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NEWSLETTER



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ALTERNATE TO GENERAL CHAPTER:

Fr. Michael Yamasaki was elected Alternate delegate in the second ballot. The votes were counted in Kochi, Jan. 4th by A. Siani and N. Jao. The 22 valid votes cast were apportioned as follows.

M. Yamasaki	7	R. Bourgoin	1	J. DeFruyt	1
A. Siani	7	B. Silver	5	W. Maher	1

In a second ballot, the man with the highest number of votes is considered elected, but in the case of a tie, the one who is senior by profession, or if both have made profession on the same day, it is the one who is senior by age. Both Mike and Ange made their profession in Tewksbury on the same day, so.....

REVISION OF CONSTITUTIONS AND RULES:

By now, everyone should have received a copy of the proposed revised text of the 'Constitutions and Rules'. As Fr. Jette asks in his introductory letter, we are all encouraged to make a close study and submit our opinions on this text by June 1st. The District Coordinators have been asked to organize meetings for this purpose. The cooperation of all Oblates in this process is very important to assure that the text reflects the living charism of the Oblates, and that the revised text, when approved by the Chapter, become a meaningful guideline for our life and not just a nice book to decorate our library with - though the present format does not fit well on most bookshelves....The District Coordinators will meet with the Chapter Delegate in May to prepare a report on these district meetings.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Feb. 4	Jose DeFruyt's 35th birthday
Feb. 15	Len Inui's 45th birthday
Feb. 22	Xave.Tosa's 27th ordination anniversary
Feb. 29	Jerry Novotny's 10th birthday (he only has one every four years!)
March 19	Ray Bourgoin's 14th ordination anniversary
March 23	Bill Maher's 42nd birthday
March 27	Ron LaFramboise's 13th ordination anniversary and Wency Laguidao's 4th ordination anniversary.

UPDATED ADDRESS LIST:

Ray Bourgoin was so kind as to prepare the enclosed updated list of addresses in Japanese, and xerox a copy for everyone. Thanks Ray!

DIRECTED RETREAT AVAILABLE:

There is a private directed retreat available March 22-29 at the Maryknoll retreat center on lake Biwa. Anyone interested should contact Sr. Lidia, tel. 0775-79-2884. Direction is available in english or japanese. -- Mr. Nishikawa, catechist in Itami, attended one there during the New Year's holidays. He was very happy with the experience. He comments, "I don't think I have prayed so much in all my life".

MOTHER TERESA FILM IN KOCHI AND TOKUSHIMA:

After two successful showings of the "World of Mother Teresa", attended by 300 people in Kochi in November, the Kochi Laymen's Council has decided to hold three more showings on February 9th at the Radio Kochi Hall - 700 seat capacity. Mr. Chiba, director of the film will also give a lecture on his motives and experience making the film. Tom Maher has arranged a showing and lecture at the Kochi Prison for the morning of February 10th. The Tokushima Catholic Youth Group under the direction of Ed Quiocho are sponsoring four more showings at the Tokushima church on Feb. 10th and 11th. -- A young man who saw the movie in Kochi last November says, "Now I know what love is. I saw it alive."

KAMOJIMA DAY NURSERY FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED OPENS:

Mr. Fumio Abe has launched his long dreamt of day nursery for mentally handicapped children in Kamojima. A copy of the "Project Description" are enclosed with this newsletter. In an effort to cooperate with and involve laymen in the apostolate, the Council has agreed to back this project in as much as possible. The Province has budgeted 1,500,000yen for this project for its first year. The project saw its birth January 15th in a small house behind the railroad station in Kamojima. A bigger house on the main street in front of the station will be available in the summer. There is also a room available at all times for Mass for the christian community in the Kamojima area. We wish Abe-san all the best in this project which has grown out of a desire to give witness to the spirit of Christ in society.

BILL MAHER

This issue starts the third year of the Newsletter and I think words of thanks and congratulations are due to everybody for the caring and sharing that we've managed in the past two years. Although I'm sure it's had a great value it's one of those intangibles that can't always be readily caculated in facts and figures. Keredomo Gambare mashoo!

We have received some material which is rather long and although it's good material it would be quite expensive to make copies for each man. So we'll circulate copies of the material in each district and each one can feel free to read or not read, copy or not copy each, what we will call, Inter-Province Sharing Packs. We'll try this a few times and then ask your opinions about it.

The first "Pack", will be a copy of extensive notes taken by Fran Hahn at the Retreat given by Ron Carignan in Hiroshima last year, as well as some connected material that Ron left us. When you receive the "Pack", please take as much time as you need to peruse it and then pass it on to the next fellow. Other materials will be circulated later and if you have longer articles that you think might be of interest please let us know or feel free to make a "Pack" for circulation on your own.

The end of Dec. and the beginning of this year were filled with interesting events. First the shisai kenkyuukai in Takamatsu. About forty or fifty priests and sisters gathered to study the Seisho 100 Shuukan course under the able direction of its' originator Fr. Le Dorze. I'm giving this course now and I highly recommend it.

This ended with the Shisai Boonenkai, a sumptuous affair held at the same hotel as the study session. I'm sure this is the first time these immaculately dressed waiters had ever attended to a feast of this kind of clientele. Picture a row of buffet tables, groaning under platters of the finest French cuisine. And around the tables gathered thirty or so priests dressed in everything imaginable, from roman collars to pull-over sweaters. A toast with fine European wine sent by the Apostolic Delegate and an announcement by Fr. Cirilo from Emmaus, that he wanted us to save old newspapers and old clothes for his work with the poor. Then after a few hours of pleasant conversation and hearty eating, the distinguished guests asked for doggy-bags and took the leftovers home with them.

I drove back from Takamatsu to Tokushima with Bro. Tsuda and Jose and on the way we made a brief stop to see the new site and buildings at Naruto. Bert is to be complimented on the wonderful job he's done there. It looks like a million dollars. I spent a night in Tokushima where quite a group were gathered, including Ron LaFramboise and Dick Bonang. The next day we had six at a celebrated Mass. Then back to Kochi for a feast at the Notre Dame Sisters. New Years was busy with visiting the Catholics and over eating, but I'm now back to the usual schedule well relaxed by the holidays.

He can be seen wielding the "Keisaku" with the touch of a "master". A group of catholics gathers each week in the house chapel for zen meditation. After reciting vespers, they fold their legs zen style and meditate. The only sound to be heard throughout the house is the occasional crack of the "Keisaku".

