

New Series of Articles To Begin Next Week

Father Dennis J. Geaney will take up the pen of Father Leo Trese in a new series of articles to begin next week in the Courier.

Father Geaney, an Augustinian friar, has had a priestly career ranging from a high school teacher to being a missionary and now a curate in a large Chicago parish.

He is the author of numerous articles and four books—all written in a way that makes clear the task and the joy of translating Christian faith into daily living.

Father Trese is taking a rest from newspaper articles to write more books. Several books he has written are currently available in paperback editions.

God's World

A Final Word

By FATHER LEO J. TRESE

Almost every priest, I suspect, has been moved at one time or another to speculate, "If I knew that this was to be my last sermon, what would I want to say?"

As it happens, this will be the last of my weekly columns. After fifteen years of recurring deadlines, I feel that I have said all that I have to say. Much of it I doubtless have said two or three times over.

What, then, should be my parting word? Of all that I have written, what is of primary importance?

Obviously, our Lord Himself already has answered that question. "Love God." He tells us, "and love your neighbor as yourself."

This is the grand, the total view. All theology flows from this, and all religious instruction and exhortation must converge on this.

However, if there is one small area of this over-all mandate which calls for emphasis and emphasis it surely is the need for trust in God, for an unshakable confidence in His care for us.

Trust is one of the finest tributes of love which we can offer God. We know that there is no more touching evidence of a child's love for his parents than the absolute confidence with which he raises his eyes to mother or dad. Similarly there is no more expressive act of love which we can show God than figuratively to put our hand in His and say, "Lead me, God; I know that I am safe with You."

God wants us with Himself in heaven. Oh how He wants us! Through all the years of our life He surrounds us with His grace, respecting our free will, yet all the while trying to steer us toward Himself. Even when we try to run from Him, His grace still pursues us.

He never gives up. We sometimes, in our excess of grief, speak of God as having abandoned a sinner to his fate. What we mean by this figure of speech is only that it is possible for a sinner to erect an impenetrable shell of self-love between himself and God.

As far as God Himself is concerned, He never gives up.

Expo '67 Rite At Montreal

Montreal—(RNS)—A unique \$13 million Christian Pavilion built at the Montreal World's Fair (known as Expo '67) was blessed by Archbishop Iakovos of New York, head of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

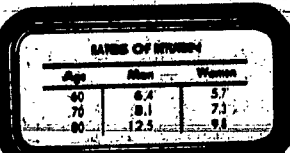
Speaking against the background noise of muttering hammers, the Primate said the building would "confirm the Church's place in society" and the search by Christendom for unity in the 20th Century. The exposition and pavilion will open April 28.

Attending the rite were Expo '67 officials and representatives of the seven Christian communities which have pooled their finances to erect the pavilion to the theme of "Man and his World."

Dignitaries included Fulgence Charpentier, assistant to the commissioner general of Expo '67, and Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Leo Blais of Montreal.

Bishop Blais, speaking in French, noted that it was a "happy coincidence" that the ceremony occurred on the feast observed simultaneously by the Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches. He hoped this would be an "expression of the desired unity of Christians."

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"Do You Have Only One Dress?"

St. Louis—(RNS)—A nun's habit arouses the curiosity of little girls attending a Project Head Start class in St. Ann's Catholic parish, St. Louis, Mo. Answering their questions is Sister Jeanne Clare, teacher in the project.

"A Tremendous Difference"

Translating Faith to Action

New York—(RNS)—The willingness to translate beliefs into effective action in the political and social arena has become the hallmark of a vital religious faith today, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey declared here.

Speaking at a dinner given by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Vice President credited the new activism of religious groups with making "a tremendous difference in our country."

Mr. Humphrey was presented with a Brotherhood Award by the NCCJ for "distinguished service in the field of human relations."

The Vice President told dinner guests that the "past decade has seen a new awareness that religious faith is barren unless it leads to action—especially on such moral issues as civil rights, the war on poverty and peace."

He pointed to Chapter 2 of the Epistle of St. James which, he said, emphasizes that "faith, if it does not lead to action, is in itself a lifeless thing."

"A great and growing number of religious leaders and laymen have given stirring witness that their faith is anything but lifeless," Mr. Humphrey continued. "They joined in the March on Washington three years ago. They marched, less comfortably and far more dangerously, from Selma to Montgomery and now through Mississippi."

"They have been at work in remote and downtrodden areas of the South. They have given their all—and in some cases their lives—for the real brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God."

"They have truly understood that 'the way you treat people is the way you treat God.'"

IN ASSERTING that this religiously motivated action in behalf of human rights and social and economic justice "has made a tremendous difference in our country," the Vice President added: "I cannot think where we would be today without this massive injection of activated faith."

At the same time he said that organized religion is not without shortcomings. "Let us in all honesty say that some local churches still close their doors to many of their brethren—and many more do not speak and act on issues of conscience which arise in their communities."

"Too many people still prefer their own ways to God's. As the Yiddish proverb put it: 'If God lived on earth, people would break His windows.'"

Mr. Humphrey praised the work for brotherhood being done by the National Confer-



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Latin Returns To Baltimore

Baltimore—(NC)—Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore has authorized the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission to permit Latin Masses in special cases. "Pastors who, for the good of souls, deem it necessary to provide a Mass using the full official Latin text of the Missal with such participation as may be possible or advisable—should petition the Liturgical Commission for the necessary permission," the cardinal said in a letter to pastors.

Pastors making such applications were asked to indicate their reasons.

"In those parishes where, under the direction of our own commission," Cardinal Shehan wrote, "an earnest effort has been made to carry out the provisions of the Constitution for the Sacred Liturgy and the directives of the highest post-conciliar commission, admirable results have been achieved."

"Some of the faithful, however, seem not to have been able to adjust to the new order of the Church, and I have requested our liturgical commission to give consideration to the needs of this group," he stated.

Auxiliary Bishop T. Austin Murphy, chairman of the commission, said two requests for Latin Masses have been received, both from national parishes.

Bishop Murphy said it has been suggested that a Latin Mass be offered daily at the Basilica of the Assumption, beginning in the fall.

'Disharmony' in Hymnal

Kansas City—(RNS)—The Lutheran Church in America has asked its Commission on Worship to study the Lutheran Service Book and Hymnal for possible doctrinal "disharmony."

A delegate said there are instances in the book's prayers, hymns and order for burial which seem to be out of harmony with the teaching of the Church or doctrines concerning man and the resurrection of the body.

Catholic Education Washington—(NC)—The Department of Education, National Catholic Welfare Conference, has announced publication of the eighth annual revised edition of the Official Guide to Catholic Educational Institutions and Religious Communities. COURIER-JOURNAL Friday, July 8, 1966

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