

COURIER-JOURNAL

NEWSPAPER OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

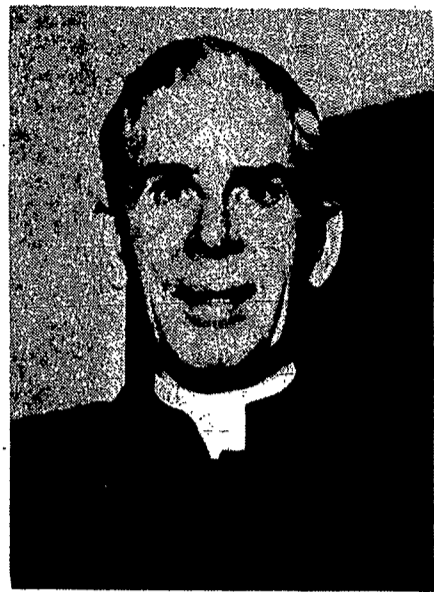
Vol. 79 No. 35

14 Pages

Rochester, New York

Price: Fifteen Cents

Friday, May 31, 1968



From the Bishop

My dear Fellow Christians:

My favorite text in the Old Testament is: "See, I have branded you on the palms of My Hands" (Isaiah 49/16).

If we were chalked or painted on His Hands, the writing could be washed away, but we are graven there as a sculptor carves a name in granite.

Thomas the Apostle is sometimes too much blamed for being a doubter. Actually, Thomas was saying that he would not accept a Savior Who did not have scars suffered in the battle of Redemption.

But if our name is cut into the flesh of Christ, how is He, in His turn, cut into ours? Through His Spirit. This is the meaning of Pentecost.

If Our Lord remained on earth, He would have been no closer to us than the touch of a hand or an embrace. But instead of being an external example to be copied, He sent His Spirit into us so as to be a Life to be lived. Then the Christ-truth would be our intellect; the Christ-love would be our will. Just as your soul gives life to your body, so does the Spirit give life to your soul.

We have met sometimes in life a person of whom it might be said, "He has a jealous spirit" or "He has a spirit of envy." But we have also met others of whom we would say, "He has the Spirit of Christ."

The difference between a person without the Spirit of Christ and one with the Spirit of Christ is the difference between a row-boat and a nuclear-powered ship.

Read Chapter 7 of the Epistle to the Romans and count the number of times "I" appears — this is the natural man struggling for peace. Then read Chapter 8 and see how often the word Spirit appears which negates all egotism and natural weakness.

But be careful not to be deceived, mistaking emotionalism for spirituality, or good cheer for the need of mortification, or a kind of non-chemical LSD short trip for the long haul of the Cross.

The test is, — "If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires." (Gal. 5/16, 24)

French Social Reform 'A Brutal Necessity', Paris Prelate Says

Courier News Summary

Paris — Social reforms in France, because they were not realized in time, "are now brutally necessary," the Catholic archbishop of Paris stated here.

Archbishop Francois Marty made the comment in a sermon in Notre Dame Cathedral, adding "the who hangers and thirsts after justice cannot agree to watch the present situation grow harsher." The prelate nonetheless appealed for an end to the violence which has racked France in the wake of student and worker demonstrations.

France's present unrest began five weeks ago with a student rebellion at the University of Nanterre in a Paris suburb. The student revolt grew to massive proportions and resulted in bloody clashes with police. The student uprising sparked workers, dissatisfied with their share of France's prosperity, into occupying factories and stopping work.

Archbishop Marty also called for a change in labor-management relations to provide room for "new forces of participation in responsibility." Those who have higher incomes must accept sacrifices in order to improve the standard of living of the less privileged, he said.

Leaders of the French Reformed Church and Protestant Federation of France deplored the current violence in a statement which urged demonstrators "not to destroy by excessive acts the hopes held for a radical transformation of society."

A group of 80 Parisian Catholic priests issued a statement expressing their solidarity with the demonstrating students and striking workers of France.

"We take the side of the great movement of solidarity," they said, "which appears to us to have more in common with the Gospel message than does an individualistic consumer society."

The widespread social turmoil has threatened the leadership of President Charles de Gaulle, who has pledged a national referendum in June to determine whether or not the French people want him to continue in office.

Two Colleges To Confer 449 Degrees

St. John Fisher and Nazareth Colleges will confer a record number of 449 degrees in commencement exercises to be held this weekend.

