

The Quality of Sainthood



Jesuit Father Vincent Ferrer, 43, of Barcelona, Spain, and Mother Teresa Bojaxhiu, 54, of Skopje, Yugoslavia, have one thing in common, according to two of America's largest picture magazines—and that common quality is probable sainthood.

In the March 4 issue of Look, an article titled "The Making of a Saint" by Curtis Bill Pepper tells the story of Mother Teresa. To tens of thousands of India's poor who live in black despair, she is a "white angel in a sari."

The Feb. 28 issue of Life contains a photo story on Father Vincent Ferrer, the "Unknown Saint of India," who has won the reverence and devotion of the poverty-plagued farmers with whom he works.

Sister Teresa, who left the convent of the Sisters of Loreto to answer a call "to help the poor while living among them," now heads an order of 350 Sisters who limit their services exclusively to the neediest of the poor. ("Other companies," Teresa explains, "have begun by helping the poor. Then, gradually, they service the rich-poor, and finally, the rich.")

They teach 5,400 children in 44 schools, treat 404,000 patients—in 134 dispensaries, care for some 22,000 leprosy patients, and minister to more

that 2,000 dying destitutes in 12 homes.

Describing her work in what author Bill Pepper calls India's human "river of sorrow," Mother Teresa says: "We see Christ under two forms. We see Him on the altar, as bread, and we see Him in the slums, as the broken bodies of forgotten people."

The conditions of almost incredible suffering, and squalor in which the Sisters work are indicated in the story of a dying man Mother Teresa once brought into her Calcutta hospital after he was refused admittance to other hospitals. As Pepper describes it: "Half the dying man's body was consumed by cancer" and "the stench of the cancer was so strong that other patients protested. A mate attendant, cleaning worms from the untended flesh, was seized with a fit of retching. The Sisters were thus forced to move the dying man to another room. Mother Teresa undertook to clean him herself."

"How can you stand my stench?" the dying man asked.

"It is nothing to the pain you must feel," the nun replied.

Later, he whispered, "Glory be to you."

"No," answered Teresa. "Glory be to you who are suffering with Christ."

Of her journeys through

the streets of Calcutta—which the late Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru once called "the Nightmare City"—Mother Teresa says: "Those we find in the streets are Christ in a distressing disguise. Our mission is to help Christ—not destroy the multiplicity of His presence."

"A body comes in eaten by worms. I know when I touch it that I am touching the body of Christ. Otherwise, nothing could make me do it."

Over the years, Mother Teresa and her company of Sisters have picked up more than 21,000 dying destitutes from the streets and trash dumps of India.

The second candidate for sainthood, as nominated in a recent issue of Life, is Father Vincent Ferrer, a native of Barcelona, Spain, who has spent the last decade working as a Jesuit missionary in Madras, India. Father Ferrer called "baba" (reverend) by the India farmers with whom he works—has earned a less respectful sobriquet from certain local politicians who refer to him as the "Madman from Madras."

Father Ferrer is a controversial figure because of his unorthodox missionary approach, the Life article relates. He "spends little time talking religion and seldom even mentions God. His concern is to help desperately poor farmers coax water and crops from parched soil."

Soon after his arrival in

India in 1958, the Jesuit quickly saw that the needs of this poor region were more elemental even than health and education. He walked from village to village distributing seed, digging wells and quietly preaching the virtues of cooperation and work—a technique he still employs everywhere he goes."

He is the founder of the Farmers' Service Society, a cooperative that has built more than 1,000 wells in the hard-baked clay around Madras. He has also helped establish schools where some 1,500 children are being taught and fed.

To pay for missionary projects, Father Ferrer and his companion, Father Angelo Montalvo, an accomplished guitarist, periodically journey into Bombay. There, in their worn white cassocks, they would "enter the swankiest restaurants and hotel bars—whose proprietors were friendly to them—and stage mock holdups. 'I'm Laurel,' Father Ferrer would announce. 'I'm Hardy,' his accomplice would say, antiphonally, keeping everybody covered with his guitar. Then, as Father Montalvo sang, Father Ferrer would move among the guests passing a Nehru hat."

His controversial methods caused Father Ferrer to be expelled from India last year, after his movement had spread to 700 villages. But 25,000 Indian farmers staged a protest over the priest's ex-

pulsion, and the Prime Minister herself, Indira Gandhi, finally took action to have the missionary reinstated.

Now Father Ferrer plans to expand his "chain of solidarity" scheme to all needy areas of India. Will he succeed? Based on his growing popularity among the poor of India, chances are he will. For, according to Life, "there are those in India even now who call him reverend and mention him in the same breath with Mahatma Gandhi."

(From the National Register)

Stolen Portrait Back on Exhibit

The Rembrandt painting that was stolen a year ago from Eastman House and recovered in October is now on permanent exhibition at Memorial Art Gallery.

The "Portrait of a Young Man," which art experts date at 1660, has been repaired and refreshed and hangs in the second-floor Renaissance Room. It was acquired by George Eastman in 1911 and bequeathed to the University of Rochester in 1932.

WIND ENSEMBLE SETS CONCERT

The Eastman Wind Ensemble, whose second recording will be released this month, will play a free concert at 8:15 this Wednesday night in the Eastman Theatre.

Donald Hunsberger will conduct the ensemble in a program that includes two premieres: Warren Benson of the Eastman faculty will conduct his own Symphony for Drums and Wind Orchestra.

MOTHER AGNES CECILIA ON SCHOOL STUDY BOARD

Mother Agnes Cecilia, mother general of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, is on a seven-member commission studying Catholic school organization in this state.



