

January 5, 1994

Vice Province of Japan  
Update

Dear Brothers,

Happy New Year!

This year Christmas and New Years were very busy times for all of us and I hope you have been able to take a little time for yourself.

New year's customs around the world give us a clue about what really matters to people as they enter a brand new year. In Japan we see families return to their ancestral home, affirming tradition and ties that bind. In China fireworks crackle with optimism and good cheer. In Ghana Catholics, dressed in white, form candlelight processions in the streets to welcome the New Year. "You always look towards New Year's with your face up".

We opened the New Year on the feast of the Mother of God, we too look towards the new year with our faces up. We look to our Mother for a few clues about how best to greet and make the most of the year opening before us. She turns us back to the gospel and say, "Tell me, what do you see?"

We see the Holy Family gathered as one. The shepherds come in from the hills for a visit. They tell their story of how God has intervened in their lives. Mary reflects on everything that has been said. Then the shepherds go off, celebrating and sharing their joy in having found Jesus.

I think this simple scene suggests four points for our consideration:

1) the family gathering, in which we as individuals set aside our favorite pursuits to be present to those among whom God has planted us; 2) the welcoming of visitors - especially those who are unexpected and less advantaged than we are; 3) sharing our stories of how God has guided, strengthened, inspired or empowered us. For anyone who wants to emerge at the other end of 1994 a better Oblate, this custom is crucial. As Fr. Richard Rohr puts it "We're not converted in our heads...We're

converted by circumstances - if we really let the circumstances get to us."

Fourth is letting the circumstance get to us by taking the time to reflect on God's presence in our lives each day. C33

As we move into the New Year may God bless everyone of us in our life and work, so that it may truly be "witnessing as apostolic community".



Angelo Siani, OMI  
Provincial

New Address of the Korean Oblate Community

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Seoul 135 - 210  
Korea

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Oblate Spring Meeting March '94

Bishop Hirayama had agreed to be the in-put person for our Spring Meeting. However due to an unforeseen change in his schedule, the Bishop asked me to inform you that he regrets he will not be able to attend meeting.

Fr. Yamamoto of the Fukuoka Diocese has accepted to be our in-put person.

Paul Fachet, OMI will speak on March 25.

The dates are the same: Arrive March 22 after supper. The meeting begins on March 23 and ends with lunch on March 25.

40 Years Anniversary of Priesthood

Fr. John Kenney MAHONEY, OMI and Fr. Bertram N. SILVER, OMI celebrate 40 years in the priesthood this May. Our community celebration will be held at the Passionist Retreat House at the time of our spring meeting.

## Birthdays

### February

13 Maurizio GIORGIANNI  
15 Len INUI  
21 Vincenzo BORDO

### March

1 Jerry NOVOTNY  
23 Bill MAHER

### April

1 Leo Satoshi KAWAGUCHI  
17 Gerard STEVENS  
17 Jack DEELY  
22 Wency LAGUIDAO

## Ordinations

### February

22 Xave Yoshikazu TOSA

### March

19 Ray BOURGOIN  
27 Ron LAFRAMBOISE  
27 Wency LAGUIDAO  
29 Leo Satoshi KAWAGUCHI

### April

4 Jerry NOVOTNY  
11 Jack DEELY  
25 Vincenzo BORDO  
26 Bill MAHER  
29 Francis HAHN

## Rome-Meeting for Provincials

I will attend the meeting for provincials in Rome. I will also take this opportunity to visit my aging parents for a few weeks. I will leave Japan on January 26 and return on March 12.

## Visitors

Welcome to Fr. Marino Merlo, OMI. Fr. Merlo will visit the Fathers in Korea for two weeks during this month of January.

## Korea: House Blessing

The date for the blessing of the new house in Korea has been set for February 15, 1994.

January 24, 1994

Dear Brothers,

On February 17, we celebrate the 168th. anniversary of the approbation of our Rules and Constitutions. On this day, we celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving as a community. I have sent a copy of the Mass in Japanese to each of our houses. The Japanese text was prepared by Ray Bourgoin.

When thinking about the congregation, it is almost impossible to picture it without its missionary thrust. It is also the image we have in the church. Our missions among the Eskimos have made us known as specialists in difficult missions.

This missionary spirit comes from the Founder. It is, I believe, a sign of our vitality and must be evident in all our works. As the Founder wrote in the preface the work of the missions...is the reason for our union.

Happy Feast Day. God bless you all.

Ange, OMI

### International Experience

After our Provincial Meeting in March, Fr. Leo KAWAGUCHI, OMI will be leaving for Australia. He will be in Australia for ten months to study English and experience some ministry. On his return trip, he will also visit the missions in Indonesia, Sri Lanka and India.

This year Australia is celebrating its 100th. Anniversary of Foundation. LEO will be the official representative of the Province at the celebrations.

### New Assignment

Fr. Leo KAWAGUCHI has been assigned to the Itami parish for his pastoral year. This assignment will begin when he returns to

Japan.

Korea

The dedication of our new house will held on February 15. VINCENZO will be sending you all an invitation. As the airlines are very crowded at this time of year, you need to make your reservations as soon as possible.

As I will be in Rome, Fr. Leonard SIMONS, OMI will be the Provincial delegate at the celebration.

OMI Album

BERT has sent 75 photographs of Japan and Korea to Rome for the new OMI Picture Album. Thank you for your cooperation. The accompanying text was written by Ed WILLIAMS.

Visitor

Welcome to Fr. Maurizio GIORGIANNI, OMI. MAURIZIO will be with us from January 23 - February 3.

Acting Provincial

Fr. Leonard SIMONS will be acting provincial from January 26 - March 12.

April 15, 1994

Vice Province of Japan  
Update

Dear Brother Oblates,

Allelulia, He is risen! Happy Easter.

In his Holy Thursday letter, the Superior General, Fr. Marcello ZAGO, writes, "The path is now clear for the Canonization of Blessed Eugene." ... "The purpose of this letter is to invite all to give thanks and to prepare for this event. The Canonization of the Founder is a grace for the Congregation, which must take the opportunity for a renewal of the Oblate charism, for a drawing closer to and a special moment of presence in the Church, for missionary outreach, and for a concerted effort to attract vocations."

This occasion gives us the opportunity to reflect on the beauty of our own Oblate vocation, the call to follow Jesus and share in His mission. This occasion is a time to learn to recognize and utilize the gifts of grace. With this capacity, we will find that our journey of spiritual growth and growth as an Oblate missionary is guided by the invisible hand of God. Our Rule and Constitutions are the stepping stones. Whether we succeed or not in our final goal of sanctity is our personal responsibility. The Rule, this stepping stone, has been given to prepare a way for us. But we ourselves must step across it, one by one.

OBLATE PRAYER WEEK May 21-30

Fr. Guillermo STECKLING writes that our Prayer Days should have a double purpose: 1) reminding us of our own vocation; "We believe in our religious and missionary vocation (WAC, 29), and 2) making others aware that baptism implies a call; above all we appeal to "the generosity of the young people of today...who have the right to hear the call to be Oblate missionaries"(WAC 29).

During this year's prayer week, our attention is drawn to two aspects of our vocation, Internationality and Oblate Brothers.

The Chapter of 1992 asked that "we present our Oblate family as a Congregation that is international in character and made up of priests and brothers"(WAC 31).

