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Dear fellow Oblates,

I hope that this letter finds you in good health. I am sure that you are now back into your full schedule after the New Year season.

The reason for this letter is bring to your attention a few points about the discernment process and preparations for our Discernment Congress in March. The Team Discernment Groups began meeting in November. The last group will meet in Itami on February first. As I mentioned in my letter of October 30 of last year the reporter for each group should send a copy of his report to the other two members of the group. They inform the reporter of their agreement and/or of any changes they think should be included. When the three reach agreement on the report, this final agreed upon text is sent to the man whose ministry was discerned. If he thinks the report reflects a correct discernment of his ministry nothing further need be done by him. That is the text that will be presented at the Congress. In the event he disagrees with the groups discernment in whole or in part he should write his comments on their report and send them to the Provincial office. His opinion of the groups discernment will be annexed to their report when it is presented to the Congress. Again as I said in the letter of October 30 both the final report of the Team Discernment Group and the opinion concerning the report of the one whose ministry was discerned should be in the Provincial office by March first.

Copies of all of this material will be sent to you before the Congress to give you time to read, think, and pray over it at a more leisurely pace. Your cooperation will be most helpful. The council will be meeting with Jim Sullivan during the week previous to the Congress. I would like all the printing and mailing etc. done before that.

As you know the dates of the meeting are from March 22 to March 24. Jim Sullivan told me that we will need three FULL days to do all that has to be done. The schedule for the three days of the Congress will be from 8:30/9 A.M. to


5/6 P.M. I hope the evenings can be free but there may be work for committees. In any event I am sure we will all be very busy during those three days. Those traveling distances therefore should plan to be here the evening before (March 21) and should not plan to leave till after about 7 P.M. on the 24 or the morning of the 25. I mention this now so you can make your travel plans especially if you are flying as March 21 is a National Holiday.

Coincidentally Jim Sullivan called this morning to give me information as to his time of arrival in Japan. He will be here on March 14. As I mentioned above the Council will meet with him from the March 15 to 19 for sessions on leadership and planning. After the Congress we will meet again on the 25 and 26 to plan the follow-up of the Congress. Jim will also probably meet with the Formators during the last few days in March.

Before ending these comments on the Congress I would urge you to pray each day for the success of our Congress in March. It is a most important time for the whole Province. Prayer is a most necessary part of any discerning process. I know you have been praying for this all along but we are now in the year of the actual Discernment Congress. Surely a time to intensify our prayer. I hope that each one will turn to the Holy Spirit, Mary Immaculate, and Blessed Eugene and ask them to be with us during these final days of preparation and also during the days of Congress.

Brother Kumashiro was scheduled to renew his vows on January 26. For personal reasons he has decided not to renew them. Like you I am most sorry to see him leave us. I thank him for the years he has given to the Oblates. Let us pray that he will find God's plan for him and find his happiness in it.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,


John Kenney Mahoney, O.M.I.
Provincial



OMI INFORMATION

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Vice Province of Japan

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Dear fellow Oblates,

I was happy to be able to attend the January day of gathering in the Fukuoka District. Unfortunately Mike was not feeling well so he was not able to be with us. The fourth Monday of the month happened to be January 25-the Anniversary of the Founding of the Congregation.

Wency, Len and I were able to have a good day of sharing. We had planned to discuss some of the matter in the "Green Book" but before getting into it we started talking about the Fukuoka District. We covered many topics: community life, the parish apostolate, the apostolate for immigrant workers, and the kindergarten apostolate. Time passed quickly. It was soon midday and time for Mass. We said the Mass of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul which I thought most appropriate.

The Oblate Prayer Book says that conversion and community are good themes for this day. In a short talk at Mass I suggested that our coming Congress is in one sense a time of conversion for us here in Japan. At the Congress we will be looking at ourselves and our ministries and seeing what we are doing well and what we can be doing better. We will be looking at ourselves and our ministries to see what we should be doing and what we should not be doing as Oblate Missionaries in Japan. This looking at ourselves and our ministries and then deciding to act is a way of conversion. I also mentioned the community day we were having and tried to emphasize how important that we make every effort to have this day

together each month.

As it was an Oblate Feast we went out for lunch to the Italian Restaurant rather than the Royal Host. The lunch of the day was inexpensive and proved to be both plentiful and delicious. We also enjoyed sharing a bottle of Italian wine during our long and leisurely lunch. Later in the afternoon we closed the day by gathering in the chapel for the recitation of the Rosary.

In the course of our conversation one question that was put to me was the following. "What else should we be doing to prepare for the Congress?" I think that it will be most helpful to read and think about our MISSION/Vision Statement and also our Criteria. (If you have lost or misplaced these documents please notify me and I will send copies to you. You will need to have them with you at the Congress.)

One other suggestion I would like to make is that we ask the people in our parishes and those involved in our ministries to pray for the Congress. (If this has not been done already.) I think it is good for the people to be aware of our efforts at trying to do the best work we can as missionaries in Japan. And also to remind them that we are in need of their prayers. Surely we need their prayers in special way at this time.

I have enclosed a copy of the prayer that we will be using during the Prayer of the Faithful here at Nakajima-cho. You may want to use this or you may not. That is entirely up to you. Finally a repeated suggestion that each one of us pray each day for the success of our Discernment Congress.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Fr. John Kenney Mahoney, O. M. I.
Provincial

FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK

- VOW DAY

Bro. Masashi Hashimoto and Bro. Nobuhiko Yagi will make their First Profession as Oblate Brothers at Nakajimacho Parish on March 20th. The Vow Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 P.M.

The Brothers will have a short vacation at home, before beginning their studies in Nagoya.

- ONGOING FORMATION

Fr. Ronald La FRamboise will attend a meeting for formators to be held in Rome from April 18 - May 6. The theme is "Spiritual Accompaniment in Oblate Formation".

Fr. Angelo Siani has been accepted at The Institute of Religious Formation, St. Louis University for the 88-89 term. The program combines specialized classwork, workshops, spiritual direction, and a 30-day directed retreat.

- ASSIGNMENTS

Fr. Angelo Siani is assigned to Nagoya while Ron is in Rome and on homeleave.

Ange will also be covering weekends for Bill Maher, who has returned to the States upon the death of his father.

- Prayers

You are kindly asked to remember Mr. Thomas Maher in your prayers. Mr. Maher, the father of Thomas and William Maher, died peacefully on February 11. Tom and Bill have returned to the States for the Funeral.

- Mass Cards

The Mass Card designed by Fr. Dan Ward has been reprinted. The cards may be obtained from : Miss Peg Silver
781 Andover St.
Lowell, MA 01852
U.S.A.

After 6 P.M. Tel: 617-459-6553

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Kobe

KOBE MARINERS' CENTRE is the official name of the institute in Kobe that houses the Anglican MISSIONS TO SEAMEN (popularly known as The Flying Angel) and the Catholic APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (popularly called Stella Maris). At the end of October 1987 we moved from the exisiting premises at ITOMACHI, 111-112 to a newly built center at MOTOMACHI-DORI.

