincial, and Rev. John K. Mahoney, O.M.I., Director of Anan Mission.

ACTING PROVINCIAL

while Fr. Silver is at the General Chapter is First Consultor Rev. Edward Lowney, O.M.I. His address: Catholic Mission, 1-2 Chome, Tokushima Honcho, Tokushima 770, Japan. Tel. 0886-52-6215.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS (effective Oct. 1972)

Rev. Leonard F. Robitaille, OMI, Provincial Bursar, to Ikeda
 Rev. Daniel Ward, OMI to Aki as Director
 Rev. Jose DeFruyt, OMI to Aki
 Rev. Richard Bonang, OMI to Tokushima
 Rev. Francis Hahn, OMI to Kochi Nakajima-cho

NEW MISSIONARIES ARRIVE

to increase the personnel of the Japanese Province. From Our Lady of Hope Province (Eastern USA) we welcome Rev. Robert FitzPatrick, OMI. Fr. FitzPatrick, who hails from New Jersey, received his B.A. and was ordained at Oblate College, Washington, D.C. The thanks of the Japanese Province are extended to all the members of the Province of Our Lady of Hope and in particular to the Provincial, Very Rev. Thomas J. Reddy, OMI.

From the Philippine Province we are happy to welcome Brother Eduardo Quiocho, OMI whose home is in Cotobato. Bro. Quiocho has studied at Mapua Institute of Technology, Notre Dame University in Cotobato and received his B.A. from Ateneo de Manila University in 1970. Again, our sincere thanks to the Philippine Province and in particular to the Provincial, Very Rev. John Murphy, OMI.

Fr. FitzPatrick is currently stationed in Itami and attending the Naganuma Japanese Language Institute in Kyoto.

Bro. Quiocho is studying at the Franciscan Japanese Language School at Roppongi in Tokyo.

TOKYO PROPERTY SOLD

after ten years of providing for our Tokyo Community, priests and seminarians, seminarians of several religious congregations and lay students. Due to the high cost of maintenance the General Meeting voted to sell the property. A smaller piece of land with a house has been bought in the same general area to enable the Tokyo Community to continue the apostolic works for which foundations have been laid. As of April 15, 1972, the NEW TOKYO ADDRESS:

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RENEWAL OF IKEDA MISSION

will reach the halfway mark in construction with the completion of the new rectory in late April to replace the temporary structure in use since 1961. Constuction will continue on the chapel-hall-office combination. Completion is scheduled for early Fall.

Ikeda is geographically the approximate center of the island of Shikoku (the diocese of Takamatsu). The central library for the mission will be housed here and room will be available for diocesan and Oblate gatherings. With the improved road system the Ikeda Mission is 1½ hours equi-distant from Oblate missions in Kochi and Tokushima areas. The Ikeda Mission was opened by the Spanish Dominicans in 1933.

KOCHI INSTITUTE FOR ADULT EDUCATION

(Seibo Gakuen) expects to surpass its record 1971 enrollment. Fr. Ronald LaFramboise, OMI, Director of this OMI Apostolate, has obtained the services of Rev. Thomas McNulty OFM (Denver, USA), a physicist and scientist, for the new school term opening April 10th.

A new course in Chinese was dropped from the curriculum due to insufficient enrollment. Seibo Gakuen provides courses for Adults in English, French, Spanish, Business Accounting, Typing, Philosophy, Ballroom Dancing and Western (occidental) Cooking.

KOCHI SHINHONMACHI MISSION

welcomes as its new Pastor and Director, Rev. John Yoji Matsunaga of the diocese of Takamatsu (all Shikoku). In an agreement with Most Rev. Francis Tanaka, Bishop of Takamatsu, Fr. Provincial announces that Fr. Matsunaga will take over the work of the parish and release Rev. Xavier Delporte OMI for missionary works geared principally to non-Christians in the area.

TOKYO ART EXHIBIT

of Bro. Joseph Tsuda OMI will be held from July 12-18 at the Nichido Gallery at Sukiya-bashi in downtown Tokyo. Bro Tsuda, the first Japanese Oblate, has received national acclaim for his exhibits in Tokushima, Fukuoka and Osaka. He will present over 60 new paintings to the public at the coming exhibition. The 73 year old Oblate, who enjoys the sight of only one eye, gives regular instructions in art as well as in catechetics. He is stationed at our Anan Mission.

