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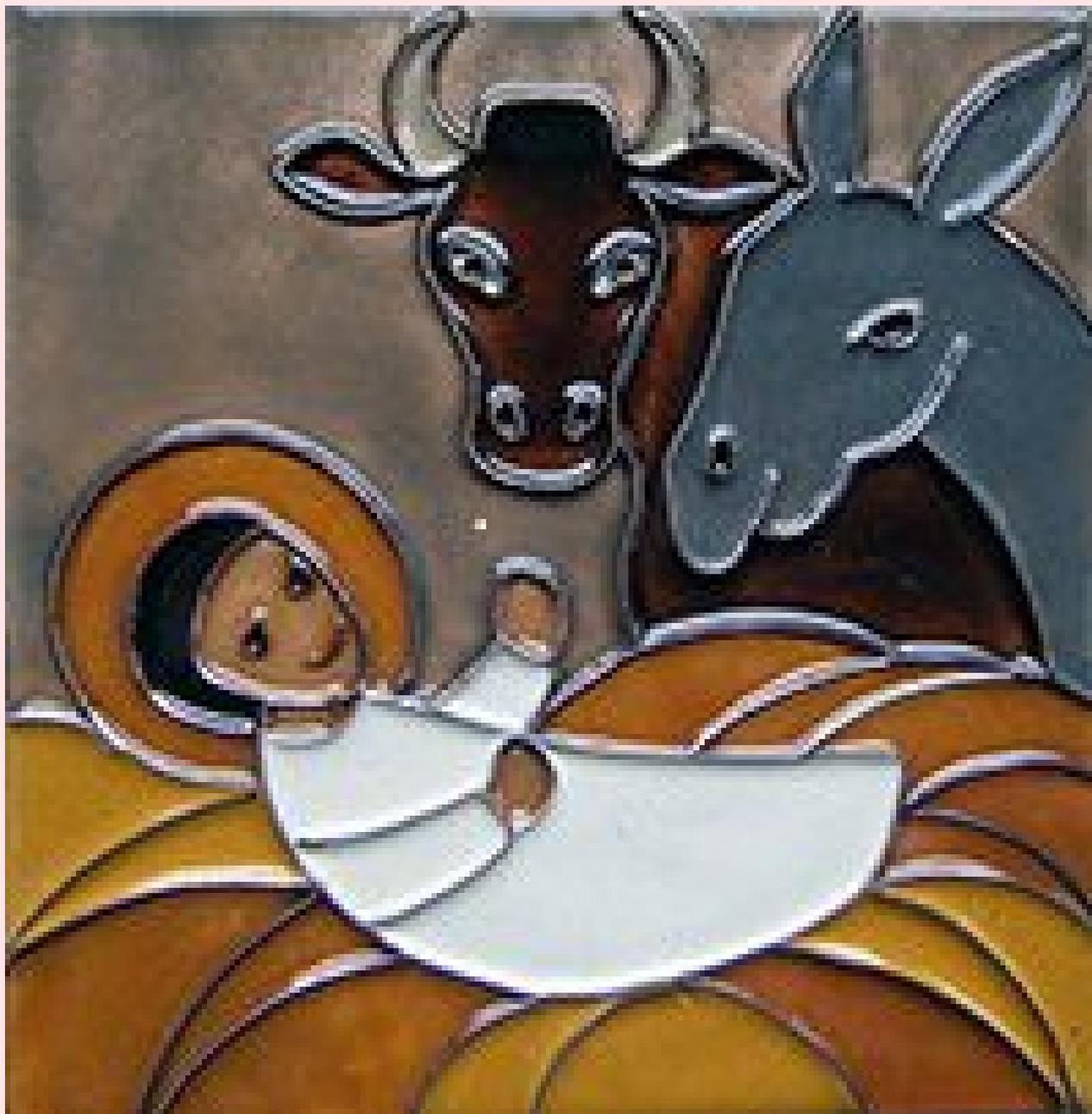
NEWSLETTER



Patrician Brothers



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(Picture of an enamel of a Nativity Scene by Anne Murphy of Eala Enamel Studios, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow)

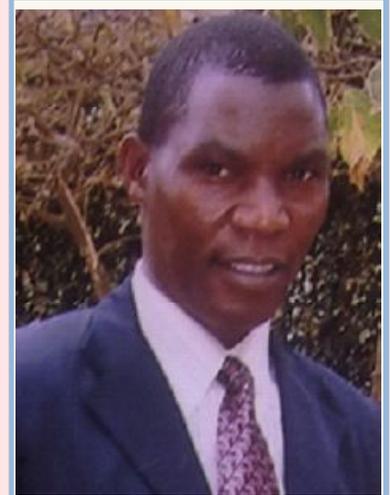
The Provincial and Council, Regional and Council wish all our Brothers, Novices and Postulants in Ireland and Kenya an abundance of joy, happiness and peace this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

