

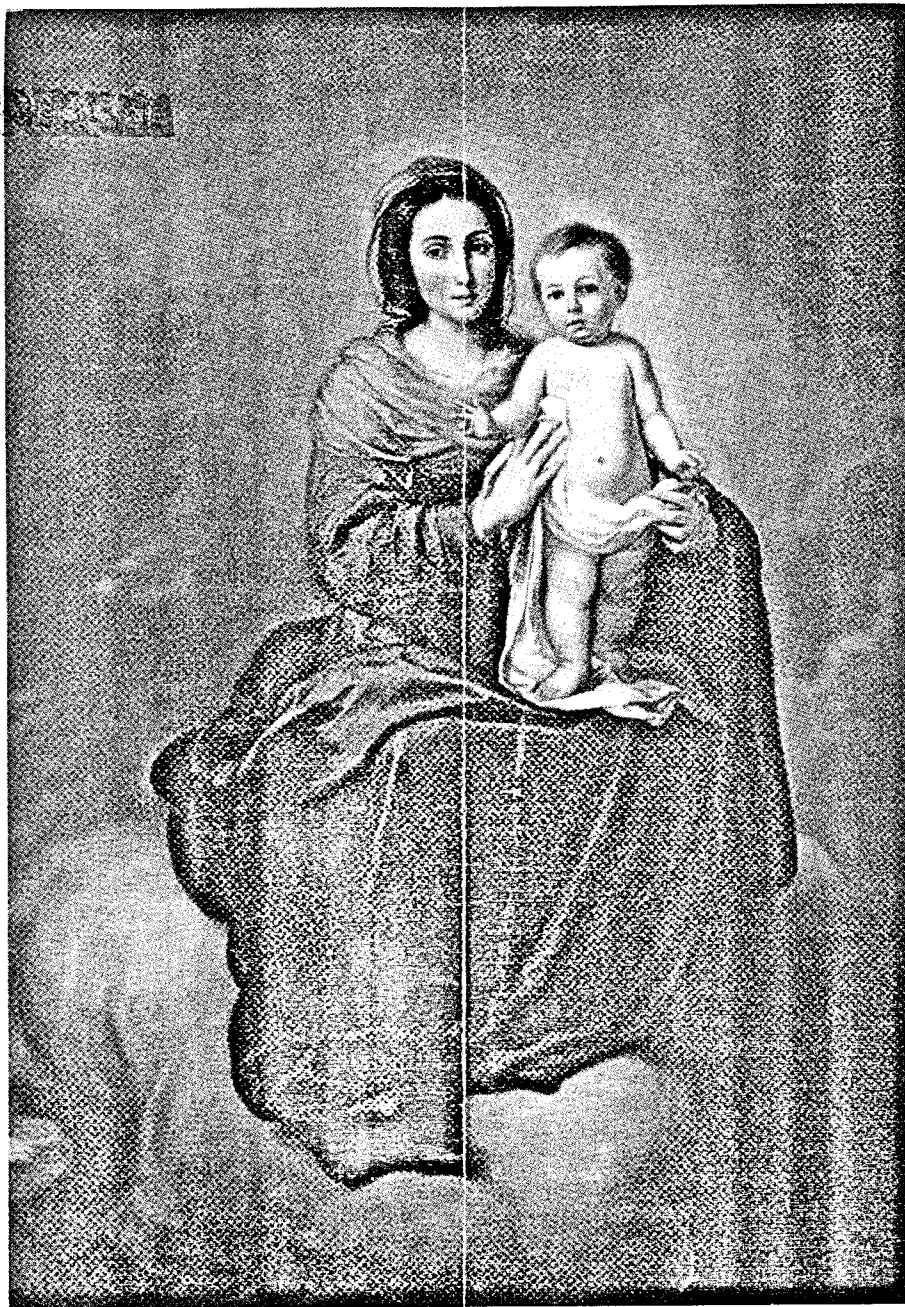
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*The Madonna and the Child Jesus by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo
(ca. 1618-1682)
In the Amsterdam Museum*



Hawaiian Madonna and Child on the reredos of the altar at Holy Innocents Church, Lahaina, Maui.

The Presiding Bishop's Christmas Message— 1958

God comes to us at Christmas; we do not go in search of him! This we know when we believe that Christmas really happened. If Christ is Saviour and Lord, then He is always coming to us, seeking us, reaching out to us. We have only to turn and open our hearts and there He is.

When someone asks how can we keep Christmas in such a world as this, what do we say? We say that it was into a world like this that Christ was born; in fact, it was this very world. It is not the circumstances of our lives but the coming of Christ that makes us joyful.

