

## Father Edward Scheid

Following is the sermon preached by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Ball at the Funeral Mass for Rev. Edward Scheid at St. Mary's Church, Dansville, April 9, 1958.

"He shall not break the bruised reed nor quench the smoking flax."

These poetic words were used by the ancient prophet to describe some of the distinguishing characteristics of the Messias — the Redeemer to come — Our Lord Jesus Christ. In these few words the prophet gives us a long range preview of the gentleness and meekness, of the charity and peace of Christ.

And with all propriety and truth we can apply this description to the life, character and personality of the priest whose body lies before us today. All the days of his life Father Edward Scheid fulfilled the precept of the Apostle Paul: "You that you walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called with all humility and meekness."

Indeed he learned well the very personal lesson of Christ: "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart."

One of the great wonders of the world, we might call it the great mystery and the great miracle of the world, is the astonishing fact that of the 400 millions of the Earth's inhabitants no two are exactly the same. For everyone coming into this world, God, in His infinite wisdom has drawn a definite and specific design and for definite, specific purpose.

To each He gives the quantity and quality of gifts that will serve him best in fulfilling his immortal destiny — the honor and glory of God and the eternal salvation of his own soul.

As St. Paul says: "There are diversities of graces, but the same spirit. And the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man unto profit. To one is given the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge; to another, faith in the same spirit; to another, the grace of healing; to another, prophecy; to another, the discerning of spirits; to another, diverse kind of tongues; to another, the interpretation of speeches. But all these things one and the same spirit worketh, dividing to every one according as he will."

VERY EARLY in his life God gave to Father Scheid many beautiful graces. To him he gave five talents. And these talents the youthful seminarian guarded and protected and increased and multiplied.

Compassionate and outstanding among these talents were the talents of sweet charity and meekness, and kindness.

And when the Lord looked into his soul for the accounting of the talents, Father Scheid was able to say: "Lord, thou didst deliver to me five talents, behold I have gained another five over and above." The Lord said to him: "Well done, good and faithful servant because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things."

And God placed him over the vast dominion of immortal souls. He charged him with the task, the labor of seeing that these souls got to heaven.

God conferred upon him the great dignity and privileges of the priesthood. And to these were added the heavy responsibilities and the unending labors of the priest in the care of souls, so precious in the sight of God that His Divine Son gave his blood for their redemption.

And what a field for the operations of the talents with which Father Scheid was beautifully gifted! What constant demands for that sweet charity! Think of the thousands whose lives were brightened by his untiring kindness. Think of the innumerable opportunities where his meekness and love of peace could soothe the troubled souls and replace conflict with abiding peace.

FATHER SCHEID'S mission in the priesthood was a mission of peace. It was a mission that lasted 40 years. For 40 years he was God's ambassador of peace. All his priestly ministrations were directed, regulated and pervaded by the spirit of peace.

In the children who knelt at his knee to learn their childlike prayer, his gentleness instilled a love for prayer. To those who sat at his feet seeking the truths of God, his kindly patience provided a true appreciation of the teachings of faith. With Christ he could say: "Suffer the little children to come unto me; and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of heaven." When sinners' guilt struck and ashamed came to him, his tolerance and understanding caused him to say with Christ what the compassionate Christ said to the sinful woman: "Hath no man condemned thee? Neither do I condemn thee! Go now and sin no more."

During his 40 years of service to how many hundreds of the sick and dying did he bring divine comfort? He imparted to them the peace of holy absolution, the healing graces of Extreme Unction and he brought to them the greatest gift of all, the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in holy viaticum — the perfect preparation for that awesome journey to eternity — to heaven.

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the sins of the world, have mercy on us." "Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace."

It may be a surprise to some to know that practically every day of his life there were heavy demands on his virtue of patience.

I have known Father Scheid for more than 50 years. Never in that time was he a strong boy or man. Never has he enjoyed robust health. He was always in delicate if not fragile health. For that reason he had to forego many pleasant activities that most men would enjoy. For that reason too, many of the robust tasks that a priest must perform took a heavier toll of strength and endurance.