I have included on a separate page the Themes for the Prayer Week and the Prayers for Vocations. During this novena of prayer for vocations let us join together in prayer. For those who live in community, I urge you to set aside a time when this can be prayed in common.

Please pray for:

Fr. John Kenney MAHONEY, OMI. John will have a series of medical tests in the next few weeks. He is now staying at the Oblate Novitiate in Tewksbury MA.

Mr. Jun KANZAKI catechist in Itami who is hospitalized and in need of our prayers.

Rome

Ron LAFRAMBOISE will be preaching the annual retreat for the Philippine Province this coming November. Ron hopes to spend a few days with us after the retreat. Welcome Ron!

Dates to Remember

September 5 - 9 - 1994- Annual Retreat directed by Fr. Marcello ZAGO, OMI, Superior General

Looking ahead - 1995

March 27 evening - 31 noon - Provincial Spring Meeting

Theme: Apostolic Community in the Concrete for  
the Oblates of the Vice Province

The Members of the FTC

Fran Hahn, Bill Maher, Nobuhiko Yagi and Ange Siani

Major Superiors' Meeting in Japan - May 23 - 26

This year the meeting will be attended by all the Bishops and the superiors of all the men and women congregations. The theme is "Our mutual responsibility for Evangelization."

Home leave

Ray Bourgoin      Ed Williams      Tom Maher      Gerard Stevens  
Jan Van Hoydonck   John Deely      Vincenzo Bordo   Mauro Concardi  
Bert Silver (40th) John Kenney Mahoney (40th)

Study

Ray Bourgoin - the Aix-perience

Wency Laguidao - Fordham

Leo Kawaguchi - Australia for pastoral and language experience

Birthdays

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17 John DEELY  
22 Wency LAGUIDAO

Ordination

April

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11 John DEELY  
25 Vincenzo BORDO  
26 Bill MAHER  
29 Fran HAHN

May

5 Tom MAHER

May

30 John Kenney MAHONEY (40)  
30 Bert SILVER (40)  
30 Tom MAHER  
31 Ange SIANI

June

24 Giovanni ZEVOLA

June

2 Dick HARR  
7 Ed WILLIAMS  
14 John IWO  
14 Len INUI  
24 Mike YAMASAKI



Deceased

April 12 Robert Gill

Revised List of Prayer Intentions

Enclosed is a copy of the revised Prayer Intentions for the Province.

Congratulations, Fr. Leo KAWAGUCHI, OMI

On March 21, 1994 Leo received his Licentiate in Theology with a Major in Scripture, CUM LAUDE. The title of his graduation thesis is Justice and Righteousness According to the Prophet Amos. Subtitle: Structure of Chapter 5 & 6 and the Recipient of the prophecy.

Nagoya

Welcome, Ray, to Nagoya. Ray arrived on March 8.

Provincial Schedule

Naruto - April 25 - June 8

Tokyo - May 23 - 26 Major Superiors' Meeting

Zendana - June 8 until the end of July

Indonesia - June 15 - 25 AORC Meeting

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary Immaculate,



Angelo Siani, OMI  
Provincial

Vice Province of Japan

Update

August 6, 1994

Dear Brothers,

On September 3, Fr. Marcello ZAGO, OMI, Superior General will arrive in Fukuoka. In the name of the province a warm welcome to Fr. General who will conduct our annual retreat beginning on the morning of September 5 - 9 at the Passionist retreat house in Fukuoka.

We have good news for our Brothers in Korea. Fr. General has given a Letter of Obedience to Fr. James JEYACHANDRAN, OMI, for the Mission of KOREA. He will go to the mission after two years of ministry in his own country of Jaffna. Another Oblate from Sri Lanka will also be assigned to that mission in the near future.

Fr. JEYACHANDRAN can be contacted c/f the Provincial, Fr. PP Philip FERNANDO, OMI at Thodarbham. 657/1 Farm Road, Sri Lanka. <sup>JAFFNA</sup>

Frs. Brad ROZAIRO, OMI and Jude PEIRISPULLE, OMI are expected to arrive in Japan by August 22. They will be here for the annual retreat which will give us an opportunity to meet and get acquainted. A very warm welcome to Brad and Jude.

1944 ASIA/OCEANIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE (AORC)

This year's AORC was held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia from July 15-25. Fr. Lito LAMPON, OMI, the General Consultor for Asia/Ocenia was also present. The host province was established last year. Fr. Mario BERTOLI is its first provincial. Due to his health condition Fr. John SHERMAN, OMI was unable to attend and was represented by Fr. Pat MARONEY, OMI.

The items on the agenda were:

- Presentation of Reports
- Formation
- Personnel sharing in the region

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On September 1, 1944, the following information was received from the Bureau of the Census:

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There is no information available regarding the activities of the above named individuals in the United States or abroad.

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- New forms of Religious Life
- Inter-capitular preparation

I was most interested in the area of personnel sharing and this theme was again discussed at our meeting with Fr. General in Australia. At that meeting Fr. General pointed out the fact that some missions not only need new members but in some cases the need is critical. He cited Japan and Korea.

Fr. Zago asked the Provincial of the Philippines, Fr. Phil ESTRELLA, OMI; Sri Lanka, Fr. CAMILLUS and Jaffna, Fr. PP PHILPI about the possibility of sharing personnel within the region. Their response was very generous and we are the first to benefit from this sharing. Two men from Sri Lanka for Japan, a man for Korea and Phil assured me he would find two from his Province for Japan! We have much to be thankful for.

#### De Mazenod Year

The meeting ended with a day with the General Consultor, Fr. Lito LAMPON, OMI. He informed us of some dates and events scheduled by the General Administration for the coming year.

De Mazenod Year: May 21, 1995 - May 21, 1996

Canonization of Eugene de Mazenod:

September 17 or 24, 1995

One of the important activities to be sponsored by the General Administration is the International Congress of OMI Lay Associates.

On the Regional level, a de Mazenod Congress will be held in Sri Lanka from January 4 - 10, 1996.

1995 Intercapitular Meeting, Bangkok

Thailand

For the Intercapitular preparation

Familiarization:	October 17 - 22, 1995
Opening of the Meeting:	October 23, 1995
Intercapitular:	October 24 - November 8, 1995
AOR & Gen. Admin. meeting:	November 9, 1995

For the Familiarization, five or six provincials will be coming to Japan prior to attending the Intercapitular. The purpose is to give these visiting provincials some feeling and understanding of our mission and the region. This is the first time an Intercapitular is being held outside of Rome. Fr. General certainly hopes to impress the participants about the growing importance of Asia for the whole Congregation.

#### Australia 100 years

Fr. Leo KAWAGUCHI met us at Perth Airport at 1:30 AM and it was cold. Leo's was there only five weeks and already speaks like a native. He also looks very prosperous!

The Australian Oblates could not have done more to make us at home. The celebrations at St. Patrick's were perfect. It was most evident that the Oblates work with and are very close to the people they serve. We also had a day with the General at Notre Dame University where we had a chance to have an exchange of ideas and ask questions.

Fr. KAWAGUCHI's address in Melbourn is:

Mazenod College

Gladys Road

Lesmurdie 6076

Australia

#### OMI VOCATION CAMP

The summer camp will be held from August 8 - 10. Bro.

Nobuhiko YAGI, OMI reports that 24 young men and boys will attend the camp.

Thanks to Bro. YAGI and the Formation Committee for the new Vocation pamphlet. It is very well done. If you would like more copies please contact Bro. YAGI in Akaoka.

