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MADONNA AND THE CHILD

Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled, But no more a stranger.
Son of God, of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise His Name in all the earth,
Hail the King of glory!

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EARLY COMMUNION

"The night is past, the dawn is breaking,
I rise dear Lord to go to Thee,
My slothful ease with joy forsaking
For what Thy love prepares for me.

Swift through the star-lit sleeping city
I hasten to the House of Prayer;
Dear friends, regard me not with pity,
The Bread of Life awaits me there.

A hunger for that Bread impels me,
A craving for celestial food,
A whisper in my soul that tells me,
To seek and find the Son of God.

In jeweled light the altar greets me,
With lifted Host and reverent priest.
Then graciously my Saviour meets me
And bids me to His sacred Feast.

O Source of Strength; O Fount of Healing!
O gift of love and grace divine;
How sweet to feel while humbly kneeling,
The Blessed Sacrament is mine!

The city stirs, the stars are paling.
Refreshed I homeward make my way,
For Jesus, at that altar railing
Hath fed my spirit for the day."

(John L. Stoddard)



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THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Dear Daughters:

The lovely season of Christmas will soon be with us and we are reminded that to Daughters the Christmas Spirit is carried with us as we go about doing our King's bidding—in the quiet handclasp, the loving smile and in the joy which we share with one another in "His Service." To each of you I send my warmest personal greetings and the earnest wish that, the New Year may bring to you a deeper realization of His Love and more glorious opportunities for service.

1962 has been a fruitful year for the Order. Through our offerings of Prayer and Service it is our hope that we have contributed mightily to the spiritual welfare of our Church, to the support and loving encouragement of her priests and her people. Many times it has been said that the greatest need of the Church today is for prayer. To this end Daughters have conscientiously and consistently prayed. No parish and no mission can afford to be without this spiritual undergirding and recognizing this many requests for information re: the formation of new chapters come weekly to our National Office. We remind ourselves that our growth must be qualitative as well as quantitative if the Order is to fulfill her mission today.

A high point in your president's experiences of the last few months has been a trip to Mexico for the meeting of the 7th Province. Over 300 persons from the States, 15-20 of whom were Daughters, journeyed to Mexico City thus witnessing to the Faith of the Church and encouraging the small but fast growing sister communion, the Episcopal Church of Mexico. Enroute it was a real joy to greet many Daughters of San Antonio who came to the train to welcome me and wish me Godspeed.

I deeply regretted that I could not attend the 50th Anniversary of the Order in the Diocese of Olympia on Oct. 13th, nor the 3rd Province Meeting Oct. 23d, in the Poconos. Returning from Mexico I

was able to be present at the consecration of the Rev. James Montgomery as Suffragan of Chicago. The Bishop's mother has been a life long member of the Daughters of the King and we rejoice with her on this happy occasion.

I am sure that you will all be interested to know that our plans have been firmly laid for the 29th Triennial Convention of the Order to be held in St. Louis Oct., 1964. Miss Geraldine Dettmann, program chairman, and I spent two days early in Oct. in St. Louis conferring with the Rev. J. M. Feehan, convention manager, with Bishop George L. Cadagan of Missouri and with Daughters from St. John's Chapter, Mrs. Eugene Mears and Miss Dorothy Peters. No one will want to miss what promises to be a thrilling convention.

February, 1963, will find our National Office in the new Episcopal Church Center in New York City and 1963 brings many fresh challenges to the Order. May we all be worthy of these commissions.

Faithfully,

Sara C. Cassidy



DOOR OF ST. STEPHEN'S, LONDON

*"This is none other but the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven."*

(Gen. 28:17)

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.

Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.

God make the door of this house the gateway to Thine eternal Kingdom."

**HAVE YOU PREPARED FOR CHRISTMAS?
STUDY THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT!**

"Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." (Matt. 3:2-3). This exhortation of St. John the Baptist to the people of Judea is directed equally to everyone of us today. Have we prepared the way of the Lord?

Advent, like Lent is a time of inner preparation, of preparation of the Soul. Only too often do we let ourselves become caught up with the outward preparations for Christmas, with the filling of stockings, trimming of trees, buying of presents to come from "Santa Claus"; and where do we find ourselves? Behind the well known "Eight Ball," for we have not taken the time to prepare our real selves, our Souls, for the coming of our Lord. Physically all is in order, but spiritually where are we?

