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ITALY

This tableau forms in Italy's clime,
A favorite pageant at Christmastime.
The crib is shown of the Holy Child,
With his mother, Mary, and Joseph mild;

Shepherds adore, and Angels above
Chant their message of peace and love,
While Bethlehem's Star sends down its ray
To guide the Wise Men on their way.

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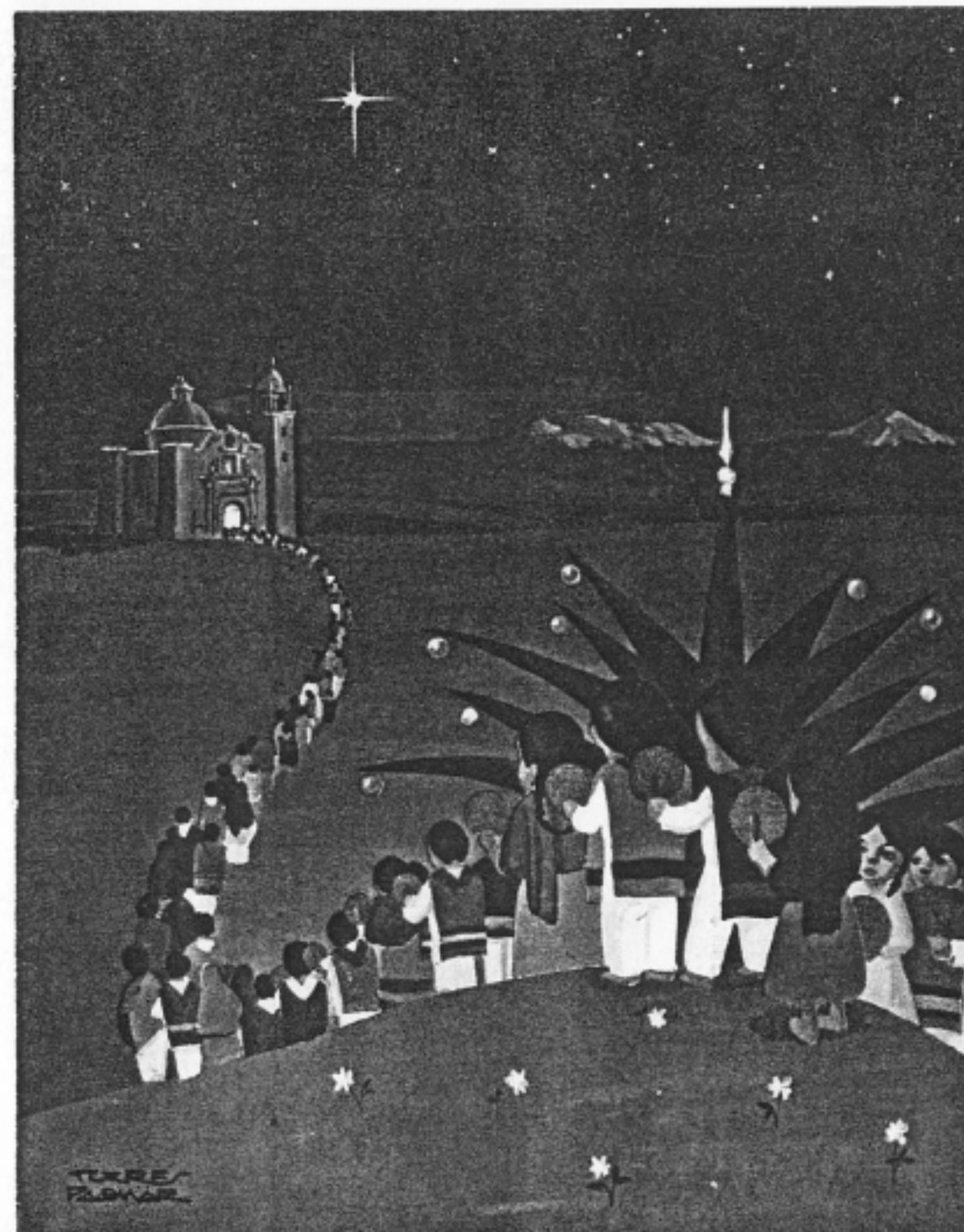


- UPCOMING EVENTS -

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
DEC 12/94	Our Lady of Guadalupe.
DEC 25/94	The Solemnity of Christmas.
JAN 1/95	Monthly Pancake Breakfast, 08:00 to 11:00 AM
JAN 5/95	Council Business Meeting, 07:30 PM - Start the New Year by attending.
JAN 19/95	Council Social Meeting. Family Potluck fellowship.
FEB 2/95	Council Business Meeting, 07:30 PM
FEB 16/95	Council Social Meeting. U.S. Flag Presentation
MAR 11/95	3rd DEGREE, San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 9904.