After the retreat FR. Francis HAHN, OMI will be attending a three week session for future possible treasurers in Rome. The sessions will be directed by the General Treasurer Alfons KEUTER, OMI.

Thank you for your prayers for Fr. John K. MAHONEY. John will be leaving St. John Vianney on September 7. He will return to Japan after a vacation with his family.

Also, thank you for your prayers for Lei SIMONS. Lei left the Kochi University Hospital last week.

Your prayers are requested for Ray's father. Ray's Father was hospitalized recently.

#### Birthdays

#### Ordinations & Perpetual Vows

##### August

4 Bro. Nobuhiko Yagi  
23 Ange Siani  
31 Bert Silver

4 Nobuhiko Yagi (Perpetual)  
22 Jude Peirispulle  
22 Brad Rozairo

##### September

Sept. 6 John Iwo  
17 Jude Peirispulle  
20 John K. Mahoney  
22 Fran Hahn

8 Giovanni Zevola

##### October

10 Jan Van Hoydonck  
27 Xave Tosa  
30 Brad Rozairo

1 Mauro Concardi  
19 Maurizio Giorgianni  
28 Gerard Stevens

#### Death Anniversary

##### September 4

Fr. Daniel WARD, OMI

Fr. Clarence BERTELSMAN, OMI

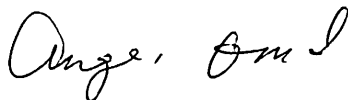
Muslim extremists seized Fr. Bertelsman while he was celebrating Mass at a police camp in Jolo. "The Gospel was being read when five men came in and stopped the Mass and took him away", said a spokesman for the Oblates. Two of the kidnappers were shot and Fr. Bertlesman suffered a hand injury before being resqued by the Moro National Liberation Front.

Sister of St. Joseph Tokushima

The Sisters of St. Joseph have renewed their contract with the Bishop of Takamatsu. The Sisters have been working at the Churhes in Tokushima, Anan and Naruto.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Angelo Siani, OMI  
Provincial





**Superior Generalis**  
*Missionariorum Oblatorum Sanctissimae et Immaculae Virginis Mariae*

*C.P. 9061, 00100 Roma - Aurelio, Italia*

**LETTER TO THE OBLATE MAJOR SUPERIORS  
OF THE ASIA-OCEANIA REGION**

*On Oblate personnel in the Region*

Dear Father,

I met with most of you in Fremantle, Australia. On that occasion I was able to share with you on a number of topics and, among others, on the needs of missionary personnel in the Region. I told you that I wish to plan the obediences for personnel during the coming four years, until the 1998 Chapter. At present there are four Provinces in the Region which are more abundantly blessed by the number of vocations. Other Provinces or Delegations are in need of reinforcements from abroad to carry on their mission effectively. In this letter I wish to share some ideas and suggestions with you. There are ten, but they are not the Lord's commandments. I present these suggestions for your consideration so that:

- a) I may have your reactions;
  - b) you may communicate these plans to your Province and especially to the Oblates in formation;
  - c) you may pray for these intentions and have others pray for them as well.
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- 1) Asia is the continent where the missionary needs are greatest. More than half of the world's population lives there. The majority are non Christian. Consequently the whole Congregation must take an interest in the needs of Asia and it is for this reason that I arranged to have the intercapitular meeting in your Region.
  - 2) There are personnel needs in every Province, Delegation and mission. We must, however, examine the places where the needs are greatest and where the future must be prepared.
  - 3) In some countries the number of Christians is minimal. In Bangladesh, Japan, Pakistan and Thailand the Catholic Church represents less than one percent. India and China are two cultural giants which will have an increasing influence in the world. It would be possible for Korea to have a Christian influence because of its dynamism. Our presence in all these countries is important.





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in Chile to participate in the project.

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Went to the office of the Director of the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C., on the 10th of May, 1954, and met with the Director, Mr. Charles C. Johnson, and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The meeting was held in the office of Mr. Johnson. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed legislation for the establishment of a new Federal Bureau of Investigation, and to discuss the proposed legislation for the establishment of a new Federal Bureau of Investigation. The meeting was held in the office of Mr. Johnson. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed legislation for the establishment of a new Federal Bureau of Investigation, and to discuss the proposed legislation for the establishment of a new Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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1. The first step in the process of the investigation is the identification of the problem. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The next step is the formulation of the hypothesis. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The third step is the design of the study. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The fourth step is the collection of data. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The fifth step is the analysis of the data. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The sixth step is the interpretation of the results. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The seventh step is the conclusion. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study.

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- 4) The Region should see itself as a unit in answering the missionary personnel needs in its territory. As Superior General I feel it my duty to prepare the future of the continent by giving permanent obediences. In recent years Thailand, Hong Kong and Japan have been strengthened; a foundation has been made in Korea. All Oblate units must be strengthened by giving obediences for life, as I shall point out below.
- 5) In the Region it is also opportune that there should be a temporary exchange of personnel. Sri Lanka and Jaffna have been generous in this respect. These exchanges must be increased especially in the area of formation.
- 6) The Region must not become closed in on itself. We are a worldwide Congregation. I think that Asian Oblates could serve in northern Canada, especially among the Eskimos and Indians. I have asked the Oblate Bishops of Canada to visit the Scholasticates in the Philippines and Sri Lanka and to speak to the Scholastics of their missionary needs.
- 7) The Asia-Oceania Region has been blessed with vocations. I believe it would be possible to increase both their numbers and their quality. Every effort must be made to do so.
- 8) We must create a missionary outlook and an availability for missionary work abroad, especially in the Region and also worldwide. The Congregation has developed because young Oblates have shown themselves open to the mission, which requires generosity and sacrifice, especially outside of one's own cultural context and one's own country.
- 9) In the course of the coming four years I foresee the following movements of personnel:

*Sri Lanka:* has 24 scholastics. This year two young Oblates are being sent to Japan. During the coming four years four Oblates should be sent to Pakistan and one to Korea.

*Jaffna:* has 13 scholastics. During the coming four years one Oblate will be sent to Korea (obedience already given) and at least one to Pakistan.

*Philippines:* has 24 scholastics. Two Oblates should be sent to the Japan mission. Another could be considered available for Thailand.

*Australia:* has 4 scholastics. It does not seem possible to send personnel abroad. It would be possible to loan a formator to Bangladesh.

*Indonesia:* has 24 scholastics. During the coming four years the missions within the country will need reinforcements because of

aging personnel and illness among the missionaries from abroad. It will be necessary to develop the idea of helping out the missions in such countries as Thailand and Pakistan. This year a young Italian Oblate received an obedience for the houses of formation.

*Japan*, this year receives two Oblates from Sri Lanka and expects two from the Philippines during the next two years.

*Korea*, within a two or three year period, could receive two Oblates: one from Sri Lanka and one from Jaffna.

*Thailand* has six scholastics. It would need one or two Oblates to help in formation or in the missions. Where are they to come from?

*India* is progressing slowly with six scholastics. It has its needs in the area of formation.

*Pakistan* is a mission with great needs and in difficult circumstances. It would need four missionaries in the coming four years: three or four from Sri Lanka and one from Jaffna.

*Bangladesh* should have 5 scholastics. Its needs are in formation and therefore I have given an obedience to Fr. Coleman from the Natal Province to go there for a three-year period.

*Hong Kong-China*: The present number is sufficient for the needs and the Chinese Oblates have a providential role to play.