This Advent, let us first put our inner house in order, let us prepare the way of the Lord by preparing ourselves to receive Him on earth. And how do we prepare ourselves? To begin with let us examine ourselves from a positive and constructive viewpoint. Let us look at our assets, the talents which God has given us, as well as our faults and failures. First we must meditate about all the talents which God has given us as individuals. Perhaps you or I can sew or sing—perhaps you have a gentle way in the sick room, visiting those who are forgotten, or even arranging flowers. We must list and give thanks to God for each one of the abilities or talents which He has given us. Then comes the second step, to examine ourselves in relation to each separate talent. Have you and I returned it to God an hundredfold, or have we let it fall by the wayside? Again we must spend time in constructive meditation upon the ways in which we have failed, upon those things which we have left undone which we should have done, and those things which we have done which we should not. At this time the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. chapters 5-8) will be of great help to us. Let us take time this Advent and this Lent, to study daily our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, His Beatitudes first and then His Exhortations. Each day we can spend ten minutes meditating on one of the sections. In His own words, our Lord will show us our

talents or blessings, and our failings; He will show us very clearly the Way.

Finally, we must take the three steps which lead us to God. First, let us *repent* for our past omissions and commissions. Second, with true contrition let us *confess* our sins before God. Third, let us *do* the will of "Our Father which is in Heaven." Then and then only can we greet our Lord on Christmas morn with clear consciences, with that peace which passeth all understanding. Then and then only can we partake of our Lord at the Holy Eucharist in all honesty. Then and then only can we say with St. John the Baptist, we have prepared the way of the Lord.

Betty W. McKellar, Chairman
Devotions & Study



ASK YOURSELF

"1. Do I come to church to worship—to strengthen my trust in God—or do I merely 'come to church'?"

"2. Do I pray before the service that the minister's message may be inspired, and that I may be alert to God's special word for my life?"

"3. Do I pray that the troubled and sorrowful may find somewhere in the service God's answer to their needs?"

"4. Do I listen intently to the Bible reading, eager to discover new truth about God?"

"5. Do I ever pray for the members of the choir, that they make a true offering of their music?"

"6. Do I sing the hymns with my heart as well as my voice?"

"7. Is my offering both thanks-giving and money-giving? How often do I make a special offering (special to me) to commemorate some joy or the fruit of some sacrifice?"

"8. Do I seek out and welcome at least one stranger after service? Do I know 'my' strangers on the following Sundays and greet them?"

"9. Last, and most vital: How far into the week do I carry the inspiration of the service? Do I work better because of it? Does its influence live in my words and lift my thoughts? If not, where am I failing in my worship?"

STRANGE JOY

The note of Christmas is the note of joy. But the joy of Christmas is strange joy. The Gospel story begins on that note. "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy," was the angelic word to frightened shepherds. The Gospel story ends on the same note. At the end the risen Christ blessed His frightened disciples and parted from, and it was written; "They worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy." But so much besides joy came between that beginning and that ending—hard decisions in the wilderness, the misunderstanding of family and friends. The full confrontation of sickness in all its ugly forms; the deeper curse of human hatred and prejudice, self-centeredness and self-righteousness; betrayal and sentence of death. Yet He spoke of joy, and prayed that His friends might have His joy fulfilled in themselves. "And it was written of Him that for the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross." Did He bring joy? Does He bring joy when He says to us, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of heaven," or when He says to us—who scramble for top places, "The servant shall be greatest of all," or when He says, "Blessed are they that mourn," "Blessed are they that find their peace as I found mine, after I had made the world's ills my own." Is this joy?

Those who gave us the lovely Christmas stories knew they were writing of strange joy, of joy from heaven to earth come down, not of plain earthy joy. The child for whom there was no place at the inn prefigured the man who had no place to lay His head. The Babe who threatened the king foreshadowed the hostility of the rulers of the world. The Christ's overturning all our comfortable human values was foretold in Mary's song: "He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts; He has put down the mighty from their seats." In the Christmas carols and in the Gospel stories from which they sprang, the note of joy soars above all the notes of questioning, sorrow and tragedy. These singing testimonies come from the hearts of those who rejoiced because in Christ the humble are exalted; failing men are

rescued from despair; those who hunger for righteousness are filled; the glad self-giving of God has been revealed. The dayspring from on high has visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Strange joy! There is the joy of willing involvement, the joy of being burden-free and the joy of carrying others' burdens with them. There is the joy of clear sunlight and the joy of light shining in darkness. There is cheap joy and costly joy. The joy of Christmas is light shining in darkness. It is the joy of God's love to earth come down; entering, sharing, struggling, forgiving, triumphing. Those who know it have entered into the joy of their Lord.

Pitying love for fallen man;
Brought me down thus low;
For a race deep lost in sin,
Came I into woe.
By this lowly birth of mine,
Sinner, riches shall be thine,
Matchless gifts and free;
Willingly this yoke I take,
And this sacrifice I make,
Heaping joys for thee.

"The God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing."
"Behold I bring you good tidings of great
joy."