I had given the house number as 3-185-1, and had calling cards printed with that address. Just on the day they were ready we received notice from City Hall that our new address was to be MOTOMACHI_DORI, 3-chome, 1-16, CHUO-KU, 650 KOBE. Our Post Office Box Number has not changed, nor our telephone number 078-331-1696.

For letters then it is best to write:

Fr. Jan Van Hoydonck, O.M.I.
 KOBE MARINERS' CENTRE
 PORT P.O. BOX 709
 651-01 KOBE

For packages sent by any means but the Post Office please use the house address.

In this latter context I would like to ask everyone who has paperbacks or magazines (of any kind) in English that he wants to get rid of to send them to me. The seamen are very happy with them, even with old ones. I like to use this occasion to say Thank You to the Fathers who have already sent me such books and magazines.

Besides our Center there is one other Christian center for seafarers in Kobe, The Norwegian Seamen's Church. At this moment their premises have been torn down to make room for a ten story hotel in which the two bottom floors are going to be occupied by the Norwegian Seamen's Church. For the time being they rent some space nearby. We are on friendly terms with them and we cooperate wherever it is practical. We get together frequently.

Fr. Jan Van Hoydonck, OMI

TOKYO

The big news of 1987-88 for me personally:

Last week I submitted my application for the proposed college at Tsukuba. The original offer made by Dr. Obata was to continue at Sophia and teach at Tsukuba part-time. However, in a more recent proposal, he asked if I'd be interested in making the "jump"... to leave Sophia completely and join the faculty as a professor at Tsukuba.

Dr. Obata doesn't think I'll have any trouble passing either of the review boards, Tsukuba's or the Ministry of Education's. We shall see. It's a national university and Japan has only recently opened professorships to foreigners (in Departments, other than Language Departments).

In prep for the new post, I hope to take advantage of summer vacations to go Stateside to research trends in deaf ed, counseling, etc. Am counting heavily on the advice of contacts that I've made at Congresses on the Deaf Ed and Psychology as well as in previous courses at Gallaudet University for the Deaf in Washington, D.C.

Hope to know by early March if I've passed the Tsukuba re-

view-board. And, by late June, I should get the results of the Ministry's review-board. It would mean moving into a 公務員宿舎, for the 3 days a week that I'll be there. See you in March at the Congress.

Many thanks for your prayers for my sister, Pat. She seems to be doing okay. The treatments have apparently arrested the spread of the cancer. Again, thanks.

Jack Deely

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BIRTHDAYS

February

15 Len Inui

MARCH

1 Jerry Novotny
23 Bill Maher

APRIL

1 Bro. Kawaguchi
17 Gerard Stevens
17 Jack Deely
22 Wency Laguidao

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

March 12 -Fr. Len Robitaille, OMI
April 12 Fr. Robert Gill, OMI

ORDINATIONS

February

22 Xave Yoshikazu Tosa

MARCH

19 Ray Bourgoin
27 Ron Laframboise
27 Wency Laguidao

APRIL

4 Jerry Novotny
11 Jack Deely
26 Bill Maher
29 Fran Hahn

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THOUGHTS FOR LENT

Sometimes we need to reflect on the crosses we carry in our world. They are not always as obvious as the wooden cross Jesus carried to Calvary.

The cross of discipleship -

inward struggle with the world, the flesh and the devil
wrestling with laziness and inertia...
so easy to take the less difficult path
so comfortable to join the crowd, to do what everyone else is doing

The cross of fidelity -
 to inner vocation
 to hidden grace
 to unused talent
 to making decisions
 to saying yes or no

The cross of growth -
 of the pilgrim journey
 of the uphill climb with temperament and
 personality
 of conversion after relapse

The cross of ministry -
 taking the initiative of leadership
 giving of one's self to others

The cross of caring -
 involvement
 listening
 generosity

The cross of responsibility for others -
 those who turn to us
 those we would like to turn away from

The cross of our times -
 racism
 war
 poverty
 fear
 violence
 nuclear threat

Under the sign of this cross I pray:

"Gathering the Fragments"
 The cross - mine, yours, ours



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March 10, 1988

Dear Fellow Oblate,

The time for our Discernment Congress is fast approaching. Jim Sullivan is scheduled to arrive in Osaka on the 14. He will come to Kochi the following day. From that day till the 19 the Council will have meetings on leadership and planning with Jim. As you well know the dates for the Discernment Congress are from the 22 to the 24 of March. As I mentioned before these will be three FULL days of meeting so you are requested to be in Kochi the night of the 21. (Supper will not be served at the house that evening so please plan on eating out). It is also advisable not to plan to leave Kochi until the morning of the 25th.

You will find here enclosed the reports of the Team Discernments of our ministries. In the days before the Congress will you kindly make time to read these over as more immediate preparation for the Congress. It would also be good to read over and reflect on our Vision/Mission Statement and Criteria once again.

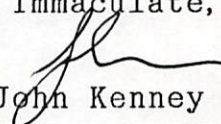
The following is a list of the things you should bring to the Congress.

Vision Mission Statement
Criteria
Rule Book
Missionaries in Today's World (Green Book)
Bible
English Breviary
Mass Vestment and Stole

Due to the large number attending the Congress we will not be able to provide laundry service during those days.

I look forward to seeing you in Kochi on March 21. In the mean time let's pray for one another and for the success of the Congress.

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Fr. John Kenney Mahoney, O. M. I.



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March 31, 1988

Dear Fellow Oblate,

Our Discernment Congress for which each one worked so hard over the years is over. I want to thank you once again for your cooperation in the preparation for the Congress and also during the days of the Congress. I am sure that you will agree that the Congress was another step forward in the growth of the Vice-Province of Japan.

As a result of the Congress the Province and the Provincial Administration have 79 suggestions for the immediate future. It was the obvious will and intent of the Congress that these suggestion and/or the steps to realizing these suggestions be activated as soon as possible.

In order to fulfill this will and intent of the Province the Provincial Council met with Jim Sullivan and Friday March 25 for a Council Meeting to decide on those suggestions that could be done immediately and to plan a process and time table for putting the other suggestions into motion in a systematic and practical manner.

The suggestion made on Criterion #4: that we free Wency Laguidao one hundred percent for work with the migrants was considered by the Council. In a discernment process by the Council of this suggestion it was felt it is a good suggestion but that more time for discernment is necessary. We agreed to continue our discernment until the Council Meeting in April when we hope to make a final decision.

The suggestion made on Criterion #4: That the Right to Life Movement be fully sponsored and become an OMI Movement was considered by the Council. The Council voted in favor of this suggestion, in principle, but felt there was need of more

information before making a final decision. For this reason we have asked Jerry Novotny to provide this information by the time of our Council meeting in April.