Do we have a sense of expectancy as we celebrate Christmas? Or do we make a brave effort to be gay and try to bring before our eyes for a time the picture of the manger, the Mother and Child, the shepherds and the angels and wise men? If you have tried, then you know how such a picture always seems unreal. The picture fades, as figures on a screen in a theater fade, because we are not involved; those figures recreated in our imagination never move toward us and take us into the action.

To keep Christmas is not to go in search of what is called "the Christmas spirit"; it is to know that God in Christ is forever moving towards us, calling us to be His people and to do His will. We hear the cries of the suffering and the homeless and the persecuted and God will not let us turn them away. He

is drawing us to Himself that His care for all men may show itself in our lives.

Arthur Lichtenberger
Presiding Bishop

To Be Convocation Guest

The Right Reverend Horace W. B. Donegan, D.D., Bishop of New York, is to be our guest for the 57th Annual Convocation of the Diocese, which will be held January 30 to February 4th. We feel greatly honored that he is willing to come to Honolulu for this occasion. We know that our people will be very privileged and much interested in hearing a bishop of such distinction.

Presiding Bishop To Be Installed

The Right Reverend Arthur Carl Lichtenberger will be installed as Presiding Bishop in Washington Cathedral, Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, January 14th, 1959. The invitation to this service has been extended by the Bishop of Washington on behalf of the House of Bishops, the President of the House of Deputies and the Dean and Chapter of Washington Cathedral. The Installation will take place at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Lay Readers Crosses

The Ven E. Lani Hanchett has sent the Bishop new Lay Readers crosses, made of koa wood. These were made by members of Holy Innocents Church, Lahaina, Maui, and are the gift of this mission.



Participants at the ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev. Jefferson C. Stephens, Jr. The Rev. Mr. Stephens is second from the left in the front row. Others left to right are: the Rev. Masao Fujita, Canon Shim, Canon Ault. Back row: Archdeacon Hanchett, the Rev. Mr. Anderson, the Bishop, Canon Crane, the Rev. Mr. C. Fletcher Howe.

Ordinations Held

On December 7th the Bishop ordained to the Priesthood the Reverend Jefferson Chandler Stephen, Jr., at St. John's Church, Kula, Maui. The Ordinand was presented by the Ven E. Lani Hanchett. The Preface to the Ordinal was read by Canon Wai On Shim, of St. Elizabeth's Church, Honolulu. The Rev. J. William Anderson, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Wailuku, Maui, read the Litany. Canon Norman C. Ault, of St. Andrew's Cathedral, read the Epistle. The Rev. Masao Fujita, of Grace Church, Molokai, read the Gospel. Canon Charles Crane, of St. Andrew's Cathedral, was the preacher.

The Rev. Mr. Stephens came to us from the Diocese of Los Angeles. He is a graduate of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

On December 10th the Reverend Thomas D. Hughes, Vicar of Christ Church, Kilauea, Kauai and the Reverend Norio Sasaki, Vicar of St. John's Church, Eleele, were ordained to the Priesthood by the Bishop at St. John's Church, Eleele.

The Rev. Mr. Hughes was presented by the Ven. Norman R. Alter. The Rev. Masao Fujita presented the Rev. Mr. Sasaki. The Rev. Richard Humke, in charge of our work at Canterbury House at the University of Hawaii, read the Litany and Preface to the Ordinal. The Epistle was read by the Rev. Masao Fujita; the Gospel by Archdeacon Alter. The Rev. Canon Charles Crane, of St. Andrew's Cathedral, preached the sermon.

The Rev. Mr. Hughes came to Hawaii from the Diocese of Southern Ohio. He graduated from Bexley Hall. The Rev. Norio Sasaki was a member of St.



The Bishop gives the charge to the Ordinand.



The Rev. Thomas Hughes and the Rev. Norio Sasaki are ordained to the Priesthood. Front row: Canon Crane, the Rev. Mr. Hughes, the Rev. Mr. Sasaki, the Rev. Mr. Fujita. Back row: Archdeacon Alter, the Bishop, the Rev. Mr. Humke.

Stephen's Church, Wahiawa, before entering the Church Divinity School of the Pacific for his theological training and was born in Waiialua, Oahu.

May the Holy Infant bless you;
 May His peace enfold you;
 May His love overshadow you;
 May His power protect you;
 May His presence guide you;
 And may He pour into your
 * * * heart abundantly
 The graces He has won for you
 By His Holy Incarnation.



The Rev. William Anderson baptizes Bollig family at Good Shepherd Church, Wailuku, Maui.