THE MONTESSORI METHOD

of instructing very young children is being studied and adapted for Japan by Rev. Leonard Inui OMI, Director of the Oblate Pre-School Education Apostolate and his staff at our school in Koga.

NEW OSSUARY DEDICATED

at Tokushima Mission by Most Rev. Francis Tanaka, has 250 sections for the ashes of the dead. (Cremation is permitted in Japan as a traditional form of burial.) Inside the new chapel-like structure adjoining the church, another Oblate artist, Rev. Daniel Ward OMI, has painted a resurrected Christ.

RADIO APOSTOLATE

in the Tokushima area in cooperation with Maryknoll's Good Shepherd Movement has brought requests from over 800 non-Christians for the thought provoking "Light of the Heart" monthly leaflet. The four page newspaper is mailed monthly from our Tokushima Mission. Free of charge, it is designed to lead gradually to a catechetical correspondence course now in use throughout Japan.

Each OMI district sponsors the daily Good Shepherd radio program. Broadcast by over 55 stations, the programs cover Japan.

BETHEL BIBLE INSTITUTE

in Hakone was attended by Oblate Frs. Lowney, Mahoney, Williams, T. Maher, Siani and DeFruyt. In an intensive ten day course the Lutheran-sponsored Bible study for adults seeks to train teachers to give the two year course. The lectures highlight the Old Testament, stressing the history of the Jews as the Chosen People.

Persons applying for courses given by these qualified teachers must promise to continue for the two year duration, to read the Bible one hour every day and to attend the weekly study meetings.

JAPAN OBLATES IN THE NEWS

The Japanese Province salutes FR. PATRICK HEALY OMI who celebrates his Silver Anniversary (25 yrs.) of priesthood in May. Fr. Healy, former Rector of Our Lady of Hope Seminary in Tokyo, is on leave as Chaplain to the U.S. armed forces. Having served in Vietnam this Missionary is now serving in Germany. Ad multos annos! Fr. Healy's latest address: Ch. (Capt.) Patrick Healy, 031073690 2D BDE. 3rd Armored Div., APO N.Y. 09091.

After a year and a half of study in the U.S., FR. RICHARD BONANG OMI received the degree of Master of Arts in East Asian Studies from Harvard University. The course included Oriental Cultural Studies, Social Anthropology, Japanese Literature, Japanese Sociology, etc.

Also returned to Japan after courses at Boston University, Boston College and Harvard is FR. JOHN W. BARRETT OMI. Fr. Barrett obtained the degree of Master of Science in Public Relations. He was able to gain a broad background in the field of Social Communications through courses in Journalism, TV and Radio, Social Psychology, etc. Several of his course papers have been published.

Presently studying in the field of Counseling and Human Relations at the United States International University in San Diego, Cal. is FR. DAVID ULLRICH OMI. He will complete his courses in August. Until then he may be reached at: Bl. Sacrament Church, 4540 El Cerrito Drive, San Diego, Cal. 92115. Tel. 582-5722

FR. JEROME NOVOTNY OMI, of the Kochi Shinhonmachi Community is now a full staff member as Professor at Kochi University. Fr. Novotny teaches English Composition and English Conversation in both the Education Dept. and in the Liberal Arts Dept. He pioneered an apostolate to the workers in Kochi City by working alongside them in both the General Fish Market and in the shipbuilding industry. Visa regulations prohibiting such work by missionaries forced the abandonment of this type of apostolate.

FR. DANIEL WARD OMI has just completed the translation into Japanese of "A Parish Catechumenate" by Joseph V. Gallagher CSP. The book is divided into two parts: 1) the instruction section and 2) the 'Preparation for Baptism'. The course is based entirely on the Bible. Fr. Ward returned to Japan in 1970 after completing his courses in Advanced Japanese at Georgetown University in Washington.

