



Your Mercy, Twice Blessed

Gentle hands bathe a wail, bruised, lost and frightened in the wake of a hurricane in Mexico. He is but one of more than a million people around the world you comfort in their need each year through Catholic Relief Services, the agency of mercy of the United States Catholics. The items you give in this week's annual Thanksgiving Clothing Collection will bring warmth not just to shivering little bodies but to their hearts as well. And the quality of mercy, as Shakespeare said, is twice-blessed. He knew his Scripture . . . he was really quoting what Jesus said -- Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

Veterans Day Radio Rosary

Bishop Kearney will lead in recitation of the Rosary during Mass on the Family Rosary for Peace radio program Saturday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day, at 7 p.m.

The live-station net work will link the Diocese in prayers for those who have given their lives in service to their country.

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Two priests of the Diocese are retiring from their pastorates and five priests are assigned to new duties, Bishop Sheen announced at his Pastoral Office this week.

Father Herbert L. Sturmer, 68, has resigned his pastorate at St. Pius Church, Cohocton.

Father E. Leo McMannus will take a leave of absence for reasons of health from his pastorate at St. Agnes Church, Avon.

Appointed to new duties, effective Wednesday, Nov. 15, are the following:

Father Henry Atwell is changed from editor of the Courier and chaplain at the Cenacle Convent to be pastor of St. Agnes Church, Avon.

Father James F. Baker is changed from assistant pastor of St. Michael's Church, Rochester, to be pastor of St. Pius Church, Cohocton.

Father John L. Coonan is changed from chaplain at St.

Seven Priests Listed in Clergy Assignments



FATHER ATWELL

FATHER BAKER

FATHER COONAN

FATHER MARVIN

FATHER STURMER

James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, to be pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Clyde, and St. Patrick's Church, Savannah.

Father Paul J. Cuddy is changed from the pastorate of the Clyde and Savannah churches to be chaplain at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell.

Father James J. Marvin is changed from assistant pastor

of St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, to be pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Wayland. He succeeds the late Monsignor Adelbert J. Schneider who died October 23.

Father Sturmer has just completed 16 years as pastor at the Cohocton parish. During that time he renovated the church and supervised construction of

a parish center. He also arranged the purchase of property at the village of Avoca for future church use there.

Prior to his pastorate at Cohocton he served as curate at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira; St. Andrew's Church, Rochester; St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira; St. Francis Xavier Church and St. Michael's

Church, Rochester. Bishop Kearney named him pastor of St. Januarius Church, Naples, and St. Matthias Church, Atlanta, parishes he served for 15 years prior to his appointment to Cohocton in 1951.

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Pope Paul continues to make a remarkable recovery from his operation last Saturday. Bishop Sheen had a few moments to talk with the Pope personally just before the Synod of Bishops opened in Rome early in October. He brought this picture back from the Eternal City for the Courier and asks you to pray for the Holy Father's prompt return to his full strength again.

Somehow

The Church in the World

It's always disarming when a guest expert tells his hearers that his treatment of a topic will probably be ambiguous.

That's the way Father John McKenzie, the famed Biblical scholar opened his treatment of "Religion and Secularity" at Nazareth College's Fine Arts Center last Sunday evening. The Jesuit teacher, currently teaching at Notre Dame University, spoke at an Ecumenical Day program.

"Religion" and "secularity" are not easy concepts to merge, said Father McKenzie, conceding cheerfully, "just now, I see no solution."

With this humble avowal, he proceeded to throw enough light on the topic to indicate clearly that he did see an answer:

—Both the Old and New Testaments, the Bible expert maintained, indicate that the Church should "be in the world," but don't specify sharply "how it should be in the world."

The genial, grey-haired scholar tried to clarify the difference between "secularism" and "secularity" in the opening moments of his talk. Admitting that the distinction isn't too clear, he pointed out that:



FATHER MCKENZIE
'grappling uneasily'

Secularism holds that "man attains his whole destiny in this world." At the very least, the secularist does not feel "that God is actively concerned with the world."

Secularity, as viewed by contemporary Christians, is the con-

dition that Christians should become more deeply involved in the world, while still holding that man's destiny is not limited to this world, he asserted.

Worldly or Unworldly

Father McKenzie went on to shatter the myth that the Catholic Church has been too "unworldly" in her long history. Since the time of Constantine, he averred, the Church "has never failed to be secular."

He went on dryly to elucidate that at various times, the Church has used war, politics and money — all means which are usually thought of as secular — to forward its aims.

There has been, he admitted a "pronounced anti-secular" strain co-existing in the Church. He said that this could be traced to the influence of Greek philosophy which saw man primarily as "a soul," with his body being an encumbrance from which only death could free him.

"Much of Christian spirituality" has tended to encourage men to "escape from the world." Modern Catholics are grappling uneasily with the job of trying to bring "secularity" into their faith without becoming "secularistic," he continued.

"Many Christians look for blueprints from the clergy" in this problem, and when they don't get them, often conclude that the "sacred" must be limited to worship, that the rest of life is "wide open," Father McKenzie stated.

Who'd Bomb Hanoi If Pope's There?

Detroit — (RNS) — Thich Nhat Hanh, Buddhist author and educator, said here that last year he asked Pope Paul VI to visit Vietnam in an effort to bring peace there.

He said he suggested that the pontiff go to Hanoi as well as Saigon. "Nobody would bomb Hanoi with the Pope there, and it would create a spirit to resolve the war."

"The idea was a surprise to him (Pope Paul), but he said he would think it over," the poet said.

Claiming that communism and anti-communism are the two forces destroying Vietnam, he stated that more destruction is "caused by the anti-Communists acting out of a lack of understanding of the Vietnamese people . . . We are victims of goodwill to save us."

Adding that the Old Testament prophets upbraided their countrymen for limiting their religious concern to ritual, the Jesuit said that the Bible indicates that "God is committed to the world," suggested that His followers might follow the same commitment.

Following Father McKenzie's presentation, an ecumenical panel of three commented on his talk, raised several questions for further discussion. The panelists were the Rev. Richard N. Hughes, executive director of the Rochester Area Council of Churches; Rabbi Herbert Bronstein of Temple B'ith Kodesh; and Father Joseph Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Monsignor William Shannon, chaplain of Nazareth College, moderated the afternoon program.

—Father Robert Kanka