*Tahiti*: An Oblate from Zaire will soon arrive to be director of the seminary.

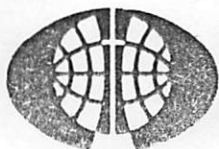
- 10) I must not forget two countries which are very dear to me: Vietnam and Laos. The Lord has sent us vocations from both of these countries. Even though it is not possible to enter there at present we are preparing two teams in France: one for a possible major seminary in Vietnam and one for Laos.

May the Lord guide and bless you. Thank you for your generosity and your availability. I am about to leave for Asia: Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, from August 22 to September 22. In June 1995 I shall be in Sri Lanka.

*J. Marcello Zago OMI*

August 15, 1994

Marcello Zago, OMI  
Superior General



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August 17, 1994

Dear Fellow Oblates,

The Superior General, Fr. Marcello ZAGO, OMI will arrive in Fukuoka on September 3 to direct our annual retreat. Fr. Francis Hahn, OMI will meet him at the airport.

Fr. General's departure is set for September 10. He is going to Hong Kong where he will direct their annual retreat.

Frs. Bradly ROZAIRO, OMI and Jude PEIRISPULLE, OMI will arrive in Nagoya on September 2. I will be leaving with them for Fukuoka after the Sunday Mass at Zendana arriving on the evening of the 4th. September.

This year's retreat will be based on Redemptoris Missio. It is recommended that you bring the following documents:

1. The Bible
2. The Constitutions and Rules
3. Selected Texts of the Founder
4. Redemptoris Missio (everyone received a copy of this in English, Mission of the Redeemer and Japanese when Bishop Okada was guest lecturer for our Spring Meeting.)

## Ongoing Formation

This year for the first time our young Oblates will meet in Fukuoka. The purpose of the program is to help young Oblates who are in their first 5 years of ministry to adjust from the seminary life into the active ministry.

They will begin with a sharing session with Fr. General. The following days will be a time for them to share their experiences in the ministry and also their faith experiences. They will then make a short trip to Nagasaki.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you and pray that this time together will be a time of grace for us as a province and individually.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ & Mary Immaculate,

Angelo Siani, OMI  
Provincial



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**22nd September 1994**

**to the Oblates of Japan**

Dear Oblate confreres,

My visit to the Vice-Province of Japan took a new form with the preaching of the annual retreat. Probably it was a different retreat from the others precisely because it was preached by the Superior General. For my part, I had occasion to meet the Oblates present in the country and I heard you express your views on a variety of topics. With you I felt as one of the family. I shall evaluate this type of visit and I ask that you too let me know what you feel about the matter.

The Vice-Province is at a turning point in its history. Because of the two young Japanese Oblates, the Korean mission and the two new missionaries coming from Sri Lanka, the personnel of the Vice-Province is younger and you have reason to look to the future with hope and creativity. I see that the older Oblates have received the new arrivals with open arms and I thank them for doing so. The new obediences will, perhaps, make it possible to make better preparations for the future, for example with regard to community life, missionary commitments and integration into the country. These challenges must not intimidate anyone, because persons are respected even when challenged.

The Oblate presence in Korea is now finding its way. The support and the acceptance of the Vice-Province, by mutual visitation among other things, have proved to be important and most helpful.

The arrival of young men and the presence of Oblates in two countries have also changed the role of the Provincial. He is increasingly called upon to listen, encourage, take part in the planning and programming of the different groups.

As I have often said, I believe that our presence in Japan is important. Therefore you are committed to the vocations apostolate among the Japanese and I, for my part, have tried to provide personnel from other Provinces. The whole Vice-Province must work together to prepare the future by being supportive to the young, strengthening community life, looking for places and ministries where you can be suitably integrated. I thank you for your availability in these matters. I also wish to assure you of my prayer and support in Christ and Mary Immaculate.

*Fr. Marcello Zago OMI*

Marcello Zago, OMI  
Superior General





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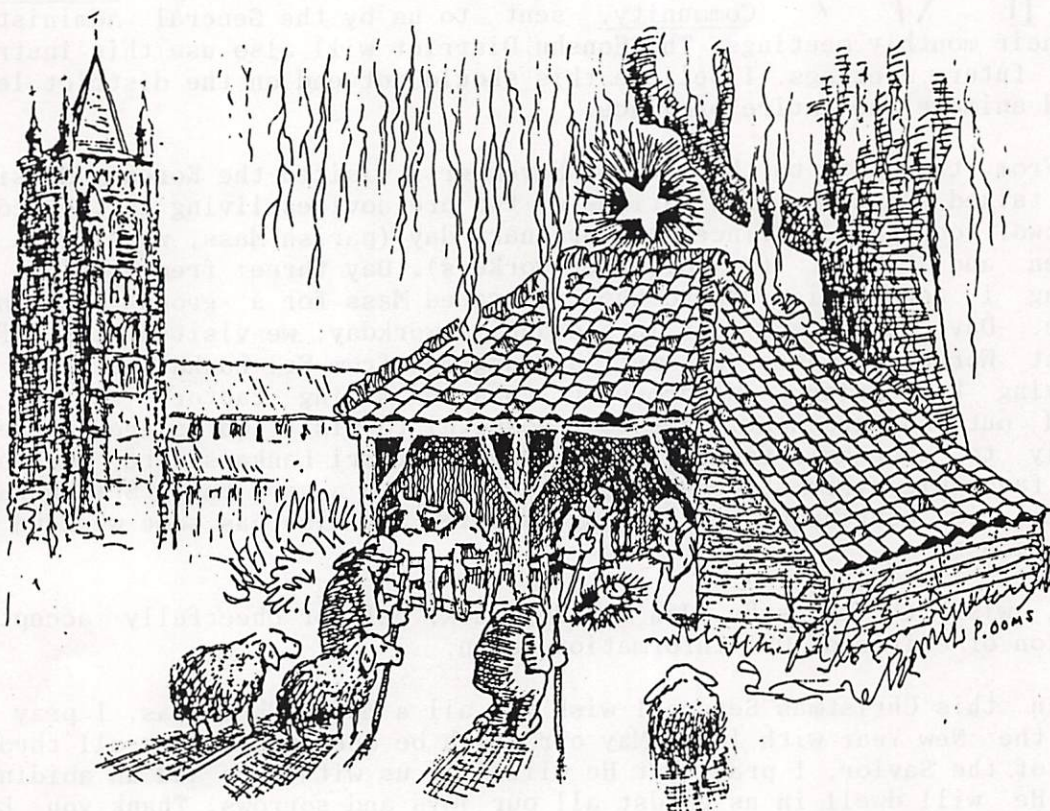
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Vice Province of Japan

*Jan*

CHRISTMAS 1994

M E R R Y                      C H R I S T M A S



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December, 1994.

Dear Brother Oblates,

As we come to the close of 1994 I reflect on the difference a year can make. In this last year, two new priests, Jude and Bradly have arrived here in Japan. They are now studying the Japanese language in Nagoya. A young man, Akabai-kun, has begun the process of becoming an Oblate. Another young man from Kochi has expressed his definite intention of becoming an Oblate. As he is only recently baptized it will take some years before he actually begins formal studies for the priesthood.



Fr. James JEYACHANDRAN OMI, a young Oblate from Jaffna, has received an obedience to the mission of Korea. Two young Korean men have applied to enter the Oblates. One is twenty seven, the other will graduate from High School at the end of this school year.