ON LEAVE: FR. GERARD STEVENS, OMI of our Ikeda Mission. His home address: Leiestraat, 18, Baarle-Drongen, Belgium.
FR. WILLIAM MAHER, OMI of our Nakamura Mission (Kochi District). His stateside address: c/o 7710 Paxton Ave. Chicago, Ill. 60649

FR. RICHARD HARR, OMI of our Fukuoka Mission will be returning to Japan on April 29th.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

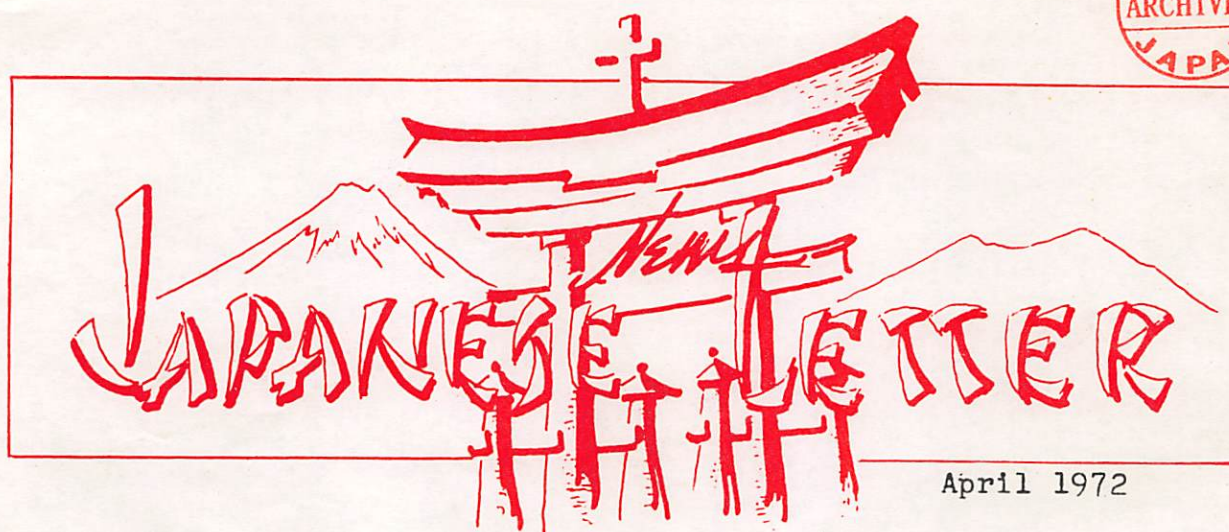
The charity of your prayers is requested for the soul of
-the Mother of Fr. John K. Mahoney OMI of our Anan Community
-the Mother of Fr. Richard Harr OMI of our Fukuoka Community.

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Until the next Newsletter, best wishes from the Oblates in Japan!
In the meantime.... "WHY NOT....?"

Mend a quarrel.
Seek out a forgotten friend.
Dismiss suspicion and replace with trust.
Write a love letter.
Share some treasure.
Give a soft answer.
Encourage youth.
Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.
Keep a promise.
Find the time.
Forego a grudge.
Forgive an enemy.
Listen.
Apologize if you are wrong.
Try to understand
Banish envy.
Ease your demands on others.
Think first of someone else.
Appreciate.
Be kind and gentle.
Laugh a little.
Laugh a little more.
Deserve confidence.
Return charity for malice.
Decry complacency.
Express your gratitude.
Go to church.
Welcome a stranger.
Gladden the heart of a child.
Take pleasure in the beauty
and wonder of the earth. --Anon"

WHY NOT?



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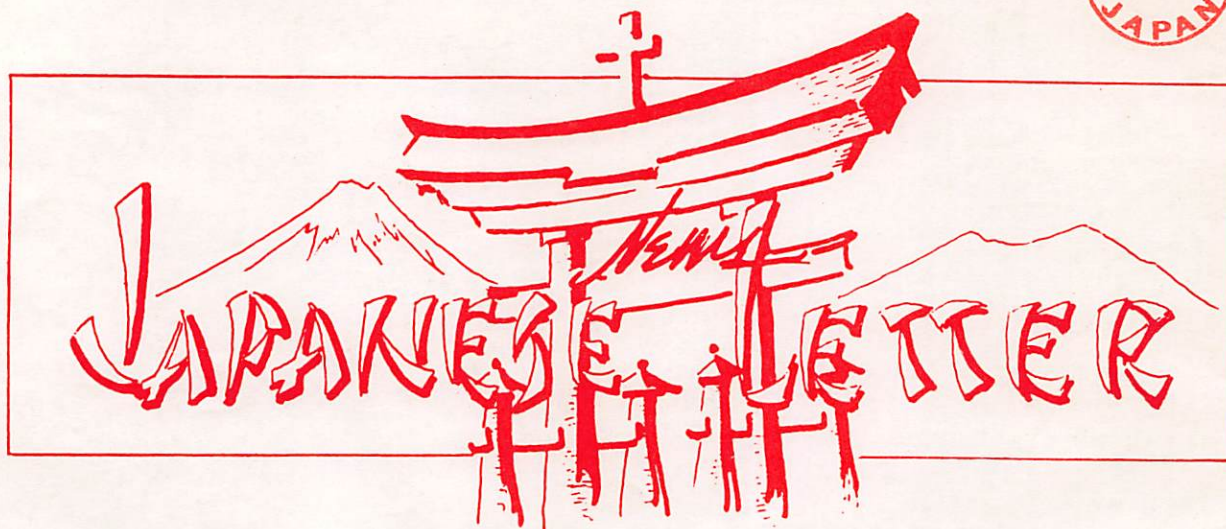
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Aug. 29, 1972

