

Parking The Car For Mass

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Attending Mass on Sundays in a big city and trying to find a place to park the car is almost like driving a car into the business areas of New York or Chicago and trying to find a place to park.

CROWDS OF PEOPLE leaving church, crowds of people coming to church and not enough space around the church to accommodate the cars of both the comers and the goers are the causes of the confusion.

The situation might be relieved if people who live within reasonable walking distance of the church would leave their cars at home when they attend Mass on Sunday.

It is a known fact that many men and women, having no trouble with their legs or heart or breathing mechanism, and living more than two or three blocks from church insist on driving their cars to church even though they prevent those from finding a convenient parking spot who come from a long distance.

NO LECTURE NEED be given on the value of walking as a health measure. Suffice it to say that a three or four block walk once a week surely will do the body no harm.

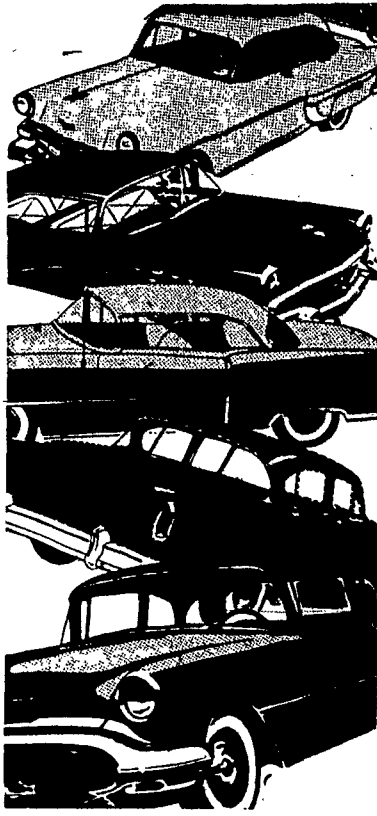
From the standpoint of charity, however, much should and could be said. Charity means to be thoughtful of the neighbor in all things that touch the welfare, convenience and happiness of the neighbor—even in such simple things as providing a place for the neighbor to park his car when he comes to Mass on Sunday, although making such provision may cause inconvenience to oneself.

It may even be an act of charity to take a bus or street car to church if the parish one attends is particularly large and if the parking area around the church are particularly small.

PATIENCE is another virtue that can be practiced as a result of the parking problem in connection with attendance at Sunday Mass.

To come to Mass within a reasonable time before the beginning of the holy sacrifice and to be forced to drive around the block a dozen times and then to be caught up in a veritable whirlwind of coming and going cars is hard on the temper.

One is inclined to "zoom" in front of people, to grab openings without consideration of others



and to bark angrily at those who drive in a way that is unique and proper only to themselves.

PARKING, PATIENCE and charity can all go together on Sunday morning and be a part of the observance of the holy day decreed and set up by God.

True Cross

Relic Found In St. Louis, Thought Largest In U.S.

St. Louis — (NC) — The largest particle of the True Cross in the United States has been rediscovered in a century-old parish church here.

The relic, about the thickness of a lead pencil and two inches long, had been forgotten in recent years.

Its authenticity and the fact that it is the largest portion of the Cross of Christ in the U.S. was established by the chancery office of the St. Louis Archdiocese.

The relic was found in historic St. Mary of Victories Church — built in 1841 in a once-fashionable section of St. Louis. It is surrounded now by slums and has been almost deserted by parishioners for the last four decades.

Historically, the relic was brought to St. Mary's in 1895 by the late Father William F. Faerber, then pastor of the church.

Father Faerber had obtained it during a visit to a Franciscan monastery in central Italy. It had formerly been the property of Cardinal Annibale della Genga.

Nun Dies In Rescue Of 2 Girls

Trent (NC) A 30-year-old Italian Sister sacrificed her life near here in shielding two young girls from a rolling boulder.

SISTER MARGHERITA Greff, a teacher at the Institute of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Florence, was leading a holiday party of students from the girls' boarding school on an excursion on the lower slopes of Mount Carina.

While the girls were picking wild flowers, a large boulder broke loose from an overhanging cliff and thundered down the hillside toward two girls who were unaware of the danger.

Sister Margherita ran and threw herself at the girls, knocking them down and covering them with her body. The boulder rolled over them and dragged the Sister about 300 feet down a descending path and crushing her.

Help was rushed to the scene immediately, but the Sister died on the way to a Trent hospital. The two girls escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

Religious Orders Of Men In Our Diocese



REDEMPTORIST FATHERS
Very Rev. Gerald J. Whelan, C.S.S.R.

First religious order to found a parish in the city of Rochester was the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer or Redemptorist Fathers who founded St. Joseph Church in 1836. At present the Rochester diocese is served by Redemptorists of the Baltimore province who, besides St. Joseph Church, staff Notre Dame Retreat House, Redemptorist Fathers wear a black habit with a high white linen collar. Rosaries are hung from a black sash at the waist. Brothers' habit is the same without the collar. (one of a series)

Lourdes To Welcome Gypsies Pilgrimage

Lourdes (NC) — Lourdes is soon to welcome one of the most colorful pilgrimages in its history.