キリスト教会で座禅

足を組み、姿勢を正してめい想にふける。座禅。この最も東洋的ともいえる座禅に取り組み、修行、しているカトリックの外人神父さんが徳島市内にいる。カトリックといえばキリスト教の中でも戒律が厳しいことで知られており、奇異とも見えるこの取り合わせ。神父さんと一緒に10人ほどの信徒

が座禅に参加しているが、批判的な信徒もいるようだ。それでも神父さんは「日本で宣教する以上、日本を理解しなければならない。そのために最も日本的なものとして座禅が浮かんだ。座禅は辛い、行、です。それに耐えることが自分の心を鍛えることにつながる」と熱心だ。

徳島市
内島

雑念払い 祈り深める



白衣姿で信徒に警策を振りおろすキオチヨ神父
(徳島市徳島本町二丁目カトリック教会)

外人神父自ら警策

組む。足を組み、意識がうつれ、何度かめめよかと思つたといふ。しかし、終わった時の洗ひ清められたような心境。勉強のために習っていた道も根本は座禅と同じと聞かされて、本格的に取り組んだ。

五十一年春、徳島の教会へ。徳島市三軒屋町二丁目 臨済宗徳潮院(西村宗範住職)で月一回、行

徳島市徳島本町二丁目 徳島聖パウロ三木カトリック教会のエドワード・キオチヨ神父(言)がその人。フイリン出身。四十六年九月、来日。日本諸学校に通い、上智大学の神学生になった。東京にいた時、先輩に勧められて一週間の座禅に参加した。アジアの中でも特異な文化を持つ日本。日本人の心をつかもうと思つて初めて足を組んで座禅をした。最初は四合に達したがいまでは十合以上の参加者があふれる。座禅のあと座談会。入信のきっかけを話し合ったりキリスト教や仏教などの本も読む。

われている座禅の例会にも参加するようになった。そして教会でも信徒と一緒に座禅。

毎週木曜日の午後八時から約一時間、聖堂のキリスト像の前で足を組む。最初は四合に達したがいまでは十合以上の参加者があふれる。座禅のあと座談会。入信のきっかけを話し合ったりキリスト教や仏教などの本も読む。

数珠に共通点があるのではと思つた。うづなになりました。また座禅の苦しい時にはキリストの殉教のことを考えたり、自分自身をもつと深く知るよう努めている。たとえ座禅をしていても神は私のそばにいて信じています」というキオチヨ神父。

昭和三十一年から四十年にかけて全世界のカトリックの司祭が集まつて「第二バチカン公会議」が開かれた。この時、従来、ラテン語で行われていたミサが、その国の言葉で行うことが決められた。またミサの時、聖書の朗読が司祭だけでなく信衆にも参加できるように「と社」している。

十日後の座禅。信徒たちともに足を組んでいたキオチヨ神父がやおら立ち上がった。白衣を着け、手には警策。信徒の背に警策が厳しく振らる。ミシリ。神父の表情は真剣そのもの。木曜日の外、日曜日の早朝にも青年会の信徒と座禅をして



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-NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS?

The old proverb, "No news is good news" may be true when you are expecting bad news, but is the contrary? It was decided not to publish a newsletter in February since a majority of us were meeting in Naruto for Oblate Day, and could exchange "news" face to face. Maybe that was not such a good idea....

By the March deadline there was little news in, though one piece arrived special delivery as Ron was leaving for a two week tour of Montessori schools in Europe. So again a month with no newsletter.

All that to say, I am sorry for the delay, and please take a minute to send in something every month. We can always hope that the new publisher will be more regular!

-NEW ENCHO IN ITAMI YOCHIEN

Ron has been appointed director of our kindergarten in Itami effective April 1st to succeed Eddie Williams. The kindergarten directors in their January meeting recommended that a fulltime director be appointed since Eddie was already more than busy with the parish, and a fulltime director was needed to see to the gradual integration of the Teaching Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. One Sister has joined the staff as a teacher this year. We hope for others in the future.

In the February meeting of the Council it was decided that Ron take this job. The new Provincial-designate being a member of the present Council was of course involved in this decision.

Until Angelo is installed and until Ron tidy's up the bursar's office for the ext bursar, he will be "commuting" back and forth every other week.

-NEW ADMINISTRATOR AT SEIBO GAKUEN

Xave has accepted to take over the responsibility for the administration of our night school for adults in Kochi - Seibo Gakuen - effective April 1st, after Ron's "temporary" twelve years, for that is how it all started, as a temporary assignment.... "Please look after things for awhile". Xave sends a piece about the Gakuen which you will find on page two.

-ANNIVERSARIES:

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| -April 11 J. Deely's ordination | -May 17 R. Gill's birthday |
| -April 17 G. Steven's birthday | -May 28 E. Quiocho's birthday |
| -April 17 J. Deely's birthday | -May 29 T. Maher's birthday |
| -April 22 W. Laguidao's birthday | -May 30 J. Mahoney & T. Maher's ordination |
| -April 26 W. Maher's ordination | -May 31 B. Silver, A. Siani and |
| -April 29 F. Hahn's ordination | R. Bonang's ordination |

I don't know how many years ago this school started. Let's say about 15 years ago. At the start of the school, I gave my name as principal. This was only meant to be a mere figure head. It's not necessary here and now to give all the circumstances of that time. In fact I always was only a figure head. Ron ran the school as the only headmaster-with-power. The principal gave a speech in the beginning of the schoolyear and at the "graduation" ceremony; also something at the Christmas party.

Even after I joined the teaching staff and came to live in Kochi, nothing changed in running the Seibo Gakuen.

It was said to be a whole Kochi prefecture enterprise. In fact, in time of need, priests were called in from Aki or Akacka to teach at Seibo Kochi. Also it was meant to be an indirect apostolate, a place to meet Japanese people, and a service to the society.

Seibo Gakuen is officially recognized by the prefecture, but that doesn't help the school a bit. In the beginning, there were many (8 or more) different subjects taught. The teachers were mostly priests and nuns.

Seibo Gakuen has known a time of glory : big enrollment and financially safe. It even expanded to teaching children English. Now the situation is different. I don't know what happened or who can explain it. For example, for the first time in it's history, there wasn't any Christmas party last year; only about 6 people attended the schoolyear-end party; only English, French and social dancing are taught now; the children's English program is in the hands of Mr. Jansson; the number of students is very low; and financially the Gakuen is practically in the red since the last 5 years.