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Summer is slowly coming to a close - and with it starts the resumption of your full mission programs.

Within a few weeks most of the Fathers "abroad" will be returning to Japan. From the letters that have come all seemed to be quite busy; with study, mission talks, and with visits with their families. It will be good to have the group together once more.

With the beginning of the work in the Fall the changes mentioned to you in the spring will become effective. Dan Ward will be going to Aki this week - shortly after Len Robitaille will head for Ikeda. Dick Bonang will go to Tokushima and Jose DeFruyt will stay in Anan until John Mahoney arrives back the 10th of September - and after John gets back Jose will join Dan in Aki. Fran Hahn is supposed to be back in Japan in September and as soon as he can he will make plans to go to Tokushima - Fran will be helping out in Takamatsu and Tokushima. It has not been decided where Dave Ullrich will be going. Mike Yamazaki will be in Akita with the AishiKai Sisters - the first term of the arrangement will be until April of next year.

I hope that the above mentioned changes will prove effective for the mission work we have taken on. In order to continue to be effective instruments of Christ it is necessary not only to renew our dedication to the work but also it is important for us to continually renew our spiritual lives. Without this review of our own lives our work becomes shallow - to say the least. We can accomplish this most fruitfully at our monthly gatherings, our get togethers during the week. An atmosphere should had whereby we share willingly with each other our apostolic experiences. Such an atmosphere of renewal is most fittingly found in time set aside for spiritual renewal in community - concelebration, periods of the "office" said together, homilies exchanged. The day, the manner of such gatherings, the extent of such gatherings, I leave up to the Fathers in each area. I would appreciate hearing from you about the dates of such gatherings so that I can make an effort to attend.

You should have received your copies of the first two brief outlines of the Chapter themes on administrative structures and missionary outlook. Both of these themes can be used for discussion at our gatherings for the coming months.

In Christ and Mary,
Bert Silver, O.M.I., Pro.



Nov. 1972

John Iwo: After several years of cooperating in the missionary endeavors in Brazil, it is good to have John back in Japan. From December 6th John will be working with Eddie Williams and Jan in Itami.

Ed Lowney: In a recent letter from Eddie he mentioned that the Renewal Course was coming along well. The only difficulty so far was that he had to spend a few days in the hospital in Rome. After two trips to the hospital he is feeling a little better. The schedule in Rome must have thrown off his diet....

Korea Probe: The first week in December I plan on visiting Korea to find out more information as to what work would be available for the Oblates - should we recommend opening a new mission. Father Forbes - General Councillor for Asia - will join me on this trip. The information that will be gathered from the visit will be discussed at the Asian Provincials' Meeting - scheduled for February in Australia. The recommendations of this discussion will then be sent on to the General Administration's Meeting in Ceylon. Any and all ideas - pro and con - for the opening of the mission in Korea will be greatly appreciated. --- What province, or vice province, should open the mission? What nationality of missionaries should go to Korea? What types of missionary work should be considered? etc.....

Jack Barrett: The most recent news from Jack is that he is making application for work in the Diocese of Worcester, Mass.

Visitors: Just before Christmas Fathers King and Valbuena (General Councillors for United States and South America) will be arriving in Japan for a short visit.

Allotment for Vice Province to cease: From this coming year (1973) the annual allotment that the mission was receiving from the Eastern American Province will cease...this is upon agreement with them due to the fact that our investments will meet our annual ordinary expenses. I am sure that you join with me in extending our appreciation for all the help that this Province has given to the mission of Japan over the years.