As the Father Jan replaced in Kobe for work with the seamen is returning and as there is no need for a Chaplain in Nagoya at this time we have asked Jan to terminate this Apostolate. Jan's next assignment will be considered at a future date.

As it was felt that "Special Ministries" was a matter calling for immediate consideration by the Province the Council spent a good part of time on this subject. We first decided on a clarification of the term. We then made a plan that will involve the men in the process of considering and making decisions about "Special Ministries". This material will be sent to you as so it can be typed hopefully by the end of April or early May.

The Provincial Administration is determined to realize the suggestions given to it by the Congress. We consider this a mandate from the Vice Province. In order to fulfill this mandate we will need your help and cooperation. I am sure you will give that to us as you have so generously in the past. Once again I want to thank you for your past present and future cooperation which I am sure will be forthcoming

I hope that the Feast of the Resurrection and the Holy Season of Easter will be a time of great blessing for you and your Oblate Ministry.

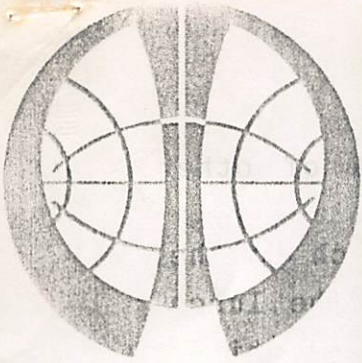
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Provincial, Japan

LIST OF SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES

1. All the Apostolic Ministries of all the members of the Vice-Province will be fully backed by the Province, Provincial Administration
2. That all of us communicate with each other in the Province about our Apostolic Ministries.
3. That financial assistance be made available for Apostolic Ministries and for the training of both OMI and lay people involved in the same
4. Free more of our men for new and urgent Apostolic Ministries
5. That Apostolic Ministries not merely be allowed, but that those involved in Apostolic Ministries be missioned.
6. Consider the continuity of Apostolic Ministries
7. Make Christian Communities aware of the Apostolic Ministries of all the men of the Vice-Province.
8. Competent lay cooperators be chosen to help and to insure continuity of Apostolic Ministries.
9. Those responsible for Apostolic Ministries make an annual budget and present it to the Provincial Council.
10. That the Province clarify its stance on all Apostolic Ministries.
11. That all the members of the Vice-Province be accountable for their work and finances in their Apostolic Ministries to the Vice-Province.
12. Financial aspects of Apostolic Ministries be carefully recorded and reported to the Provincial Administration if they are directly connected with the OMI Religious Corporation.
13. Those involved in Apostolic Ministries concerning social justice group together and inform the whole community on this issue (on the OMI, Japanese, and International level)
14. In the parishes have the OMI's share their expertise on Apostolic Ministries

(N.B. Some of the suggestions are listed under different categories in the Communique.)



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My Brother Oblates,

A District Meeting was held in Fukuoka on April 26. The Sunday before that was World Vocation Day so I suggested that Oblate vocations be the theme for our discussion. As a guideline to our discussion we used AN IMPORTANT MISSION: VOCATIONS taken from the Oblate Animation Manual. After answering the questions and sharing our ideas we formulated some concrete suggestions. We all felt that it was a very positive and practical experience.

For that reason I decided to recommend that the same topic be used for discussion in the Tokushima and Kochi Districts at their May meetings. I was able to attend both of these District Meetings. As in Fukuoka the topic was one of interest to all. We had a good sharing of ideas and again each group ended the session by making some concrete suggestions.

The following are the suggestions from the three Districts:

FUKUOKA

Prayer:

- Compose a prayer for Vocations.
- Distribute this prayer to Catholics.
- Ask Oblates to pray for vocations.

Workshops:

- Participate in Diocesan as well as Oblate Vocation Workshops.

Other:

- Inform Oblates as to what is being done.

Learn from the experiences in vocation recruitment of other Congregations in Japan.

Tokushima

Prayer:

Community prayers for vocations.

A devotion day (with Mass) for vocations.

A prayer to be composed, prayed and distributed.

Workshops:

Cooperate in Oblate Vocation workshops and also in diocesan vocation workshops.

Every District should revive the Altar Boy camp.

Oblate PR:

Have an exhibition of Oblates in the World.

A world map indicating Oblate presence is impressive.

Slides on the life of the Founder.

Slides on Oblate works.

Pamphlet or booklet on O.M.I.

Others:

Visiting home may foster vocations.

In our houses youngsters should be made to feel our esteem for Japan.

Letters to parishes (O.M.I. and non-O.M.I.) to be continued and follow up to be secured.

All should make an effort to voice their opinions on vocations.

KOCHI

Prayer:

Prayers for vocation encouraged within the Oblate Community.

Christian communities should be encouraged to pray for vocations.

Mass for vocations.

Workshops:

Encourage and participate in O.M.I. Vocation Workshop.

Attend Diocesan workshops and camps.

PR:

Talk up our work in Japan

Print and easy to read vocational pamphlet

Life of Founder in Japanese as well as translation of other O.M.I. material.

Other:

Offer a challenge to the youth of today.

Visit Nagoya to encourage the young Oblates.

One of the recommendations is to inform the Oblates as to what is being done.

At the present time Ron is in charge of vocation recruitment and the Brothers are on the Recruitment Team. There have been three Oblate Vocation Workshops - Kochi, Koga and Naruto. In the first two workshops young men from our Oblate parishes were invited to attend. Last year it was decided to invite young men from other parishes. A letter of invitation was sent to parishes within reasonable traveling distance of Naruto. A few young men from non-Oblate parishes showed interest but due to their schedules were not able to attend. During the year the Brothers keep in touch with these young men and all those who have attended our vocation workshops. Again, this year letters will be sent to non-Oblate parishes. An announcement of the Oblate Vocation Workshop which will be held in Kochi July 28-31 will be in the Catholic Newspaper as well in the Diocesan Newspapers of Osaka, Fukuoka, Kyoto and Nagoya. Unfortunately due to the move into the new Bishops Residence in Takamatsu the Takamatsu newspaper will not be printed. One hundred and fifty posters are being printed these will be sent to Catholic Middle Schools, Highschools and Universities.

This year Brother Yagi is in charge of the Vocation Workshop. He and the Brothers are working very hard to

prepare an interesting program. I am sure they will be depending on your prayers and will be delighted if you can come to the Kochi during the Camp. Brother Yagi tells me the program for the vocation work camp has been finalized and will be sent to you directly in a few days.

As you can see a lot is being done for vocation recruitment. The other suggestions made by the Districts are most worthwhile and should be actualized as soon as possible. One suggestion was that the Life of the Founder be made available in Japanese. At the present time Ron is working on a translation and we hope to have it ready this year as an appropriate way to mark the Fortieth Anniversary of our Oblate Mission in Japan.