As a way of information, I give you the numbers as I found them in the report book of the Gakuen.

in 1975 -- 2,578,000 yen
 1976 -- 1,417,000
 1977 -- 929,000
 1978 -- 348,000
 1979 -- 901,000
 1980 -- 1,061,000 (probably thanks to a donation of
 Fth. Croft o.m.i.)

To find English teachers has been a problem. It seems like that the priests in the prefecture here aren't too interested. Ron could get a few interested for one night a week. I can see that it has more meaning for Bill to stay in Nakamura and teach there than to come all the way to Seibo.

Last year in April, I withdrew my name from Seibo Gakuen as principal. Somehow this never made news in the C.M.I. Newsletter. When I was asked this year to become principal + power + responsibility, I wasn't too enthusiastic. After a week of thinking, I accepted it on the condition that the finances weren't in the red.

I consider the Gakuen not so much as a prefectural enterprise but a city enterprise. (It would be better if it wasn't in the Japan church calendar.)

If the Gakuen is still a service, a place to contact and guide people, it has a reason to exist.

I don't intend to keep a school on the following conditions :

1. if she isn't financially producing
2. if there aren't good teachers available
3. if the priests themselves in this city aren't interested
4. if there aren't any new students enrolling.

Condition one : that, we will know by the end of the year.

Condition two : all teachers are foreigners, but not one is american or english.

Condition three : fortunately Wency accepted to take the 4 hours of the new class.

Condition four : only two french new students, but 16 new English students.

So we started. And Ron put even two ^{new} tape recorders in the lab.

-DEELY TO TEACH SHUWA:

Literally translated "shuwa" means "hand talking". It is commonly known as sign language. Jack Deely has become very proficient at it. He will be teaching it this year at Yotsuya Commercial High School (Yotsuya Shoogyoo Kootoo Gakkoo). Jack has not given up trying to get sign language introduced into the curriculum at Sophia University.

-REMINDER: CONSULTATION FOR CONSULTORS:

Remember that May 15th is the deadline for getting your consultation forms to Rome for the appointment of the new provincial consultors. The earlier all the forms are in, the earlier the appointment.

-ANNUAL RETREAT:

The annual retreat is tentatively scheduled for August 31 (Sunday night) to September 6 (Saturday morning). We hope to have Fr. Jim Sullivan, OMI, from Brazil as the retreat master. A final answer from him is expected this week.

-SPRINGTIME IN PARIS: by Ron LaFramboise

I had the privilege of joining a tour of Montessori schools in Europe from March 20 to April 3. The tour was organized by Len Inui and Prof. Fujiwara of the Kyuushuu Montessori Training Center. In two weeks we covered five countries, eight cities and five schools. Despite the constant rain we had a delightful trip combining sightseeing and "business". The train trip from Florence to Geneva through the Alps was breath-taking - new scenes of majestic snowcapped mountains rolled by the windows for hours.

The highlight of the trip was the visit to the International Montessori Training Center in Perugia, Italy. A Montessori kindergarten and primary school are part of the center which trains teachers from all over the world. Miss Paulini, the directress, one of the last living persons to have worked with Dr. Montessori, was more than gracious in receiving us. She even had Japanese tea ready when we arrived! We were impressed by the calm reaction of the children as our group of twenty moved around their work tables snapping pictures from all angles. They were too busy and interested in their work to be bothered about us. The visit finished with 3 fourth graders challenging us to beat them in algebraic equations. The kids were much faster in mental calculation than we with our electronic calculators. The kids discovered the algebraic equations themselves!

Worship

Jesus was no liturgist

Let me begin by explaining where this article is coming from. Three or four factors seem to be interacting with one another in my head as I sit down at the typewriter this afternoon. The first, and maybe least important, was a passing dialogue between my pastor and myself last week. He brought this complex, canonical question to me and a little more than half in jest I answered, "Jesus doesn't care. It doesn't make any difference to Jesus which way we do it." The second reason was the national meeting I attended in Kansas City last month, which I wrote about in my last column, where one of the conclusions was



'Liturgists cannot become concerned about rules and procedures'

— Fr. Henchal

that the concerns of the liturgical renewal in America today will not be met with position papers, workshops, charts, programs, and conventions. "This kind cannot be cast out except by prayer" (Mark 9:29). The third thing running around in my head is an article by Fr. Nathan Mitchell, O.S.B., "Ethics and Earthiness: The Spirituality of Christian Worship." The fourth is the adoration of Christ in the Eucharist reserved in tabernacles, at exposition and benediction.

Jesus was not a liturgist. Many, especially evangelical Protestants, would go further and say that Jesus was an "anti-ritualist." It is obviously absurd to think of Jesus as the founder of a liturgical spirituality. He didn't hold Bible Vigils. He didn't wander around Palestine talking about the correct use of lectionaries, the making of banners, getting congregations to sing together, or answering questions about the mechanics of giving Communion from the cup. Can you picture Jesus responding to a question posed by a disciple about the appropriateness or inappropriateness of singing "I Honestly Love You" (by Olivia Newton-John) at weddings?

Jesus did wander around Palestine. But what he did was gather all kinds of people, often all the wrong kinds of people, around tables in restaurants and private homes and

banqueting halls as a kind of "living parable" about what the Kingdom is all about. Jesus did strive to get people to love one another. And not abstractly but concretely, by sitting them across the table from one another so they would have to look into one another's eyes: rich and poor, sinner and saint, male and female, law-keeper and law-breaker, Zealot and tax-gatherer. Jesus did provide an atmosphere of hospitality (even when he was the guest and not the host) that brought people together, ultimately into one Body, one community, the Church.

I'll go one step further. It was unimportant to Jesus that he get himself into bread and wine. More theologically accurate perhaps, it was unimportant to Jesus to change bread and wine into his Body and Blood. That was little more than a means to an end: getting men and women into his one Body.

We speak of "liturgical services" and we must take the word "service" very seriously. And the service is not to God as though He needs our worship. God doesn't need worship, people do. God is served only through serving people. Diocesan Human Relations Services and the Diocesan Liturgical Commission are intimately connected in the mind and will of the Father.

Liturgists cannot become concerned about rules and procedures. They cannot become new rubricists, however easy that is to do. They must be about the task of providing the atmosphere where people can come together, to see each other and hear from each other, and come to care for each other enough to reach out and touch one another in the name of Jesus.

