

College Bound? A Shock Ahead

"The most challenging kind of work going on in the Church today" was the description given by Father Richard T. Torney, chaplain of the Cornell Catholic Community, in a recent talk to parents of Notre Dame High School students.

Father Torney, chaplain at Cornell for the past seven years, also informed the parents what to expect at a secular university, how best to choose a college for their son or daughter, and how to follow up a program of religious values after high school years.

Every student experiences a shock in going off to college, Father Torney said, and the Catholic student is no exception. Now because of confusing changes in the Church, the shock can be even greater, even in a Catholic college, where a student must adjust to a new social and academic milieu even though his classmates may have similar moral values.

Handicaps listed by Father Torney for incoming college students at a secular university center around home environment (parental over-indulgence or over-restrictiveness which makes adjustment to life on their own difficult); parental mocking of student hopes and dreams, which dull curiosity and broadening at college; lack of a strong religious commitment which shows when the student has to be personally responsible for his own religious life.

Strict regulations and inhibitions fostered at home often wilt under the indifferent atmosphere of a big campus, Father Torney emphasized, and the student may experience strong emotional reactions when met with people of religious beliefs different from his own. Sometimes he feels that his family and former school have "let him down," because they have not prepared him for these experiences.

In choosing a school which will provide facilities and assets to "fill in the gaps" of the student's former training, parents should investigate at a secular college the availability of a

priest, whether or not neighboring parishes pay any attention to students, what kind of program is there for Catholic students, and above all, be aware of the need for better trained priests in this vital work.

"Don't be casual about where you send your son or daughter to be educated," he warned.

In the Rochester Diocese alone, there are seventeen secular institutions of higher learning enrolling 10,000 Catholic students. There are seven full-time and ten part-time priests engaged in the work, and approximately four of every five Catholics in college are in secular institutions, Father Torney stated. This brings out the enormity of the task, as well as the vital interest and concern which should be evinced by every Catholic, priest, religious and lay person worthy of the name.



Priests of several southern tier parishes concluding Conring liturgy day by saying Mass together.

Father Downing Mourned

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

Redemptorist classmates of Father Michael G. Downing, C.S.S.R., rector of the Notre Dame Retreat House participated in his funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church, Rochester, Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Bishop Kearney who extolled the work achieved by Father Downing in this diocese gave the absolution at the Mass. Chaplains to Bishop Kearney were Rev. Joseph Bertoni and Rev. Joseph Winicki, Redemptorists.

Bishop Thomas F. Reilly, C.S.S.R., missionary bishop of San Juan, Dominican Republic, also a classmate, was in the sanctuary with Redemptorist Fathers John P. Clerkin and Joseph Kenny as chaplains.

Concelebrating the Mass were: Very Rev. Ronald G. Connors, provincial of the Baltimore province with Redemptorist Fathers Raymond Boesch, Richard Moran, John Krimm, Joseph Noll, Joseph Burns, Francis Salmon, David Scharrock.

In attendance were Right Rev. Monsignors John E. Maney, Donald J. Mulcahy, John M. Duffy, Dennis W. Hickey, Frank J. Hoefen, Charles V. Boyle, William P. Kelly, John S. Randall, Richard K. Burns, Very Rev. Msgr. Gerard Krieg, and 70 Redemptorist priests and brothers, priests of the Diocese of Rochester and laymen. Handling church arrangements were Redemptorist Fathers Leo Dunn and Robert Coughlin.

Officers of the Laymen's Retreat League of Rochester were active bearers. Delegations attended from the Knights of St. John and veterans' organizations.

The "Tower of Grace,"—the newly erected Notre Dame Retreat house overlooking Canandaigua Lake on West Lake Road where Father Downing died Feb. 23, 1967, could well be a memorial to its first superior.

He was the superior of the retreat house at 246 Alexander St., Rochester from where he and his conferees of the Con-



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gregation of the Most Holy Redeemer moved within the past few months.

Father Downing was intensely interested in completion of the new building, so much so, he was doing some of the manual labor in order to have the place in shape for the first retreat several weeks ago.

Father Downing from the inception of the idea for erecting a new retreat house in the diocese was active in all phases of planning, choosing a site, supervising the plans, conducting the campaign and seeing to it that the building now operating was in perfect shape.

In August, 1964 he announced Frank E. Wolfe as chairman for the campaign for funds. He was present for the kick-off rally at Blessed Sacrament Hall, Oct. 1, 1964, opened by Bishop Kearney.

Father Downing expressed "joy and gratitude" when the campaigners in December, 1964 reported a total of \$715,000.

When the time came in December, 1965 to build the new retreat center, Father Downing was on hand despite cold and wind to break ground launching construction of the redesigned building. He watched the structure rising and helped in its finishing, a monument to his zeal and that of Redemptorists and retreatants under his guidance.

He was born August 16, 1907, the son of Patrick and Ellen Downing in Brooklyn. The young man took initial vows in the Redemptorist community, August 2, 1927. He was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at the Major Seminary at Esopus, N.Y., June 10, 1933.