There are slides available on the Life of the Founder and on many of the Oblate Missions throughout the world. The English commentaries are also available. Sorry that we do not have them in Japanese. You can obtain these by contacting me.

There is one suggestion that we can all put into effect immediately and that is to pray for vocations. I know that all are doing that but we can always do more. It would also be good to have some special prayers for vocations at our monthly District meetings. Finally while speaking about prayers for vocations we must not forget to pray for our Brothers. These young men are in the process of growth in community living and religious formation. At the same time they must prepare themselves intellectually for their future Apostolic Ministries. They most certainly are in need of our prayers. We should also remember to pray for the men directly involved in the work of Formation.

One other suggestion that I would like to recommend is that you visit the house in Nagoya. This can be a great source of encouragement and inspiration to the Nagoya community as well as a way to build a spirit of Oblate Apostolic Community for all of us.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

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Provincial, Japan

NEWS * NEWS * NEWS * NEWS

FR. JEAN DROUART, OMI

We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Jean Drouart, OMI. Father will arrive in Japan on August 1. Fr. Provincial has invited Fr. Drouart to assist us in our Formation Program.

NAGOYA

The Brothers will end their busy school term on July 16, after two weeks of exams. July 19-20, we are planning to go mountain climbing for the relaxation, and to prepare for the busy camp schedule.

Summer camps will begin on July 21. Bros. Kawaguchi and Yagi will be assisting the Narumi Catholic Church with their Sunday School Camp, July 21-23.

July 23-25, Bros. Hayashi and Hashimoto will help with the Tokushima Camp. Bros. Kawaguchi and Yagi will only be able to attend the last day of the camp.

July 28-31, all four Brothers will be in Kochi for the OMI Vocation Camp.

August 8-10, two of the Brothers will be going to Itami to assist in their Sunday School Camp.

After the camps and our days with Fr. Drouart, the Brothers will have a week to spend with their families before beginning the second term of the school year.

MAMI

Thanks to the work of Fr. Ron La Framboise and the assistance of the Brothers, MAMI has been reborn in Japan. Over 700 invitations including a short history of the OMI, the Founder, and the meaning of MAMI have been mailed to the people in our parishes and other friends of the Oblates. To date, 100 people sent in replies and not only did they want to become members but also requested more information about the Oblates, the men and their works. We must be thankful to these Associates not merely for their financial support and prayers but especially for their apostolic activity on the frontlines "in which they build up the Church, sanctify the world and give it life in Christ."

TOKYO

This coming September, Fr. Joseph Gerard, OMI will be beatified by Pope John II, in South Africa. It is a sure sign to all of us that the Oblate way of life can and does lead to sanctity. Thanks to the hard work of Ray Bourgoin, Fr. Gerard's life and work of evangelization will be available to you in Japanese. Ray is translating from the Italian, a book entitled "Vincenzo Severo P. Gerard" written at the OMI Scholasticate in Frascati.

John Deely, OMI

Many thanks for your letters, cards, notes and promises of prayers for my sister Pat. Along with the support of friends and relatives, it all helped to ease the pain and the sadness. The Deelys and the Grouges want me to extend their gratitude to all the OMI's in Japan for your prayers and words of comfort. Pat kept her illness a secret for the past 10 years. And, she swore her husband, Al, to secrecy to save the rest of the family the anguish. Pat was the oldest of our gang. While Mom was busy with the smaller ones, Pat would keep the rest of us in line. As I said at the burial; we were always very proud of our big sister as we watched her grow to be the lovely lady that she was. Thanks again.

The Provincial and Council have given me permission to take advantage of the next couple of summers to do whatever study/research that will be required to better equip me for my post at Tsukuba. As far as teaching at Tsukuba, I think I have the proper qualifications; but to be the pipeline that they want me to be at the Research Center on Deafness at Tsukuba, I'll have to stay in top of things ... at Gallaudet University, at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) in Rochester, and at the National Center On Deafness (NCOD) at California State University of Northridge (CSUN).

Present plans for

2 weeks of study at Gallaudet in Deaf Psychology under Drs. Bill Mc Crone and Jerome Schein.

1 week at NTID to study under Dr. Castle (Technology and Deafness)

1 week at NYU (International Sign Language Institute) Shimkin Hall.

1 week at CSUN at the National Center on Deafness.

Visits to the offices of the (Deaf Missions) (Des Moines, Iowa) and the International Office of the Deaf (D.C.)

Will report on the outcome of the trip in the August or September Newsletter.

Another news item: I've been asked to give a talk to the Bishops, Clergy and Laity on (The Status of the Deaf Catholic) at the Cathedral on June 19th.

See you in September at the Retreat!

Annual Retreat

The annual retreat will be held in Kochi from Sept. 26-30. Fr. Sawada Kazuo of the Tokyo Diocese will be the Retreat Master. Father works among the poor in Sanya.

HOMELAVE

Tosa Yoshikazu, OMI July 11 to the end of August
 Jan Van Hoydonck, OMI August 5 to November 5

STUDY

John Deely;
 Gallaudet, NTID, NYU, and CSUN

Jerry Novotny:

Right to Life Convention in Washington D.C.
 South Wales University in Sidney, Australia

Ange Siani:

St. Louis University, IRF

RIP

Pat Grouge, the sister of John Deely passed away on May 19.
 Please keep her in your prayers.

Illness

Fr. John Mahoney's brother Peter Mahoney is seriously ill,
 Please keep him in your prayers.

Birthdays

June 2 - Bro. Hayashi Hiroshi

Ordinations

June 2 Dick Harr
 7 Ed Williams
 14 John Iwo
 14 Len Inui
 24 Mike Yamazaki

July 1 Jan Van Hoydonck
 5 Leo Simons

August 4 Bro. Nobuhiko Yagi
 23 Ange Siani
 31 Bert Silver

PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT

JERRY NOVOTNY, OMI

There is a saying that I read recently, "Persevere--things will get worse before they collapse." Whoever wrote that must have spent some time studying the abortion problem and the state of the Pro-Life Movement and the Church in Japan. Speaking with a diocesan priest several weeks ago, I discovered that the bishops had pleaded with the Pope, several years ago, not to mention the abortion problem on his visit to Japan. And surprisingly he didn't.

For over 15 years now Japan has been involved in a tremendous war which has killed more human beings than all the wars put together since the day I was born. This is the war against the unborn. Literally, millions of preborn human beings have been slaughtered during this period of time. The unborn child is helpless in its mother's womb and the most dangerous place to be today is in that womb. The law gives the women a legal right to do what she wants with her unborn child. The child is defenseless.

In order to defend these children, the Pro-Life Movement was established in Kochi last year. John called last night and asked me to write a brief report to you concerning the project. Here's a short rundown.

