

The Teacher of Teachers

By FRANK T. KETTER

The Franciscan world constantly seeks better and more fitting ways to honor the virgin Mother of God. Perhaps many of that world overlook one avenue to that end which in the full analysis may be better than others.

It would appear to the amateur theologian that no better way could be found than in glorifying Mary's judgment in triumphantly accepting Joseph as her husband. Such a course must honor both of them.

We honor the saints and the Holy Family often because we want something in return. Nevertheless they must be gratified for the honor no matter what motive is behind it. Perhaps this is not new. It may be carrying coals to Newcastle. So many Terriaries already pay devoted attention to St. Joseph. But it may be that we can dig something out of this application that will help us to see it as new.

hearing stories of adventure and travel by the journeying caravans on the Plain of Esedraon, his expert exposition of the Talmudic parables, the adept knowledge of the law of Moses; the feasts, observances and the traditions of His people.

This position as aide de camp to Christ in His childhood days makes Joseph a Power of God in God's intersection with human history and makes him especially powerful in the sanctification of those of good will among them.

Inasmuch as Joseph was the teacher and mentor of the Child Jesus it is appropriate and desirable that the secular Order of St. Francis, the Order founded by the man who moulded his life in conformity with that of Jesus, should take into consideration the overseeing guidance of that Order by St. Joseph as his teacher and mentor.

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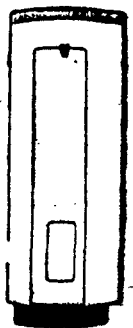


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MARY IS THE Patroness of the Third Order, the secular Order of St. Francis. Then why not Joseph as the Patron? We would look long for a better exposition than that in the book "Give This Man Place" by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Hugh F. Blunt, L.L.D.

Of course we recognize St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church but that is but one more reason for looking upon him as the leader in spiritual guidance of the Third Order.

Take, for example, the very first paragraph of the book: "St. Bernard says: 'God had found in Joseph as in another David a man after His own heart, to whom He could commit securely His heart's closest and most sacred secret.' A man after God's own heart! What a glorious tribute God needed a man. He picked 'His man.' That was Joseph. Personally I need no other argument to have devotion to St. Joseph."

But there is more. Much more to the reasons for Third Order devotion to Joseph — and at the same time to include Mary. We humbly suggest to those of the Third Order who have not already committed themselves in this direction, the adoption of St. Joseph as a leading objective of supplication by Terriaries of the secular Order of the Franciscans because he represents the highest and purest conception of lay life in the world and of family life in particular. He was not a priest nor a doctor nor yet a teacher or high official, yet to his humble ministrations was given the guidance, training and protection of the Child Jesus.

It may not be amiss to call him the founding father of all Christian families. Page 70 of Msgr. Blunt's book has this to say of Joseph's obligations: "One of Joseph's duties — we say it with awe — was to be a teacher of Jesus."

We know that Jesus was God. We know that He was infinitely wise, the all-knowing One, and yet we read in the Gospel that He grew in age, grace, and wisdom. To us it must ever remain a mystery how He submitted Himself to develop in soul as in body. But the fact is there, even though we cannot appreciate it fully.

Therefore we accept Joseph's manual and mental training of Jesus as responsible for the wonderful mechanics and the wonderful spirit of Jesus. . . the speech, skill, poise, knowledge of society, of the Old Testament; His judgment based on human expediency — even on his work as a carpenter's assistant. His widespread observation of life. (For example, Jesus as a small boy seeing the fishing fleets on the Sea of Galilee in company with Joseph; the properties of the marriage feast.

Father Ball Reports \$69,425

Geneva — The Rev. Edward K. Ball, V.F., pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Geneva, has announced that \$69,425 has been reported on the \$75,000 building fund drive.

Objective of the drive, which began a month ago, is to secure funds for the building of four new classrooms and a new garage at the school. The new classrooms will be the first work done on the school building since renovation necessitated by the fire on Feb. 19, 1940.

"We are hopeful that the goal of \$75,000 will be reached in the near future," Father Ball declared. He indicated that some returns are still outstanding.