(The Rt. Rev. Angus Dun)



"What Thou hast given me, Lord, here
I bring Thee,
Odour and light and the magic of gold;
Feet which must follow Thee,
Lips which must sing Thee,
Limbs which must ache for Thee, ere
They grow old."

(Charles Kingsley)



SEEKING

When the sun shines in the street
There are very many feet seeking God,
All unaware that their hasting is a
Prayer; perhaps these feet would think
It odd—who think they are on business
Bent—if someone went and told them
"You are seeking God."

CHANGES IN BRAZIL
 by the ORDER'S MISSIONARY
 MISS ELIZABETH DANIEL

Dear Daughters:

Since my last letter to you there have been many changes both in the life of my adopted country, Brazil, and in my own life and work here. Brazil, along with the rest of Latin America, is going through a period of rapid social change, couched in an extremely nationalistic setting, and accompanied by political unrest. The persistent problems of hunger, poverty, disease, and illiteracy among the Brazilian masses on one hand, as over against the increasingly well-off upper middle class people who become richer all the time by speculation, exploration and opportunism on the other hand, make some kind of basic social reform absolutely necessary. The students are asking for essential reforms in education, the peasants and farmers for agrarian reform, and everyone is clamoring for a stop to the soaring inflation and lack of basic food supplies on the market. However, we see no signs as yet on the political scene of any constructive solution. Some feel the "Alliance for Progress" came ten years too late. Some feel that a revolution is inevitable; others feel that Brazil will do as she has so often done in the past, just muddle along finding a precarious solution to one crisis after another without open revolution. I am in no position to know or even to risk an opinion. It seems to me that it is my place to listen and to be as aware as possible of the factors in the present situation and to help Brazilian Christians to assume leadership and responsibility in various aspects of their national life.

Just as there are many changes on the national scene, so there are in the Church. The Brazilian Episcopal Church is studying a plan for administrative autonomy: to grow from a series of three missionary districts into an autonomous Church with three dioceses, thus becoming a sister Church to the American Episcopal Church and the rest of the Anglican Communion. I think this will happen in the foreseeable future. Under this plan there will continue to be a close relationship between the churches in Brazil and the U.S.A.; the American Church will continue financial aid for opening work on new frontiers, and some missionaries will continue to



(L. to R.) Standing in front of St. Hilda's House, two students, house mother and Elizabeth Daniel.

live and witness to the Christian Gospel in this land side by side with the Brazilian Christians. Autonomy will bring greater self-respect for the Brazilian Church, will enable her to take increased responsibility for her life and growth, and will help her to discover more Latin forms for the expression of Christianity here.

St. Hilda's House has reached a second stage in its development. The Brazilian Church is now aware of its existence and usefulness and can therefore take more responsibility for its direction. We have found a Brazilian woman to direct the internal life, and a young clergyman to direct the program on a part-time basis. Thus I have been freed from these aspects of my job and can now devote my time to the development of a strong Diocesan program in Christian Education that we hope will be able to give help and direction to parishes. In order to do this more officially, I have moved to Rio where the Diocesan Headquarters are located. However, I will travel a great deal and will often be involved in activities at St. Hilda's House. I would ask your prayers at this time for me and all our Christian Education leaders that our plans may be developed according to God's plan for Brazil.

May the renewal of organized activities in your chapters this fall be an opportunity for the renewal of minds and hearts and spirits in the service of our King.

NOTE: Miss Daniel's new address
 Caixa Postal 549,
 Rio de Janeiro, E.G., Brazil

NEW CHAPTERS

Thirteen Senior Chapters with a total membership of 132 have been added to the Order since late Spring. We welcome them at this time and pray that God's blessing will rest upon each and every Daughter.

4th Province, Diocese S. Fla., St. Cecilia's Mission, Tampa, Conon Chas. E. Wood Chapter, 8 charter members, Pres. Mrs. C. P. Winand; Church of the Good Samaritan, Punda Gorda, St. Ann's Chapter, 20 charter members, Pres. Mrs. Robert A. Corvey; St. David's by-the-Sea, Cocoa Beach, 3 charter members, Pres. Mrs. Graham McGuffin; St. John's, Kissimmee, 14 charter members, Pres. Mrs. Brownie Wise. Diocese Miss., St. James' Church, Greenville, St. James Chapter, 8 charter members, Pres. Mrs. W. Shields Spiars. 5th Province, Diocese N. Ind., St. Ann's Church, Warwas, St. Ann's Chapter, 5 charter members, Pres. Mrs. Ruth T. Kain; Diocese Chicago, St. John's, Naperville, Ill., St. John's Chapter, 12 charter members, Pres. Mrs. Ruth Hammersmith; Diocese Mich., Christ Church, Charlevoix, 7 charter members, Pres. Mrs. John T. Geer. 6th Province, District S. Dak., Trinity Church, Pierre, St. Mary & St. Martha's Chapter, 14 charter members, Pres. Mrs. James Hopkins. 7th Province, Diocese Kansas, St. Mark's Mission, Wichita, St. Mark's Chapter, 10 charter members, Pres. Mrs. Joy L. Sherwood. 8th Province, Diocese Los Angeles, St. Joseph's Church, Buena Park, 7 charter members, Pres. Mrs. Robert Donaldson; The Fredericka Home Chapter, Chula Vista, Pres. Dr. Lillian Roth; Diocese Oregon, Good Samaritan Church, Corvallis, St. Mary Elizabeth Chapter, 8 charter members, Pres. Mrs. Joseph Ilika.



