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# Newsletter

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## THIRD MARIAN INSTITUTE - June 10, 11

The third Marian Institute sponsored by the Marian Library is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, at the University of Dayton. Theme of these sessions will be: Mary, Mother of Men.

Outstanding speakers who will address the Institute include:

**Father William G. Most**, Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, author of a Marian Year work on Our Lady, **Mary in Our Life**.

**Mary Reed Newland**, well-known writer and lecturer, and author of the recently published **We and Our Children**.

**Brother Joseph J. Panzer, S. M.**, of the department of education of the University of Dayton.

**Rev. Stanley Kusman, S. M.**, of St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, known throughout the country for his retreats and missions.

The **Friday** sessions will include the following talks: "Developing a Sound Marian Spirituality" by Father Most; "Christ's Devotion to Mary" by Bro. Panzer; "Mary and Daily Life" by Mrs. Newland; and "Our Need for Mary" by Father Kusman.

The **Saturday** topics will be: "Mary Our Spiritual Mother" by Father Most; "So You Think You Love Mary!"; "Mary and Family Life" by Mrs. Newland; and "Mary, Our Mother, Today" by Father Kusman.

Registration fee: \$2.00 for both days, \$1.00 for one day. Housing accommodations will be arranged if requested. Meals will be served in the university cafeteria.

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## MARIAN LIBRARY MEDAL

Ballots for selecting the winner of the third Marian Library Medal are now in the hands of the six judges who will choose the best book on Our Lady written originally in English, and published in the United States between April 1954 and March 1955. Fifteen books have been presented to the judges for their consideration, and the winner will be announced at the opening session of the third Marian Institute, Friday, June 10.

Judges are:

Rev. Juniper B. Carol, O. F. M., secretary of the Mariological Society of America

Rev. Harold C. Gardiner, S. J., literary editor of **America**

Richard James Hurley, department of library science, Catholic university of America

Sister Mary Joseph, S. L., director of the Gallery of Living Catholic Authors

Don C. Sharkey, author and columnist for **Ave Maria**

Brother Stanley G. Mathews, S. M., librarian of the Marian Library

It is interesting to note that six of the fifteen books are products of laymen, and nine have been written by priests and religious.

Previous winners of the Marian Library Medal were Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, 1953, for **The World's First Love**, and Father John S. Kennedy, 1954, for **Light on the Mountain**.

The judges each year are asked to select the "best" or "most significant" Marian book, i.e., the book which they feel will do most to make Our Lady better known, and as a result better loved and served.

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## FATHER HERBERT KRAMER AND AFFILIATES HELP

Father Herbert G. Kramer, S. M., and Marianist Affiliates of Bordeaux, France, have sent approximately 100 books to the Marian Library since September. Father Kramer, an American Marianist who is also a student of religious architecture, has also sent us many reproductions of famous churches and statues of France. Among the books which have arrived from Bordeaux are bound volumes of **LE ROSIER DE MARIE**, an old magazine filled with Marian lore and religious news, and a newer periodical, **NOTRE-DAME DES TEMPS NOUVEAUX**, published at Verdelaix. Our sincere thanks to Father Kramer and the Marianist Affiliates for their interest in the Marian Library.

## OUR LADY and VIET-NAM

Viet-Nam and its people have been front page news for months, but little is known of the devotion of the Vietnamese to Our Lady. Two of the more famous shrines of Mary in Vietnam are Duc Me La-Vang (Our Lady of La-Vang) and Duc Me Thai-Ha-Ap (Our Lady of Thai-Ha-Ap).

Our Lady of La-Vang took its name from its location, in Hue, the capital of Viet-Nam just below the 17th parallel, the dividing line between the Communist and the non-Communist area. This century-old shrine attracts a good number of Catholics from all over the country. Cardinal Spellman paid tribute to the shrine in his visit to the country in July, 1954.

Our Lady of Thai-Ha-Ap is located near Hanoi, the capital of northern Viet-Nam. It was built about fifty years ago, and is under the direction of the Redemptorist Fathers. Saturday is the special day of pilgrimage, and there are

services, sermons, and Holy Hours every hour from noon until night.

There are many other evidences of Marian devotion in Viet-Nam. The Legion of Mary is especially strong. Four magazines are dedicated to Our Lady: Van-coi (Holy Rosary), Duc-Me Hang-Cuu-Giup (Our Lady of Perpetual Help), Trai-Tim Duc Me (The Immaculate Heart), and Dao-Binh Duc Me (The Legion of Mary). The reception of the Pilgrim Virgin in 1950 was the most enthusiastic demonstration in the history of devotion to Our Lady in Viet-Nam.

The early missionaries to Viet-Nam, particularly the Dominicans and the Redemptorists, instilled a great love of the rosary and a strong devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. In all national trials, especially during the present war against the Communists, the Vietnamese people are sustained by a confident trust in Mary, their Mother.

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### RECENT AND FORTHCOMING MARIAN BOOKS

FOUNT OF OUR JOY (Newman), by Sister Mary Jean Dorcy, O. P., a series of Madonna legends for dramatization, will be published this month. . . . MARY IN THE LITURGY, the proceedings of the 1954 Liturgical Week held in Milwaukee, may be ordered from the Conference Secretary, Elsberry, Missouri. . . . Father M. Raymond's GOD, A WOMAN, AND THE WAY (Bruce), meditations on the seven sorrows of our Lady, features superb illustrations by John Andrews. . . . An American edition of THE BLESSED VIRGIN AND THE PRIESTHOOD by Paul Philippe, O. P., was released by Regnery in March. . . . The first book in English on the Weeping Madonna of Syracuse, THE MIRACLE AT SYRACUSE (Academy Library Guild) is the work of Rev. A. R. Bandini. . . . Romano Guardini's THE ROSARY OF OUR LADY (Kenedy) is scheduled for publication in May. . . . Two new books about Guadalupe are now on the market: one, a juvenile by Helen Rand Parish, with illustrations by Jean Charlot, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (Viking); the second, an anthology edited by Donald Demarest, THE DARK VIRGIN (Coley Taylor). . . . The Image Book series published by Doubleday now includes two Marian titles: OUR LADY OF FATIMA by William Thomas Walsh, and BERNADETTE AND LOURDES by Michel de Saint-Pierre.

## Marianist Magazine Preview

A large majority of our friends seem to like the latest project of the Marian Library, the monthly MARIANIST magazine, a 32 page all-Marian periodical. Libraries interested in the complete set can still secure all but the January 1955 issue, our supply of which is completely exhausted. The May issue, just out, features an article on the famous Mariologist Rev. Emil Neubert, S. M., written by one of his former students, Rev. Thomas A. Stanley, S. M. Dale Francis, Margaret Montgomery, and Brother Louis Reile, S. M. also have contributed to the issue. The June number will have articles by John Beevers, Ed Willock, Bro. Frank Klapp, S. M., Joseph A. Breig, and Rev. Charles J. Lees, S. M.

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## MARIANIST PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA

The Marianist Pilgrimage to Canada, led by Rev. Gabriel J. Rus, S. M., director of the Marianist Affiliates, will visit the shrines of Our Lady of the Cape, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, and St. Joseph's Oratory from July 31 to August 6. For further information, write Marianist Promotion Service, University of Dayton, Dayton 9, Ohio.

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