

Unusual Eulogy

For Deceased Curate, '... Very Good Year'

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — In one of the more unusual eulogies to be given at a burial Mass for a priest, the Catholic bishop of the Nashville diocese paraphrased the words of a popular song, "It Was a Very Good Year," in reviewing the life of a 27-year-old assistant pastor.

Said Bishop Joseph A. Durick of Father William Sherman:

"I think that, if I may be permitted, since he used to do this often himself, I would like to refer to one of today's current epistles in song — paraphrased and sublimated, of course — to tell in some way his priestly life of commitment and dedication — always apart, but never aloof to those around him.

"So Father Sherman could say — When I was 17, it was a very good year. It was a very good year for me — A Knoxville Catholic Graduate — To enter Saint Mary Seminary — that place with its lovely days and its vibrant autumn nights — As I absorbed the new insights — On its college green — When I was 17.

good year — To continue to climb God's stair — To be a first-year Divine — Which Theology I began to do — When I was 22.

"When I was 26 — It was a very good year. It was a very good year for Tennessee, my beloved Diocese — Upon which my gaze was now to be firmly fixed — When I was 26.

"When I was 27, the days grew short — And now in God's Eternal Springtime — I think of that earthly life — As vintage wine from fine, old kegs — From bring to dregs, it poured sweet and clear — IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR! MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Equality Aide

The Rev. Bennie E. Whitten, Jr., a United Church of Christ clergyman, was elected chairman of the national Interreligious Advisory Committee of Project Equality, the interdenominational effort to use the buying power of churches and synagogues to obtain equal employment guarantees. Project Equality is a program service of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice, a Chicago-based agency serving more than 150 interracial councils and human relations agencies in the U.S. (RNS)

DIRECTOR RESIGNS
New York — (NC) — Father Dennis B. McCarthy, O.P., 67, national director of the Holy Name Society for 12 years has resigned that post due to ill health.



A Grief-Stricken Father

Some words of comfort are expressed by Navy Comdr. Lloyd Mark Bucher to Jesse D. Hodges when the Navy officer arrived in San Diego after returning from 11 months' imprisonment in North Korea. Mr. Hodges son, Duane Daniel, was the only member of the captured Pueblo's crew killed when the intelligence ship was taken over last January. Mrs. Bucher stands beside her husband. (RNS)

New Year but Old Viet War
Sisters' Work in Danger Zones Praised by CRS Official

By FATHER PATRICK J. BURKE (NC News Service)

Salgon — The willingness of Catholic Sisters to serve the Vietnamese people in dangerous areas is a boost to the morale of U.S. troops, said Msgr. Andrew Landi, assistant executive director of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the overseas relief agency of U.S. Catholics.

After finishing an extensive visit to Vietnam to evaluate CRS work, Msgr. Landi said "Officers and men whom I met say that if these people, particularly the Sisters, come voluntarily to dangerous areas, there is less reason for the troops to complain about the discomforts."

While in the country, Msgr. Landi visited the six teams CRS has around the country at Go Vap and Nam Hai in Saigon; Hue, Kontum, Cam Ranh, and An Giang in the Mekong Delta.

Nam Hai and Cam Ranh are refugee projects to afford both immediate and long range help to people displaced by the fighting. In Hue, the team has a child welfare project in hand while the Go Vap team works in an orphanage, one of the biggest in the country. In the Delta, CRS is engaged in social welfare work while in Kontum in the central highlands, the team provides health services.

Commenting on his tour, Msgr. Landi said, "I am very satisfied with the personnel, with their high morale and their dedication to their work despite the fact that all of them are in areas that carry risks. Despite the lack of comfort in their living accommodations in some areas, there are no complaints. They are held in high esteem by the United States military, the Vietnamese authorities and the people, men, women and children whom the teams are serving."

When he last visited Vietnam 18 months ago, Msgr. Landi decided to set up the teams that are now working among the refugees and in health projects. Having seen them in operation, he said, "The teams have just-

fied themselves beyond question, working with refugees and children suffering from malnutrition and even in need of ordinary medical care."

He had particular admiration for the Sisters who volunteered for Vietnam. "The Sisters are learning to do things they never would have had to do back in the States, like driving small trucks and riding motor bikes, which are the most practical way of getting around."

Vietnamese authorities have requested more teams than CRS can recruit. As an example of what the teams are doing, Msgr. Landi mentioned "the refugees among the Montagnards in Kontum. A health survey showed 90 per cent of the people are suffering from hookworm. The only ones not suffering from it are these chil-

dren too young to walk and those few who wear sandals. The team has started a scheme to get cheap sandals for the tribespeople.

"I met Dr. Patricia Smith in Kontum, now working at her temporary hospital, since the Viet Cong attacked the Minh Quy hospital last March. Dr. Smith is the patron saint of the Montagnards."

In Vietnam, Msgr. Landi called to see the local bishops and the priest in charge of charity work. He had a meeting with them and with the apostolic delegate to Vietnam, Archbishop Angelo Palmas. He also met an old friend from his days in Rome when he was CRS director for Europe and the Near East, Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker.

Anti-Communists Support S. Viet Stance

Salgon — (NC) — It was numbered "Resolution 13" but when the two-day second conference of the World Anti-Communist League ended here it was the main resolution adopted. Marcel De Roover of Belgium proposed it and the delegates agreed.

The resolution gives full support to the position taken by the government of South Vietnam at the present Paris peace talks, "since the Republic of Vietnam has taken the only logical and honorable position that any self-respecting nation could possibly take in a parley with transgressors of divine and human laws."

The resolution said the "Communists from North Vietnam and their sinister terrorists — the National Liberation Front or Viet Cong — will undoubtedly make use of the so-called peace negotiations in Paris only as an instrument of propaganda, to regain what they have lost on the battlefield."

that the only language Communists can understand is force," the conference resolved "to lend unequivocal, unstinted and solid support to the Republic of Vietnam which has rightly refused to be cowed by the treachery and malevolence of the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong and maintains its firm and unflinching stand, despite tremendous pressure from outside forces, never to yield from outside forces, never to yield an inch in the Paris talks and never accept the formation of a coalition government as the price for a peace that at best can only be transitory, ephemeral and evanescent."

The resolution concluded by saying it would "without the least hesitation or purpose of evasion, lend its moral, intellectual, financial and professional assistance to President Nguyen Van Thieu, Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky and all the Republic of Vietnam delegates to the Paris talks so that they may continue to argue from a position of strength."

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