VISIT TO IRELAND



Placido and Mick O'Callaghan inspect the borehole at the School for the Deaf

Bro Placido Kaburu of the Kenya Region had been attending the wedding of a friend in Germany and availed of the opportunity to make a brief visit to Ireland in September. It enabled him to visit Tullow, the foundation place of the Patrician Brothers and say a prayer at the tomb of the Founder, Bishop



Placido Kaburu

Daniel Delany. He also visited some of the Patrician communities during his stay.



Outside the new Patrician House at Ruai with Canadian donor Michael Botermans

Since 2011 Placido has been the Projects Manager for the Patricians in Kenya and he is also the deputy director for Kwetu Home of Peace (KWP) in Ruai, Kenya. KWP is a rehabilitation centre for street children. As well as the everyday running of the farm at the centre Placido together with Misesan Cara and the Patricians in Ireland has instigated a number of projects to help sustain the project such as building a dormitory and a clinic, and starting a zero grazing unit in the farm.



Placido and the Nairobi 'Car Wash' crew with Cormac and Patricia O'Callaghan

Placido has also supported and managed projects for the St Francis School for the deaf in Kitale by digging a borehole to supply water as well as building a workshop and dining hall. The novitiate and community at Kamagut have also benefitted from his support in running a goat project and water harvesting projects. He has also helped Bro James Onunda in his primary school by providing water tanks, a dining hall, a

kitchen and an ablution centre for the school.

We compliment Placido for his work as Projects Manager and we also recall that he spent some time in South Sudan working with Solidarity.

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

A Positive Report

Brothers will be aware that a Review of Safeguarding Practice in dioceses and religious congregations in Ireland have been carried out by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church of Ireland (NBSCCCI) in recent years. The review of our Congregation was carried out in December 2013 and the outcome was published some months later. The following is an account of that review as published in the ***'Tish Catholic'*** newspaper.

The reviewers found that the Provincial of the Patrician Brothers and their Designated Safeguarding Person (Bro Camillus) - who have alternated in those roles since 1997-- have shown commendable awareness and leadership in implementing safeguarding to date, and they were commended for their approach to working with victims.

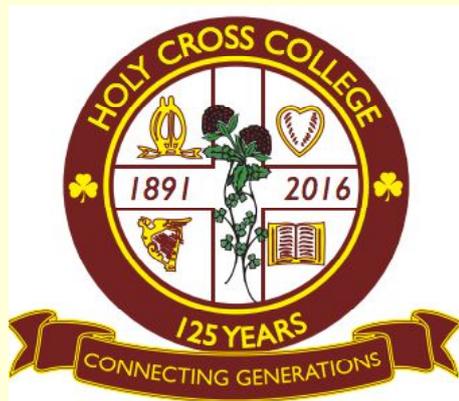
In 2013 the Congregation carried out a full review of its files and engaged in a full re-reporting exercise to ensure all historical allegations were in the hands of civil authorities. They committed to the NBSCCCI standards in 2008 and cases coming to their attention since then have been reported promptly.

The report states that the small number of criteria "not met" does not reflect poor practice but rather reflects the fact that the Patrician Brothers currently have no contact with children and young people in their ministry, with only two remaining teaching Brothers who are subject to safeguarding regulations through their school policy.

In the past the Patricians have made extensive use of legal advice as their first step in processing safeguarding information and the instructions given to the legal advisors by the Provincial and the Designated Safeguarding person is to adopt a strongly victim-centric pastoral response to allegations.

The reviewers saw evidence of a considerable commitment by the Patricians to meet with, listen to and acknowledge the suffering and pain experienced by victims and to offer and provide support. The review said "members of the Congregation have been prepared to travel considerable distances in Ireland and Britain in order to do this" and the files contain "material from victims acknowledging appreciation for the efforts to reach out to them."

A Milestone Reached



Congratulations to Holy Cross College, Ryde, New South Wales, as they celebrate 125 years since its foundation in 1891. In that time many Irish Patricians have served within its hallowed walls helping to provide quality Catholic education for young men. The school continues this mission to this day in the tradition of the Patrician Brothers.

As the College Website says: ***“More than one hundred and twenty five years of experience has enabled the development of an outstanding tradition at Holy Cross. This tradition is evidenced in academic excellence, in results in sport, music, public speaking and other co-curricular activities. For 125 years Holy***

Cross College has stood tall and educated young men in the tradition of the Patrician Brothers”.