This month marks exactly a half year since the first PRO-LIFE NEWS was published. In two weeks, the sixth issue will be sent to some 3000 Catholic Churches, Educational Institutions, and one copy to each bishop. At 70yen per envelop, the postage alone places a heavy drainage on our financial resources. The Newsletter costs about 11 yen per copy to publish. At present there are about 180 subscribers. Hopefully, with better PR and your support, this number will enter the thousands bracket within the coming year. The NEWSLETTER would then become self-supportive and our limited budget could be used in other areas.

Through the newsletter we are advertising, as one set, an actual size model of a 12-week preborn baby and an explanation card, This is ideal to use when giving talks on any phase of human life to any age group. Last year I talked about abortion in one of my classes at the University. After showing the movie "Silent Scraam", I held up this plastic doll and started to read the information on the card. I never finished because the entire class was crying. All 26 students, including myself. The message was communicated and well received. Since then, four of those students have written articles for the newsletter. The inexpensive models are sold for the same price it costs us. This price should not create any financial burden on parishes, kindergartens, or organizations in Japan.

This holds true also for the pamphlets that are offered in the newsletter. 25 different pamphlets will be available by the end of this year. Are there any suggestions on how to attract people or groups to buy and distribute these pamphlets to young people in society?

The video movie "Silent Scream" is going very well. So far, orders from nursing schools, universities, and churches average about one tape every two days.

Other expenses include translators, office supplies, ordering books and materials, as well as having an inventory on hand for orders coming in. There are about 20 senior citizens who are the backbone of this project. Our office is in the home of a retired couple who are in their early seventies but talented and extremely active. Most envelopes are addressed at the home of senior citizens. One elderly lady went out and found 25 subscribers to the newsletter. If all Christians throughout Japan would do this, the abortion issue would soon become a major crisis on a political level.

This summer, as part of on-going formation, I have the opportunity to attend the National Right to Life Convention in Washington D.C. The theme "PROGRESS THRU PERSEVERANCE" covers areas in anencephalic infants and fetal transplants; post-abortion syndrom; pro-life education for children; adoptions, infanticide; etc. The I head for South Wales University in Sydney, Australia and attend a training course in the Billings Ovulation Method and in Christian Sexuality Training in High Schools.

APARTHEID AND JAPAN

TOSA YOSHIKAZU, OMI

The Japanese Cabinet is composed of only members of the Liberal Democratic Party (LPD). The LPD also has a vast majority in both chambers of the Parliament.

It can be said that Japan (LPD) has been active in the UN in opposing apartheid, but it has been rather lukewarm in taking actions in its bilateral relations with South Africa.

There is in existence a Japan-South Africa Parliamentarian' Friendship Union. About 45 members from both the ruling and the opposition parties belong to this Union.

On February 3, 1988, the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus in a letter to the Prime Minister, N. Takeshita of Japan, accused Japan of taking advantage of the international anti-apartheid campaign, to become the largest trading partner with South Africa.

Japan's two-way trade with South Africa in 1986, increased 25 percent to \$3.60 billion, and in 1987 it increased 19 percent to \$4.27 billion, to become the No. 1 trading partner for the second year in a row.

More than ten years ago Japan banned all direct investments in South Africa. It also prohibits imports from South Africa - iron and steel; limits cultural, sports and tourism exchanges and bans exports of computers which might be used to enforce the apartheid system.

Because of the ban on direct investment, most Japanese companies sell products through South African owned distributors.

The Asahi Evening Newspaper of March 30, 1988, admitted that 5 percent of Japan's iron came from S.A. (5.5 million tons for last year). Coal imports from S.A. in fiscal 1987-1988 are expected to exceed 4 million tons (7 percent of the total Japanese demand.)

JAPANESE OFFICIAL REACTION

1. Japan's first reaction was to call untrue the Causus' charge that Japanese firms had increased trade ties as a result of their U.S. counterpart's withdrawal from South Africa.

Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita was the first one to promise that Japan would continue to join with the rest of the international community in opposing South Africa's policy of apartheid. He called for "Resolute action".

The increase was due largely to the appreciation of the yen. Calculated in yen, Japan's total trade with South Africa rose by 2.1 percent to 619 billion.

"Japanese trade with South Africa is not increasing sharply and Japan is not taking over the role of U.S. companies, so Japan is not doing anything wrong", a Foreign Ministry official said. "But because being No. 1 hurts Japan's image, we might need to take some action".

Pretoria stopped announcing trade statistics with specific trading partners in 1986, out of concern for international reactions.

2. Without consulting with the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), the Foreign Ministry took the initiative in urging Japanese business leaders to implement "voluntary restrictions" on their trade with South Africa.
3. MITI on the other hand stated that it is difficult to spell out quantitative guidelines for regulating trade with South Africa and that such guidelines are not necessary. However, the Ministry urged industries to restrain trade.
4. Finally, March 11, 1988, the government officially decided against laying down quantitative guidelines for reducing Japan's trade with South Africa.

Instead, the government will wait until summer and see whether Japan's trade with South Africa will decrease as a result of voluntary restraints.

5. Japan officially denounced South Africa for banning all political activities by 17 organizations which oppose its policy of apartheid. (Feb.25, 1988)

REACTIONS OF JAPANESE FIRMS

1/ Car Industry

Motor vehicles account for 40 percent of total exports. Last year, sales of Japanese cars totaled about 310,000 units, up 16 percent from a year earlier. In 1987, Toyota was the top in sales in the South African auto market, representing an estimated 50 percent of the South African market.

Nissan and Toyota are considering restricting exports of knockdown vehicle kits. Toyota now holds the largest share:

28 percent and Nissan 13 percent. Nissan said it is creating jobs for blacks and thus helping to raise their living standards. Of the 4000 local employees 2600 are blacks.

2/ Electric and electronic markets

Major Japanese trading houses blame the criticism on auto majors' soaring exports to that country. They are reluctant to pull out of South Africa.

NEC Corp. and Pioneer Elect. Corp. have totally suspended their exports to S.A. as a step following "Self-restraint instructions" from the government and from fears that a continuation of trade with S.A. could effect shipments to the U.S.

Fujitsu Ltd. has stopped shipping printers for personal computers.

Hitachi Ltd. asked a West German computer maker not to export systems using Hitachi components

TOO LITTLE TOO LATE?

1. A plan proposed by 21 major Japanese trading houses and manufactures calls for about 100 Japanese firms doing business with S.A. to donate \$200 to set up a "Japan Fund" to help improve the lives of those oppressed by apartheid.

however, the Japan Fund Program is seen as a way to appease international criticism. "The Japanese companies are giving funds that ought to be coming from the South African government, allowing the government to use the savings to fund the military". (Cyril Ramaphosa, secretary-general of the National Union of Mine Workers).

2. The Foreign Ministry intends to increase economic assistance to the black countries surrounding South Africa who are working towards economic independence. The chief beneficiaries of this policy will be the nine members of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference.