These events are an uplift for all of us and fill us with hope. As Fr. General wrote in his letter to the Oblates of Japan (22nd September 1994) "the personnel of the Vice-Province is younger and you have reason to look to the future with hope and creativity."

The arrival of new members also provides us with an occasion and a call to look at our community life and missionary commitments. I was happy to see that such assessment has already begun in some of the districts. Tokushima district is using the Instrument on Community, sent to us by the General Administration, for their monthly meetings. The Honshu District will also use this instrument in their future meetings. I believe this should not end on the district level but should animate the entire province.

From the 13th to the 18th of November I visited the Korean Mission. Day one: talked about the implications of two pre-novices living in the community. Day two: took part in Vincenzo's ordinary day (parish Mass, working in the soup kitchen and retreat for volunteer workers). Day three: free morning; in the evening I accompanied Mauro who celebrated Mass for a group of handicapped people. Day four: took part in Giovanni's workday: we visited his Office for Migrant Workers. There we met a young man from Sri Lanka, a case of not receiving his salary. We drove out to a bed making factory, where Giovanni worked out an agreement. Then to a hospital to visit two injured workers, and finally to a ceramic factory where a group of Sri Lankans were working under very favorable circumstances. We were treated to a very tasty Sri Lankan meal. Maurizio is continuing his language studies and also has some weekend work in the parishes.

I wish to thank Fr. Jan Van Hoydonck, OMI for cheerfully accepting the position of editor of OMI Information Japan.

In this Christmas Season I wish you all a Merry Christmas. I pray that we face the New Year with love. May our faith be deepened to see all through the eyes of the Savior. I pray that He will fill us with hope and an abiding trust that He will dwell in us amidst all our joys and sorrows. Thank you Lord for the treasure of our faith and vocation.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

*Angelo Siani*

Angelo Siani, OMI  
Provincial

Editor's Note:

As in all ways of life so also editors come and go, and thus with the current issue the undersigned has started to gather the news of the vice-province and to put it together for all concerned and interested.

Since it is only possible to communicate what is present, and since for that I have to rely on your contributions, I have thought it best to keep the issues down to four a year, hoping that this will not be too heavy a burden on you, and that I may regularly expect something to publish. So, whenever you have something of interest for everybody, an article or a news item, please, send it to me in time for the next issue. Shall we go with the changing of the seasons, March, June, September, December? With the understanding that I would like to get the materials at least ten days ahead of those dates in order to get them assembled, printed and sent off.

Counting on you all, with thanks for your cooperation,

Your "still green" editor,

Jan Van Hoydonck, OMI

Christmas Greetings:

From Dick HARR

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE & ALL.

Here in Anan we're still rejoicing and enjoying our new parish church, thanks to so many of you and your parishioners' generosity. Miraculously we're debt-free, and this is such a relief. We're now known as a Church with a Kindergarten, and there is a place for Our Lord to welcome one & all. Come Christmas, the church will be once again be filled to overflowing. Many of the Kindergarten people attend this and experience prayer and blessings.

Once a month I still go to Mugi where 7 to 8 Catholics gather for Mass in a Catholic's home. This hour's drive down through the mountains and valleys is always beautiful.

Fortunately my health holds up well. It's been almost a year since I doctored last, but I should get a check-up soon, I feel. I am so thankful that I'm able to continue to work. I'm sure there are a few more years left for me yet.

In this district of Tokushima, Father Zago's retreat still rings loud and clear. We're looking prayerfully at community and its importance for us and our responsibilities. Even though we're few in number, these retreat days have been very meaningful.

May this Christmas and the brand-New Year bless each of you with special joys, successes, and health to bring Our Lord anew to our people.

Dick Harr, OMI

From Jude PEIRISPULLE

PEACE AND JOY

Christmas is the time of peace and joy. When the world was in darkness Christ our Savior came to this earth and brought light to mankind. It is the same experience we have every year in every part of the world.

This is going to be my first Christmas in Japan. People of Sri Lanka are waiting to experience this peace and joy. Individuals, families prepare themselves to celebrate Christmas, specially by making the cribs, decorate the Christmas trees and the houses, exchange gifts, and renew the relationship, especially among family members and relatives. But as a nation they are not in



a situation to celebrate Christmas. Civil war has torn apart to destroy peace and harmony. So, there is no joy. They are going through a period of darkness. But everybody is eagerly waiting to experience peace and joy. As I am coming from a place where peace and joy are destroyed I begin to think what Christmas in Japan will be like. Nevertheless it is not different from Sri Lanka. As I feel that people of Japan, too, are searching for peace and joy. Darkness is prevailing everywhere. Let this Christmas be a time of peace and joy to everybody. Let us pray for peace and joy for the whole world.

Fr. Jude Peirisulle OMI

From Gerard STEVENS:

The past year has been rather un-eventful. An "ordinary" year: the usual work; a few typhoons, but no special damage(s) like the year before.

I hope all goes well for the coming year, too.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a most happy 1995.

Gerard Stevens, o.m.i.

From Bill MAHER:

Merry Christmas & a 1995 filled with Blessings & Peace.

I just got my Christmas cards in the mail since I am sending them by ship mail, and I gave a sigh of relief. Then I made the mistake of calling Jan in Awa-Ikeda, and found out I had 24 hrs. to get this Christmas greeting sent in. Things have been busy all year, but as usual the end of the year is getting hectic.

One highlight of the year was the three week visit of my sister and her husband, Pat and Ed Zimmerman, and two friends, Jane Delany and Betty Bell. We had about a week in Tokushima and a week in Kochi, then a little over a week traveling, Nagasaki, Kyoto and Tokyo. I want to thank you all for the wonderful hospitality that you showed us. As usual the Oblate welcome was great. I found out that luggage gets heavier and heavier as the trip goes on. I think they all got their Christmas shopping done on this Japan trip, gifts for everyone, and they all have big families!

I can imagine that you are all experiencing the same at this time of the year, but I hope 1994 has been a year filled with blessings, as it has been for me. Enjoy your Christmas and the New Year. If you're in this area you're always welcome. Please drop in.

Bill.

From Fran HAHN:

Since the September retreat so much has happened. I found myself in Rome this year for my 51st anniversary, and got lots of hugs from my fellow Oblates, as well as some great Italian meals, and lots of warm memories to boot. I got to see sights like Assisi and Milan (its castle, tomb of St. Ambrose etc.), to attend an audience with the Holy Father, the opening Mass for the Synod, and Ron's installation as the superior of the General House in Rome. I realized how little I know about accounting and finances (to know how ignorant one is is necessary before one can take steps to correct the situation. That is, if it can be corrected!). This was all followed by a trip through Spain, visiting the relatives and communities of the families that I have in my parish, helping with the evangelization of our area. I stayed in homes with families, and a couple of times in the apartment of the parish priest. They live in apartments instead of common rectories. It was a good experience to live with the people and see the country through their eyes. I had lots of homemade food, met some fantastic people and saw many beautiful things; the most unique places were Segovia and Zamora, but the Royal Convent of the Poor Clares near Valladolid was the most impressive sight; its chapel is more beautiful than the Sistine Chapel (I saw that, too.). Madrid and the Prado Gallery were also a delight. The Spanish

cities are so alive and wonderful, filled with young and old strolling and shopping, with more restaurants than even Japan and all filled until late into the night with people discussing, arguing and laughing, and yet very safe.