This means concentrating a good deal of attention on problems and situations beyond the boundaries of the 45 minutes it takes to celebrate the Sunday Mass. What happens before that 45 minutes during the week, what happens immediately before that 45 minutes in the place of assembly, what happens immediately after that 45 minutes in the place of assembly, and what happens after that 45 minutes during the week integrally affect what will or will not happen during the Eucharistic prayer or during the breaking of the Word or of the Bread or during Communion.

Fr. Michael J. Henchal
Executive Secretary
Diocesan Liturgical Commission

Bill Maher

The Feb. issue of the Newsletter didn't get out but there was a lot of communicating going on with the meeting and celebrations at Naruto. Also four Province Sharing Packs are in circulation. I'd ask you to try and keep them moving, the next fellow's probably dying to read it! The contents of the four packs are as follows:

1. Retreat Notes by Fran Hahn and a paper on Interactional Psychology. Person as Open System.
2. A Marianist paper entitled : "Considerations for a Simple and Responsible Lifestyle."
3. "Resource Material" Oblates of Mary Immac. Western Prov. (This is a wopper!)
4. Several Papers:
 - A few words about Climate
 - Corporate Reflection Process Outline
 - The Church's Vision of Law
 - A Four Week Prayer Pattern
 - Healing Lives Hurts - An Exercise

I don't know how many get "O.M.I. Communications" put out by Al Svobodny o.m.i., but as I was reading the March issue two articles on, 'Becoming Ministers Together 1979*1980' and 'St. John the Baptist Province Meeting', I felt a lot of the ideas were applicable to Japan. The same phenomenon seems to be taking place in all parts of the Oblate World. If that's any consolation!? Happy Easter.

John Iwo

John sponsored the Mother Teresa movie with the help of the PTA of the kindergarten on Feb. 8th at 7 p.m.. They sold 250 tickets but because of a cold night and the influenza only 150 actually came.

On March 21st, 39 kids will graduate and that will mark the 29th graduation class and John's second year at Aki.

In April he'll start the new school year with 35, five year olds, 41, four year olds and 22, three year olds. John reports that within two years we have to decide to go Gakkoo Hojin or we won't be getting the aid from the Prefecture anymore. So far the Mayor has not decided to build the City kindergarten.

-NEW BISHOP IN JOLO:

Fr. George Dion will be consecrated Bishop of Jolo, (Sulu, Philippines) April 23rd. E Quiocho has been invited and will represent us there.

-IN MEMORY OF MR. TAKASAGO:

Bro. Tsuda sends the following touching pages in memory of his close friend and artist colleague, Mr. Takasago who died suddenly at the age of 44.

“高砂さんという人”

津田季穂

高砂さんは運家である。これからという時にあっていう間に逝ってしまった。もっと運をたかったろうと思う。さぞ本人も残念であったと思われる。私も残念でならない。高砂さんは時々ふざけて、“今に見ておれ僕な”とって人々を笑わせたりしていた。急病で入院されたとの報告に直ぐ病床に走ったのだがドアの横に面会謝絶の赤札がかかっていた。しかし私は取ってドアをノックして押し入った。私を見た彼の目は光は薄く、相は変っていた。次の日再びお訪ねした時も同じ状態にあるのを見た。

その後手術されて、それが一応成功したと聞かされた時、良くなるかも知れないとの希望の灯がともった。そして祈った。“どうも彼にもっと運く時間をおねえ下さい”と。初めからそしてずうっと私の心の片隅に大きな不安がありそれが消えなかった。治るかな、どうか病気に負けずに気をしっかり持って笑いと念いつ、用事で二日程上京した。二日後東京の運廊に電話が鳴って、会場にいた私に、高砂さんが今、亡くなった。駄目なやつと知らされた。

一瞬、愕然とし、果敢とし、がっかりしてしまった。

直ぐに飛行機で帰郷した。今猶、私に現実
に信じられずにいる。私の感情は未だにゆれている。

私は高砂さんという人と思うとき、一つの大きな
特質に気がつくのである。その印象はちょっと神
秘的とも言えるものなのだが、如何なる人にも高砂
さんの存在が負担にならないということ、風よう
に空気のように軽く、人と接するのだが、そこに高砂
さんかいるというだけで、頬かゆくなるのだ。いつも人
を楽しめる姿勢がそこにあつた。こまやかに人の世話を
し、面倒なことも引受ける。あらゆる人に対する優しさ、
親切心。先に風よう、空気よう、と申したのは
普通世間という、居ても居なくても、かわりがない
存在というのとは反対であつて、自分よりも他人を
大事にする、天性ともいえる驚くべき自己抑制、
自己放棄をもつた宗教性であつて、私が神秘
的とも言えるといつたのはそのところなのだ。

高砂さんを私が知つたのは高砂さんが鳥井高校
の二年生なつた頃と思う。その後、大学で絵の
勉強をして、母校鳴高の先生となり、カトリック信者と
なり、年齢44で地上から去つていつてしまった。

年齢は私のほぼ半分。最近まで随分、亦々、
二人だけで旅をした。ヨーロッパの各地、日本では
北海道から沖縄まで、表日本から裏日本のあち

らこちらを見てはいない。それら多くの土地で、私は東京のくせに珍しい風景には興味がなく、私の旧友、知人を訪ねての約束であつたか、行く先々で高砂さんにとっては初対面となるのなか、何と彼を例外なく、高砂さんはもてもてて、私達を楽しませてくれた。高砂さんには世間的な遠慮というものもなく、誰にでも空気のように風のようにとけ込んで人々を愉快にする一方なので、その家と辞する時、又来て私達と喜びわせて下さい、という。誰にも重荷にならず、負担にならず、あっさり別れるのであつた。くどく一つのことを書いたようなか、この珍重すべき、希有な特異さがあつていられなかつたのか。今、彼はこの世でそうであつたように神さまの許で、神さまを楽しませていらつらうと思う。

主よ、永遠の安息を彼に与え

あなたとともに生きる喜びで、

彼を満たして下さい。

最近逝つた友をしのんで

鳴けいて 津田



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NEWSLETTER



JULY 1980

New Provincial Installed

On June 23, the new provincial was installed at the noon day Mass. With Bishop Fukahori in attendance, there were 16 present. Afterward, we had a chinese meal at Katchin-en. A word of thanks to all who participated.