3. Anti-apartheid advertisement was put in two South African Newspapers by the Japan anti-apartheid Committee. Titles, "Press Freedom Protects Human Freedom, Free the South African Press." The full-page ad appeared in the New Nation, on Dec. 10, 1987, and a one-sixth page ad was carried 3 days later in the Sunday Star.

This advertisement carried the names of 65 individual and 17 organizations, but the only diet member was Satsuki Eda, leader of USD (United Socialist Democratic Party).

4. On April 10, 1988, the Japan Anti-apartheid Committee placed a full-page advertisement in the Sunday Star. This advertisement was signed by 133 Japanese Members of parliament, trade unions, churches and human rights groups. The appeal urged justice for the "Sharpsville Six, the release of political prisoners, the lifting of restrictions imposed in February on anti-apartheid organizations and more freedom for trade unions. The as also objected to the title "honorary whites" saying this was a dishonorable title. Of the 133 signatures in this advertisement, 99 came from the Japan Socialist Party (JSP) and United Socialist Democratic Party (USD)

THE JAPAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Nothing official from the Bishops Conference, as far as I know)

1. The Catholic Weekly Newspaper on March 13, 1988 carried an article on apartheid based on a conference given in Tokyo February 25, by the Redemptorist Fr. R. Koffman.
2. The same Newspaper on March 26, had a second article on apartheid carrying the question "What must Japan do?" The answer was that discrimination is a problem of our heart...
3. On May 1 of this year, the Japan Anti-apartheid Committee organized a meeting in Tokyo where Allan Boesak spoke. The Japan Catholic Justice and Peace Committee is a member of this organizing committee.



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June 17, 1988

My fellow Oblates,

On June 5 we had a Council meeting at Hikarigaoka. The main agenda of this meeting was to make concrete plans for the implementation of the Suggestions of our Congress.

The Suggestions that seem to reflect most clearly the the spirit of the Congress are those concerning Apostolic Ministries. The Oblate Apostolic Ministry in Japan is the sum of these numerous and vital Apostolic Ministries. Each one is important in itself but each one gains in importance when united with our other Apostolic Ministries to become the Oblate approach to the missionary needs of Japan.

No one individual Oblate can be a missionary to the non-hearing, the non-born, the prisoner, the man who does not know Christ and the many other categories of the needy and abandoned in Japan. Yet in another sense he can give himself to all these through his participation in the Apostolic Ministries of his brother Oblates in Japan. I think it is valid to say the Apostolic Ministry of each Oblate in Japan is the Apostolic Ministry of all the Oblates in Japan.

The suggestions made concerning Apostolic Ministries are important for the futures of the Oblate of Mary Immaculate in Japan. Therefore I think it is important to act upon them as soon as possible. For that reason I would like to have a vote on the suggestions concerning Apostolic Ministries. You are asked to vote to put into effect the Suggestions for the Immediate Future concerning Apostolic Ministries made at our Congress in March. (See following page.)

One of these suggestion is that those in Apostolic Ministries be Missioned. In the event the vote is in favor of putting the Suggestions into effect I hope we can have this Missioning Ceremony at the closing of our Retreat in September.

Please have the enclosed post card back to the Provincial office by July 5.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Fr. John Kenney Mahoney, O. M. I.
Provincial

LIST OF SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES

1. All the Apostolic Ministries of all the members of the Vice-Province will be fully backed by the Province, Provincial Administration
2. That all of us communicate with each other in the Province about our Apostolic Ministries.
3. That financial assistance be made available for Apostolic Ministries and for the training of both OMI and lay people involved in the same
4. Free more of our men for new and urgent Apostolic Ministries
5. That Apostolic Ministries not merely be allowed, but that those involved in Apostolic Ministries be missioned.
6. Consider the continuity of Apostolic Ministries
7. Make Christian Communities aware of the Apostolic Ministries of all the men of the Vice-Province.
8. Competent lay cooperators be chosen to help and to insure continuity of Apostolic Ministries.
9. Those responsible for Apostolic Ministries make an annual budget and present it to the Provincial Council.
10. That the Province clarify its stance on all Apostolic Ministries.
11. That all the members of the Vice-Province be accountable for their work and finances in their Apostolic Ministries to the Vice-Province.
12. Financial aspects of Apostolic Ministries be carefully recorded and reported to the Provincial Administration if they are directly connected with the OMI Religious Corporation.
13. Those involved in Apostolic Ministries concerning social justice group together and inform the whole community on this issue (on the OMI, Japanese, and International level)
14. In the parishes have the OMI's share their expertise on Apostolic Ministries

(N.B. Some of the suggestions are listed under different categories in the Communique.)



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July 1, 1988

My Fellow Oblates,

The busy summer season is about begin for all of us. I hope that each one is also able to find some time to relax and perhaps get away from it all for a few days.

You most likely know that the Council has been discussing the matter of changes of assignments within the Province. I have discussed these changes with the man involved. Each one has agreed to the change in assignment that the Council has recommended. The following is a list of these changes.

Fran Hahn	Koga
Dick Harr	Anan
Bill Maher	Tokushima
Gerry Stevens	Nakamura
Jan Van Hoydonck	Ikeda Ryoonan
Ed Williams	Kochi (Nakajima-cho)
Mike Yamazaki	Itami

These changes will become effective on September 15.

I want to thank each one of the Fathers involved in these changes. The spirit in which they accepted the new assignments was an example and inspiration to me. We all know that leaving a place and people you have grown to love is most difficult. Each one has agreed to make this sacrifice and for this I am most grateful. Thank you.

I hope that each one will pray for the men involved in the changes. At this time our prayers can be most helpful.

Father Joseph Gerard will be beatified by Pope John Paul on Thursday, September 15, this year when he visits Lesotho. The enclosed is a copy of his Mass and Office which may be used any time after September 15. His feast day will be May 29, the anniversary of his death in 1914. One copy of the enclosed was sent by Rome for each Father in the Province. Ray has kindly agreed to translate it into Japanese.

Let us pray that Father Gerard will care in a special way for the Fathers who will be starting there new mission assignments on Sept 15.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Fr. John Kenney Mahoney, O.M.I.

1/26

Motte iru hito wa sara ni ataerareru to jesu no yakusoku desu. Watashitachi wa sono motte iru hitobito desu. kyookon go-misa ni azukaarukoto wa hitotsu meumi desu. Iro iro megumi noo naka karaa shiinko, kenko, yorokobi. Kaizai no jotai iro iromegumi. Kono naka kara kyoo wa toku ni Kansha sit imasu ka

1/27

Tane wo maku.hatake ni o-mugi wo maku
Tampopoo wa jibun de jibun no tane wo maku

Karashidane wa ha no kage ni sora no tori ga su wo tsukareru hodo ookina eda wo haru.