I came back home with a greater sense of the internationality of the Oblates, and of the oneness of our mission, and the importance of "community" in our missionary life, both religious and parochial. I experienced for the first time in a long time living in community with lots of Oblate brothers under a schedule, all committed to a common task and supporting one another to get there. I also saw lay people giving their life and their family's life to the service and evangelization of the Church, and giving all their energies for this common goal. It was a great time of grace, to realize how blessed I am to be an Oblate, to be in Japan, to have the Neo-Catechetical experience, and now to be back home in Koga where I belong. I spent my last "Thanksgiving" in Hiroshima with my cousins, as they are going back to Detroit after four years of foreign service, and I will also have had the joy of seeing our diocesan seminarian ordained a deacon in the parish church on December 8. I hope to join the brothers in Korea for a retreat in December, and to see most all of the men in Kochi for a Christmas celebration in December. I'll be in Manila for five days with the Holy Father and a Japanese pilgrimage at the World Youth Rally (Jan.14-19).

## MAY CHRISTMAS & 1995 BE CHRIST-FILLED AND YOUR BEST EVER!

Fran HAHN.

FRAN HAHN:

As most of you are aware, the day after the retreat with Father General I left for Rome to attend the first training session for bursars, future bursars and interested parties. I arrived after a long trip via Seoul and Frankfurt in Rome at 11:30 P.M., where I was met by Ron and taken to my room. It was great to see Ron. He looks well adjusted to his new life. The next day was a Sunday and I concelebrated at Mass, which was in French, or maybe it would be more correct to say that I attended. After Mass I took off for the Vatican, to drink cappuccino at a sidewalk table and watch the world go by. In the evening Ron took me for a long walk to Trastevere and into the old city for pizza with a salad and wine. It all made for a great first day in the "eternal city"!

The next day the sessions started: Mass at 9, first session from 10 to 12:30, then lunch at 12:45. We had a break until 15:30, then met until 18:30. Supper was at 19:30, and then we were free. The first week was devoted to general concepts of accounting, 'debit' - 'credit' and double entry bookkeeping, which was all actually very interesting, but it was like getting a 3 months course in one week, and quite overwhelming for the amateurs in the group, i.e. yours truly. There were 23 Oblates from all over the English speaking world, and 3/4 were there for the first week, as even some of the old "pros" wanted to improve. It was the most difficult and intensive part of the 3 weeks, but for me the most interesting. At the end we were rewarded with a day trip to Assisi on Saturday, and that, too, was for me a wonderful first.

The second week saw the remainder of the troops, the real "pros" who didn't need the basic stuff, or who for visa problems could not join us the first week. This week started with a theological introduction on the service of the bursar in religious life, a brief history of the concept of bursar in our Congregation, followed by a seminar from an accounting firm, from the General Treasurer of the Notre Dame Sisters on the concept of stewardship, talks from the Redemptorist General Bursar on land registration and documentation of properties and assets, with lots of examples of the big problems that can occur when things aren't properly recorded. An interesting point was on the need of the men to have

wills, a legal document about the Oblates inheriting everything (at times men register cars or property in their name for convenience, and after they die things which are rightfully the Oblates' go to third parties). We had an insurance broker explain about property, life and health insurance needs and possibilities, got practice in how to make provincial budgets and present them to the provincial and council, so they can clearly understand the financial reality (a simple graph).

The role of the bursar as an advisor and implementator of fiscal decisions of the provincial and his council, and of all the duties that this entails was a revelation to me. He doesn't make decisions, but helps implement and facilitate the decisions of the council. It is his duty to see that we have the funds for the ministries that we discern as "common" and that they are available when needed. A big emphasis was placed on the need to animate the houses and districts of the provinces on the concept of pooling and sharing resources and of mutual accountability to one another. That each district should have a superior and bursar to actively serve and animate the apostolate of the men. That the Oblate community (district) should be working out of a common budget and bank account, which then would be coordinated with the provincial and council for the overall good of the mission was an exciting insight for me. I have long felt that the district community has to become something more central to our life than it is now if our religious life as Oblates is to have any real meaning. The Congregation as a whole, and we in Japan in particular, have a lot of work to do to get to this ideal, but that it is essential to our future is clear to me!

FRAN, OMI.

From John MAHONEY  
My Brother Oblates,

I'm back as you no doubt know. I am most happy to be back in Japan. I have returned feeling very much renewed, psychologically, physically and spiritually. I feel so much better in every way that each day is a blessing. I would not have been able to say that last March.

I am now looking forward to moving into the Zendana Rectory. The parishioners are having work done to make it more livable. Hopefully the work will be completed before Christmas. In the meantime I am enjoying my time here at the House of Studies.

The opportunity to be in community with Ange, Jude and Bradly is another blessing. Jude and Bradly are inspiring (and so is Ange). They are making every effort to master Japanese and, perhaps more difficult, adapting to Japanese culture, as well as living with two Americans. Their course is very demanding. They have to work very hard every day to keep ahead. Their progress as well as their pronunciation is excellent. They have also excelled in adjusting to our Japanese/American diet etc...

While in the villa I began walking one hour each day. I'm still at it. It is part of my "stay well plan", a very enjoyable part.

While walking in Flagstaff AZ (my family reunion was held there) I was moving at a rather fast pace while admiring the lake, the mountains, birds and the great variety of trees. I stopped to look at one of the trees. The thought came into my mind "Take time to look at the trees".

I think that we are all so busy with our ministry, with the daily business of living in Japan, that we miss much. I know I did. Now I am trying to take time to savor what is going on around me, as well as what I am doing. It has filled the days with many interesting realizations and many insights into people I see and meet, as well as with a deeper understanding of my relationship with God.

My wish is that you will make or take time to look at the "trees" God brings into your life.

John Kenney Mahoney, OMI.

From John IWO

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

## クリスマスと新年のお喜びを申し上げます。

11月は2日に公開保育を行い、5日にはお芋掘りをし、11日と12日は暁の星学園の研修会を主催し、15日には七、五、三のお祝いをし、26日にはバザーをするなど、毎週行事があり、忙しい日々でした。12月はクリスマスのお祝い会の為に、毎日練習をしています。

少ない信者の中で手助けもなく働いていると、いつも安芸はFrontia Missionであることを感じます。

では、皆様の御健闘をお祈りします。 来年もよろしくお願いします。

Fr. John Iwo P.M.I.

From Leonard SIMONS

To all and everybody in particular peace, happiness and joy at the coming of the Lord and the coming of the new year.

Thanks to the Lord and everyone of you it was a year with many joyful happenings.

May the Lord bless our endeavor announcing the Kingdom and give a little growth to the small mustard seed.

Assembled in his name He certainly will be amongst us and with us, always.

Leonard Simons

From YAGI Nobuhiko

今年は、私にとって充実した1年だったように思います。召命に関して皆さんのご協力ご支援、本当にどうもありがとうございました。来年もまたどうぞよろしくお願いします。

ディズニーのアニメの映画に「Small One (小さな者)」というのがあります。この映画の中で歌われる詩が、とても好きなので紹介させていただきます。

小さな者よ、元気をお出し。友があなたを待っている。

どんな小さな者でも、神様は見守っていてくださる。

限られた時間であろうと、もっと小さな者を助けなさい。

生きている者はみんな、その力を持っているのだから…。

ご降誕祭が近づくたびにこの詩が思い出されます。キリストの誕生の深い意味が、この詩の中に隠されているような気がするからでしょうか…。

主のご降誕、心からおめでとうございます！！ そして、来年も皆さんにとって恵み多きすばらしい1年でありますように…！！

Bro. 八木 信彦

From Jack DEELY

### Greetings from Tokyo

I hope this finds everyone in good health.