Mercy Hospital Benefit Planned

Auburn — An informal dance for the benefit of Mercy Hospital is being planned for Saturday, May 7 at the Osborne Hotel sponsored by Auburn Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

Gerald F. Mullen has been named general chairman assisted by: tickets, Raymond W. Glancy; patron, John F. Orr and Fredrick Welch; music, Charles W. Hawelka; reception, William D. Garney; publicity, J. Harold Wright.

Joe Manzone and his orchestra will furnish the music.

Services Held For Philip Longo

Corning — The funeral of Philip Longo, 49 E. William St., was held Monday, March 28, with prayer at the A. W. Bellby and Son Funeral Home and Requiem Mass celebrated in St. Vincent de Paul Church by the Rev. James Slattery, assistant pastor. The Rev. Joseph Guilfoil, pastor, officiated at the funeral in St. Mary Cemetery.

The bearers were Louis D'Angelo, Donald MacLemle, Donnick Cavallaro, Ventura Lessi, Alfred and Joseph Longo.

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MEMBERS OF TROOP 57, Boy Scouts, lead the members of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church, Owego, to the Communion breakfast. More than 150 members attended. John F. Socher, president of the Holy Name Society, was guest speaker. (Tubbs Photo)

Empire State Newmanites Slate Convention Here

Empire State Province of the National Newman Club Federation will hold its annual convention in Rochester, April 22, 23, 24 at the University of Rochester. The Empire State Province embraces all of New York State with the exception of the metropolitan area of New York City.

The Newman Club is a Society for Catholic students on the campus of non-sectarian colleges. Its purpose is to deepen the spiritual and enrich the temporal lives of its members through a balanced program of religious, intellectual and social activities. These independent groups are affiliated with the National Newman Club Federation which is part of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

DELEGATES WILL have their headquarters at the Powers Hotel with the discussions and business sessions held at Catterline on the western campus of the U. of R. The Newman Club at the U. of R. is the host group, but the various clubs of the Rochester region — R.I.T., R.B.I., Eastman Dental, University of Rochester School of Nursing, Eastman School of Music, Brockport State Teachers College, Genesee State Teachers College, Alfred University — are assisting the convention chairman, Fred Spang of the U. of R.

At least 200 delegates and moderators are expected. Province chairman is James Catza of the University of Buffalo; province chaplain is the Rev. George J. Phillips of Oneonta State Teachers College.

THEME IS "The Catholic Student in the Modern World." The Saturday program will carry out this theme. It will open with Mass at old St. Mary Church at 8 a.m. Discussions will begin with a plenary session at 9:15. Opening remarks will be made by the Rev. L. John Hedges, moderator of the Newman Club of the U. of R. and Father Phillips. The keynote address will be given by His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey.

At 10:00 o'clock there will be three discussion groups running concurrently. The Rt. Rev. Abbot M. Gerard McGinley, O.C.S.O., abbot of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Trappist Monastery will speak on the "Trappists' place in the Church." The Rev. Bernard Ash, moderator of the Newman Club of the University of Buffalo, will discuss "Misconceptions of College Students About the Church." Dr. William L. Madden, M.D., will speak on "Marriage and the Family."

Catherine Healy Services Held
Coming — Mass of Requiem was celebrated in St. Vincent de Paul Church by the pastor, the Rev. Joseph Guilfoil, last Friday morning for Miss Catherine C. Healy of 214 Seneca St., who died in Corning Hospital on Tuesday, March 22, 1955 following a short illness. The Rev. James Slattery, assistant pastor, was in the sanctuary for Mass and was in charge of the committal in St. Mary Cemetery.

Bearers were William D'Angelo, Joseph Nares, Hugh Polts, William Gernon, Harvey Gray and Joseph Sweet.

A native of Corning she was born Sept. 17, 1878, the daughter of Jeremiah J. and Mary Donahue Healy. Her entire lifetime was spent in Corning. At one time she was employed by the Corning Printing Company as a typesetter. She retired several years ago.

Miss Healy was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish and its League of the Sacred Heart. Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Lewis Shepherd of Kenmore; one brother, Jeremiah Healy, 264 Chestnut Street, Corning and several nieces and nephews.