We send our best wishes to current Principal, Mr. Adam Taylor, and his Staff as they continue the work begun so long ago.

It is interesting to note that the Archbishop of Sydney at the time Holy Cross was founded was Cardinal Moran, a native of Leighlinbridge about eight miles from Tullow, Co. Carlow. It was he, in 1890, that announced that the Patrician Brothers would open a boarding school at Ryde.



Cardinal Moran

BRO. BOSCO MULHARE REMEMBERED

This article by the chief news correspondent of the Nationalist Newspapers, Charlie Keegan, appeared in all editions of the paper following the death of Bro. Bosco.



The late Bro. Bosco Mulhare

THE GAA has lost one of its most loyal and dedicated supporters with the death on Monday, September 7, at St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny of Brother Bosco Mulhare, a member of the Patrician Order in Tullow.

Bro Bosco, who was aged 78, had suffered a brain tumour and was briefly a resident of Glendale Nursing Home, Ballon before being admitted to St Luke's a week before his passing.

A native of Mountrath, Co Laois, where his family had a shop, Micheál Mulhare was one of three children of the late John and Ann Mulhare.

Bro Bosco was a life-long follower of Gaelic Games. He had set himself a mission to attend an inter-county game at every county GAA grounds in Ireland. Bosco had completed his mission earlier this summer when attending the Donegal-Tyrone Ulster SFC tie at McCumhaill Park, Ballybofey - his 32nd county grounds!

From the time he started attending All-Ireland hurling and football finals, Bosco never missed a decider in either code, being the possessor of a 10-year ticket to Croke Park. He also attended the

provincial finals in hurling and football each year. Bosco passed away the day following the Kilkenny-Galway All-Ireland hurling final. Being close to death at the time, it was the only All-Ireland final that this great GAA man slept through.

Micheál Mulhare was one of three children of the late John and Ann Mulhare. He was educated at the Patrician Primary School, Mountrath and Patrician College, Ballyfin.

He completed his secondary education in Mount St Joseph, Tullow and became a novice of the Patrician Order in the Co Carlow town. His long association with Tullow started in 1955.

He studied for primary teacher training in De La Salle College, Waterford and, on qualification, taught in Mallow, Co Cork from 1958 to 1960. Bosco's next port of call was Galway city where he studied to become a secondary teacher from 1960 to '63, while at the same time teaching at primary level in the City of the Tribes.

Then it was back to Tullow, where Bosco taught mathematics, geography and history at the Patrician Brothers secondary school in the town from 1963 to 1972. He was regarded as a wonderful teacher, reflected in the fact that many of his students obtained very high markings in the State examinations. During those years in Tullow Bosco was deeply involved in the training of a number of successful under-

age football teams – he was assisted in the training of these teams by Bro Nicholas Leahy, a Cork native, now in Abbeyleix.

After a year teaching in Finglas it was back to his alma mater – Patrician College, Ballyfin – from 1973 to 1981 when his sporting focus remained totally on the promotion of Gaelic Games. A one year stint (1981-'82) followed in Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan before Bosco's next teaching post took him Patrician College, Newbridge where he was in charge of the school's premier football team. He remained in Newbridge until 1997 before, fittingly, finishing his teaching career in Ballyfin.

He retired from teaching in the early years of the New Millenium and resided in contented retirement at Thomas Traynor Road, Tullow.

As a Laoisman Bosco was a keen supporter of the blue and white all his life but certainly had a soft spot for the affairs of the Association in his adopted Carlow. Overall,

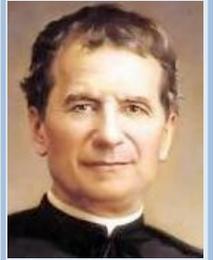


Bosco receives the award from GAA President, Nicky Brennan

his view of Gaelic Games was a very broad one – he felt anything that was good for the GAA was good for Ireland. He was a truly proud Irishman, who supported to the hilt anything to do with our Irish song, dance and native games.

He was a regular in the stand at Netwatch Cullen Park, always noting down scores and details from games and spotting potential talent. He was a man who read a game with great clarity. This scribe had many a meeting with Bosco down the years and greatly valued his views on what was transpiring on the field of play.

It had been Bro Bosco's long-held ambition to visit the shrine of St John Bosco in Turin – after whom he had taken his name in religion - and that he achieved in May of this year as a member of a pioneer group to the northern Italian city. Bosco was a life-long member of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association (PTAA). The group also visited the tombs of St. Dominic Savio, Blessed Thaddeus McCarthy, Bishop of Cork, Ross and Cloyne and the shrine of St. Columbanus. Highlight of their time in Turin was a visit to see the Holy Shroud.