Since last contributing to the Newsletter, I guess one piece of news of the past 6 months or more would have to be the fact that I quit the College for the Deaf. It was a tough decision to make but... in this past academic year, there were two opportunities to hire qualified deaf teachers and, instead, the College decided to hire hearing teachers whose majors were not in the area that we were recruiting. When I saw that, I decided to call it quits. As long as the number of deaf teachers is not increased, the direction of the College will never change...the paternalism towards the deaf will continue. So, I packed it in, on June 30th.

Starting in April of next year, I will be returning to Sophia... but from the bottom! Junshin wants me to join the faculty as a Professor, but I would go crazy with only girls! In a couple of years, it will become a 4 year College, and the appealing thing about the offer is that they are interested in establishing a course in Sign Language & Deaf Education, etc. Sophia is also talking about establishing similar courses in which I could put my experience in deafness to use. We shall see.

I'm still signing the Mass, giving retreats in sign language and giving workshops on deaf spirituality, etc. In Feb. the 1st Asian-Pacific Conference for Pastoral Workers of the Deaf will be held in Thailand. I'm particularly interested in attending it because the theme of the conference is The Training of Deaf Pastoral Workers. That's about it, for now.

God's Blessings on you, your work and the people you serve!

Best wishes for a Holy and Merry Christmas—and—continued good health or better health in the New Year.

Jack Deely

From Jack DEELY

### 東京からの便り

皆さん、お元気ですか。すっかり御無沙汰しています。

最後の便り以来のニュースといえば、やはり、6月30日付けて聴覚障害者の為の大学を辞めたことでしょう。今学年度、資格のある聾の先生を採用するチャンスが2回もありましたが、大学側は募集した専門分野と違った健聴者を採りました。それが許せないので、辞めました。聾の先生の人数を増やさない限り、大学の方針が変わらないだろうと思い、辞めることに決めました。

来年の四月に上智に戻ります。教授のポストは空いていないので、ビリから講師として入ります。2年後、純心女子短大は4年制大学になるということで、純心からの教授としてのお誘いがありました。手話や聴覚障害関係のコースを担当して欲しいという声でしたが、女子学生ばかりでは苦手ですから、迷っています。上智でも英語学科にでも、手話や聴覚障害関係のコースも考えてくれています。

相変わらず、日本の聾信者の靈性、信仰生活などについての研修会、黙想会、手話ミサもやっています。2月にタイで開かれるアジア・パシフィックの聾信者の司牧者研修会が開かれ、テーマは「聾の司牧者養成」ですから、是非参加してみたいと考えています。

最後に、意義のあるクリスマスになるよう、そして、皆さんが健康に新しい年を迎えられるよう、祈っています。

ジャック・ディーリ

From Bradly ROZEIRO:

Jesus - the Gift.

"This very day in David's town your saviour was born - Christ the Lord!" was the angelic message that was conveyed to the shepherds, the lowly ones when they were performing their normal duties. Into the darkness of their lives entered a new light and once they received it they recognized God who became poor for their sake.

Today we, the poor of Yahweh, are invited to listen to the angelic message - a son has been born to you. Yes, he is born to us. But through us the new light must reach others as well, especially the lowly, the suffering, the poor etc. Therefore, let us hope and pray that the Christmas we celebrate this year may help us to receive Jesus, the new light, and also give Him to the world. This is the best Christmas gift that we can get as well as give to others.

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Brad, omi.

From Ray BOURGOIN:

AIX Nov. 14

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Greetings from France (as I write these lines) and from the U.S.A. (when you actually receive them, I guess).

Hope you are all well and getting ready for the Christmas celebrations with your respective communities.

This experience in Aix (or Aix-perience) has been an early wonderful Christmas gift and grace. Wish you could all get a taste of it.

After 2 weeks of orientation and reflecting on our concrete everyday Oblate lives, as well as getting to become a little community of 16 participants, we went into the experiencing of the Oblate Charism and Spirituality, presented to us by Jacques OLLÈS, a Belgian, which gave me a deeper appreciation of the Oblate ideal, for 1½ weeks. Marc LORTIE from Canada had taken us through the first 2 weeks.

Following that we had 2 weeks experiencing the Spirit and Life of the Founder, presented by René MOTTE, a Frenchman who is a master really inspired by the Founder. The more I got to know Blessed Eugene on a deeper level, the more I appreciated his deep faith in going thru the trials of birthing the Oblates, his warm personality and his dedication to the most abandoned.

We also went in his footsteps here in Aix, as well as in Marseille and a side trip to the family country home, where he wrote the first Constitutions and Rules. A very enjoyable 2 weeks.

After that we headed to a famous OMI Shrine, Notre Dame de Lumières, where we had a 4 week Ignatio-Oblate retreat (Ignatian pedagogy applied to Oblate reality), directed by a wonderful retreat master Robert MICHEL, a Canadian whom I knew from Roman days. He is a master! This retreat-experience, of course, has been the highlight, where I was able to discover Jesus in a new light. It was 3 days shorter than a usual Ignatian retreat, but worth it anyways.

Yesterday we returned to Aix for the last 4 weeks. We will spend 3-4 days on the documents of the last 2 chapters, one week of Christology and one of Missiology. Our last week will consist of an evaluation and re-integration process.

The participants are varied: 1 Italian (Senegal), 1 Italian ( Lourdes); 1 Frenchman (Thailand), 1 Frenchman (Cameroons), 1 Frenchman (priest-worker in France), 1 Frenchman (France); 2 Polish (Cameroons); 1 Canadian (Eskimos), 3 Canadians (Canada); 1 Spaniard (Spain); 2 Germans (Germany) and myself.

Ages range from 38 to 72. The 72 year old was a fill-in because the Haitian could not leave his country. We quickly formed a close-knit community, thanks

to the dynamics of the Aix-perience.

I leave December 11 for Rome, where I will join Ron for a week before heading to the USA to spend Christmas and New Year's with the folks. I'll be with you all in spirit.

I should be in Nagoya by mid-January. Anxiously awaiting to see you all!

God Bless and Take Care

Ray

From Jerry NOVOTNY:

Greetings!

Every day is a day full of promise. My best wish is that this day's promises are abundantly fulfilled for each Oblate in Japan.

Merry Christmas!

Jerry Novotny

From Leo KAWAGUCHI:

### "A LITTLE LEARNING IS A DANGEROUS THING"

Dear Oblate Brothers,

I have been in Australia for six months now and am enjoying life here. Frs. Jude and Joseph, who I have not met, are learning Japanese in Nagoya and I am learning English in Melbourne.

A while ago somebody said and I agreed: "Language, as a means of understanding each other, is secondary in our lives". When I arrived in Australia I didn't have any fears. I thought I would get along somehow, even though I couldn't speak or understand English well. Now however, through several failures it has become clear that: "A little learning is a dangerous thing."

I have often misunderstood and have been misunderstood. As a result of such experiences, I have realised that it is important for me to become more proficient in the English language.

Fr. John Sherman, the former Provincial, is looking for an English course for me to do during December and January. After the course I'd like to continue studying English until I leave Australia. By the time I get back to Japan I should have acquired an "Aussie" accent but don't be perturbed.