"Once more the bells of Christmas
Are ringing sweet and clear,
Once more our hearts are lifted up,
And filled with love and cheer;
For friendship knows no barriers
Of distance, time or space,
And loving thoughts can wing their way
To any clime or place."

CONGRATULATIONS

Mary Magdalene Chapter of St. Paul's Church, Kansas City, Diocese of Kansas, celebrated the seventieth anniversary of the chapter with a dinner and program on November 7, 1962. There were 70 members and guests present for this event. The chapter was organized under the Rev. David W. Howard and the charter #194 was granted November 19, 1892. We are happy to report we have our first charter which is signed by Mrs. Margaret J. Franklin, the founder and first national president of the Order, Elizabeth L. Ryerson, secretary, and the Rev. Ralph Wood Kenyon, Grand Chaplain. The records show that the original group of 16 young women met at the church each Sunday evening at 6:30, for study and to make plans for service in the spiritual upbuilding of their parish and at the Rectory once a month for a business meeting. This chapter, which numbered 16 members in 1892, has grown to the present membership of 54. During these past 70 years the chapter has given a great deal of service not only to the parish, but also to the community.

NEW MEXICO AND SOUTHWEST
TEXAS

The Daughters of the King Annual Assembly meeting was held at St. James' Church, Las Cruces. The day began with Holy Communion, the Rev. W. R. Brown, Chaplain of the Assembly, was the celebrant. After a group breakfast, Mrs. Lillian S. Rockett, president, presented a new chapter, St. Hilda's of Grace Church, Carlsbad, which was welcomed and received into the Assembly by the Chaplain. At Luncheon our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. C. T. Kinsolving, gave an inspiring talk on "the temptations suffered by Jesus." He said in part: "that the Daughters experience the same type of temptations as did Christ. 1. To do something for ourselves; 2. To take short cuts to the Kingdom; 3. To place tremendous value on material and secular things." As Christ found it necessary to withdraw from the crowd for prayer, so the Daughters must increase their devotional life of "Prayer and Service."

NEWS AND COMMENTS

● **LAY APOSTOLATE:** In talking about the lay apostolate, the Rt. Rev. James P. DeWolfe, Bishop of the Diocese of Long Island said in part: "Since we are to worship God with all our mind as well as all our heart, our intellect must be cultivated so that we are familiar with the content of the Faith and of Christian morality."—"the laity are as fully involved in the communion with Christ and the Holy Spirit as are the Bishops and clergy." He emphasized the "Church's need for adult men and women to serve as apostles; as carriers of the life-giving Grace of the Lord to the whole creation." To encourage a more consistent practice of lay evangelism, the Bishop gave the following Rule of Life: 1. To witness openly that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour; 2. To pray daily; 3. To worship in His Church regularly, always seeking strength for greater service through the Sacrament of Holy Communion; 4. To develop a deeper sense of one's stewardship of time, talent and treasure; 5. To seek to bring others to Christ; 6. To read the Word of God as frequently as possible. This is no time for the Church to indulge in self-centered complacency—the church must bear continuing witness that the world's destiny is in God, even as is her own. The Church must demonstrate its conviction that God knows us and the world in which we live with a knowledge in which love, providence and the desire to give all that can be given are equally compounded—we of the Church are fellow-workers with God.

● **Church Army In The U. S. A.:** To strengthen its roots and cooperation with the National Council, Church Army has established a greatly enlarged Training Center in Brooklyn at the invitation of the Diocese of Long Island. The move apart from its merit of greater enrollment and the training of an increasing number of students, will provide the opportunity to participate in the interurban work and to accept the challenge of the current social environment to the forward movement of the Church. You are asked to help actively the work of Church Army by your prayers and generous help.



Mrs. James Lyle Cassidy and the Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Arthur Lichtenberger, before the altar of the chapel at Seabury House, following the presentation service of the gold Cross to the National President.

