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Dr Montessori having " afternoon tea " with Miss Adelia Pyle from New York . Miss Pyle was the first American to take a course under Dr Montessori in Rome in - the first such of the many course given through the years in many different countries . Miss Pyle and Dr Montessori became close friends and for some ten years or so Miss Pyle was Dr Montessori's constant companion , friend and interpreter . She undertook the difficult task fo translating , paragraph by paragraph , Dr Montessori's lectures given in Italian - a most difficult task requiring a combination fof may qualities ,

Together on at least one occasion the two ladies visited Padre Pio the Stigmatist of San Giovanni , Italy . Eventually Miss Pyle went to live in San Giovanni under the direction of Padre Pio where she built an orphange not far from his monastery . Montessori told me that she was very impressed by Padre Pio to whom she went to confession .

#### Dr Montessori and Miss Adelia Pyle

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Dr Montessori and Miss Pyle became close friends , and for some fifteen years Miss Pyle was the Dottoressa's constant companion . She often undertook the difficult task of acting as interpreter in Dr Montessori's International Courses , a work requiring the combination of many qualities .

Eventually Miss Pyle went to live at San Giovanni Rotondo , where she built an orphange and worked under direction of Padre Pio , the Stigmatist . Montessori also knew Padre Pio , went to confession to him when she visited San Giovanni Rotondo and was much impressed by his sanctity .