Now as we approach this joyful Christmas season, I wish you all the Peace and blessings of the Infant Jesus.

Leo KAWAGUCHI O.M.I.

P.S. As they say here: "See ya later!"

From TOSA Yoshikazu:

### Sincere Wishes for a Blessed Christmas.

Another year has fled into the past. I don't know why it had to go, it wasn't such a bad year, at least not for me.

I have no complaints about my health. The cancer of the esophagus is completely healed and the narrowing where the wound was doesn't give me any trouble. I don't know through whose intervention I got this grace...

I tried to lose weight in order not to overburden my knees. I succeeded to a certain extent, but I am still overweight. Playing tennis is still out.

The work at the schools is as usual. At the Kochi University I have only 10 students and 9 of them study very well. Teaching at the Rehabilitation College is rather tiring. I must teach there a whole morning (3½ hours) with only 10 minutes break. The past year at the Reformatory School was rather



difficult. The young girls couldn't be "tamed". They ran away, were picked up and ran off again... Some of them are still on the run. Also too many newcomers for the 3rd grade of junior high school. Their taste for a free delinquent life is too far advanced and their level of learning is very low. That makes it difficult to teach them as one class. One must give them much individual care. But this year the whole school played Momotaroo in English at the annual festival of all the welfare institutes. You wonder about their English pronunciation, I suppose... Speaking about "plays", of course this year also I acted as "adviser" for the drama of the Kochi Women University's ESS Club. The students did an excellent job, I think. I'm sure you would have liked to see them play.

This month I've been asked by the Dominican Sisters in Matsuyama to give the Christmas lecture for their 2200 students plus the teachers and the rest of the personnel. (Speaking of numbers!). Before the lecture all the 2200 students plus the teachers and the rest of the personnel must attend Mass and listen to my sermon. I am asked to go as the representative of the Justice and Peace Committee.

I like to thank you all for the effort and cooperation given for Justice and Peace problems and action. Most sincerely thanks for your friendship.

Xavier

From the O.M.I. Community in KOREA:

Every year this Christmas Newsletter gives us the opportunity to stop for a while and look back to the many good things that have happened during one more year. We finally moved into the new house, the first Oblate House in Korea. The Oblate project has grown stronger, we enjoyed our ministry, an Oblate from Jaffna, James Jeyachandran, has received his obedience for our community, we have made new friends, too. Once again we have been touched by the generosity of many people who love us, pray for us and share with us what they have. All of you are among them.

At this time of the year we also sit down to look what the new year has in store. Two young Koreans will come to live with us next February. We must be ready to welcome them, we pray for them.

But we cannot live in the past, nor can we live in the future. What is important is what we can give to Jesus at this moment. It is our joy to spend our life with Him and be one big family with you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The O.M.I. Community in Korea.

From Jan VAN HOYDONCK:

Never expected that daily life could change so thoroughly in so short a time. And this coming about by two small (?) happenings: one, the moving in into Ikeda on October 17 of three Little Sisters of Jesus. They were able to rent a house cheaply, which they will use as their noviciate for one year (so far!). One of the three is the novice (who is from Itami), the Japanese Sister Magdalena is superior and mistress of novices, the third person is French, Sister Madeleine, who was to be the breadwinner, but that will have to wait a little until some visa problem is cleared up. The noviciate started on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in the presence of our Bishop. For me the advantage is of having some assistance at daily Mass, and some help with assigning tasks on Sundays, and nice singing (!), but it also ties me down a bit for the sake of their daily Mass (although they are very flexible on that point). Their house is at 7 km. from the church (they received a little car as a present from a benefactor in Hiroshima). I have to go there a couple of times a month for Mass, and also for some Bible study.

With two foreign English teachers in the schools in Ikeda, both of them Catholics, we happened to have five nationalities at Mass on December 4 (for the

first time, it will happen again!): 4 Japanese, 1 French, 1 American, 1 Canadian, 1 Belgian. If any of our Philipinas had been present...

The second thing that brought some change in my daily doings (at least some times during the year) is Ange's request of putting the OMI Newsletter together. That requires a lot of time: getting the items together, putting them in shape (hmm), printing, assembling, sending them off.

That, together with scores of other (mainly small) things to do, keeps me going, hopefully to God's Glory, the spreading of His Kingdom and my own salvation.

May the Christ Child present you with an abundance of His love and graces, to keep you going throughout the New Year.

Jan Van Hoydonck, OMI

## VOCATIONS

Akabai Takuya san, a High School boy from our parish in Naruto, has asked to join the Oblates as a candidate for the priesthood. He will graduate from High School in March of 1995.

Akabai san will begin studying at Nanzan University in April '95. He will live at the Oblate House of Studies during this period of pre-novitiate.

There will also be two postulants in Korea.

I hope this is a sign of more vocations to come.

As Fr. Dick McAlear, OMI wrote recently: "There are vocations out there. Usually there is a problem with the young man being able to focus on his call or finding the courage to respond. There are three things we all can do:

INVITE young men personally and publicly from the pulpit to consider a vocation. As often as we say this, research shows that priests seldom invite young men to the priesthood.

ENCOURAGE men to respond. We live in a difficult cultural climate - materialism, indifference and even hostility to religion. With encouragement men will respond with boldness and faith. In some ways it is easier, because the lines are more clearly drawn, the decision is clear and the sacrifice is obvious. Encouragement is always a necessary component.

PRAY for vocations: consistent, heartfelt prayer is essential to a harvest of vocations, because a vocation is a work of grace, and a moment of grace is the fruit of prayer."

We are encouraged by some early signs of hope. Work and pray together so that our hope is rewarded.

## ONGOING FORMATION

Bradly, Jude, Ed and Ange attended lectures at the Kenkyū Center in Nagoya. The course was 'Marriage as Vocation'. The professors from the EAPI in Manila were Mr. Jose de Mesa and Fr. Geoffrey King, SJ.

Jan attended a course on 'How living a valuable old age', at the same Institute. The Lecturer was Sister Monique Boucher, S.C.O., assisted by the local staff.

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

### January

2 Ed WILLIAMS  
22 Ray BOURGOIN  
29 Dick HARR

### February

13 Maurizio GIORGANNI  
15 Len INUI  
21 Vincenzo BORDO

### March

1 Jerry NOVOTNY  
23 Bill Maher

## ORDINATIONS

Happy Anniversary to:

### February

22 Xave Yoshikazu TOSA

### March

19 Ray BOURGOIN  
27 Wency LAGUIDAO

## PRAYERS requested for

RAY's father

JERRY's father

Many of our relatives, friends and benefactors are advancing in age, some may be ailing without showing it, but certainly all of them will profit by our prayers for them, so let us include them in our regular Memento.

## IN MEMORIAM

Our prayers and sympathy are with all who are affected by the demise of Bishop Mongeau, OMI.

### Other items of interest

John Mahoney returned on September 25 in good mettle and wishes to thank everyone for their prayers. WELCOME BACK, JOHN!

Bradly and Jude arrived on September 2 and are now studying the Japanese language at the YWCA in Nagoya. WELCOME, MEN!

Father Ambrose Antonisamy, O.M.I., superior of the O.M.I. delegation in Madras sent an invitation to share their joy for the Ordination to the priesthood of John Bosco Benjamine O.M.I., on December 8, 1994.

## REMINDERS

Check - expiration date of Visa, Driver's License, Alien Papers.  
When did you last have your medical check up?