● **CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTION:** Give yourself and those you love "Sing My Soul" record albums. Music of the Church from medieval plain song to modern by the famous Washington Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys under the direction of Dr. Paul Callaway. Side one motets and Chants. Side two hymns. Order this 12" long-playing RCA album from Episcopal Radio-TV Foundation, Box 11711, Atlanta 5, Georgia. In monaural Hi-Fi @ \$3.48. Stereo @ \$4.48, postage prepaid. One bonus album free with each order for five albums. Enclose gift tags and gift albums will be shipped postpaid for Christmas delivery.

● **DELIGHTED:** To the report that as of Oct. 10, the sum of \$583.50 has been received for the New Office Fund. This encouraging amount was contributed by individual daughters, Chapters and Dioceses—in all, a total of 45 donors.

BEGIN EACH DAY WITH PRAYER

*"—The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous,
and His ears are open unto their prayers."*

(1 Peter 3:12)



ADVENT PRAYER

Grant, O Almighty God, that as Thy blessed Son Jesus Christ at His first advent came to seek and to save that which was lost, so at His second and glorious appearing He may find in us the fruits of the redemption which He wrought; who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Father, Who hast declared Thy goodwill toward us by the great gift of Thyself in the Babe of Bethlehem, grant at this Christmastide that we may receive Him with faith which adores, with love which embraces, with loyalty which follows; that being filled with His Spirit, we may spread peace and goodwill on earth and evermore rejoice in the knowledge of Thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Bishop Brent)

A MODERN STIR-UP PRAYER

Grant us, our God, wills of steel,
That without hesitation or regret,
We may forge our way straight forward
Through good report or ill,
Through failure or success,
Through joyfulness or sorrow,
Through loneliness or friendship,
Eager for this alone—
That our wills may follow Thy will,
Our hands do Thy work,
Our hearts love Thee aright,
Our whole selves be poured forth in
service for Thee.

(J. S. Hoyland)

FOR QUIET CONFIDENCE

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength; by the might of Thy Spirit lift us, we pray Thee to Thy Presence, where we may be still and know that Thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and supplication; deliver us when we draw nigh unto Thee from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Almighty God, we beseech thee with thy gracious favor to behold our universities, colleges and schools, that knowledge may be increased among us, and all good learning flourish and abound. Bless all who teach and all who learn; and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look unto Thee, who art the fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A PERSONAL PRAYER

Grant, O God, that in all the joy of my life, I may never forget to be kind. Help me to be unselfish in friendship, thoughtful of those less happy than myself, and eager to bear the burdens of others; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



Miss Tamae Kataoka

A MASTER'S FUND BENEFICIARY

About this time last year (July, 1961) I was busy packing my things at the dormitory of St. Agnes School, Kyoto City, Japan. The year I have spent in the U.S.A. has been the most wonderful one in my life. I am surprised myself, realizing how much I have learned, and how rich the experiences have been.

First of all, I had the great pleasure of meeting many of the members of the Daughters of the King in Detroit. The fellowship has continued and developed deeper and further. I was invited to St. Phillip's, New York, Daughters chapter meeting, and to spend all my Christmas vacation with the Daughters in Aiken, South Carolina. In May, several Council members came to see me at Windham House. Of course, at Windham House, I have had the happiest time, living, working and studying together as a team. Most of the academic courses I have taken at Teachers College, Columbia University because I could get the status as a candidate for Master of Arts in Childhood education there. I will be completing the requirements in summer session, so that the degree will be granted in December. The subjects and contents of the courses I have taken are all helpful and interesting, but, particularly, I would like you to know of the most impressive one, called, "Traveling

Seminar in Early Childhood Education." Taking this course in June, I had the most wonderful trip through five countries in Europe. We visited schools, kindergartens, nursery schools and daycare centers, teacher training schools, in order to find out the roots of the theories and practices in early childhood education. This trip gave us the opportunities to see all sorts of social and cultural background of European countries. Now I am back at Windham House, busy writing the report on this traveling seminar, taking an hour course on Christian Education at Union Theological Seminary, besides attending a five-hour work conference at Teachers College. On August 17, my summer studies over, I will leave New York City, and fly back to Tokyo, September 6.

I realize that I do not have much time left to do so many things, and I know the days will fly away. However, I cannot leave this country without saying "THANK YOU" to all the Daughters of the King. All these wonderful experiences and opportunities that I have enjoyed were offered to me through your support, both spiritual and financial. I would love to stay here, but I really feel, even though I am still a little person, I am needed over there. If I am in Japan I can be of more help to the Japanese people and the churches there.

At St. Agnes' Schools, I will be teaching Junior College girls in teacher training program. We send 80 graduates every year to kindergarten, nursery, and day care center—most of them work at Christian institutions. At the same time I will be writing again for the Sunday School teachers manual for Nippon Sei-Ko-Kai. I will certainly try to write more about these things when I return to Japan. In the meantime, please remember us, including my parents who work at St. Peter's, Yamagata. And please let me know whenever any of you could visit Japan.