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July 31, 1988

My fellow Oblates,

On June 17 I sent you a letter and a post card asking you to indicate your desire to put into effect the Suggestions for the Immediate Future Concerning Apostolic Ministries. The returns indicate that most are in favor of putting the suggestions into effect.

Therefore the time has come to begin the process. You may recall that in the Congress Follow-Up Communique the Steps for Implementation of the Suggestions of the Congress are listed. (copy enclosed).

I think you will also recall that at the Congress we voted on all the suggestions contained in the Follow-Up Communique. You will also recall that vote was a vote to discuss the suggestions.

The time has come to begin the discussion. As to a timetable I would suggest the following. Due to the fact that most of the men involved in Parish and Kindergarten Apostolic Ministries are going to be moving to new assignments in September that the discussion of the suggestions concerning these two Ministries be postponed to a later date. We can begin with the discussion of the Apostolic Ministries in General, that is all the Apostolic Ministries listed on the enclosed page with the exception of the above mentioned Parish and Kindergarten Ministries. The time to begin the discussion on the suggestions concerning these two to be determined at a later date.

The third enclosure is an Inquiry Concerning Apostolic Ministry. You are requested to give the requested information about each Apostolic Ministry in which you are involved. Will those involved in Ministries numbered from 1 to 13 (with the exception of #10-Kindergartens) kindly send in there replies by August 20. Will those involved in Ministries numbered 14 to 28 (with the exception of #17-Parishes) kindly send in their replies by September 10.

Judging by your cooperation in the past I know it is not presumptive to thank you for your cooperation in this matter as well.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Fr. John Kenney Mahoney, O. M. I.
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Steps For Implementation of Suggestions of the Congress

In order to implement the suggestions we will establish a timetable to treat each Apostolic Ministry with the man involved. We will try not to overburden you but will ask for your cooperation. For most of the Apostolic Ministries the process will be simple.

1. Apostolic Ministries in General

- a) A simple questionnaire (not repeating but taking advantage of the work done by each one in preparation of the Congress).
- b) A meeting between the Provincial and each Oblate to dialogue about his Apostolic Ministry.
- c) The Provincial Council will then take a proposed position about the Ministry--which, if necessary, will be discussed by the whole community for approval as the official Province position.

2. Apostolic Ministry -- Parishes

The suggestions about parishes will take a longer but processes will be set up as soon as possible to implement the suggestions about this Apostolic Ministry.

3. Apostolic Ministry -- Kindergartens

The process for implementing the suggestions will be formulated in a future meeting with those involved in in this Apostolic Ministry.

Apostolic Ministries of the Vice-Province of Japan

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| 1. Administration | Mahoney, Yamazaki, Laguidao,
Silver |
| 2. Charismatic Renewal | Harr |
| 3. Chemical Dependents | T. Maher |
| 4. Chiropractic Healing | Van Hoydonck |
| 5. Choice | Bourgoin |
| 6. Counseling | Tosa, Novotny, Simons |
| 7. Formation | LaFramboise, Siani, Yamazaki,
Inui |
| 8. Highschool English | Hahn, T. Maher |
| 9. Justice and Peace | Tosa, Siani |
| 10. Kindergartens | LaFramboise, Silver, Hahn,
Iwo, Inui. |
| 11. Marriage Encounter | Bourgoin |
| 12. Mission (rural) | Stevens |
| 13. Non-Hearing | Deely |
| 14. Orphanage | Bourgoin |
| 15. Outcasts | Stevens |
| 16. Parent Effectiveness Training | Simons |
| 17. Parishes | Harr, Silver, Williams, Hahn,
Iwo, Simons, Stevens, Mahoney,
T. Maher, W. Maher, Yamazaki,
Laguidao. |
| 18. Philippine Migrant Workers | Laguidao |
| 19. Prisons Chaplains | T. Maher, Williams, Stevens |
| 20. Reformatory | Tosa |
| 21. Retreat Preaching | LaFramboise |
| 22. Right to Life Movement | Novotny |
| 23. Seamens Apostolate | Van Hoydonck |
| 24. Telephone Counseling | Simons |
| 25. Translation of O. M. I. Documents | Bourgoin |
| 26. University Professor | Deely, Novotny |
| 27. Youth Work | Novotny |
| 28. Volunteer Bureau | Simons |



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August 18, 1988

My fellow Oblates,

Fr. Drouart is here in Kochi. Today the Brothers started there first three day seminar on Blessed Eugene and the Oblate Charism. As you know Father also agreed to give talks at the district meetings in Tokushima and Kochi. These are good opportunities for all of us. I think that this month that Fr. Drouart has been able to stay with us in Japan is a great blessing for each and every one of us.

He will be at the Kochi District meeting on Monday August 22 and the second three day seminar will be held in Kochi from the 23 to 25 of this month. You are most welcome to attend any of these sessions.

You will find herein a number of enclosures. There is a short biography of Fr. Joseph Gerard who will be beatified by Pope John Paul on September 15. There is also a copy of the Mass and Office which Ray translated into Japanese for us. Ray has almost completed a translation of a life of the Fr. Gerard from an Italian text. Thank you Ray for this good work.

We have been asked by Rome to make Fr. Gerard known to the people with whom we work and the people in our parishes. It would seem that a good time to do this would be on World Mission Sunday which is on October the 23. A sermon about this Oblate Missionary given on that day would be a most appropriate way to observe World Mission Sunday. The enclosed biography may be of help in preparing a sermon.

I have received the holy cards that I ordered from Rome. (copy enclosed) As soon as the biographical information and prayer on the back can be put into Japanese and printed I will send them for distribution to your parishioners. I am sure they will be ready by October 23.

I have also enclosed a copy of the Letter of the Holy Father John Paul II to all consecrated persons.

This year is the Fortieth Anniversary of the Oblates in Japan. In order to have a community celebration to mark this occasion the Council at its meeting in July voted to have a Provincial gathering in Itami on evening of Sunday December 4 and on Monday December 5th. We have asked Bert


Silver and Mike Yamasaki to prepare an appropriate program for this Oblate occasion. Further details will be sent at a later date.

As you know the parish of Hikari ga Oka is being returned to the Diocese of Fukuoka. The parishioners are preparing for a celebration to thank the Oblates for the thirty five year they have served in the parish. This will take place on September 4. Fr Yamada, the Vicar General of the Diocese, has been named the new Pastor. He is expected to assume his duties by September 11.

I plan to go to the States to visit my family and to visit various Provinces to thank them for the help they have given to us for the Seminary and to ask their continued assistance. I will be away from October 3 to December 1. If your visa is due for renewal during that time please notify me and I will send the necessary papers before I leave.