Entire Family Baptized

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bollig and five children were baptized by the Reverend J. William Anderson, rector of Good Shepherd Church, Wailuku, Maui, on November 2nd. Mr. and Mrs. Bollig were confirmed by the Bishop on December 7th.

The above picture shows the family at the time of the baptism. The Rev. Mr. Anderson is holding Sylvia Hatsue. Standing at the font is Ronald Tada-shi. Next to him is Jennifer Fukuyo. Standing next to her mother is Sandra Fumiko. Mr. Bollig is holding Venus Shinayo.

In Memoriam

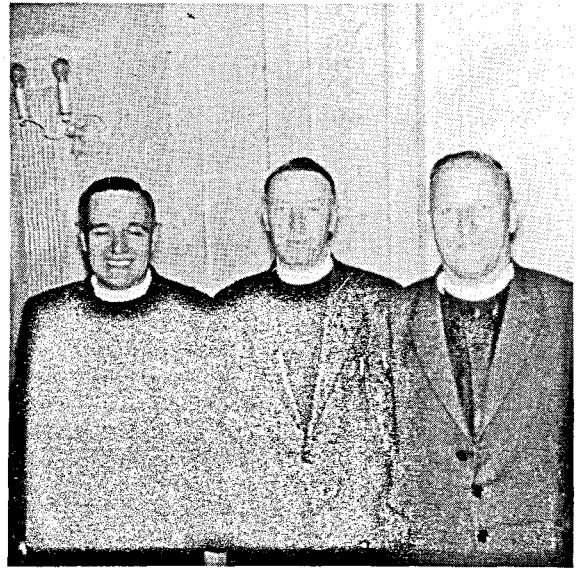
The Diocese extends deep sympathy to Deaconess Sarah F. Swinburne in the death of her mother, Helena Sneed Swinburne. She passed away on November 15th after a brief illness. She was 88 years of age.

Mrs. Swinburne was a beloved member of our family. Her cheerful attitude and great interest in everything that went on around her was admired by everyone who knew her.

She was buried from Parke Chapel, St. Andrew's Cathedral, with the Reverend Robert Sheeran conducting the service.

In addition to Deaconess Swinburne she is survived by her sister, Mrs. Norman King, of Honolulu, and four brothers on the Mainland.

May she go from strength to strength in His service and may Light perpetual shine upon her.



The Rev. Messrs. Harold Wilmot Smith, W. Arthur Roberts, Denis Smith.

Former Clergy Gather in England

The Reverend Harold Smith, the Reverend Denis Smith, and the Reverend W. Arthur Roberts gathered in London while Bishop Kennedy was attending Lambeth Conference to have dinner with Bishop and Mrs. Kennedy. All of these men were former missionaries in Hawaii and all had returned to their native land, England, to take work there. It was a great joy to the Bishop and Mrs. Kennedy to have an opportunity for a visit with them.

Women Paint Church

Two members of the new mission at Ewa Beach, St. Barnabas, have been busy with paint brushes. They are Mrs. William Stead and Mrs. B. W. Hawthorne. They have painted the entire outside of the church and are starting on the inside.

Mr. Vern Christensen has been the leader of some of the men of the mission in enclosing a structure that was erected for the church building. It has entailed much work and has saved the church a great amount of money to do this labor. We feel greatly indebted to these people for all they have done to get the building ready for their services.

New Diocesan Member

Chaplain Frank F. Smart, Jr., stationed at Pearl Harbor, has been transferred to the Missionary District of Honolulu from the Diocese of Missouri. We are happy to welcome him and his family as members of our Diocesan Family.



Mr. K. L. Ching, Diocesan Key Layman and Mr. Stephen C. Shadegg, Key Layman of the Eighth Province, who visited Honolulu recently from Phoenix, Arizona to speak to our Laymen.

A Church Building on Guam

A green, sun-bleached, 1953 Ford station wagon slowed to make a left hand turn. Carefully, the driver edged the car over the shoulder of the highway and into a field of red clay dotted by occasional pieces of white, sharp, coral rock. A new lot of scrub tanguntangun had begun its jungle-like struggle to reclaim the newly cleared area. The station wagon came to a stop a few feet from the entrance of the famed product of World War II, the quonset.

The occupant stepped out and approached the entrance of the building. There were no steps. Part of what had once been a front door held by rusty hinges hung precariously swinging slightly in the gentle tropical breeze. The weather beaten and mildewed quonset supported by heavy wooden cross beams sat atop empty petroleum drums.