"Be Patient enough to Live One Day
At a Time as Jesus Taught us,
Letting Yesterday Go, and
Leaving Tomorrow 'till it Arrives."



The above picture, taken before the Chapel Altar of Gray Inn, includes fifteen members of the Mary White Chapter, their Chaplain and the Diocesan President.

DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA

Report in brief of the 6th Assembly of the Daughters of the King which took place at the Church of the Redeemer, Okmulgee. The Rev. Gerhard Stutzer, rector, in his address of welcome, said it was wonderful to have a chapter of the Daughters in a church. Bishop Powell not only gave a most inspiring meditation, but also spoke of the needs of the diocese which the Daughters can fulfill, especially mentioning St. Monica's Convent, suggesting that the rules of the Order "Prayer and Service" fit the members to be helpful in the needs of the convent; "support it in prayers and gifts of food, sheets and guest room accessories." The Rev. Herbert N. Conley, guest speaker, gave a most impressive address on "Sacrificial Living." Calling to mind many from Abraham down to the present day who had been willing to make the total sacrifice in doing what they thought was God's will. Love is the heart of our Faith, Sacrifice expresses it.

DIOCESE OF SOUTH FLORIDA

On March 8, 1962, in the Chapel of St. Martha and St. Mary, at Bishop Gray Inn, Davenport, Fla., the admission service for the Mary White Chapter, Order of The Daughters of the King was conducted by the Rev. Charles E. White, Chaplain of Gray Inn. Twelve new members were installed and eight Daughters from other chapters throughout the diocese became affiliated with this new chapter. Full credit for the Mary White Chapter goes to our beloved Diocesan President, Mrs. Dexter Bates, wife of the manager of Gray Inn.

William Gray Inn for older persons in the Diocese of S. Fla., dedicated in 1952, is a memorial to William Crane Gray, who was consecrated in 1892 as the first Bishop of the Missionary Jurisdiction of S. Fla.—he retired in 1913. The quotation on the bronze plaque at Gray Inn, "Faithfully for Christ and His Church," was taken from Bishop Gray's first convention address in 1894.

Isabelle R. Knapp

6th ASSEMBLY, DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA
RESUME of MEDITATION by
The Rt. Rev. Chilton Powell

"I am the vine and ye are the branches."

We add the text of a fine Eucharistic Hymn . . . *"Jesus, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in Thee."* One law of growth and life is this: Much that happens is unseen to the eye, of hidden vitality, hidden force, and work. I like to think that this is true of our Lord's life. There is nothing in the New Testament to indicate what happened to Him from the time He was 12 years old until He was 30—the hidden years of discovery, growth, aspiration, duty, and of trial while living in this world as boy, man, and God. His emergence is very dramatically portrayed in the story of His temptation in the wilderness. Next, coming to His cousin, St. John, in all the power of His manhood, and all the vigor stored from those hidden years—He is baptized. He hears His Father's voice saying: "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased, hear him." Our Lord is firmly planted, well rooted, and powerful in the spirit.

You know enough about the wilderness to appreciate how difficult His trials had been—those terrible attacks upon Him. Yet His worthiness, and the power of His spiritual vitality came through. Those days of testing proved His strength to renounce the devil; and to give Himself to His loving Father, and to the world.

One of the first sermons Jesus preached after the wilderness gives us this plain definition of Himself, of His Father, and of His Church, and of you and me: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman"—the planter, the watcher, the breather of life."—"He that abideth in me and I in him, the same shall bring forth much fruit. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I have chosen you that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain." We offer our answering prayer: "Jesus, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in Thee." I would like to have you think about this livingness in God. In the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Chartres, France, there is a famed window called "The Tree of Jesse." The window is so designed that a great vine grows upward from the bottom—out of

the soil of the Book of Genesis. Jesse, the father of King David, sits near the bottom in the center as a planting of God. He is the source of the house from which, from the human point of view, our Saviour would be born. This Tree of Jesse seems to include in its pattern all great events from Eden to the 13th century showing God's Fatherliness. Then with seemingly affection it includes Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the spiritual forefather of the Old Testament Church. The vine brings forth Moses and his Law; David and his Psalms; and the prophets Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Isaiah. In addition to all this, a sturdy, strong trunk arises through the whole window pattern, turning and turning again with branches full of leaves, bright with flowers, and laden with fruit. That sturdy vine, Christ, God made very man, is no more hidden in the soil of the past—Christ grows beyond the rudimentary stump and the rich roots of the Old Testament. In talking of Him as Vine of Life, we talk of Church, His living body, and we talk of self. He has grafted us into His own sturdy stem by Holy Baptism. We are made one with the Holy Vine, regenerated by God our Father, through God the Son, and in His Spirit. We respond by the faith of our Sponsors, and the Faith of our Church—in time, by our own mature faith. His vitality and grace move us from Baptism to Holy Confirmation. By the laying on of hands he reassures us of our relationship with Him, and gives us more of His Life, that He might dwell in us and we in Him. For our continued nourishment He gives Himself in the Sacrament of the Altar. He feeds us with Bread of Heaven, Himself. With Wine of Love He strengthens us. We know who we are—not only our little selves, but part of the Tree of Life.