Brother Tsuda's Exhibit

An exhibit of Brother Tsuda's works will be held at the Takamiya Gallery in Osaka, from July 14 - 19.

Retreats

Sorry to say there will be no Oblate Community retreat this year. Please make your own arrangements.

Suggestions:

- Takamatsu Diocesan Retreat

Retreat Director- Fr. Maeda

Place: Goshikidai

Time: August 24 - 29

- Personally Directed Retreats

Place: Mefu Time: July 10 - 18

Place: Nagasaki Jesuit Retreat Center , Time: July 26-August 3

August 6 - 14

August 17 - 25

Retreats continued:

Personally Directed Retreats:

- Place: Karasaki Maryknoll Besso

- Time: December 28 - January 5

If you wish to attend any of the above retreats please contact
Sr. John Conrad. Tel. 0775-79-2884

Retreat Director: Fr. Gerald O'Collin, S.J. Professor at the
Gregorian, Rome.

Place: Mefu

Time: August 14 -22

If none of the above are appealing and you would rather make a
retreat in a small group, please let me know. I'll see what arrange-
ments can be made at the Trappistine Convent in Nishinomiya. The
Sisters can accomodate small groups of up to six or seven.

Oblate Retreat 1981

Fr. James Sullivan, former Provincial in Brazil, has agreed to come
to Japan next year for our retreat. We had hoped to get him for this
years retreat. Next year, the retreat will be held at the Jesuit
Retreat House in Hiroshima.

Time: August 23 - 28

Please keep these dates open in your schedual.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Fr. Jan Van Hoydonck July 1

Fr. Leo Simons July 5

BIRTHDAYS

Fr. Leo Simons July 31

HOMELEAVE

Fr. Tom Maher

June - September

Fr. Ron La Framboise

July - October. After his vacation Ron will go to Rome for the General Chapter.

Your Prayers are requested For:

Fr. Dick Bonang's Dad and Fr. Ed Williams' Brother. Both of them have been hospitalized and are in serious condition.

ON GOING FORMATION

Place: The Jesuit House in Kamakura

Time: November 4 - December 21

Theme: Christian Community

Applicants must have had more than five years experience in the Ministry and apply by the end of July. If you are interested, I will send you the application form.

COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting will be held in Itami on July 14. If you have any business you would like discussed, please contact either Fr. John Mahoney, Fr. Mike Yamazaki or me.

Sayonara

Fr. Tosa's niece is returning to Belgium July 3. It was grand having her with us and hope she comes again.

Welcome

Jerry Novotny's Mother and Dad arrive in Kochi July 12. A warm welcome to them.

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Also a warm welcome to Fr. Jack Deely's Sister who will spend a few weeks here during the month of July.

PROVINCIAL VISITATION

The provincial will begin a visitation of the Province July 16 in KFukuoka

Newsletter Editor

Any suggestions?

Angelo Siani, O.M.I.



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NEWSLETTER

MAY-JUNE 1980

NEW PROVINCIAL COUNCIL APPOINTED:

Congratulations to Mike Yamasaki and John Mahoney who were appointed to the Provincial Council June 6th. The date for the installation of Angelo and his Council has not been set yet pending the arrival of the necessary documents.

ASSIGNMENT:

Nestor Jao was assigned to Tokushima effective May 30th. Nestor replaces Eduardo Quiocho who returned to the Philippines for one or two years for personal reasons. Mail to Eddie may be sent to the Provincial house in Cotabato.

IN SICK BAY:

Jose DeFruyt was hospitalized recently in Tokushima for ten days with spinal trouble. He was released May 30th and is now the happy owner of a new steel corset!

Many thanks to Bert, John, And Sister Itoh for covering English classes during his absence.

ANNIVERSARIES:

June 2 is R. Harr's ordination
June 7 is E. Williams' ordination
June 12 is N. Jao's ordination
June 14 is J. Iwo's and L. Inui's ordination
June 24 is M. Yamasaki's ordination
June 28 is J. DeFruyt's ordination

KOGA PARISH CELEBRATES 25 YEARS:

The Koga parish celebrated the 25th anniversary of its foundation on May 25th. It was a simple affair with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:30 AM and a buffet style lunch on the lawn next to the church. Each family prepared some food to share with everyone.

ONEGAI:

Ron would be grateful if you could get June severance pay in by the end of the month and the six months reports by July 3rd. This would make it easier to finish the reports for the Province before his home leave. Thanks.

Bill Maher

The New Administration is coming in at the end of this month or the beginning of June and in order to give them a free hand in setting up whatever type of information distribution system that they want to I hereby resign from the job of the editorial staff of the Newsletter. I've mentioned this to Angelo and the other district editors, Bert Silver and Dick Harr. I want to thank everyone for your cooperation over the years and encourage everyone to continue to communicate. I don't know what the new plans will be but I encourage and promise full cooperation with them. Thankyou.

As usual April and May have been busy months. On the 26th of April we sponsered the Mother Teresa movie and we had very good cooperation from all sectors of the Nakamura society. Over 800 tickets were sold and over 550 came. (I personally think it was closer to 600.) The Kochi Newspaper and Radio Station, both Rotary Clubs and two Protestant Churches supported us in our efforts.

Tomorrow I'm going for my second time to the Prefectural Nurses Training School to give the first year students, the first part of the Columban Catechetical Course on human relations and getting to know yourself. They asked me to give them a course so I'm giving this. I only have 20hrs. so it's a bit cramped but I think I can get the most important things in.

It's been a season for a lot of guests with the Spring vacation and Golden Week. Dick Bonang was down and Fr. Cirilo and three fellows from Emmaus. Just this Monday, Jose and Gerry Stevens came. I had a great time with all of them although I'm still very sorry for taking the last two to Ton Taro's for supper!

I'm keeping in shape with my 9th season in the Early Morning Softball league and with the latest fad, canoeing on the Shimanto River. I play softball for the Pinochio Bakery and we have a fantastic record of 7wins and 2 loses. I'm thinking of putting the winners' flag on top of the Church next to the cross!

It seems ages since I've made a contribution to our news-sheet. A lot of things have happened. Worthy of note was Easter when we were blessed by (6) Baptisms. All of the ceremonies of Holy Week went well. Fr. Paul Placek, C.P. was in the area and came to assist which was a big help. Our Easter celebration was simply great though. Close to 400 jammed into the Church - standing room only- and we all sang and prayed our hearts out for close to an hour and a half. As you will recall, it poured like all the faucets in the sky had been opened, but this didn't dampen our joy a bit. There was a pot-luck dinner provided by each household, and the fun continued right through the noon hour.