For the first time, a pilgrimage of European nomads to the Shrine of Our Lady has been organized. Gitanos and cigarrones, gypsies of Spanish and Hungarian origin, will join "forains" — the vagabond entertainers of France, and other nomadic peoples now living in Western Europe in venerating the Blessed Virgin here.

These nomads who earn their living by peddling toys and toys, putting on shows of juggling and acrobatics, reading palms and pans, singing ballads, and telling fortunes are under the spiritual direction of Father Fleury, an energetic priest with a dynamic personality. He is the organizer of the pilgrimage.

Illinois School Schedules Late Morning Daily Mass

Elise (NC) — St. Procopius College Academy here has arranged its school day so students can take advantage of the 3-hour fasting regulation before receiving Holy Communion.

Mass will be offered at 10:45 and 11:35 a.m.

Students will be able to attend Mass in two groups, receive Communion and have lunch afterward.

The academy is the high school department of St. Procopius College conducted by Benedictine Fathers.

Abstinence Union Reelects Officers

Atlantic City (NC) — Father John W. Keogh of Philadelphia was reelected president at the close of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union convention here.

Also reelected are: Father A. Bennet Conway, Margaret McCaffery, Father John R. Cunningham, Allen E. McCarthy, Elizabeth Delaney and Elizabeth Campbell.

Protestant Nuns Practice Devotion To Our Lady

Darmstadt, Germany (RNS) — Special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is practiced in a Protestant convent here. In addition, the nuns — mostly Lutherans — have adopted many features of Catholic monastic life.

The convent belongs to the Eumenical Sisterhood of St. Mary, which is said to be the Klara Schlinka and Erika Ma-

dausa, who, in 1944, prompted first Protestant experiment in monasticism in Germany.

The Sisters explain that their convent bears the name of Mary "out of love of Mary, Mother of God, and because they 'feel drawn in the path of complete dedication to the will of God, and would like to say with her the 'yes of obedience.'"

Their rule requires that each Sister place the name of Mary before her own adopted name in religion.

Seven times a day, the nuns gather to chant the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin, as do most religious communities of women in the Catholic Church.

THE DARMSTADT convent owes its origin to two former Evangelical youth leaders. Dr. other young women to cooperate in relief efforts for air raid victims. They finally decided to start a community for women dedicated to prayer and to service to others.

Dr. Schlinka is now Mother Maria Basilea, and Miss Madaus has become Mother Maria Martyria.

One of the main concerns of the community, open to candidates of any denomination, is to pray for the unity of Christendom.

The Sisters do not call their foundation a religious order but it has all the earmarks of one.

The members wear a religious habit of austere grey, with white cuffs, and they all pledge to live according to the three evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. The probation period is a year, followed by a novitiate of from four to five years.

Italy Workers Study At Catholic Univ.

Rome (NC) A Catholic university founded here only 10 years ago, will soon have the bulk of Italy's civil servants among its alumni.

A law passed last month authorizes the Italian government to allocate funds for the education of its employees at the institution. It is estimated that within a few years 95 per cent of the country's civil servants will have taken some kind of course at the school.

BOOK SHELF

Ragman's City

by Sister Margaret Teresa, S.S.I.
Nazareth College

RAGMAN'S CITY, by Boris Simon, translated by S. Owen. Coward-McCann '57. 198 pp. \$3.50.

Boris Simon here continues the story of Abbe Pierre and the ragpickers of Emmaus, and their joint rescue of the homeless families of Paris.

Nothing is so moving, nothing so warms the heart and stirs the mind, as the drama of misery turning into comfort, abandonment changed into the care and love of friends.

These individual true stories, woven into a straight, skillful narrative of the year the tide turned, and traditionally over-prudent, tight-as-tuppence bourgeois Frenchmen began to give their things away, are the human story as we want it to be.

Our first thought is that it couldn't happen in the United States—and we think so at the end, too. We don't leave men, women, and children shelterless in winter, lying over subway vents on below zero nights, and we do better than giving them one month's privilege of sleeping inside the subway entrance.

BUT WE DARE not crow; we can think of injustices we have not straightened out, color distinctions, unfair wage practices, and a far worse thing, leaving people spiritually surrendered to the night and the cold—and the almost universal thing, our skill at keeping our personal distance from other people's agonies.

We are improving, we hope, but there are no statistics yet to prove America's legions of mercy superior to the Abbe's thousand, dedicated workers living hour by hour for others. As a nation we love to give, that we can say; we are still pioneers, neighbors and sharers, and it isn't the pocket-book we close.

Maybe we close doors, or hearts, to the needy, as often as the rest of mankind.

These rescue scenes are hard to forget. The Abbe's sudden tears, when after weary hours in the streets the enormity of the task bears in upon him anew, are the "lachrymae rerum" of Christ.

THE DIGNIFIED anxiety of the little Frenchman who has given to the cause "a rarity cast in bronze," and waits to hear the Abbe say that it will be made into water-faucets for poor housewives, reveals the stubborn attachment of every human being to what is his.

The North African who pins an old carpet around him and sits out each night on the bridge in order to send a few francs to suffering relatives in Dakar, is a soul in the image and likeness of God.

And the children who thrill to living in a "house," the poor young couples who cannot sleep their last night in the straw thinking of the real room with furniture in it that is to be theirs the next day, for a while at least—well, they make you wonder that you ever complained about anything.

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