

We Are Part Of Providence

By DENNIS J. GEANEY, O.S.A.

Henrico, a peasant farmer in Columbia, came to see the priest of a neighboring parish and asked to have his land blessed.

"You know, Father," he said, "this year I really hesitated very much, because I just didn't know what to do — whether to ask you to bless my land or to get some fertilizer."

The priest asked him why he had not gone to his own pastor and was told, "Well, last year I went to him and he blessed my land, but it was awful. The result was disastrous!"

This story is far from being an isolated amusing incident of a farmer of trying to make a choice between fertilizer and a blessing for his crops. It graphically tells the story of the breaking up of an old form of piety that had lasted for centuries when it is confronted by the scientific and technological revolutions.

As a priest, I find that people are not coming, as they did previously, to the church for Masses and to the priest for prayers when they are faced with a medical crisis.

The possibility of the medical arts healing anything, short of terminal cancer, has increased by geometric proportions. Instead of talking about what convent of nuns or monks or what holy priest you have praying for you, the conversation is more likely to be on a comparison of doctors, hospitals or clinics.

We must face the fact that the hospitals have been successfully "competing" with Lourdes and parish novenas. Just as the Columbia fertilizer company has been putting the ritual of the Columbia church to the test. It is forcing us to ask questions about the place of prayer in our lives.

New Insights Today

I can remember, two decades ago an article that was widely distributed in reprints about the rhythm in marriage as an unhappy compromise. The author, as I remember, admitted that if the four conditions were present, it was legitimate, but a Christian seeking perfection would not trade in such methods. He would put his marriage in the hands of God and trust a wise and loving Father to provide, from his infinite store of things people need, in difficult situations.

In any discussion of family limitation, I seldom hear today from the pulpit, the parlor, or anywhere else, the appeal to divine providence. Many are looking to a Vatican providence, but many more feel that divine providence has built into man a human providence so that he can assume responsibility for the determination of his human actions within a broad framework of Church authority and understanding. To say the least, we have come a long distance away from our understanding of divine providence in human affairs since the forties.

An Example

Take the case of Pedro. He is a Peruvian farmer who had no school. He had a family but could not read or write and knew little of the way of life of people in big cities.

He eked out an existence for his family who will be grubbing like himself and his grandfather in the next quarter century. He is given a transistor radio. He learns to read Spanish. He becomes excited with the possibility of knowing what

goes on in the next town, city or the world. When he learns to write his name, he bursts with glee.

He now sees the opportunity of a new way of life for himself and his family. He can leave this village and make his way in life without dependency on his ancestors. I am repeating a true story that has hundreds of thousands of variations. Pedro says: "Today I am a man."

What happens to Pedro's simple piety when he leaves the village and goes to the town? I am not talking about a geographical change, but a change in his concept of God and himself. God had ruled over his life. He depended upon him for the rain, the change of seasons, the good days and the bad days. He saw reward and punishment for his deeds in the changes in nature. As he begins to learn, he discovers that man can regulate through scientific and social controls the things he thought were securely in the hands of God.

Providence Includes Us

When deaths on the highway increase, we lay the blame to the apathy of the motor industry in not being zealous enough for building safety devices into the cars. Children see the scientists design the Gemini and Apollo as they work toward the conquest of space and the moon through research and applied science. We know that we shall never go back to the simple piety of our forefathers who saw the provident hand of God as an intervention in the laws of nature.

In the process, many people are becoming unthumbed. Today we are finding that the will of God or God's Providence is achieved or worked out at research centers, in laboratories, in city halls, in the courts of justice, in the bars, the coffee-houses, the neighborhood meetings.

Since the Church is people, we cannot confine the meeting of God to a building or a ritual. We still find Christ in the events of life but in a different way than did Pedro or Pedro before they discovered our secularized world.

Columbia's Henrico and Pedro are our Irish American, Polish American, Italian American Catholic students in our colleges and universities struggling with their ancient faith-meeting the new phenomena of secularization. They come to their parish and say, "Father, I think I am losing my faith." As a parish priest I welcome the challenge to help them deepen their faith in times of crisis. They need a new understanding of the new world which they are discovering.