THE MUSINGS OF MARY!

The Virgin Mother was but girl, yet she could see her dreams unfurl. As she beheld her infant Son through whom salvation had begun! Yes, Mary was to watch Him grow, from infancy to manhood's woe. To taste the sorrow and the pain of Him whose death would be our gain. Yes, Mary must have known it all, yet she would not her pain recall. As He whom once in manger lay, would bring her joy of Easter Day! --Sancie Earman King



Feliz Navidad
Y
Próspero Año Nuevo

THE ART OF THANKSGIVING

The art of thanksgiving is thanks-living. It is gratitude in action. It is applying Albert Schweitzer's philosophy: "In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifice of your life for other life."

- It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.
- It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as obligations to be invested for the common good.
- It is thanking God for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.
- It is thanking God for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievement.
- It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy.
- It is thanking God for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful.
- It is thanking God for inspiration by trying to be an inspiration to others.
- It is thanking God for health and strength by the care and reverence you show your body.
- It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.
- It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.
- It is thanking God by giving hands, arms, legs and voice to your thankful spirit.
- It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving acts of thanksgiving.

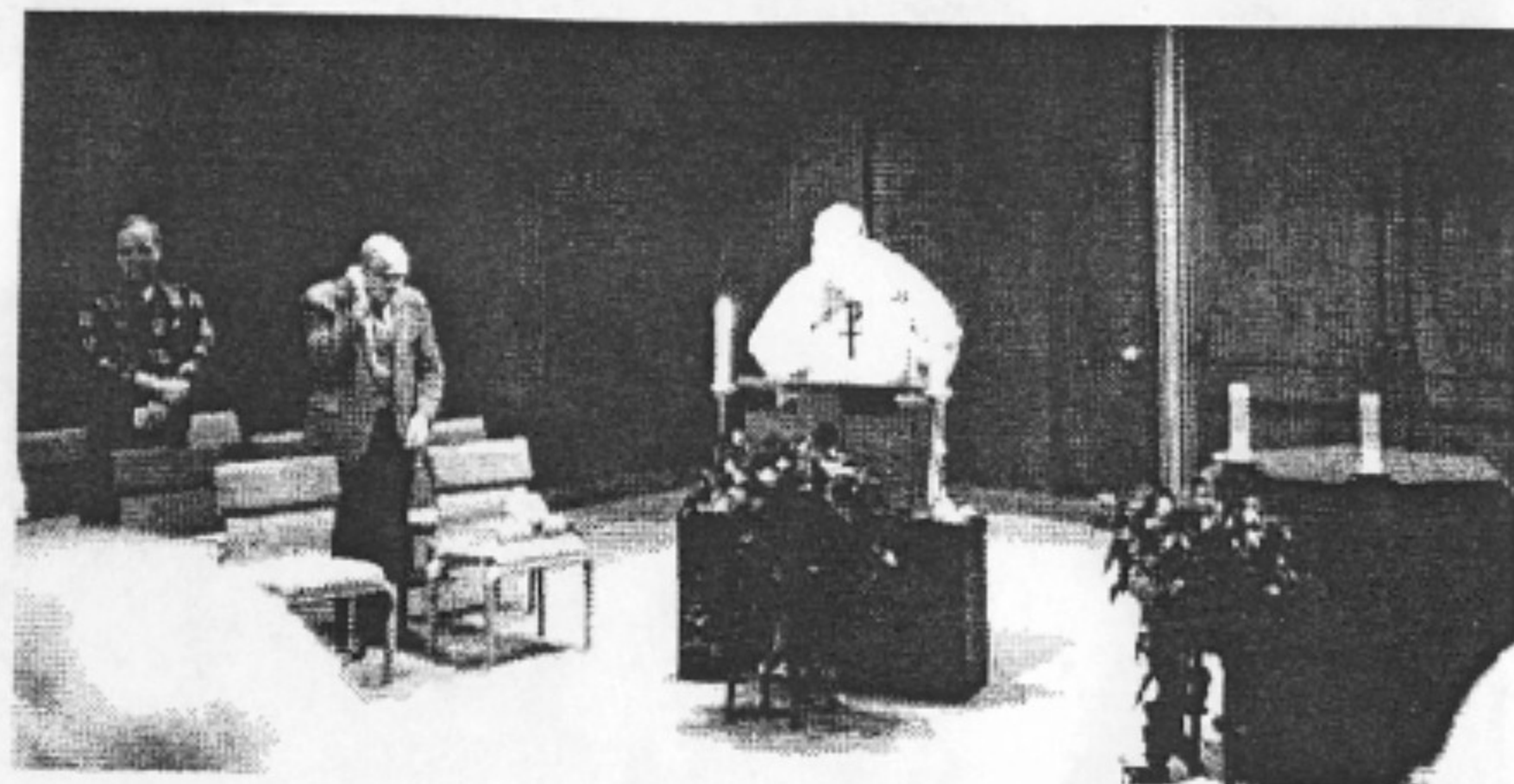
---Wilfred A. Peterson

Here is a New Years resolution for all of us

* SIGN-UP A KNIGHT IN 95 *

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD

On October 20th a Memorial Mass was held in the Chapel of OMC for the deceased members of our Council. Many thanks to Al Tucker, Church Activities Director, and Tom Walters for organizing the Mass and the Potluck Social afterwards. Pictures provided by Tom Walters.