The priest hoisted himself inside. The only light in the building came from a large, gaping wound at mid-point where it has been necessary to cut the building in half so that it could be moved. Jagged ends of quonset tin and broken pieces of lumber appeared at the break.

Overhead a wasp hovered, found the entrance to its hive, and with a swaying motion disappeared into the hole.

There was a mildewed greyness to the walls which once had been so anti-septically white. The structure had been a military chapel. There was no cross. There was no altar. There was an altar rail and some pews. These were covered by a thin layer of coral dust. It gave everything in the building a macabre appearance.

On the highway, several hundred feet distance, the



The Ven Norman R. Alter, All Saints Church, Kapaa, Kauai, presents Confirmation Class to the Bishop.

fast moving traffic in contrast intoned a litany of business and life.

The words of a familiar hymn came to mind. "We love the place, O God, wherein thine honor dwells."

We love the cathedral. On the exterior it speaks of the majesty of God. Within there is a silence reminding us of the quietness of God.

We love the freshly painted, brightly polished starkness of the new churches of suburbia. It is the church of the new community where house upon house, oftentimes monotonously alike, stand surrounded by struggling shrubbery and fronted by a bare, sprig of a tree geometrically centered in the front yard. Here the church speaks of a changeless God in a rapidly changing life.

We love the place, O God . . . All kids—quaint chapels in historic places; the traditional and the contemporary; the big and the little; the new and the old.

But how can you love a broken, rusty, quonset?

It happened. It is like one of the mysteries of the Faith itself. In a matter of weeks that which was unloved and unwanted, discarded and dead, was transformed into something loved and alive.

We started with practically nothing and nothing is not such a bad start for out of nothing God created.

And He created in the hearts of many the desire to transform this building into a home—a home for our prayers and praises. And so we set to work. Much of it we did with our own inexperienced hands. We continued working weekend after weekend—ripping out, building up, sawing, hammering, painting, sewing, planting, cleaning.

Then came the First Sunday in Advent and our first service. We were all dressed up. And so was

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Bishop-Elect Benito Cabanban.

Bishop-Elect Stops in Honolulu

The Reverend Benito Cabanban, recently elected Suffragan Bishop of the Philippines, at the General Convention in Miami Beach, stopped in Honolulu for a few hours enroute to Manila, after attending General Convention. He is the first native Filipino bishop in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Born in the Philippine Province of La Union, Suffragan Bishop-elect is a 1948 graduate of St. Andrew's Theological Seminary in Quezon City and was ordained to the priesthood in 1948.

Nuclear Reactor

When next year, April 7th and 8th, 1959, the Church in Japan observes the centenary of its founding, the reality of the continuing friendship and concern of the American Church will find tangible expression in a gift to St. Paul's University, Tokyo, authorized by the recent General Convention in Miami Beach. The gift, a nuclear reactor, has been hailed as an evidence that atomic power, once used to destroy in Japan, can be used to create.

Presiding Bishop of Japan, the Most Rev. Michael H. Yashiro, present at Convention, as one of its distinguished visitors, said that the gift would show the sincerity of the Americans' desire to help the people of Japan. The president of the St. Paul's University, Mr. M. Matshushita and his wife were also among the visitors of Convention.

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD will try to put the Church first in his life, and God's saving work first in his budget. Many people are so pledged and com-



Captain Richard Corsa with the United States Army who stopped in Honolulu recently enroute to Korea. He helped, when in Taiwan, to establish our work there by holding services for our refugee Chinese people in his home, before we had any clergy there.

mitted to the material things of life that they find it difficult to pledge for the spiritual—the Church. *Our standard of living is much higher than our standard of giving.*

Investing Your Life—W. J. Werning

Become Grandparents

The Very Rev. James S. Cox, Dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral, and Mrs. Cox are proud of their new title, Grandfather and Grandmother. A son, Alden Hathaway, Jr., was born December 8th to Mr. and Mrs. Alden Hathaway. Mrs. Hathaway is the former Anna Cox. We congratulate them all with our fond Aloha.

Clerestory Windows in the Cathedral

The Clerestory windows in Saint Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu, will be given by different dioceses throughout the Anglican Communion. A recent order placed with the Wallis-Wiley Studio, in Pasadena, California, calls for the first fifteen of these diocesan windows. They will have the seals of the dioceses upon them. The following dioceses have given windows: Canterbury, York, Massachusetts, Virginia, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, California, Wales, Armagh (Ireland), Argyle and the Isles (Scotland), Christchurch (New Zealand), Hong Kong, and British Columbia.

These will complete the Clerestory windows in the Sanctuary and will start the Clerestory windows in the Nave.