St. Anthony Groups Slate Card Party
Spring benefit card party sponsored by the various Societies of St. Anthony Parish, Elmira will be held in the school on Tuesday evening April 19 commencing at 8 p.m.

Cheer booths staffed by the Sacred Heart Ladies and a booth arranged by the St. Anthony Sewing Guild will be a feature. The awards to be made were made and donated by the Sewing Guild.

Rev. Nicholas P. Alletto, assistant pastor is general chairman.

Alumni To Form In Elmira Area
A meeting of the Elmira area Niagara University Alumni was held for the purpose of organizing an area Chapter. The Elmira area includes Elmira, Ithaca, Corning and Waverly.

Arrangements were completed to hold another session on Tuesday evening April 26 to elect permanent officers.

Attorney Thomas J. Sullivan was named temporary chairman.

Peace Must Start In Home, Speaker Tells Holy Name

Owego — "Peace must start in the home. We must have peace in our families and with our neighbors. Peace will then grow in our communities, our nation and finally in the world."

This was the admonition given to the 150 members of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church by John F. Socher, president of the Holy Name Society, at the seventh annual Communion breakfast, Sunday morning.

Socher was introduced by J. Erwin Baier, past-president and toastmaster of the breakfast.

The members of the Society, their sons, members of Troop 57, Boy Scouts, which is sponsored by the group, attended the 8:30 Mass and then marched, escorted by members of the village police, to the Glenn F. Warner Hall, Main St. where breakfast was served by the Auxiliary of the Warner Post, V.F.W.

The Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor and moderator, gave the invocation.

Others introduced to the assemblage were Robert V. Simpson, president; Walter O'Connell, St. vice-president; J. Edmund Morton, secretary-treasurer; William Kuhlman, marshal; James Cavatola and Robert Chermak, delegates.

Brownies Active
Owego — Younger members of Brownie Troop, 143, Girl Scouts, sponsored by Court St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Daughters of America, met in St. Patrick Church Hall, Tuesday afternoon, to make favors for the trays of residents of the River View Nursing Home on Easter Sunday morning.

The girls under the supervision of Mrs. Margaret Keefe and Mrs. Sarah Stella, co-chairmen of the Troop, visited the Nursing Home, where they presented their gifts and sang a group of songs for those residing there.

The girls went to the Marvin Park, Main St. where they enjoyed an Easter egg hunt. Mrs. Phyllis Gartland is leader of the entire Troop 143.

Holy Thursday Rites
Owego — A solemn High Mass was offered on Holy Thursday at 8 a.m. which was followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Repository.

The officers of the Mass included the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor, the Rev. Bruce A. Ammering, assistant pastor, and the Rev. Father Austin, of the Franciscan Monastery in Watkins Glen.

Members of the Catholic Daughters acted as a guard of honor, following the Mass until the Holy Hour at 7:30 that evening. At 9 p.m., members of the Holy Name Society acted as guards for a Nocturnal Adoration, until 8 a.m. Friday morning.

There were at least two members of the Holy Name before the Repository during the entire night. Mass of the Pre-Sanctified will be offered at noon on Good Friday, followed by Meditation of the Three Hours on the Cross, and the Stations.

Easter Music
Owego — The ten a.m. Mass, Easter Sunday will be a Solemn High Mass. Music for the Mass will be rendered by a choir under the direction of Mrs. Anna Meade, choir director and organist.

Mrs. Meade has announced the following numbers: Organ Selections, Easter Chorale and Cathedral Prelude and Fugue in E-flat minor, both by J. S. Bach. The choir will sing, Vigil Aquam Gregoriam; Introit, Rossini; Kyrie and Gloria, Mass St. Mechthild, M. L. Nemmers; Gradual, Rossini; Sequence, Victimae Paschalis Gregorian; Credo IX, Gregorian; Offertory, Terra Tremuit, Rossini; Supplementary Offertory, Regina Coeli; Caron; Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei; Nemmers; Communion, Rossini; Recessional, Ye Sons and Daughters of the Lord, Palestrina.

Farley Honored
Madrid — (NC) — The Order of Isabella the Catholic has been conferred on James A. Farley of New York by Generalissimo Francisco Franco, Chief of Government of Spain.

Museum Closes Easter
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