Our Charismatic Renewal prayer group continues here. Fr. Matthew, C.P. has joined us, and has helped a great deal in deepening our prayer level. On the average 10 attend this 2-hours of prayer each Monday morning. Recently in Kumamoto city, they were able to realize 200 enrolled in their 3 groups, and this makes it even more urgent that we look for an increase here. Shortly after Pentecost, I intend on starting another Seminar for this.

Some of you remember Kaneko, Kimi san of this parish. She has been a very central figure in our prayer group over the years. She fell, unfortunately, lately and broke her hip bone, and it doesn't appear that they'll be able to operate. How proud I am of her though. Despite her suffering, she's always full of joy when I go to visit her. She is an outstanding woman for sure.

So much of the activity around here at the moment is for our annual bazaar which will take place on the 25th. Last year we cleared 800,000 yen, so this time maybe more. The bulk of the proceeds is to be put aside for a new rectory in the future when that is needed. It's never too early to start preparing.

For 14 years, I had been involved in one capacity or another at the English Academy of Daimyoomachi, downtown Fukuoka. It's had a good record all along. However, here the last year or so, we haven't had enough teachers, and it was taking me away from my work here. So, after talking it over with the missionaries involved, we decided to close this down. Maybe, someday when there are a few willing teachers around, we can get this worthy work going again.

This is a long article, isn't it? One last item- have you heard that the Oblates in McCook, Nebraska are turning back the parish there to the diocese in June? Yep, after 85 years there won't be any more link with the OMI's. It will certainly be a different situation when I return next time.

Dick, OMI



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NEWSLETTER

PROVINCIAL BURSAR

I want to take this opportunity first of all to thank Fr. Bertram Silver for accepting the position of Provincial Bursar. Word of confirmation of his appointment by the Superior General was received on July 10. Best wishes to him as he assumes this demanding task. Also a word of thanks to Fr. John Iwo who has agreed to act as assistant bursar.

Happy Birthday

Fr. John Iwo	September 6
Fr. John K. Mahoney	September 20
Fr. Francis Hahn	September 20

Return from Homeleave

Welcome back to Fr. Tom Maher and Fr. John Deely.

Fr. Bert Silver and Fr. Dick Bonang have both returned from emergency homeleave.

Fr. Bert reports that his dad is in fine condition after his colostomy. Thank you for your prayers.

Fr. Dick reports that his dad is still in a weakened condition. Please continue your prayers for him and the rest of the family at this time.

News Items

Please try to get your news items to me by the 20th of the month.

Change of address

Fr. Raymond Bourgoïn assigned to Hoya. His new telephone number is: 0424-64-2633.

Fr. Tosa has just completed a bridge(?) over a small river that runs in front of his new house. His new address:

780 Kochi

Kita Honmachi 3-9-13

Tel. 0888-84-3405

Fr. Tosa remarks, "This time, I have only changed my address and not my name!".

NEO CATECHUMINATE

Fr. Francis Hahn spent two weeks in Korea as an itinerate preacher to help establish the Neo Catechuminate in that country. From Korea he went to the Philippines to attend the Asian Conference for the Neo Catechuminate.

New Volunteer Bureau - Shinhonmachi, Kochi

A new Volunteer Bureau was dedicated on July 19. A beautiful building with two rooms and an office. However, Fr. Simons is still waiting for a donation of 1200000 yen to build a toilet for the handicapped.

Chapel Concert

The fourth in a series of five concerts was held in the Itami Church. A complete sell-out concert was held on July 30 by the famous violinist Maebashi. On September 11 another concert will be held, featuring Baroque Music.

Vietnamese Refugees

For the past year Fr. Silver has been working with refugees in Naruto. Due to his persistent efforts some of them will be reunited with their families in the U.S.A. in the near future.

CAP COD

Fr. Ron LaFramboise capsized off the coast of Cap Cod! He had to be rescued by the Coast Guard, but other wise is in fine condition.

Please keep up the prayers for the successful outcome of the work on the New Constitution and Rules in the coming General Chapter.

I also urge you to include a prayer for priestly and Religious vocations in your community prayers.

Angelo Siani, O.M.I.
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LIST OF NEW ASSIGNMENTS - 1980

	<u>Pastor & Director</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Christ the King Itami	Fr. Richard Harr, O.M.I.	Nov. 1, 1980
St. Paul Miki Tokushima	Fr. Edward Williams, O.M.I.	Nov. 1, 1980
Immaculate Conception Kochi	Fr. John K. Mahoney, O.M.I.	Dec. 1, 1980
Our Lady of Hope Anan	Fr. Nestor Jao, O.M.I.	Nov. 1, 1980
Immaculate Heart of Mary Fukuoka	Fr. Jan Van Hoydonck, O.M.I.	Feb. 12, 1981

Vicar Cooperator

Christ the King Itami	Fr. Jose DeFruyt, O.M.I.	Nov. 1, 1980
Immaculate Heart of Mary Fukuoka	Fr. Wenceslao Laguidao, O.M.I.	Nov. 1, 1980

Fr. Laguidao, O.M.I. will be acting pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary from Nov. 1 1980 - February 12, 1981.

Fr. Bertram N. Silver, O.M.I. will assume the position of Principal of the Anan Kindergarten. Fr. Nestor Jao, O.M.I. will be the assistant principal.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Angelo Siani, O.M.I.

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October 1980

Dear Brother Oblates,

The time is drawing near for the General Chapter to be held in Rome. As you all know this Chapter will be primarily concerned with the final drafting of the Constitutions and Rules, which sets before us the ideal for which we strive and the guidelines by which we implement them. It will be a clear call, challenge and guide to our Missionary endeavour of which the Founder spoke:

"...in any Society certain rules of life are necessary, in order to impart unity of thought and action to all the members of the same body. It is this unity which gives strength to religious bodies, fervour to their piety and which ensures their stability."

(Preface)

Once the Constitutions and Rules have been approved, sometime next year, we will have a Provincial Congress so that we can prepare for its implementation here on the Japanese scene. The dates will be set so that we can ensure the greatest number in attendance. I've asked Fr. Yamazaki to be Chairman of the preparation committee.