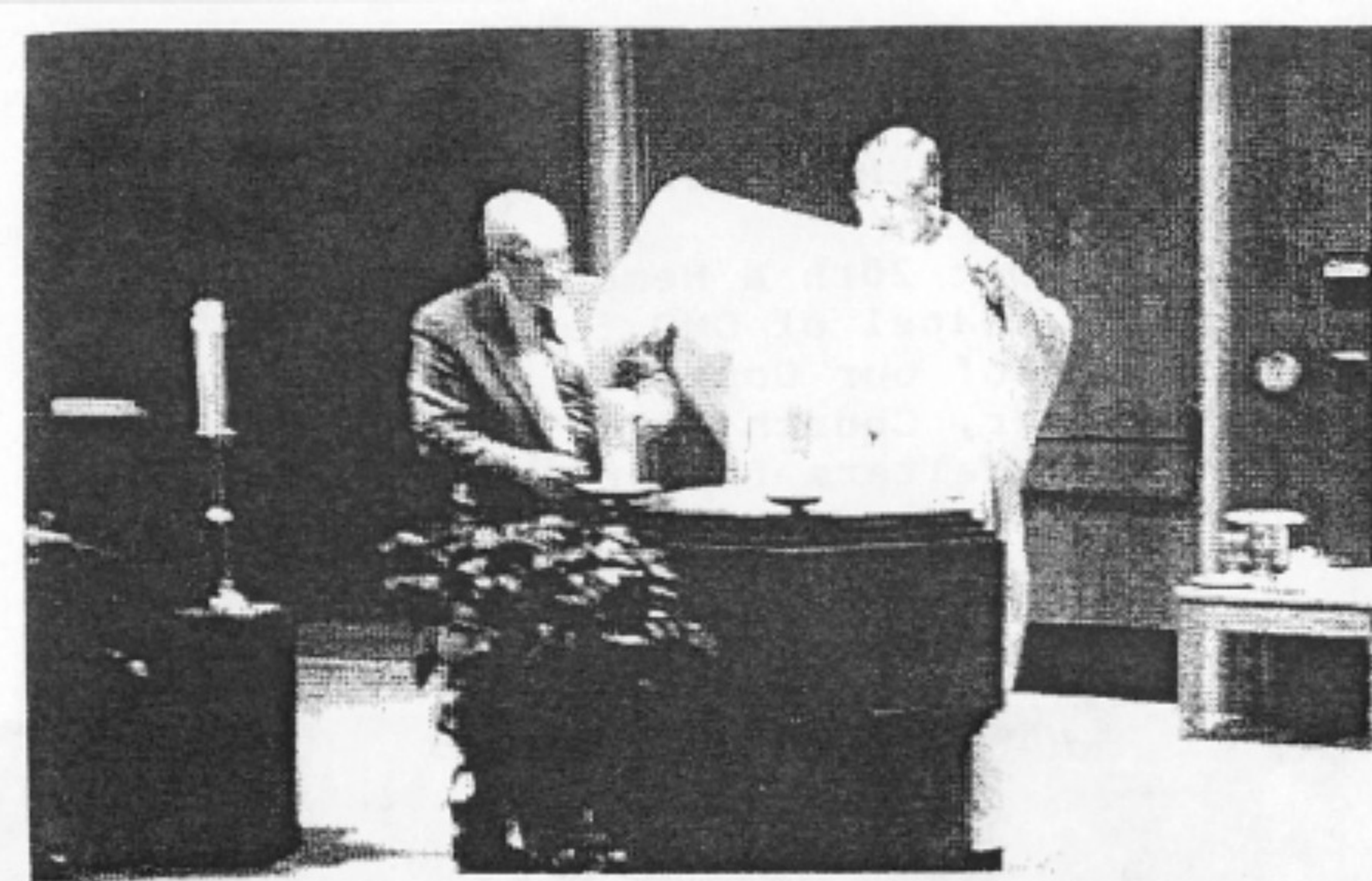


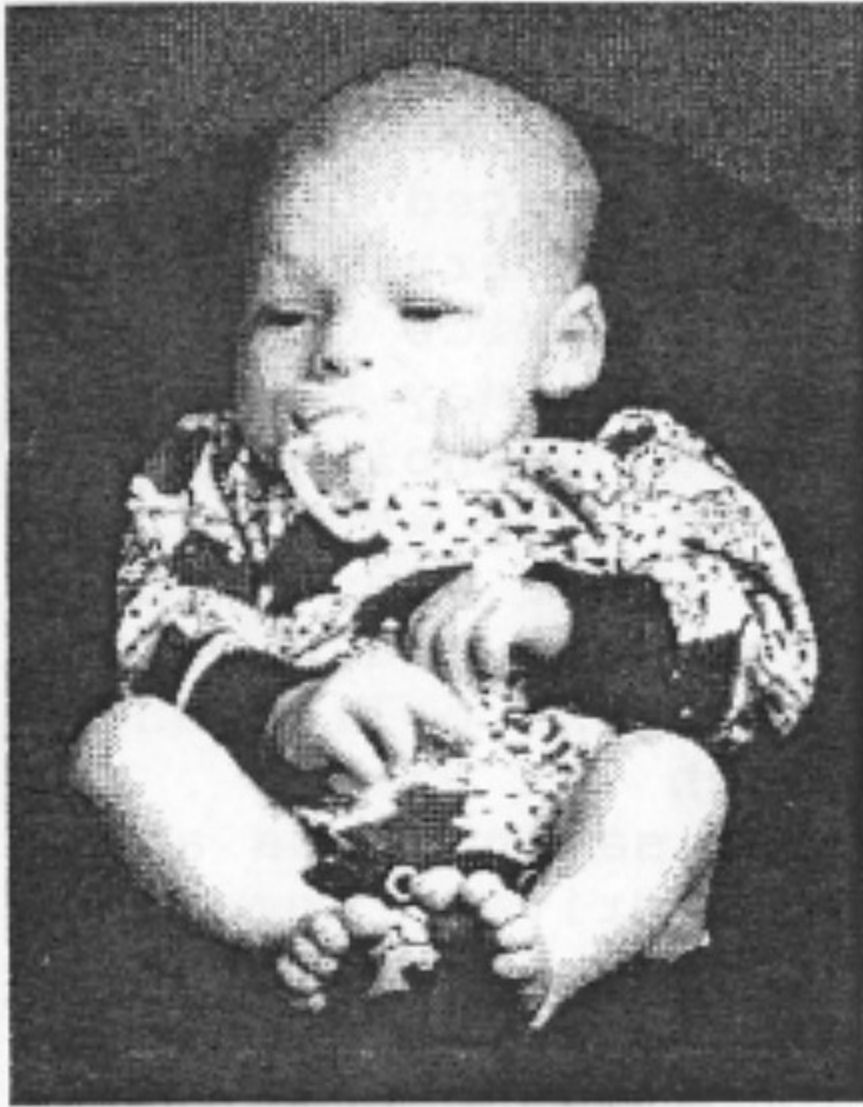
Thomas Merton was a monk of the Cistercian Order of Strict Observance. He was born in 1915 in Prades, France, and spent his childhood in the United States, France and England. His parents were artists, his father was born in New Zealand and his mother in the United States. His mother died when he was a boy, he had one younger brother. He attended Cambridge University in England and later Columbia University in America. He was raised without any emphasis on religion and in his young adult life he could be considered as having been a first class rascal. After his conversion to Catholicism he entered the Abbey of Gethsemani, located in Kentucky, and became a Trappist Monk. This is where he wrote the vast majority of his prodigious works. Thomas Merton is the author of many books on spiritual, political and literary subjects. Numerous political leaders throughout the world including John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King actively sought his advice. It has been said that he was a major influence on Rev. King when the Rev. established his non-violent policy.