His patience all thru his life and especially the last years of his life, make us feel that one of his daily prayers was answered: "May I merit O Lord, to bear the mantle of suffering and pain so that with exaltation I may receive the reward of labor."

Another quality of Father Scheid's service in the priesthood

is his total devotion to his vocation. All his powers, physical, mental, spiritual, were totally and completely dedicated to the service of his divine Master Christ.

THE RECORDING angel has placed in the book of life all the triumphs and glories, all the trials and labors, all the successes and failures of those forty years. What an immense amount of merit must have preceded our priest friend to the judgment seat of God!

But Father Scheid was a human being. He had his faults, he made his mistakes. In his human frailty he probably committed sins, and for that he needs your prayers. When ever you come before this altar, pray for him who served it so faithfully.

And so our prayer for Father Scheid is: "May eternal peace come to you this day and may your abode be in holy Zion. May the Prince of Peace receive you as one of his own in the halls of heaven. May you rejoice in the beatific vision of the God of peace. And may your eternal song with the angelic chorus be: Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace — good will to man."

## Requiem For Father Scheid Held In Dansville Church

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Herbert L. Sturmer, deacon, and Rev. Adelbert J. Schneider, subdeacon.

Rev. Leo G. Schwab was thurifer, Rev. John O'Donnell and Rev. Michael L. Hynes, acolytes.

Rev. Gerard Amann was book bearer, Rev. Vincent Collins, candle bearer; Rev. Raymond Hessel, miter bearer; Rev. David Singhoff, gramale bearer.

Masters of ceremonies were Rev. Edwin Wedow and Rev. Joseph Merkel.

Bishop Casey gave the final absolution following the funeral Mass and said the committal prayers at the grave in Holy Cross cemetery, Dansville.

ATTENDING THE funeral Mass for Father Scheid were the Rt. Rev. Monsignors John M. Duffy, Edward K. Ball, William J. Naughton, Gerald C. Lambert, Frank J. Hoefen, Arthur F. Florack, Francis J. Lane, and Laurence W. Gannon.