Fisher will present 245 degrees at the college's 14th commencement Sunday, June 2. Ambassador Sol M. Linowitz, U.S. representative to the Organization of American States and former chairman of the Xerox Corporation will speak at ceremonies in the Athletic Center at 3 p.m.

Linowitz will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will confer the degrees.

Father Charles Lavery, president of the college, will offer a Baccalaureate Mass on the same day at 10 a.m. Father Edward Synan of the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, University of Toronto, will preach the sermon.

Two hundred and four women will receive degrees from Nazareth College in commencement exercises on the East Ave. campus Monday, June 3 at 11 a.m.

Commencement speaker will be John P. Roche, a Morris Hillquit professor of politics and history at Brandeis University, and a special consultant to President Johnson.

A Baccalaureate Mass for the Nazareth graduates will be offered by Bishop Sheen Sunday, June 2 at 5 p.m. Father Albert P. Bartlett, rector of McQuaid Jesuit High School, will give the address.

Fathers Berrigan Get Official Criticism

Baltimore — (RNS) — Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, while defending the rights of clergymen to oppose government policies, was critical of Father Philip Berrigan, S.S.J., for destroying draft board files.

On May 24, Father Berrigan was sentenced to six years in a federal prison for pouring blood on the files of a Selective Service office here last October 27.

When he was sentenced, Father Berrigan was under arrest for a second invasion of a draft board. This occurred on May 17 when he and eight other companions seized over 600 files in a Selective Service office in suburban Catonsville and burned them in a nearby parking lot with "home-made" napalm.

Cardinal Shehan said of Father Berrigan's activities: "I cannot condone and do not condone the damaging of property or the intimidation of government employees."

The cardinal defended the rights of clergymen as citizens. "Indeed, they have a unique obligation to emphasize the moral implications of both foreign

and domestic policy," he said. "Not to speak out and to retreat to the safety of unoffending generalities may well constitute an abdication of responsibility both as clergymen and citizens."

"I appreciate the desire of zealous men and women to dramatize their positions in order to obtain public attention and acceptance, but such activity must fall short of injury to others and injury to the property of others," Cardinal Shehan cautioned.

In other official action, concerning Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J., the brother of the Josephite Father, the Rev. James Somerville, provincial for higher education for the New York Jesuit province said of his subject:

"Since Father Daniel Berrigan undertook the action that led to his arrest on his own initiative and in response to the dictates of his own conscience, I am sure that Father Berrigan anticipated the consequences of his civil disobedience, including the fact that the Society of Jesus would not post bail and that he would have to accept whatever penalties he might incur under civil law."

Father Somerville said any decision as regards Father Berrigan's post as chaplain at Cornell University would be left to Cornell authorities. A spokesman for Cornell said no action was contemplated.

Parish Hires Lay Theologian

Baltimore — (NC) — St. Matthew's Church has become the first parish in the Baltimore archdiocese to employ a professionally trained lay theologian as a full-time member of the parish staff. Joseph Hargadon will be coordinator of St. Matthew's Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program.

Barbara Ward

On New Page

Beginning today, the Barbara Ward column, "The Progress of Peoples," will appear on your Courier-Journal Commentary Page.

In her column today, the noted economist discusses the economic disparity among nations and how it came about. Please turn to Page 13.

Film Ratings... a Closer Look

Ever feel that some of the films of the past (which are now television fare) that were poorly rated by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures are really harmless in comparison to today's offerings?

Father Patrick Sullivan, S.J., head of the NCOMP, shed some light on the problem in an interview with Courier-Journal television critic Pat Costa. The story is on Page 11.



Heads bowed in silent prayer, poverty demonstrators pause at the grave of President John F. Kennedy. More than 350 marched to Arlington from "Resurrection City," the camp site of the Poor People's March on Washington. (Religious News Service)

A Doctor Goes to the Poor

'May Do Some Good For My Soul'

Newark, N.J. — (NC) — The social implications of his housing-project clinic don't interest Dr. E. Paul O'Sullivan at all. What does interest him is that he sees it as good medical practice.

Dr. O'Sullivan gives up his weekly day off to tend to the needs of the young and the aged, the poor and the ignorant, the Puerto Ricans and Negroes and whites who live in Scudder Homes, a massive housing project here.