After his ordination he was professor at Northeast Preparatory Seminary, Northeast, Pa. from 1934 to 1936.

He enrolled at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. and received a master's degree in social science in 1937. He served at the Perpetual Help Center in the Bronx and was editor of the local magazine from 1938 to 1940. He was at the novitiate in Annapolis, Md. from 1940 to 1941.

From 1941 to 1943 he served in the Redemptorist parish in Richmond, Va. Enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1943, he served as a Navy Chaplain until 1946.

Father Downing was superior and pastor at Kannapolis, N.C., from 1947 to 1953. In 1953 he became spiritual prefect at the Major Seminary at Esopus where he was ordained.

He was transferred to Rochester in 1961 to become rector of the Notre Dame Retreat House on Alexander St.

His genial disposition and wide learning attracted him to the men retreatants here from the beginning. He was heard in meditative discourses by thousands of men of the diocese. When plans developed for the permanent retreat center atop the hill overlooking Canandaigua Lake, he threw himself wholeheartedly into the work and lived to see the plans carried out and first retreats conducted.

Father Downing is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Eugene Haist and Mrs. Thomas Patwell; two nieces and a nephew.

Blessing at the grave in the priests' plot, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery was given by Bishop Reilly.

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LOCAL NEWS SECTION



At McQuaid

Rev. William Hegge, O.S.C., will deliver the fourth address in the First Annual McQuaid Jesuit High School Alumni Association Lenten Lecture Series Wednesday, March 8, at 8 p.m. He will speak on "The New Theology and the Sacraments." Father Hegge was born and raised in Holland and did his graduate work at Catholic University of Holland at Nijmegen. He was ordained into the Order of the Holy Cross (called Crosier Fathers in the United States). He is now a member of the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame.

Death of God: What it Means

Dr. Harmon Holcomb of Rochester Colgate Divinity School faculty will speak at Nazareth College auditorium Monday, March 13, at 8 p.m. on "The Death of God Controversy, an Analysis of its Meaning."

Dr. Holcomb is the author of many theological articles including an essay in the book "Secular City Debate." His talk at Nazareth is open to the public.

Priests' Evenings
Of Reflection
Sunday, March 5
at 6:15 p.m.
St. Patrick's, Victor
Meditation by
Rev. Roger Baglin

Robert Hasse Heads Sales Of Encyclopedia

Lay Catholic leaders and members of parish and other church societies in the diocese now have the opportunity to examine what has been widely heralded as the "publishing venture of the century."

Alan C. Spitzer, president of New Catholic Encyclopedia, Inc., national distributor for the forthcoming "New Catholic Encyclopedia," has announced the appointment of Robert L. Hasse as Rochester area director for sales of the totally new 15-volume reference work on all aspects of the Catholic faith.

Mr. Hasse is a member of St. Boniface parish and is employed as Public Information Director at St. John Fisher College. He will head a group of trustees who will call on interested individuals and groups by invitation to explain and answer questions about the new encyclopedia.

There will be no door-to-door sales, no unsolicited calls or pressure applied with the sales effort. Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Hasse by telephone at 271-1874 or by writing to him at 282 Mulberry St., Rochester 14620.

Enthusiasm Caught, Not Taught

Over 120 teachers from a five-county area attended an area faculty meeting at St. Patrick's Parish School, Corning, Wednesday, Feb. 22.

The theme of the meeting was the liturgy which is the formal and communal worship in the Church. Sister M. Florian, S.S.J., director of vocal music and liturgy for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, was the featured speaker. Her talk was followed by a concelebrated Mass in St. Patrick's Church which was attended by the teachers and 300 members of the parish.

In her talk titled "The Liturgy - Its Relevance in the Lives of School Children," Sister Florian concerned herself with the "what, why and how of the liturgy." She pointed out that "God is still God and thus we don't have to change what we teach."

"But religion is not just another subject in school," she continued, "it has to have a carryover into practical living and into church life."

Referring to the recent Vatican Council, Sister Florian reminded the audience that "Pope John and the Bishops formulated the Decree on the Liturgy as the first and one of the longest documents of the Council and the primary consideration of the documents was the needs of the faithful, reaffirming that worship or liturgy is the central act of any religion."

She then described some practical methods which she has successfully employed in the training of children, reminding the teachers that the neces-

sary enthusiasm must be "caught rather than taught." She concluded by "catching" her audience with her own enthusiasm in teaching them the music to be used in the liturgy of the Mass which followed.

The teachers then went to church where Sister Florian conducted a brief rehearsal. The St. Patrick's Girls Choir, under the direction of Sister Ann D'Assisi, alternated with the congregation in the psalms and sang hymns during the Communion service. Miss Jennifer Nasser and Miss Kathryn Carapella, both eighth grade students, served as organists.

Rev. L. Emmett Davis, pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, was the principal concelebrant of the Mass. Concelebrating with Father Davis were the Revs. Gerald Connor, assistant pastor of St. Ann's Parish, Hornell; David Gramacke, assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Ithaca; Neil Miller of the Diocese of Rochester, a native of St. Mary's Parish, Corning; Thomas Nellis, assistant pastor of the Church of St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads; Michael Reagan, chaplain of Notre Dame High School, Elmira and John Ryan, assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Syracuse.