St. John Bosco

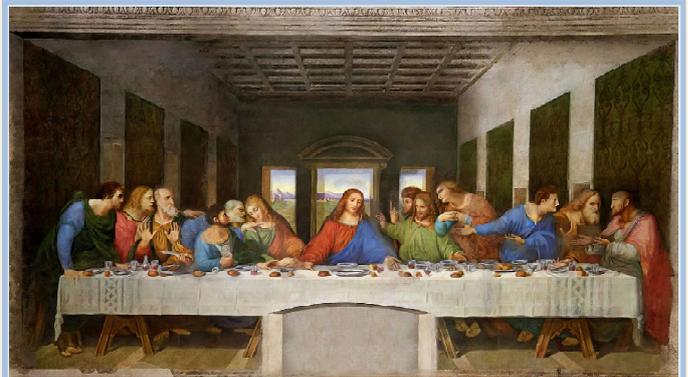


An image of the Holy Shroud of Turin.

Travelling on to Milan they visited Leonardo de Vinci's masterpiece "The Last Supper" as well as the Basilica of St. Ambrose, patron saint of Milan. They also visited the famous La Scala Opera House and other notable sights in the city.

It would have been a great source of pride to Bosco that former GAA President and fellow-Laoisman Liam O'Neill from Trumera, attended the removal of remains on Tuesday evening, September 8 from Byrne's Funeral Home, Barrack Street, Tullow to the local Church of the Most Holy Rosary, where they were received by Fr Rory Nolan, CC, Tullow.

Also present were Michael Meaney, chairman of Carlow Co Board of the GAA, TDs Pat Deering, also a former Carlow Co Board chairman and Billy Timmons – Bosco taught both Pat and Billy in the Patricians in Tullow. Members of Newbridge and Tullow teams coached by Bosco formed a guard of honour to the church while there was a large representation of the overall GAA family.



Leonardo de Vinci's Last Supper

Fr Andy Leahy, PP, Tullow and Bishop Denis Nulty were chief concelebrants of Bro Bosco's Funeral Mass on Wednesday afternoon, with some 12 priests present on the altar. There was a full congregation for the Mass.

Significant symbols of Bosco's life were brought forward at the start of Mass: his GAA President's Trophy from 2007; educational books reflecting his significant teaching career; an Irish music CD reflective of his love of our song and dance; a family photograph; his breviary, symbolising his life of prayer; and the blue and white colours of his native Laois.

Readings at Mass were by Bro Camillus Regan, and Aideen Timmons, Bosco's niece. Prayers of the Faithful were recited by Patrician Brothers and family members while family members also brought forward the Offertory gifts.

At the end of Mass Bosco's brother, John paid a full tribute to his brother, referring in particular to Bosco's great love of family, his life-long dedication to the GAA and his love of all things Irish.

The singing at Mass was by Tullow Men's choir with organist Mary McQuinn.

Following Mass members of Tullow GFC formed a guard of honour to St Patrick's cemetery, Tullow where Bro Bosco was laid to rest, with Fr Leahy reciting the final prayers at the graveside.

He is survived by his brother John (Mountrath), sister-in-law Dolores, nieces Maria Ward and Aideen Timmons, nephew Andrew, grandnephews Eoin and Conor, grandnieces Hannah, Ellen and Eva, his Patrician Confreres, relatives and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

WHAT IS EDUCATION?

1. No one has yet realised the wealth of sympathy, the kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure. *(Emma Goldman)*.
2. The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child's home. *(William Temple)*.
3. Much education today is monumentally ineffective. All too often we are giving young people cut flowers when we should be teaching them to grow their own plants. *(John W, Gardner)*.
4. The principal goal of education should be creating people who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done. *(Jean Piaget)*
5. Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. *(Nelson Mandela)*
6. The object of education is to teach us to recognise and love beauty. *(Plato)*
7. Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world's work and the power to appreciate life. *(Brigham Young)*
8. Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. *(William Butler Yeats)*.
9. The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows. *(Sydney J. Harris)*.
10. Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another. *(Gilbert K. Chesterton)*
11. The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values. *(William S. Burroughs)*
12. The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives. *(Robert M. Hutchins)*
13. The secret in education lies in respecting the student. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)*

CHRISTMAS Reflection

*Jesus,
how clearly we see you at Christmas-time
cradled by Mary,
protected by Joseph,
worshipped by shepherds,
honoured by kings,
enshrined on the altar,
and loved by the world.*



