

Jesus said, I Was Sick . . .



A Family Of Eleven In a Barn

A Report from the Secular Mission

Poverty's lean fingers reach deep into unsuspected areas of the Rochester Diocese.

You expect to see it in the congested inner-city or in migrant camps — but hardly in the rich countryside where crops are currently ripening for an abundant harvest.

Yet it's in the midst of affluence that Father Timothy G. Weider has come upon seemingly unbelievable situations.

He is one of three priests assigned earlier this summer to a diocesan Secular Mission — a new method set up by Bishop Sheen to contact people often missed by ordinary parish apostolates.

Father Weider described three such cases —

• A mother with eleven children, expecting a twelfth, deserted by her husband, living in a barn . . . no running water, mattresses on the floor for beds. Father Weider arranged for them to move into a tenant building and personally aided in washing four of the children, the first time in their lives they had ever been in a bath tub.

• A family of twenty-three generations—living in a "house" of only one room, an attached lean-to as a kitchen and an attic as bedroom for all of them.

• Another family of six in

an abandoned, boarded-up, rat infested farm house.

Naturally, we thought, he turned to local welfare officials to step in to aid these families.

"It's not that easy," Father Weider told us.

"There's no county health department in Steuben County (the area where Father Weider is working) and welfare programs are under town administration," he explained. "So when we run into situations like these out in the hills, there's just no one we can find who's responsible."

He added that the town welfare agencies are already "swamped" and aren't anxious to take on these added, usually remote cases.

What does he do then?

"Whatever I can," he said, quite simply. "I've collected clothes and food and furniture from my relatives and friends but their supplies are running low compared to the needs I've discovered."

One item he'd particularly like—a camera so he can photograph—not to embarrass—the pitiful conditions endured by so many people. "If other people could only see how some of their neighbors have to live, I think we could muster enough supplies to help these people have at least a half-way human existence."

If you can help him out in this or any other way, you can contact him through Bishop Sheen's Pastoral Office or the Secular Mission, Bath, N.Y.

Are all his reports as grim as the three he told us?

Not all—there's another story about the youngster who's now strong and healthy, seven months old, quite remarkable considering that the baby was born in a corn crib last winter when the temperature hit 15 degrees below zero.

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Why Not Peace Now?

Baltimore—(RNS)—Claiming that since neither the military policy in Vietnam nor the social policy on the homefront seem to be working, a Roman Catholic newspaper here proposed reexamination, earnest discussion and dialogue without rancor on both crises.

The Catholic Review, newsweekly of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, noted in an Aug. 4 editorial that in a limited sense "there is a parallel between the fighting in Vietnam and the fighting on the streets of American cities."

The parallel, it said, is the desire for peace, but not peace interpreted as the status quo or as the "tired ideas of government and social life sometimes suggested in Saigon."

The Review's editorial admitted that in the past it had supported the attempt of the United States to protect the people of Vietnam from communism.

"We have been severely criticized for this, and this has been especially painful since most of the critics have been men of high ideals, men whose opinion is important," it said.

While the paper did not advocate a U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam which would leave "many anti-Communists exposed to death," it observed that changing

conditions demand a rethinking of positions.

The recent appeals of three Roman Catholic bishops—including Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of Rochester, N.Y., for stoppage of the bombing of North Vietnam was reported.

The "startling position" of Bishop Sheen in asking for a withdrawal of all U.S. troops in South Vietnam along with Gallup Poll statistics showing that only one-third of the nation's citizens approve of the President's policy on Vietnam are, the Review stated, indications of "a national anxiety."

Financially, the nation probably can conduct both the war in Vietnam and the war on poverty at the same time, the newspaper said, but the claim is made that the manpower devoted to Southeast Asia is needed at home—both the young men in the armed forces and the officials.

A strengthening of the war on poverty "calls for more than an allocation of funds," according to the editorial.

Suggesting an open airing of the questions in Congress, the discussion ends with the declaration that it is time to resolve the anxiety which is being expressed and "to develop a policy that will work in behalf of this country and all mankind."

. . . Hungry, You Fed Me



Bishop Sheen's Fast-Paced Apostolate

These pictures trace Bishop Sheen's fast-paced schedule as he said Mass at the Monroe County Home and Infirmary Monday evening, July 31, visited St. Joseph's House of Hospitality to aid workers there serve supper to 60 guests Wednesday evening and then, an hour later, say Mass at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, in Immaculate Conception parish, Rochester.

In photo at top of this page he gives Holy Communion to Mrs. Marion Haveldt. Father Bruce Ammering, chaplain at Home, assists him. He ladles food in middle page photo and gives sermon at Johnson home in bottom of page picture. Additional pictures are on pages 2 and 17.

New Parish Interfaith

Islamabad, Pakistan—(RNS)—An interreligious parish—with joint social and welfare activities and administration—is being started here by Protestants and Catholics as a "visible expression" of Christian unity.

Sponsoring the parish, which will hold separate religious services, are the Roman Catholic Rawalpindi diocese and the Church of Pakistan which includes Anglicans, Methodists and Presbyterians.

The parish's administration and its social and welfare programs will be directed by a Council of clergy and laity from both sponsoring groups.

. . . whatever you do for these, the least of my brethren,

Three Priests Receive New Assignments

Bishop Sheen announced the assignment of three priests to new duties this week, as follows:

Father Albert L. Delmonte, from assistant pastor at Corpus Christi Church, Rochester, to the faculty of Kings Preparatory School.

Father Thomas McDonald, who has just completed his graduate studies at the North American College in Rome, to assistant pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Rochester.

Father Mark Sullivan, from the faculty of St. John Fisher College, to graduate studies at the Theological Union at the University of California at Berkeley.

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