

Day by Day (RHK  
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Last week, in this programme, and not for the first time, I said something about the Carmelite sisters who live and pray their contemplative life at Stanley. Today they are (most unusually for them) making news; though you're unlikely to hear about it on your radio or TV, or in tomorrow's newspapers. This afternoon a group of these enclosed nuns are leaving HK to make a new foundation in Hawaii, where there are already some young women waiting to join them in their life of prayer & contemplation. It may come as a surprise, to learn that the reason for their unaccustomed travel is that for some time now their convent at Stanley has had too many sisters; and according to their traditions, the community is now dividing to form a new foundation elsewhere. I am sure you will want to remember them in your prayers today and for the future, as they no doubt will keep us and in Christ in HK in their prayer, in what will be for all of them a foreign land. They give their lives to God in an entirely spiritual enterprise: for the rest of us, we try to pray as we can, when we can. We're helped by returning to the instructions of Jesus, to find the attitudes that should direct our Christian lives. Consider that parable St Luke records, about ~~the~~<sup>a</sup> Pharisee and a publican at prayer: we've heard it so often, but do we think about it enough? Perhaps a kind of parallel → MP 293 p1