Hero's Award

Rochester Firefighter Eugene A. Steger was awarded the Kiwanis Club Firefighter of the Month title yesterday for rescuing a family from its burning home last month. Steger, a member of Holy Family parish, is a graduate of Aquinas Institute, RIT and the University of Rochester. He and Mrs. Steger are the parents of four children.

Brother Vollmer Is Assigned

Brother William James Vollmer, of the Christian Brothers of Ireland after completing studies at Iona College New Rochelle, has been assigned to teach at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury, Mass.

He was received into the Irish Christian Brothers, Sept. 1, 1963 at St. Gabriel's College, Lakewood, N.J.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Vollmer of 176 Dalkeith Road, he is a graduate of St. James School and Aquinas Institute, Rochester.

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Sisters Plan Summer Festival

The annual Summer Festival sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph will be held at their Motherhouse, 4905 East Ave., on July 6 and 7.

The Festival features a baked ham supper in the Nazareth College cafeteria—served from 5 to 8 p.m.—plus games, refreshments, and the sale of fancy goods and religious articles.

Directing this year's Festival are: Sister Clare de Paul, Chairwoman, assisted by Sister Marion, Sister Mary Cordis, Emmet J. O'Neill, and their committees.

Supper tickets are \$1.25 each and may be purchased from any Sister of St. Joseph, or at the door either evening. Admission to the grounds is free.

In photo, committee heads discuss festival plans: Sisters Jarice, Clare de Paul, Roselle, Marion and Mary Cordis.

Olga Hogan Funeral Mass

Auburn — Funeral Mass for the late Olga Baglin Hogan, widow of Edward Hogan, former Principal of Auburn Prison, Baglin, a nephew, was in the Church in Auburn, Mrs. Hogan died Wednesday, June 14, 1967.

The Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Father William E. Davis assisted by Father...

College Honors

Albany Law John Michael Sipos, son of Mrs. Andrew L. Sipos and the late Attorney Andrew L. Sipos, 56 Cayuga St., Seneca Falls received his law degree at the Commencement exercises of the Union University Albany Law School, June 7. A graduate of Geneva High School, Sipos received his B.B.A. degree from St. John Fisher College in 1964.

Boston Maureen T. Shapley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Shapley, 836 Genesee Park Blvd., received a Master of Science degree in Nursing from Boston College, Boston, Mass., June 5. She will join the faculty of D'Youville College, Buffalo, in September.

Hunter Geneva — Mary Ann Annonny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Annonny of 134 Optical St., has completed the two years of graduate study required for her master's degree in social work at the Hunter College School of Social Work, City University of New York.

For her second year, she was granted a fellowship from the Children's Aid Society of Manhattan where she will be employed beginning in July in the Foster Care Division.

Miss Annonny is a graduate of De Sales High School, class of '61, and received her B.A. degree at D'Youville College in Buffalo, class of '65. Presently Miss Annonny is visiting Rome, Italy.

Maryknoll Prelate Dies

Hong Kong (RNS)—Maryknoll Bishop Alonso E. Escalante, who became the first director of the Mexican Foreign Mission Society, died here June 21 in the Maryknoll Sisters hospital.

The 60-year-old prelate, in the Orient on a visitation of his society's missions in Korea and Japan, was stricken with a typhoid infection.

A naturalized citizen of the United States, Bishop Escalante was a native of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula. He entered Maryknoll in 1920 and following ordination in 1931, he served in Manchuria until World War II.

Since then he had served as spiritual director of the Maryknoll (N.Y.) Seminary, with the Maryknoll Missions in Bolivia, and as superior of the Maryknoll vanguard in the Pando Region of Bolivia.

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Priest, Nun At Service

Philadelphia — (RNS) — A Roman Catholic priest and a nun—spoke at 11 a.m. Sunday services in Episcopal and Baptist churches here — ecumenical "firsts" locally for the congregation and the guest speakers.

Msgr. William J. Lallo, a priest for 63 years, and dean of the active-clergy of the Philadelphia Catholic Archdiocese until his recent retirement, preached at historic Christ Episcopal church.

