

The Lay Brother... Another Joseph

By BROTHER RALPH CARPENTER, M.S.C.

The Lay Brother has as his special model one of God's greatest saints, the humble carpenter of Nazareth, Saint Joseph.

Leaf through the pages of the New Testament and you will find only these few words spoken of him: "He was a just man."

The people of his day knew him only as a lowly carpenter. His intimate union with God remained hidden from their eyes. The Scriptures tell us of his noble lineage and his remarkable, blind obedience.

Just as Saint Joseph was the laborer for the Holy Family, so the Lay Brother is the laborer for the congregation which he chooses to enter. Many young men have been inspired by his hidden life and have dedicated themselves unselfishly to the life of a Lay Brother, the life of other Josephs.

The religious life has often been compared to the life of the Holy Family at Nazareth. We can envision the priests represented as other Marys, and the Lay Brothers as other Josephs.

IN KEEPING with the thoughts already expressed, may I observe that for many people the life of the Lay Brothers remains an enigma, something unknown. Some Catholic people have the mistaken notion that a Lay Brother is one who failed to make the grade in studying for the priesthood and had to content himself with second best things. This is erroneous.

One famous Jesuit wrote, "The early monks did not aspire to Holy Orders or rather they desired not to receive them." Hence, these monks were broken as all the priests given not only to priests, but also and especially to the Lay Brothers who made up such a large segment of early monasteries. Many of the great leaders and teachers of the monastic life were themselves Lay Brothers.

The faithful, old and young, must be reminded that the religious life is the following of Christ in its finest form; and a religious Brother is a religious every bit as much as priests in the community he represents.

One of the greatest joys a Lay Brother experiences is the importance of his daily work.

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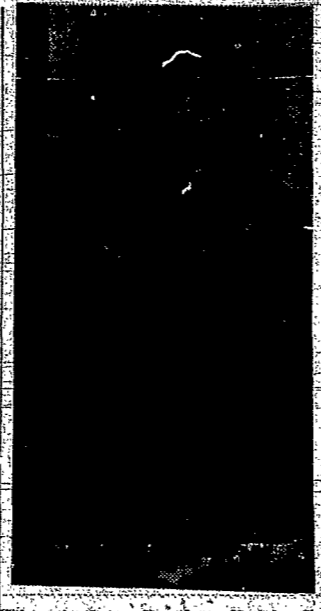
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when viewed from a supernatural light. He realizes that whatever job he is assigned to do by his Superior, whether it be scrubbing floors or office work, he is playing an important part in the work of the priests for the salvation of souls. He knows that no matter how menial his task may be, if he offers it up with the right intention, it is a continual prayer very pleasing to God and drawing down many blessings upon himself and his community.

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Open House Planned At S.V.D. Seminary

A "get-together" at St. Michael's Divine Word Seminary, Conesus, N.Y. is being planned on the grounds off route 15 a little beyond South Livonia, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13.

Program for the afternoon is announced by Father Paul Burrichter, S.V.D.

A beef "bar-b-que" will be served during the afternoon with chips, slaw, relishes, rolls and coffee for \$1. Also hot dogs, hamburgers, pop, ice cream and candy will be available.

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KC To Honor Father Zimmer

Ythaca—William E. Seitz, Fraternal Committee Chairman of the Ithaca Council 277, Knights of Columbus, has announced a change in the date of the dinner party to honor the past Chaplain, Father Edward Zimmer to Thursday, September 24. It will be held in conjunction with the annual Past Grand Knights' dinner.

Father Zimmer had advised that he was unable to keep the date this month and the date also conflicted with a dinner sponsored by the Interfraternal Council, of which the Knights of Columbus is a participating member.

Crowds Attend Montreal Rite

Montreal (RNS) — Thousands of pilgrims, including the ill and infirm, flocked to the world-famous St. Joseph's Oratory atop historic Mt. Royal, to observe the 114th anniversary of the birth of Brother Andre, the shrine's founder.

The pilgrimage is an annual event during which hundreds of faithful have been cured of various ailments. Numerous cures of children and wheelchairs have been left behind by pilgrims at the minor basilica.

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New \$300,000 Church Rises In Elmira Heights

Rev. Joseph G. Merkel, pastor, expects the new \$300,000 St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights, to be completed some time early in 1960. It will have a seating capacity of 522 and will replace the present church that is no longer adequate for the rapidly expanding parish population.

The new church will be situated on a 3 1/2-acre site that will be used for any future parochial expansion. The rectory is located adjacent to the new church.

SOME IDEA of the vast growth of the parish may be gained by noting that there are over 500 families identified at this time as compared to 110 families, 15 years ago.

There are 395 children receiving religious instructions on released time, evidencing the great need for a parish school that is contemplated in the future.

Six Masses are offered each Sunday morning to care for the needs of this fast growing parish — 2 Masses were all that were needed 15 years ago.



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Nazareth Lists Uniform Dates

Uniforms will be available Thursday and Friday, Sept. 3 and 4 between 2 and 5 p.m. and 7 and 9 p.m. at Nazareth Academy, Lake Ave. according to Sister Agnes Cecilia, principal.

School will reopen for upper classes on Tuesday, Sept. 8 and for freshmen on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at Nazareth.

Knights Slate First Degree

First Degree of the Knights of Columbus will be conferred by Rochester Council officers in Columbus Civic Center on Thursday, Sept. 17 according to Grand Knight Vincent L. Hannon.

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