He has set up a four-room clinic in the basement of the project where he is assisted by two missionary receptionists.

With spare and sparse equipment of his own and with a stock of basic medical supplies, he sees patients after patient without charge up to 3 p.m. every Thursday.

He has hopes that soon he'll be able to move in some old X-ray

equipment from one of the hospitals where he works — he already has the promise of a volunteer radiologist. And eventually he would like to interest some of his colleagues in the venture, set up another examining room, procure more sophisticated equipment, and establish a laboratory.

Meanwhile, he is investigating the possibility of incorporating as a private foundation which would be eligible for government assistance.

The 50-year-old doctor's new "career" started with the notion that he would like to do some medical work in the parish where he went to grammar school. That is St. Bridget's parish in Newark's core area.

Medical care in the area is a problem. As one 78-year-old patient wearily shrugged, "Doctors don't come here."

"Even before the riots," she added. What she meant is that there are

only a handful of doctors who will make house calls in Newark any more, a condition spotted by various investigators. And even they won't make a call at night.

People living in Scudder Homes and other projects in the city are frequently unaware of clinic services available to them at local hospitals. But Dr. O'Sullivan, who has five children of his own, is convinced that medicine and clinics have to come to the people rather than remaining in the confines of hospitals and institutions.

At the same time, he realizes his own efforts are small in comparison to the need as he puts it, "a damn small eye-dropper in an ocean."

But, he added in an interview between seeing patients, "I felt this would give me a chance to take the measures of the problem and maybe do some good for my soul."

Nazareth College Graduate

South Vietnam Senator Defends Her Nation's Conduct in War

By CARMEN VIGLUCCI

A pert, but tough-minded South Vietnamese woman senator who is a graduate of Nazareth College, is among a delegation of lawmakers from Saigon touring the United States.

One of only two women serving in the South Vietnamese upper house, Mrs. Nguyen Van Tho, visited friends and former teachers at Nazareth during her American stay.

She is a 1952 graduate of Nazareth, where as Pauline Minh, she took instructions and was baptized a Catholic. She got her Master's degree from New York University in 1952.

Fluent in English, she refers to the United States as my "second country" but that doesn't restrain her from being critical of American press media.

To wit:

At a New York City press conference she had looked forward to her visit to this country but "I have met with disappointment over gross misinterpretation of facts" regarding Vietnam war and the role played by her countrymen.

She said the American attitude based on press reports "is dreadful." Americans are "kind-hearted" but largely "misinformed" about the role and sacrifices the South Vietnamese are making, she said.

The Vietnamese group did not condemn the Paris preliminary peace talks between the U.S. and North Vietnam, but were skeptical on results. They said the broad Vietnamese masses were fearful of a "sell-out."

They agreed that Washington had the right to negotiate with the Communists but insisted that they, the South Vietnamese, remain the "principal party" to the dispute and its solution. Members of the group rejected a coalition with the Vietcong and some of them predicted there would be a coup d'etat against any

Salgon government which would accept such a plan.

Mrs. Van Tho invited "friendly" American newsmen — not those who would "criticize my country under any circumstances" — to come back to Vietnam and visit with her hundreds of military hospitals around the country and see for themselves "who is dying and who is being injured by the thousands" in the war.

She is now married to a Catholic Vietnamese dentist who serves in the South Vietnamese ministry of education.

To friends at Nazareth she described some of her less heralded activities which include sorting clothes from Catholic Relief Services.

ties which include sorting clothes from Catholic Relief Services.

She is secretary general of the Vietnam Women's Association, formerly president of Vietnam Girl Scouts.

At the press conference, and privately at Nazareth, Mrs. Van Tho spoke of the "immorality" and the "treachery" of Communists who "celebrated Ho Chi Minh's 78th birthday by raining bombs on the civilians of Saigon."

All told, six senators and six assemblymen from Saigon are in the delegation.



Mrs. Van Tho, left, attends a Saigon reception with her husband and Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

ON THE INSIDE

Around the Country	4
Around the World	5
Commentary	13
Dioecesan	7
Editorial	6
Entertainment	11
Pat Answers	7
Women	8

IF YOU MOVE...

let us know about it so we can keep your Courier coming to you on time. Phone or mail us notice of your change of address. Include your old address and new address and the name of your parish.

Courier-Journal, 35 Scio St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604. Phone 716-434-7050.