Confirmation Class, Grace Church, Tainan, Taiwan.

How Christmas Came to Hawaii

Strange as it may seem, as we now observe the bustling excitement of another holiday season, Christmas took a long time becoming the favorite celebration that it is now. Island people were unbelievably slow to accept Christmas, although now it hardly seems possible that the holiday's beginning was so slow and uncertain.

More than a century ago, according to brief accounts, some British sailors moored in the Islands celebrated Christmas very quietly with coconut wine and roast. Their Captain is supposed to have made a great hit by going ashore to distribute little gifts to Hawaiian ladies.

In 1844 there was another quiet celebration with all stores closed and a small party at the French consulate. It was in the early '40s that the exchange of gifts enjoyed a vogue and in 1856 that Christmas was recognized by royal proclamation and united with the more popular observance, Thanksgiving. This proclamation was well received and the day was enjoyed according to personal preference—as Thanksgiving a la Yankee or Christmas in the European tradition.

In 1858 a wonderful person made his Hawaiian debut . . . Santa Claus was invited by Mrs. Dominis to her Christmas party at Washington Place. It was the first time Hawaiian children had ever seen the jolly old soul and when he arrived, with bells on, they immediately fell in love with him. "For an hour he bestowed his gifts with princely lavishness among 100 children present, creating one of the happiest groups ever witnessed in Honolulu."

Thereafter, the Christmas spirit took firm and



The Rev. Richard S. K. Yoh, Grace Church, Tainan, Taiwan, the Bishop, and Lay Reader, Mr. Lee.

rapid hold. Spiritual significance of the occasion was as respected as the gaieties of the time were enjoyed. Among the most significant celebrations recorded was one that took place in 1862, unusually elaborate because of the recent establishment of the Episcopal church and the support of this religion by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV.

That Christmas Eve the Episcopal church was a blaze of light, the King having lent all his silver candelabra for the occasion. Then after the service, guns were fired from Punchbowl and flaming tar barrels were rolled down the hill. A procession of dignitaries and 20 torch bearers and a vested choir of 20 provided by the King marched through the streets singing hymns. They walked to the Palace where fireworks announced the occasion with a loud bang.

There is no doubt about the popularity of Christmas now. As long as it may have taken to establish itself, Christmas is here to stay.

It Needs Your Help!

During the next few months the Diocesan Altar Guild will need many helping hands if it is to fulfill all the requests which have come in from our local and overseas missions. If you can help, please come to the Diocesan House on Tuesday mornings from ten to twelve. Florence H. Judd, Chairman.

The commemoration of the birth of our Savior is here. May you find in His coming the peace which God our Father intends for His children. May your faith in Him give you renewed hope and courage throughout the coming year as you walk confidently with God's hand in yours.



The New Presiding Bishop the Right Reverend Arthur Lichtenberger, pins an orchid on his wife.

Church on Guam

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the building. Now the walls were a soft shade of Pacific green. The pews and trim of the chancel furniture was a light brown not unlike the color of aged driftwood. There was an altar. There were hangings and candles. And there were flowers out of the garden—red ginger and the cup of gold vine.

A young captain in the Air Force summed up everybody's thoughts: "It has been worth it."

We are not afraid to admit that the building is a quonset. It gave us an idea for some appropriate symbolism with a church dedicated to St. John the Divine. The crescent shaped quonset bears a strong resemblance to the last letter of the Greek alphabet—omega. We placed a facade at the entrance in the shape of an "A". And now we are continually reminded of the quotation, "I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end."

So much has been done and there is so much to do. We want something permanent someday. In our climate, a quonset is terribly temporary. Weather and time will undo what has been done. It is inevitable. However, in a more profound sense, what has been done is very permanent. It is everlasting and eternal—like God. For the memory of what was done and what it has done for us can never be erased out of the minds and hearts. For not only was a building transformed but, we believe, so were we all. This is what we meant by one of the mysteries of the Faith.

Last Christmas "there was no room" for our services. Not unlike the Holy Family, we had to borrow a place in which to worship.

This holiday there will be room. In our own church building we will celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. And we shall celebrate it with a new found gratefulness and understanding.

The Rev. Canon Richard H. Baker
Vicar

Service

I'd like to feel when life is done
That I had filled a needed post
That here and there I'd paid my fare
With more than idle talk and boast,
That I had taken gifts divine,
The breath of life and manhood fine,
And tried to use them now and then
In service for my fellow men.

It's not what you'd do with a million,
If riches should e'er be your lot,
But what are you doing at present
With the dollar and a quarter you've got?
—Reformed Church Messenger

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