The homily at the Mass was delivered by Father Connor, who pointed out the necessity of faith in the face of the challenges presented by the Church in these times of change.

Mark Roe, a student at St. Patrick's School, served as lay reader for the Mass, and the Rev. John Mulligan, assistant

pastor at St. Patrick's, was the commentator.

MANY NEW features of the revised liturgy introduced by the Second Vatican Council were incorporated into the Mass in order to demonstrate the Council's emphasis on the necessity of participation by the entire congregation in the celebration of Mass. These included an offertory procession during which Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reilly and six of their children brought the book, candles and sacred vessels used at the Mass to the altar and presented them to the priests on behalf of the entire congregation; the greet-

ing of peace which was passed to the entire congregation by four of the concelebrating priests; and the reception of Communion standing rather than the traditional kneeling position.

The Rev. Lewis Kirby, Jr., director of music and assistant rector of Christ Episcopal Church, was a special guest at the Mass.

The program for the meeting was organized by Sister Norine, principal of St. Patrick's Parish School, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Patrick's parish. —J.M.M.

25 Years Ago

(From Catholic Courier files, March 5, 1942)
Twelfth and thirteenth priest of this diocese to enter the armed forces as chaplains were: Father William J. Brien, curate, Corpus Christi Church, Rochester and Father William W. Heindel, curate, St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, both commissioned first lieutenants in the Army.

A special Honor Roll of servicemen to be enrolled in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was suggested to families throughout the diocese by Father John S. Randall, society's diocesan director.

Pupils of the Catholic high schools of this diocese answered the call of the State Department of Education to help fill a quota of 60,000 model planes for use in Army, Navy and Civil Defense construction.

Forty Hours

Devotions of Forty Hours in the Diocese of Rochester: Sunday, March 5 — Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Ambrose, Rochester; St. Michael, Lyons; St. Stephen's, Geneva.

School Integration, Discussion Topic

A discussion, open to the public, on "Pioneering in Local School Integration" will be held at the First Unitarian Church, Winton Road, Rochester, Sunday, March 5, at 8 p.m. Speakers will describe how West Irondequoit and Rochester School 19 have developed an integrated program. Wesley Hughes will be program chairman. Participants will include parents, teachers and school board members.

Faith Made Him a Martyr

"Where a man's heart is, there also is his treasure" — and there can be no doubt where the heart and the treasure of Father George J. Weinmann were centered.

His faith and devotion to Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist cost him the sacrifice of his life — a martyrdom not by another man's hatred but by his own unlimited love.

Such was the theme of the eulogy of Bishop Sheen for the priest who died in the flames of St. Philip Neri Church gutted at noon on Monday, Feb. 20. Father Weinmann died Wednesday, Feb. 22, and the funeral Mass was offered at St. Ambrose Church, Monday, Feb. 27.

Sister Lillian Marie, a teacher at the parish school, died in the fire in a vain attempt to aid Father Weinmann escape from the burning building.

Parishioners and friends filled Holy Redeemer Church for the man's Requiem on Friday and St. Ambrose Church for the pastor's funeral Mass Monday. The final rites were the closing chapter to the life stories of two heroic and generous souls.

Father Weinmann's 49 years in the priesthood had not been, in a worldly way, spectacular. He was loved and respected for his constancy at his duty. "You knew he'd always be there," was the comment of one parishioner.

He was born Feb. 16, 1890, in Rochester, son of George Weinmann and Elizabeth Bauer Weinmann.

He attended Holy Family and West High Schools in Rochester, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

Father Weinmann was ordained June 8, 1918.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls, where he remained until 1919 when he was transferred to be assistant pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, Rochester where he served until 1927. While there he was named administrator of Annunciation Church in 1923 and served in that capacity until 1938.

Father Tydings Funeral Today

Death hammered relentlessly at the diocesan clergy this past month — its final victim being Father Michael J. Tydings, 67, of St. Anthony's Parish, Rochester.

His funeral Mass will be offered in the church he helped design this morning at 10:30 a.m. He died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1967.

He had supervised construction of the new parish school but a heart ailment forced his retirement five years ago and construction of the church was turned over to his successor, Father Nicholas Alletto.

Father Tydings continued to live at the parish rectory and aided in parish work as his strength permitted him.

He spent 29 of his 31 years in the priesthood at St. Anthony's and, Irish himself, described his parishioners, most of whom are of Italian descent, as Mediterranean Irish.

He was a close friend of the priest he long served as pastor at St. Anthony's, Monsignor Paul M. Giacomo, who returned to Rome, Italy after 25 years at St. Anthony's. Father Tydings went to Rome in 1957 to visit him and had continued to correspond with him.

He is survived by two sisters, Sister Mary Michael, principal of St. John the Evangelist school, Greece, and Mrs. Edward Zenkel; four brothers, Gerald, Joseph, Edward and Daniel; several nieces and nephews, including Rev. Edward Zenkel, curate at Guardian Angels Church, Henrietta.



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