The Rev. Fathers John A. Mur-

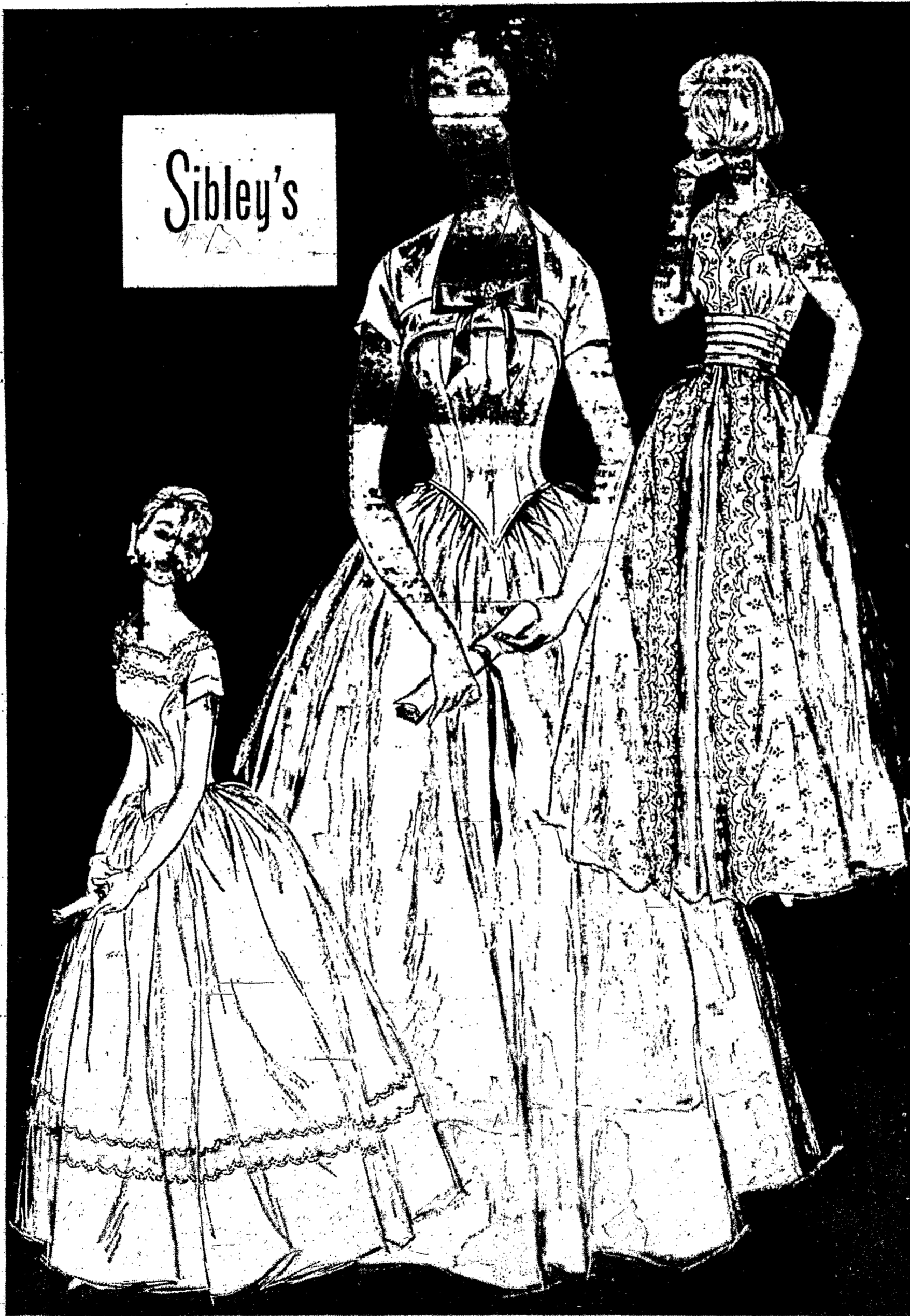
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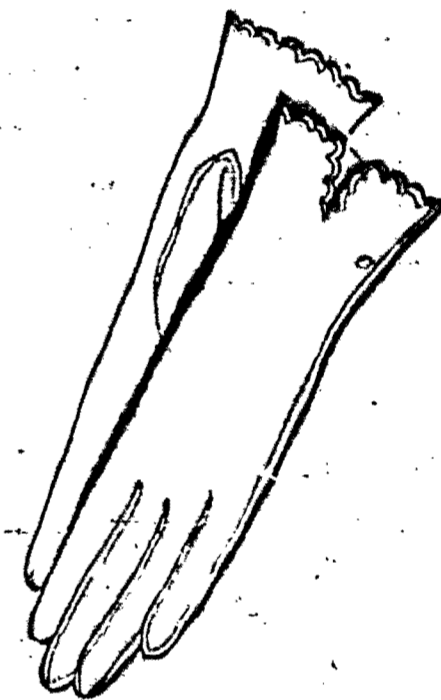
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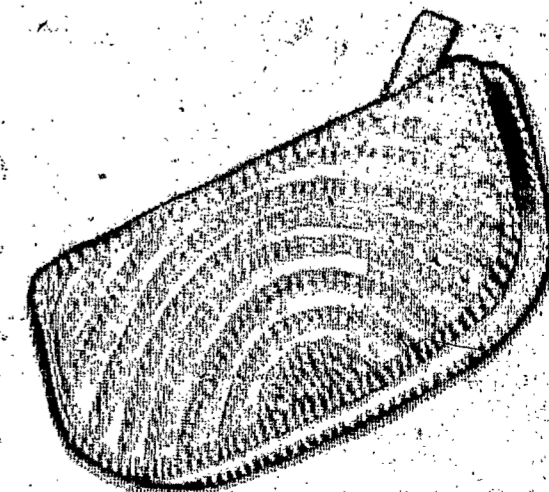
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