Sister Mary Lawrence, of the Catholic Medical Mission Society here, addressed a women's only service at Bright Hope Baptist church, one of the largest Negro churches in the city. The Baptist women presented citations to the nun and five Catholic laymen.

The author of a forthcoming book, Women of the Church, and mistress of novices at her order's American motherhouse here, Sister Lawrence had just returned from Rome, where she took part in a month-long conference on the "modernization" of the role of nuns.

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St. William's, Coney Island (Coney Island): Sundays, a.m., (July and August) 9 a.m. Confessions before Mass.

St. Margaret's, MCPH Point (Coney Island): Sun May 21 to June 18, 8:30, 11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.; Sep to Sept. 24, 8:30, 10 a.m. Confessions, during July and August Saturday 7 to 8 p.m., other before Masses.

St. Michael's, Penn (Keuka Lake): Sundays, 7:10:30 a.m., 12 noon; holy 7:8 a.m., 5:30, 8 p.m.

St. Leo's, Hilton (Keuka Lake): Sundays (beginning 2), 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, a.m.; holy day, 6:30, 8:30, 6:30, 7:30 p.m.

St. Gabriel's, Hammond (Keuka Lake): Sundays, 10, 11 a.m. Holy day to be announced.

St. Patrick's, Pratt (Keuka and Canandaigua Lakes): Sundays, 9, 10 holy day to be announced.

St. Andrew's, Dundee (Keuka Lake): Sundays: 8, 9 a.m.; days, 8 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle, I (Lake Ontario): Sun 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 noon; holy day, 6:15, 9, 11:30 a.m., 5:30, 7:45 p.m.

Holy Cross, Rochester (Lake Ontario): Sundays: 7, 8, 9, 11:15 a.m., 12:15 noon; holy 6, 7, 8, 9 a.m., 12:15, 7:30 p.m.

St. Francis, Solon (Cayuga Lake): days, 9, 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, I (Cayuga Lake): Sundays, June 4 on, 7, 8:15, 9:30, a.m., 12 noon, 5 p.m.; holy 6, 7, 8 a.m., 12:10, 5:15, p.m.

St. Ann's, Owasco (On Lake): Sundays (June 2 to Sept. 15) 7:30 and 9 a.m.

St. Rose of Lima, Solon (Lake Ontario): Sundays, 8:30, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.; holy 7:15 a.m., 7, 8 p.m.

Epiphany, Solon (Lake Ontario): Sundays: 8:30, 10:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8, 9 a.m., holy day, 5:30, 7, 8, 9 a.m., 5:15, 8, 8 p.m.

St. Mary's of the Lake, Minerva (Seneca): Sundays, 7, 8, 9, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7, 8, 9 a.m., holy day, 5:30, 7, 8, 10 a.m., 5:15, 8, 8 p.m.

St. Michael's, Livonia (Coney Island, Hemlock Lake): days, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.; holy 6:30 a.m., 7:45 p.m.

St. Mary's, Honeoye (Cayuga, Canadice, Hemlock Lakes): Sundays, May 21 through 18, 7:45, 9, 10:15 a.m.; Sep 17 and 24, 7:45, 9, 10:15, 11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:15, 8, 8 p.m.

Mother of Sorrows, 500 Read Blvd. (Lake Ontario): Sundays (in church), 6:15, 9, 10, 11 a.m.; (in chapel) 10:15, 11:15 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:15, 8, 8 p.m.

Alfred Grove Joins Coppard Realtors

Alfred C. Grove, 237 Cliff Dr., has joined Charl Coppard, Inc., realtors, Stone Rd. He is a licensed estate broker and appraiser; formerly associated with Alvy Moose, Inc., Realtor, 105 W. Blvd.

He has completed course in real estate and insurance at the Rochester Institute of Technology and Rochester Business Institute.



ALFRED C. GROVE

Grove is a member of Grand Exempt Firemen's Association, American Legion G Post No. 468, Greece Reput Organization, Knights of Columbus (fourth degree), of Alhambra, Knights of El and Mother of Sorrows' Club.

He and his wife, Helen, two married children. Their Donald, is chief of Navy crew personnel in the Rochester crating office. Their daughter Sharon Ann (Mrs. Th. Pelino), is living in Green Mt.