As Fr. Austin Cooper, Provincial of the Australian Province, wrote in his Newsletter, "So when we pray for the success of the Chapter we might remember that the real success depends on the extent to which this document helps us to make a deeper response to Christ."

Anniversaries

Congratulations to Fr. Gerard Stevens, O.M.I. who celebrates 25 years in the priesthood. Fr. Stevens was ordained in Gijzegem, Belgium in 1955. The Province wishes him God's blessings and many more happy years.

Twenty-five years of arrival in Japan

Fr. Yoshikazu Tosa, O.M.I.
Fr. Leonard Simons, O.M.I.
Fr. John K. Mahoney, O.M.I.

Birthdays;

October 7	Ronald La Framboise, O.M.I.
October 10	Jan Van Hoydonck, O.M.I.
October 27	Xave, Yoshikazu Tosa, O.M.I.

November 6 Richard Bonang, O.M.I.
November 23 Bro. Joseph Tsuda, O.M.I. celebrates his 81st. Birthday.

Welcome to John Deely's sister and family who will be here from October 17-27.

Welcome also to Fr. Svobodny, O.M.I. whom you all know as the editor of the Central Province Newsletter. He will be visiting with his uncle Fr. Hirman, who is celebrating his 50th. anniversary in the priesthood. They will be in Japan from November 7 -11

Let's do all we can to make their stay here a warm and memorable one.

Fr. Francis Hahn, O.M.I. while keeping his work with the Comunidad as his primary concern has agreed to help as an assistant in the Cathedral parish. His official assignment begins on November 1.

¶ Dear Fathers and Brothers.

We would like to tell you that we are taking our habits on the 15th of September at 5:30 in the afternoon. There will be three of us: Bert Layson from Landasan; Manny Romero from Makilala; and Ega Sabagkit from Polomolok. This day is significant for us. We are indeed very happy if you can share with our joy.

The Oblate Novices "

If you would like to send them a note the address is:

Oblate Novitiate

Tamontaka, Cotabato City, Philippines.

Fr. Michael Yamazaki will be the acting provincial while the provincial is in the Philippines for the ordination of Bishop Orlando Quevedo, O.M.I. The provincial will also take the occasion to visit the families of Fr. Jao and Fr. Laguidao. Fr. Yamazaki will be acting provincial from October 23-31.

Thomas Maher, O.M.I. has just completed a three day seminar for prison chaplains in Tokyo. Eighty chaplains from all over Japan attended the meeting.

Nakajimacho has begun preparations for the 100th. anniversary of its foundation. The parish council has suggested "Building Christian Community" as their theme. They also wish to have a "Holy Year" as a spiritual preparation and they hope to put out a "History of the Parish" to^{be} ready for the big day in 1982!

FUKUOKA - HIKARIGAOKA

It's hard to believe that the summer is over already. Where did it go? Not even once did I get to the beach. I guess no one else did either. It was just not the weather for summer-living. Our rainfall hit an all-time record. Now with #13 Typhoon, we're well into the 2000 mm bracket for 1980. 1750 is our regularly expected volume of rain here. Needless to say, mildew is rampant, and our umbrellas need repair.

I enjoyed a great retreat in Mefu from latter July into the 1st part of August. The Retreat Master was Fr. Geo. Maloney, S.J. who is a renowned specialist on Greek Orthodox ways. The depth of his matter was much like that of St. John's Gospel. And a good amount of scripture was taken right from St. John. It was one of the finest retreats I've ever made. Fr. Bertolucci is to give an 8 day retreat next year in Mefu and Tokyo. He's a pastoral man and it should be excellent.

All during the summer we were preparing for a Charismatic Renewal Seminar (7 weeks) here at the parish. And for the first time we made an attempt to get others in the 12 city parishes interested. Our efforts were not fully rewarded, however 12 people did sign up and attend the first gathering on Sept. 7th here. From this parish there were 35 people. Admittedly we got off to a good start, and not one went home after the 2-hour session with disappointment. Fr. Peter Flaherty, Columban from Kumamoto, gave the talk on 'Kami no Ai', and he was excellent. I just hope we can maintain this level throughout.

and he was excellent

Dick Harr, OMI

NAKAMURA -Bill Maher Tape Sharing Library

Ahern, Fr. Barnabas, Christ in Gospel and the Teaching of St. Paul. 5 in., 3 ³/₄

Discuss - in Series 1, 3, 4, 5 in. 1 7/8

Series 1; Developing a Post Vat. II Mentality

Dr. Harvey Cox: Ongoing Aggiornamento

Dr. Albert Outler: Vat. II Mentality

Robert O'Connell S.J. ; Vat II; A Blinding Success

C.J. McNaspy, S.J.; Liturgical Innovation

Series III;

Christian Involvement: Rev. Johannes B. Metz

Principle of Change: Romero Maione

The New Morality: Rev. Charles Curran

Crisis Mentality: Senator George McGovern

Series IV; The Future as Frontier

The Future as Present; Rev. Johannes Metz

Compete for the Future; Dr. Martin Marty

Change as the Unifying Element; Romeo Maione

New Forms of Community; Mary Perkins Ryan

Nouwen, Henry, The Lonely Search for God. 3 cassettes (Bill Maher & John Mahoney)

From Loneliness to Solitude

From Hostility to Hospitality

From Illusion to Prayer

Your prayers are requested for Dick Bonang's father and Ed Williams' brother and mother. Ed's brother is in very serious condition.

The next Provincial Council meeting will be held during the first two weeks of December. One of the items we will discuss is the budget for next year. Therefore please submit the following requests by December 1. 1980.

1. Application for special funds, repairs etc.
2. Homeleave, approximate dates.
3. Application for studies.
4. cars

Still no editor for the Newsletter. Anyone interested?

When sending articles for the Newsletter, please type them up and send them in by the 20th. of the month.