*But, oh Lord,
help us look for you too,
among the taxes of life,
and the wanderings of rootless travellers.*

*In the world's smelly stables,
and in makeshift mangers.
In sweat-like drops of blood
and rough-hewn crosses,
humanly fashioned.*

*Help us look, Lord-
and help us find!*

*Not only at Christmas,
but throughout a New Year that it might
become indeed*

*'the year of our Lord'.
(Mary Sue H. Rosenberger)*



Morning Stupor

Michael Paul Gallagher SJ

Psalm 90 recognises a series of daily spiritual dangers, including a 'noonday devil'. Yes, there is a dip in energy when forgetfulness can take over. I would add another: the first minutes after waking.

I rarely find God easily at this stage. Even if I start some prayer in my head, I get lost and wander around in blankness.

Perhaps we wake up as atheists and only gradually climb into faith. For me that possibility comes after the routine of washing, dressing and so on, when I can sit down and relish the gift of this new day. Morning stupor gives way to morning wonder.

An Irish Blessing

*May you have warm words on a cold evening,
A full moon on a dark night,
And the road downhill all the way to your door.*

Justice

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.
Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.
Martin Luther King

OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW CROSS COLLEGE



New Cross College

New Cross College, a new Catholic Voluntary Co-educational Secondary School, was formed by an amalgamation of Patrician College, Finglas, and Mater Christi Girls School, Finglas. It offers a bright and welcoming environment for students and has excellent facilities for both academic and extra-curricular needs. It was officially opened on Wednesday 23rd September by the Minister for Education Mrs Jan O'Sullivan. The blessing ceremony was performed by Father Eamonn Cahill P.P.



Cutting the Tape.

Dr. Eilish Humphries, Le Cheile, Fr. Eamonn Cahill P.P., Ms. Patricia McManus, Deputy Principal, Minister Jan O'Sullivan and Mr. Pat Carolan, Principal.

New Cross College Mission Statement

Our school is a Catholic Voluntary Secondary School that aims to provide a safe, inclusive academic environment shaped by mutual respect.

We respect the dignity of the individual person and are sensitive to the needs of a diverse society.

We aim to make our school a happy and caring environment which recognizes the needs of each individual. We believe that education flourishes in a school where good relationships are encouraged, where people feel valued and there is tolerance, fairness and support for those in difficulty.

We believe in helping all to develop their confidence, self-esteem and talents so that they make their place in society as responsible and mature young adults.



Unveiling the Plaque : The Minister and Pat Carolan



Now St. Paul's Special School

The buildings which housed the two schools are still in use. Mater Christi has, with renovations and additions, become New Cross College while part of Patrician College has been leased by the Department of Education and Skills to be used by St. Paul's Special School which caters for students who have difficulty settling in to the normal school environment.

CHRISTMAS

Cormac Commins

Christmas is only a few weeks away. Radio, television and the press have already signalled its arrival and they have advised us what to buy for ourselves and our friends. We all have had our various experiences of Christmas and I'm sure that the coming Christmas will not differ too much from previous experiences.

Christmas can be a happy occasion for many people but not for all. There will be some in our towns and cities who will sleep on the pavement and in doorways wrapped in blankets and newspapers, their heads and feet in cardboard boxes and their backs turned on the world. I wonder what does Christmas mean for them?

Some charitable organisations may provide some food but the decorated shops and the bright lights of the streets will be the same as at other times of the year.

Whenever I read of pilgrimages to the Holy Land I always feel it is something I would like to do. It must be a very uplifting experience to visit places like Nazareth, Mount Calvary and of course Bethlehem. At this time of the year I think of the stable at Bethlehem where Jesus was born and wonder what it would be like to visit there. Then again I remind myself that Jesus becomes present on the altar each time the priest says the words of consecration at Mass. Maybe I don't need to go to Bethlehem!

The following from *The Way of Perfection* puts it like this: "It is worth remembering what St. Augustine says. He looked everywhere for God and at last came to find him in himself. And there is no need for anyone to speak out loud, for however quietly we may speak, God is so near that he will hear us."

I take this opportunity to wish all our Brothers, our relatives and friends a happy and peaceful Christmas and many blessings in 2016.



MORE ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Mary's Dream

"I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our son. I think that is what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had done shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our son.

They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under the tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They had decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing lights and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look. Oh it was beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each

other, Joseph, not to our son. I don't think they even knew him. They never mentioned his name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know him? I had the strangest feeling that if our son had gone to this celebration he would have been intruding.

Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone was so full of cheer, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus not to be wanted at his own birthday celebration. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real."

