

Bl. Damien of Molokai (1840-1889)

Among Outcasts

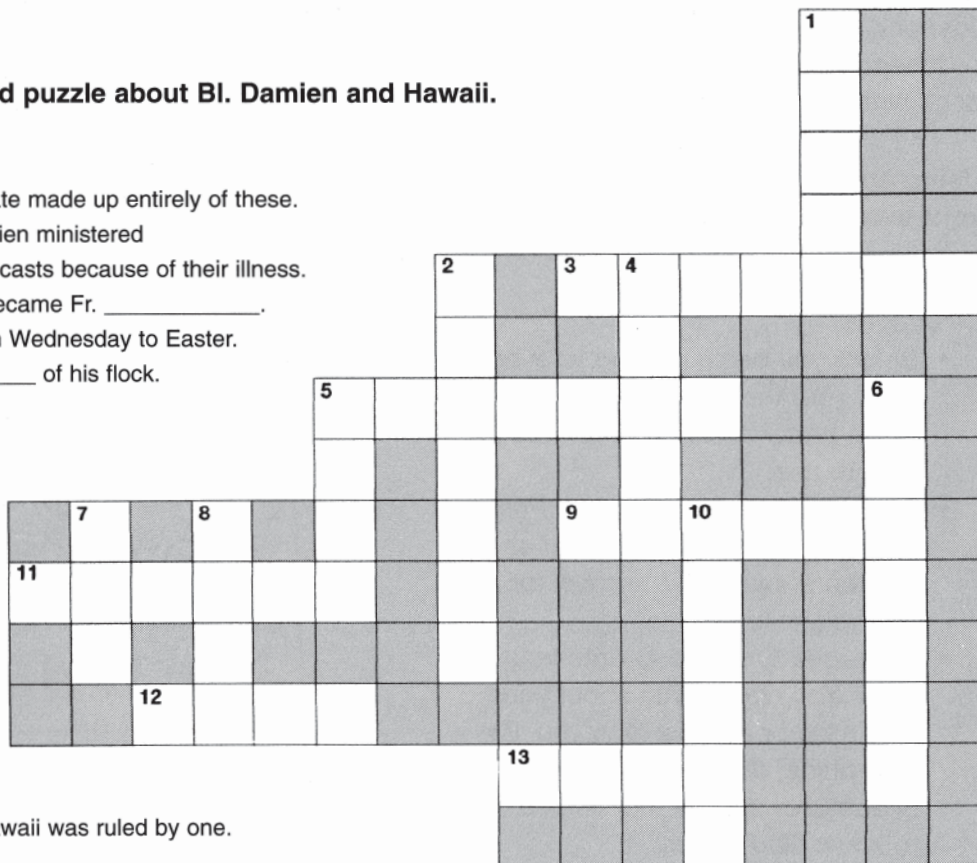
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Joseph De Veuster, who grew up in Belgium, was known a world away as Father Damien. When his brother, a priest who was supposed to go to Hawaii, became ill, Damien took his place. When volunteers were needed on the Hawaiian island of Molokai, Damien went. He spent 16 years there, bringing Scripture to an unusual flock. All were lepers, victims of leprosy. At that time leprosy was a feared and little-understood disease. Those who suffered from it were hidden away by themselves on Molokai. Father Damien, too, became a leper. He never again saw his homeland. But he died in God's grace, much loved by the outcasts to whom he ministered.

Solve this crossword puzzle about Bl. Damien and Hawaii.

ACROSS

- 3. Hawaii is the only state made up entirely of these.
- 5. Island on which Damien ministered
- 9. People who were outcasts because of their illness.
- 11. Joseph de Veuster became Fr. _____.
- 12. The season from Ash Wednesday to Easter.
- 13. Damien took _____ of his flock.



DOWN

- 1. In Damien's time, Hawaii was ruled by one.
- 2. Damien's nationality
- 4. Hawaii was the 50th.
- 5. Honolulu is on Oahu, one of the _____ islands of Hawaii.
- 6. Damien's was to tend to people with leprosy.
- 7. Damien is almost always shown wearing a straw one.
- 8. By living so closely with his people, Damien put his at risk.
- 10. In addition to helping the lepers, Damien _____ for them.