Our annual Oblate Retreat will be held here in Kochi from Monday morning September 26 to Friday noon September 30. The Retreat Director will be Fr. Sawada Kazuo. Father is a Professor at the Inter-Diocesan Seminary in Tokyo. He is also deeply involve with the day laborers in Sanya. He translated for Jean Vanier at the retreat he preached in Japan last year. He is a noted retreat preacher who is well known for his deep and simple spirituality. I am looking forward to seeing you here at the time of the Retreat in the event you are not able to attend because of death or densen byo please notify me by September 15. We will not be able to serve supper on Sunday night. The Retreat will begin at nine no monday morning.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,


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September 19, 1988

My fellow Oblates,

Our annual retreat will begin a week from today. This is a very important time for our personal spiritual growth and also for our spiritual growth as a community. Throughout the year we are all so busy in the works our Mission Apostolates that sometimes it is necessary to sacrifice our time of prayer and recollection. But there is a danger in this. Perhaps the words of the Founder to Father Guigues could be addressed to us. "In God's name let them return to their communities to renew themselves in the spirit of their vocation; other wise it is the end of our missionaries, they will soon be nothing more that sounding cymbals".

In order that we may renew ourselves in the spirit of our vocation I would like to recommend that we try to keep a atmosphere of silence during the retreat. Silence during the day with music at meals. In the evening after night prayer we can have "talk time" until ten o'clock.

The office will be in Japanese so please bring your Japanese breviary. Please bring your own Mass vestment, too.

At the closing Mass on Friday we will have the Ceremony of the Nomination of the New Directors of our residences. Will the Fathers concerned kindly bring the Decree of Nomination of Director and also the Decree of Promulgation which were sent to you with your Letter of Obedience.

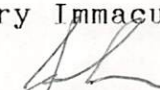
RETREAT SCHEDULE

September 26, to September 29

Morning Prayer and Meditation.....	7:15 A.M.
Breakfast.....	8:00
Conference.....	9:30
Mass.....	12:00
Lunch.....	12:45 P.M.
Conference.....	3:00
Evening Prayer and Adoration.....	5:00
Supper.....	5:45
Night Prayer.....	7:45
Talk Time (ad Libidum)	8 to 10 P.M.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 25th (sorry no supper) or the morning of the 26. Retreat will end after lunch on September 29.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,


John Kenney Mahoney, O.M.I.
Provincial



December 10, 1988

My fellow Oblates,

I have received word that Fr. Desmond O'Donnell, General Councilor for Asia-Oceania will be visiting Japan from January 10 to January 19 of next year. The following is his itinerary while in Japan.

Tuesday, Jan. 10. Arrive Osaka at 7:55 P.M.

Wednesday, Jan. 11. Meeting in Nagoya for Fathers and Brothers of the Itami, Nagoya and Tokyo Communities. The meeting will begin at noon (lunch will be served) and end in the evening with a gaudeamus and supper. If you wish to stay in Nagoya on the night of Jan. 11 please notify Ron by Jan. 1.

Thursday, Jan. 12. Travel from Nagoya to Naruto.

Friday, Jan. 13. Meeting in Tokushima for of the Fathers of Tokushima Ken. The meeting will begin at 10 A.M. The monthly day of recollection schedule will be followed.

Saturday, Jan. 14. Visit Bishop Fukahori-Travel to Kochi.

Sunday, Jan. 15. Open schedule

Monday, Jan. 16. Meeting in Kochi for the Fathers of Kochi Ken and the Koga Community. The meeting will begin at 10 A.M. The regular monthly meeting schedule will be followed. However in order to have ample time the afternoon session will begin at 2 P.M.

Tuesday, Jan. 17. Meeting in Itami of the members of the Provincial Council with Fr. O'Donnell.

Wednesday, Jan. 18. Visit Arch-Bishop Yasuda and Wency's office in Tamatsukuri.

Thursday, Jan 19. Depart from Osaka at 9:25 A.M.

I will ask Des to give a spiritual conference at the morning sessions in Tokushima and Kochi. At the afternoon session I hope he will report to us on the Asia-Oceania

Region and also his and the General Administrations attitude toward, and hopes and desire for the Japan Province.

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Nota Bene: Effective Dec. 8th the exchange rate for the dollar is 125 yen. This was decided at the Council Meeting held in Itami on December 5th. JKM.



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December 30, 1988

My brother Oblates,

I feel that one more letter is appropriate before the year ends. It is mainly a letter of thanks to you and to the Lord who has blessed our efforts during the past year.

We must all thank the men who were changed for the spirit of cooperation they showed in accepting their new assignments and for the zeal with which they have taken up their new duties.

During this year the men of the Nagoya House of Studies did a wonderful job of re-organizing and re-invigorating the MAMI. There are now about 160 members. The average pledge is ten thousand yen a year. While mentioning the work of the Nagoya Community it would also be well to thank them and all of you who cooperated to make the Summer Vocation camp a success.

I think you will agree that the visit by Fr. Drouart was a blessing for the Mission. Thank you for making an effort to attend the hastily arranged District Meetings during his visit.

The Fortieth Anniversary of the Mission is something for which we are all most thankful I am sure. I think it was a time when we realized more deeply how blessed our Mission has been. I am sure all join me in thanking the Brothers for their contribution to making the occasion so meaningful and Mike and Bert for organizing this event.

But most of all I want to thank each one for the devotion you show to the people with whom and for whom you are working. You have had a very busy year working for the poor and those in need. As I visit the you and talk with you I am more and more convinced that each and every one of the Apostolic Missions you are involved in is a truly Oblate work. May God continue to bless you and the works of the Mission in 1989.

I hope to continue to meet with you at the District Meetings and also to visit the residences and works of the Mission. My recent visits to Nakamura and Awa-Ikeda were most enlightening. I hope to visit the Tokyo Community next month.

The first two month of the year will rather busy for me so I will not be able to do as much visiting as I would like. As you know Des will be here form January 10th to the 19th. I will be with him during his visit Then I plan to attend the 1989 Priest Kenkyukai at Kamakura from January 23rd to February 4th. On February 7th I will leave to the attend the Asia/Oceania Regional Conference in Bangalore, India. At that time we will meet with the General Council. I will return to Japan on February 28th in time for our Mission Congress. I look forward to seeing you all at that time.

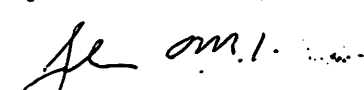
Fr. Alphonse Keuter, O.M.I., General Treasurer will be visiting Japan from February 27th to March 3rd. He hopes to visit some of the Mission in the little time he has with us. Bert will inform you of these plans.

A thought as we enter the New Year. "Recent Popes have asked the Church to observe January 1, the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, as a day of prayer for peace in the world.

Our Constitutions speak to us of hope in the coming of a new world free from selfishness and given to sharing (C. 20), a new world wherein persons recognize their close interdependence (C. 25), a world born of (Christ's) resurrection (C. 9)." (From OBLATE PRAYER page 137)

May Mary, the Mother of God watch over you that you and your work may be abundantly blessed in the new year.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,


Fr. John Kenney Mahoney, O.M.I.
Provincial