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## A PRIEST WITH A HOBBY



Father Leo Martel, S.S.E.

Some men fish. Others golf. Some swim. Others scuba dive. A man's hobby may or may not be related to his major occupation.

Father Leo Martel has a way of making even unrelated hobbies contribute to his main interest: priestly service to people.

A native of Lynn, Massachusetts, Father is a priest-teacher by profession. But he has a yen now and then to get outdoors and split a log.

Some men split logs to enjoy the heat of it as it burns in a fireplace. Others build a cabin or shed with the wood they cut down. But Father Martel thinks of making altars as his sledge hammer bangs down again and again on the wedge which halves or quarters the logs he selects for their future sacred use.

Father Leo has a way with wood as you can see on the following page where our artisan is depicted in various stages of altar-making from log splitting to finished product.

He has a way with wood and with one of its byproducts – books. But far more important, he has a winning way with people. His sense of humor makes him constantly in demand and a delight to be with.



Father Leo puts finishing touches of tender loving care to a sanctuary lamp stand he fashioned from wood.



# A WAY WITH WOOD



The wooden altar of sacrifice at Enders Island, Mystic



A little touch here and a little touch there to a  
tabernacle stand also made of wood



## A WAY WITH PEOPLE



Sister Kathy and friends

Sister Kathy Steele was one of many people assisted in choosing a vocation in life by Father Leo Martel while he was serving as pastor of St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish, Saxtons River, Vermont.

This "Child of Grace" became a nursing Sister with the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa and died in an auto accident in Malawai at the age of 30.

Fifteen hundred people attended her funeral Mass which was concelebrated by two African bishops and fifteen priests from many lands.

Sister Kathy now rests in a Lilongwe grave site. May she intercede for us all with the God she served so well.

## CURÉ OF ARS

Saint John Mary Vianney,  
the Patron Saint of parish priests.

"What happiness do we not feel in the Presence of God, when we are alone at his feet before the Sacred Tabernacle!...Redouble thy fervour; thou art alone to adore thy God; his eyes rest upon thee alone."



### INTENTIONS FOR THIS MONTH

The following intentions are to be placed on the Novitiate altar for the special Mass said on the First Friday of each month for TAP'ers, Guild members, and Promoters.

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( You may use your TAP envelope to send us these intentions )

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