There is one very plain thing that I would like to say about this vital parable. Sometimes in our religiosity we give the impression that this Christ of ours is not this great Tree of Life, but some kind of delicate hot-house plant, whom we must nurture and protect. We hold Him preciously to ourselves, as though we ought to rescue Him, and ourselves, from the rigors of this world.

The leaves, flowers, and fruit of the Tree of Life are the Church. We help put

forth His leaves to give healing to the nations, and Christ's holy shade to comfort men and women beyond the Church—men and women caught, and hurt, in the world. We are not a hot-house plant. Our Church is a helpless, new-born child in a barn in Bethlehem. We spend hidden years in towns like Nazareth. We survive loneliness in desert and unwatered places. We more than survive when we meet death at Golgotha. In all these experiences we are very much in the world. We encompass the Cross, with Christ the true Vine. We enter the Tomb. We rend the Tomb. In Christ we live beyond ourselves, beyond the Church, reaching with Him toward all kinds of people everywhere. We tell the story of Christ the Vine, and by evangelism and faith help Him graft many another to be a new branch on the Tree of Life. That is why it is very important that in your roll of Daughters of the King you keep before you not only the great drama of redemption, but your place in it. We have our place for God's purpose extending far beyond us, like the branches of a healthy tree. We must be branch and leaf reaching toward the weak, rendering service to those who need His touch, and the healing of His love.

This religion of ours is plainly delineated in the simple and rugged craftsmanship used by the builder of the window of the Tree of Jesse at Chartre. Like this medieval artist, we are to show a homely, honest, and forthright religious life. We are plain people who pray for daily bread; a people who love rain and sun, and soil. We deal with the stuff of the roots. We are Old Testament Folk, who live with the Psalms, and the Prophets—Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. We are likewise of a New Covenant. We are of the stem of Christ—grafted in Holy Baptism, made robust in Holy Confirmation, given grace upon grace in Eucharist. We look for holiness in others and in self, and often find some semblance of Flower. We look for fruit in others and in self, and find some beginning fruit of Christian virtue. We watch for leaves spreading out Christ's love, like cool shade toward people who sorely need Him. Christian living may seem a bit routine for us sometimes, a bit lacking in an immediate sense of God's action, or ours. Some years we see fewer

flowers, less fruit, in ourselves, and in others. We don't see all. God still wants to use us, as much as we allow to add human life to His Vine, and His Life to ours. When loneliness comes, or any kind of wilderness, let us not be too impatient. For our spiritual health we ought to deliberately seek, now and then, a kind of Lenten desert place. We will discover there that He continues to live in us, and we in Him. He will go about His Father's business in our hearts and in our souls. Desert places, hidden years, and quiet times can be very productive if Our Lord be with us. The sunset on a desert is the most beautiful of all sunsets. Desert flowers are the most colorful of all. Stars are like jewels, the richest in all nature in a lonely sky. Wilderness quiet is made holy by the still small voice of God. Leaves on a desert plant give coolness which nomads call 'the blessing of God'. Strong roots and sturdy stem make a great tree, a miracle of the love of God, in an arid place. So is our Christ, in the wilderness of the world, and the dry places of the human heart. So is Christ the Vine, growing lustily in waste places that lie within us and all about us. We do our work day by day. We put forth His quiet leaves. We find our strength, our comfort, and our reason for being in Christ the Vine. We are His branches. He lives in us, we live in Him. We respond in glad thanksgiving saying: "*Jesus, may we ever be Grafted, Rooted, Built in Thee.*" He answers our prayer with firm assurance: "*I am the Vine, Ye are the branches.*"



"O breath of heaven breathe
over us we pray,
And make the commonplaces
of each day
Flame with new light, new love,
new joy, new power."

"Show us the beauty of each
busy hour,
'Ere like a dream these chances
pass away.
O breath of heaven breathe
over us today."



THE JUNIOR MESSENGER

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Dear Junior Daughters:

We approach the time when we celebrate again the birth of the Prince of Peace. There is no heart in the world today that does not secretly long for that "Peace and Good Will" the angels proclaimed that night. Despite the Berlin Wall, the Hydrogen Bomb, and the threat of nuclear war, the time is coming when God's Kingdom shall come and His Will shall be done. I am listing the prophecies fore-telling the Messiah and the scriptures which tell of their fulfillment. God's wonderful fulfillment of His promises is always a thrilling thing!