His interest in Eastern religions led him to attend a conference held in Bangkok Thailand in 1968 on the future of the monastic life in Asia. While attending the conference he was electrocuted by a malfunctioning fan in his hotel room.

I would suggest reading: The Seven Story Mountain, his autobiography. No Man is an Island, his views on why life always has a meaning. Thomas Merton: A different Drummer written by Robert J. Voight.

I have a complete list of the books that he wrote and also a list of books that have been written about him. I will gladly share the list. If you are interested call me at 546-1835. Most of the books are available at the Public Library.





- Knight of the Future -
CONGRATULATIONS
Teresa and Mike Shea on
the birth of your son,
Joshua.

The memories of other years return at
Christmas time.
We see the olden bob-sled and hear the
sleigh-bells chime.
The hanging of the stockings, big,
little...in a row.
The hours until morning how could they
be so slow!
The wondrous sacred story, the star with
light divine, the usual hearty wishes.
Oh, blessed Christmas time.

--Trudie N. Swisher

If any Brother Knight has a particular
article or event that he would like to be
published in The Confider please contact Dav
Lautz at Tel. 546-1835. Always can use HELP



IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS
WHO WAS PADRE PRO?

A brief story about The Martyrdom of Blessed Father Miguel Pro. Not too many people realize that just a few short decades ago the Catholic Church, its clergy and its laymen were violently persecuted and were banned from practicing their faith in our neighboring country of Mexico.

The notorious rebel leader Pancho Villa and his Army of the North began looting and burning churches in the north of Mexico in 1914. In 1917 the government in power enacted a new constitution which prohibited public worship of any kind. All churches, convents and monasteries became the property of the government. All sacred artifacts and valuables of the Church were declared the property of the state. Religious leaders were tortured by the military and all who survived the brutal beatings were either assassinated or imprisoned. Some, mostly Nuns, were expelled from the country and came across the border to the U.S. Many came to the San Diego area. As a point of interest, I don't believe that the Mexican constitution has ever been modified and even today, officially all churches and religious buildings are legally the property of the state.

For those of you who do not know the story of a young Jesuit Priest by the name of Father Miguel Agustin Pro I would like to relate part of it to you. Miguel was a young novice in Mexico when the revolution began. He and other young novices at the monastery who were in training were ordered by their superior to travel to California disguised as laymen. The group of young Jesuits traveled to San Francisco and finally on to Spain where they finished their studies. Miguel was ordained a priest in 1925.

In 1926 Father Pro returned to Mexico to begin his ministry. Apparently the customs and immigration officials on duty at the border the day he returned to Mexico were not too interested in performing their appointed duties. Father Pro reported that he was

allowed into the country without being questioned by anyone, the officials did not even open his luggage, if they would have they would have found his religious grab.

From that point on Father Pro's life reads like a mystery novel. He was hunted by the police, the military and secret service as he traveled disguised throughout Mexico City and the surrounding areas. He would say Mass and give the Sacraments to devoted Catholics in private homes. His movements were kept a secret by the faithful. He never stayed in one location more than a few days and always disguised himself. Meanwhile the police and the army kept up their search for him.

In November of 1927, after saying Mass and marrying a young couple in a private home in Mexico City, he was captured by the military. Taken into custody with him were two of his brothers, Humberto and Roberto, who were members of the underground Catholic Religious Defense League. They were taken to a federal prison on the outskirts of the city. Days later a report was released by the authorities that claimed Father Pro and his brothers had plotted the assassination of the current dictator, General Obregon.

Several days later Father Pro and his brother Humberto were taken out into the prison yard and placed against a wall. When Father Pro realized what was going to happen he stretched out his arms to form a cross. There in front of newsmen and cameramen they were shot by a firing squad. His other brother, Roberto, for some unknown reason was not, but he was expelled shortly thereafter from the country.

Days later it was reported that General Obregon admitted, "We knew quite well that Father Pro was innocent of the charges, but we had to sacrifice a priest so as to spread fear among the others."

Father Miguel Pro was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1988. His feast is celebrated in North America on November 23, the anniversary of his death.

Dave Lautz