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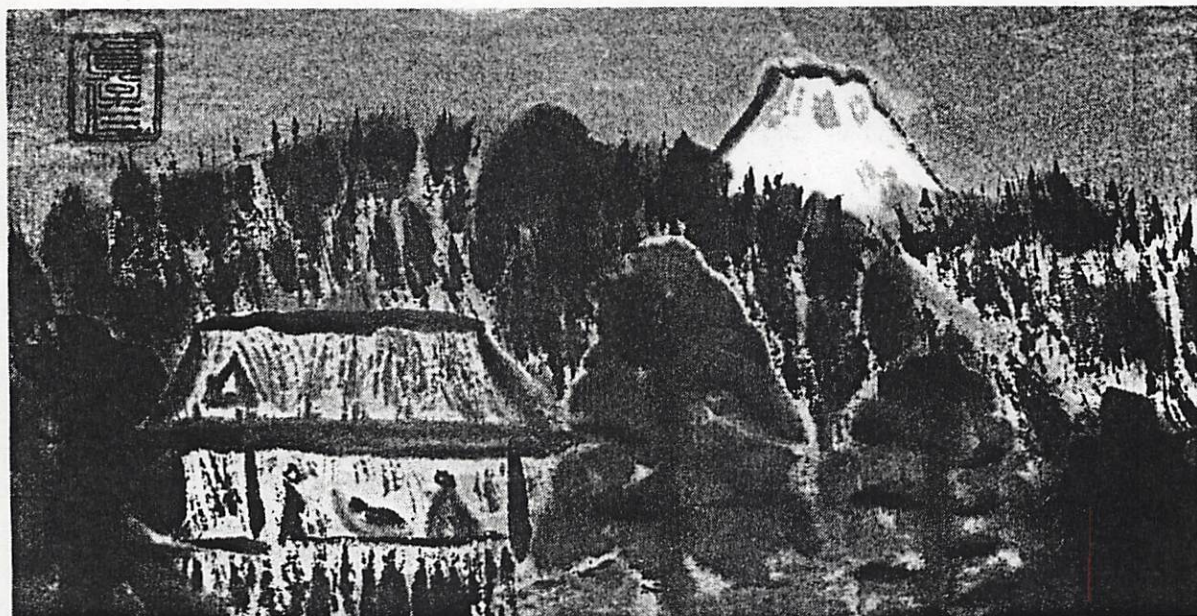
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December 1980



Christmas Greetings from Kochi

John Mahoney sends us his Christmas greetings with this "sumie" painting.
I would like to add my own greeting to everyone for a blessed Christmas and
a Happy New Year. *Ange*

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to:

Fr. Nestor Jao

December 19

Fr. Michael Yamazaki

December 24

Fr. Edward Williams

January 2

Fr. Ray Bourgoin

January 22

Fr. Richard Harr

January 29

Your prayers are requested for:

Edward Williams' brother who died on October 29. The Funeral Mass was said on November 3.

Jan Van Hoydonck's brother who died after brain surgery on November 10. The Funeral Mass was held on November 15. Jan's brother was 54 years old.

John Mahoney's father who died in his sleep on November 28. The Funeral Mass was held on December 2. John's dad was 82 years old.

Your prayers are also requested for the sick:

John Deely's father. John Father will have a leg amputated this week. The operation is complicated by the fact that his dad is on a pacemaker. John left for emergency homeleave on December 15.

Richard Bonang's father who has just had pneumonia for the third time.

Fr. Cyrillo of Emmaus House has been recalled to Spain for vocation work.

Fr. Leonard Simons will be in charge of the spiritual formation of the workers.

December 8 an Oblate gathering was held here in Kochi. Fifteen Oblates and a number of our parishoners attended the noonday Mass, at which the Oblates renewed their vows. The provincial gave a short homily on the place of Mary in our Missionary lives.

Overseas travel

Fr. Tosa will be visiting his Jesuit Missionary brother in India with his sister Miki. Miki arrived in Japan December 11. They will be departing for India on December 26.

Fr. Leonard Simons will be going to Brazil for a month. He will be going with some other members of the Volunteer Bureau.

Welcome to Ron La Framboise. Ron returned from the General Chapter on December 10. I've asked Ron to give some talks in the Districts on the General Chapter. Please let Ron know when you are having your community gatherings.

The following contribution was written by Ron concerning the Chapter.

It was a few minutes before noon Saturday Dec. 6th. There was a special atmosphere in the Chapter Hall as the 111 delegates filed down to the secretary's table in front of the podium to sign the official record. Then Fr. Jette said, "I have one last question to put to the assembly. All the business for which this Chapter was convoked is finished. Do you agree, then, to close this meeting?" There was instant applause. No need for a show of hands or for our electronic voting machine to vote on this motion! After the sustained applause faded away, Fr. Jette added, "I take it that you agree, so I hereby declare the 30th General Chapter closed!" It was 12 noon - 42 days of intense work over - the first major revision of the Constitutions and Rules since 1928 approved with near unanimity. The long process of revision that started in 1959 and in which several thousand Oblates had taken part was now history. A news page in the history of the Congregation had just been turned. The post-Chapter period was started.

Well aware that the text we approved is not "the perfect text" - for not text can be - we are still very confident that it expresses in modern language the spirit of De Mazenod, the values dear to him when he gathered his first associates, and the lived experience of 5,800 Oblates spread over the face of the earth. It reaffirms in stronger language than ever our mission to evangelize the poor - "the poor with their many faces". It stresses the communitarian aspect of that mission. It calls us to a lifestyle in keeping with that mission. It calls us to regular assessment and evaluation of our lives and of our mission.

In approving the revised Constitutions and Rules, we were also aware that we were committing ourselves and each Oblate to take another great leap forward. We committed ourselves to both personal and community renewal - to an on-going conversion. It was a decision to hear and to heed ever more closely the call the Lord makes to each of us individually and to all of us as a community.

I am grateful to all of you for permitting me to attend the Chapter as your delegate. I am very grateful for this moment of personal grace. A General Chapter is a grace experience, one that is not easily described in words. I look forward to sharing with you as best I can this experience.

Ron LaFramboise

Fr. Josef Anthofer, O.M.I. a missionary in South Africa for 16 years is here in Japan for a sabbatical year. He is presently living in Kamakura and studying "Zen" meditation. A warm welcome to you Josef.

His address is c/o Tatsumi

77 Jomyoji, Kamakura, Kanagawa

Tel. 0467-25-2061

Fr. Anthofer or "Sepp" will be coming down to the missions during the holidays with Dick Bonang.

Fr. Jan Van Hoydonck will have a prostatectomy at Kaisei hospital on January 12. Please keep him in your prayers.

The Bursar would like to build up our dollar account in the States. He will gladly cash all your dollar checks at 220 yen per dollar. As you know this money is used for all our expenses which must be paid in dollars.

Angelo Siani, O.M.I.
Provincial

P.S. As regards John Deely's father, I've just heard that the doctors were able to save his leg. However, since the condition of his leg is still unstable please continue your prayers.