Like a bright sun shining through all of Life's dark clouds and shadows is the fact that God loves us. He cares for us—we are His children. God is the King!

You are especially called to work and pray and give for the spread of His Kingdom. You might like to discuss in your chapter meetings some of the things you can do to help bring God's Kingdom to earth. When you make your Christmas list, remember to put His Name first. If somewhere you can be a Peace Maker, that would be the nicest gift of all.

Wishing you a happy and blessed Christmastide,

Yours in His love,
Juanita Tucker

THIS I ASK

"Not more of light, O God, I ask
But eyes to see what is;
Not sweeter songs, but power to hear
The present melodies.
Not more of strength, but how to use
The power that I possess;
Not more of love, but skill to turn
A frown to a caress.
Not more of joy, but power to feel
Its kindred presence near.
To give to others all I have
Of courage and of cheer.
Help me all fears to dominate,
All holy joys to know.
To be the friend I wish to be,
To speak the truth I know."



BIBLE PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE MESSIAH

Old Testament Prophecy and New Testament Fulfillment:

Born of a Virgin—Isa. 7:14; Micah. 5:3
Fulfillment—Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:26-35

Descendant of the tribe of Judah—Gen.
49:10; Micah 5:2

Fulfillment—Matt. 1:22; 2:6; Rev. 5:5

Descendant of the house of David—Isa.
9:7; Jer. 23:5

Fulfillment—Matt. 1:16; Luke 3:31; Jn.
7:42

Birthplace—Micah 5:2

Fulfillment—Matt. 2:1-6; Luke 2:4

Massacre of Innocents—Jer. 31:15

Fulfillment—Matt. 2:17-18

Flight into Egypt—Hos. 11:1

Fulfillment—Matt. 2:15

Ministry in Galilee—Isa. 9:1-2

Fulfillment—Matt. 4:15-16

Priest like Melchisedek—Ps. 110:4

Fulfillment—Heb. 5:6; 6:20; 7:17-21

Triumphal entry into Jerusalem—Isa.
62:11; Zech. 9:9

Fulfillment—Matt. 21:1-10; Jn. 12:14-16

Betrayal by a Friend—Ps. 41:9

Fulfillment—Matt. 26:15; Mark 14:10-21

Betrayal for 30 pieces of silver—Zech.
11:12-13

Fulfillment—Matt. 26:15; Mark 14:10-21

Silence when accused—Ps. 38:13; Isa.
53:7

Fulfillment—Matt. 26:63; 27:12-14

Death with malefactors—Isa. 53:9-12

Fulfillment—Matt. 27:38; Luke 23:40-43

Piercing of hands and feet—Ps. 22:16;
Zech. 12:10

Fulfillment—John 20:27

Mocking—Ps. 22:6-7; 109:5

Fulfillment—Matt. 27:39; Mark 15:29

Gall & vinegar offered to drink—Ps. 69:21

Fulfillment—Matt. 27:34-48; Jn. 19:29

Lots cast for garments—Ps. 22:18

Fulfillment—Mark 15:24; Jn. 19:24

Not a bone was broken—Ex. 12:46; Ps.
34:20

Fulfillment—John 19:36

Burial with the rich—Isa. 53:9

Fulfillment—Matt. 27:56-60

Resurrection—Ps. 16:10; Hos. 6:2

Fulfillment—Matt. 27:63; 28:6; Acts
2:27-31

Ascension—Ps. 68:18; 110:1

Fulfillment—Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9; Eph.
4:8-10

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Peace on Earth
Good Will
toward Men



PRAYER CALENDAR

That the Kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdoms of Christ and do His Will.

For our Missionary.

For all women and girls everywhere that they may know Christ and make Him known.

For Peace on earth good will to Men.
Thanksgiving for the Prince of Peace.



FOR THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION

What is my mission?

How can I be a herald of the Gospel?

Name some of the things that hurt God.

Does God care what I do with my life?

Is acceptance of responsibility a sign of maturity?

What is wrong with most New Year's resolutions?

What would happen if I completely turned my life over to God?

To serve the King—you begin where you are. You have a world of your own, one you know better than anyone else—its people, its problems, its needs. This is your field of service. Being a servant may mean loving instead of criticizing, or being kind to someone you dislike, or saying the best about a fellow student instead of the worst. It means thoughtfulness and courtesy and kindness. Jesus said, "Those who would be great in the Kingdom shall be servant of all."

THINGS TO MAKE AND DO

Write a Thanksgiving for life's blessings with each member of the chapter contributing a verse.

Decorate plain napkins for a Church Supper with symbols of Christmas.

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