Notre Dame Mail Call

The greatest volume of mail in the history of the Notre Dame president's office greeted the statement of Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., promising suspension, expulsion and arrest for disruptive demonstrators. Helen Hosinski, Father Hesburgh's secretary, sorts through some of the response which has been arriving at the rate of more than 200 a day. Notre Dame says a check of its first 600 missives disclosed critical response from only six persons; the others endorsed the president's stand. (RNS)

ST. PAUL AND LENT

Be Joyful Amidst Hardships

By Peter Schineller, S.J.

The author of the following article, the fourth in a series of seven Lenten meditations, has taught as a scholastic in New York City high schools, and currently is in second theology at Woodstock.

"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

—St. Paul's letter to the Romans, 15, 13.

The philosopher Nietzsche threw a sharp criticism and challenge at Christians. He said that before he would believe in Christ, "his disciples would have to look more redeemed." Christians must face the truth in this criticism.

Each of the letters of the apostle Paul begins with a greeting and blessing, a prayer that the grace and peace of God be present with the recipients of the letter. So too, in the Scripture verse above, Paul affirms that the result of faith must be peace and joy. The Christian is joyful and at peace because he knows that God's love for man has been proven, especially in the reconciling death and resurrection of Christ which we celebrate at Easter.

But in the year 1969, can a Christian dare to be joyful? When the world lacks peace, when fear grips so much of our nation, when children starve in Biafra, can we call ourselves informed Christians, and still be joyful?

Paul might help us, for he

was no stranger to suffering, hardship, discouragement and imprisonment. Even in these circumstances, however, because of his union with Christ and his dedication to the service of man, he is "sorrowful yet always rejoicing." "In all our trouble I am filled with consolation and my joy is overflowing" (2 Cor. 7, 4).

Deeper than the pain of his sufferings and misfortunes was the joy and peace that comes from sharing in the joy of the Risen Christ. This peace and joy was not naive. Rather than allow Paul to overlook the misery and sin around him, it gave him the strength and confidence to preach the good news of salvation.

He tells the Christians at Philippi that God's peace is

like a sentinel. "The peace of God, so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus" (Philippians, 4: 7). The joyful lives of Christians spring from and prove their faith in the Redeemer.

"Smile! God loves you." Correctly understood, these four words summarize what Paul is proclaiming. The Easter mysteries of the death and resurrection of Christ, prove that God loves us, enough to die for us. His Spirit of joy and peace remains with us. If we really believe and put into practice the truths of our faith, then we will live not with a smile perhaps, but with something deeper and more significant, the peace and joy of the Spirit.

What's Happening In the Diocese

St. Ambrose Rosary Society will sponsor a mother-daughter tureen supper at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Dailey Hall.

The Catholic Widowed Parent Club will have a dinner-dance at 8 tomorrow night in the Rochester German House, 315 Gregory. Reservations must be made by Monday through 286-3998 or 288-9506.

Holy Family Men's Club plans a father-son breakfast for Sunday, March 23, after the 8:30 Mass. The speaker will be from the Rochester American Hockey Club.

Holy Spirit Rosary Guild's "mod" fashion show is scheduled for 8 tonight in the parish hall, Hatch and Plank Roads, Penfield. Mrs. Daniel J. Calendo is chairman.

The McQuaid Parents Club will sponsor a fashion show at 8 Wednesday night, proceeds to go toward renovation of the chapel. Mrs. Alphonse Lucas is chairman and Mrs. William Christiansen, co-chairman.

Palm Sunday, March 30, will be a day of recollection for Ontario women. Father Frederick Walz of St. Patrick's, Rochester, will conduct the service from 2 to 5 p.m. in St. Mary's of the Lake Church. The Rosary-Altar Society is the sponsor.

There'll be corned beef and cabbage Sunday afternoon at St. Joseph's, Livonia. The annual "Jiggs" dinner will be served from 1 until 4:30.

The Rosary-Altar Society of St. Patrick's, Owego, will conduct a card party in the church hall at 8 p.m. Thursday.

The Rochester Catholic Adult Club has a cabin party scheduled for this Sunday afternoon, at Creekside Lodge, Ellison Park.

The Rosary-Altar Society of Mother of Sorrows will sponsor a fashion show Tuesday night at 8, in the hall, 5000 Mt. Read.

St. Rita's Society, West Webster, will hear Mrs. Gertrude Baumer, designer and decorator, Tuesday night at 8. Tickets for the parish dinner-dance April 11 at Island Valley will be on sale at the meeting.

The Catholic Women's Club of Rochester will have a business meeting and dessert luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Knights of Columbus rooms, 513 Monroe. A card party to raise money for the scholarship fund will follow.

The Canistota Valley Boys will play for round and square dancing Saturday night at Greenwood Central School at a benefit for St. Mary's, Revvile.

"Family night" at 8 p.m. Wednesday will take the place of the Mothers' Club meeting at St. Monica's. There will be musical entertainment.

Mrs. A. Gordon Ide of Oak Manor Crescent, Pittsford, will entertain the 18th Seton Branch at luncheon tomorrow at 1. Mrs. Raymond J. Murphy will review, William E. Barrett's "The Wine and The Music."

The St. Thomas More Women's Guild will have an afternoon of recollection Sunday, beginning at 2. Father Emmett Halloran, principal of King's Preparatory School, will speak.

Bishop Kearney High School will sponsor its fourth annual father and son bowling tournament at North Park Lanes, Sunday, Mar. 30 at 1 p.m. Reservations may be made with Brother Cawley at Bishop Kearney.

Annual St. Patrick's Party sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Monica's Church is slated for 9 p.m. tomorrow in the school hall.

All the women of Good Shepherd parish, Henrietta, are invited to the St. Patrick's party arranged by the Rosary Society for 8 p.m. Monday, in the school hall.

The Ladies Auxiliary, K. of C. Council 178, will have a business meeting at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at 513 Monroe.

St. Patrick's, Victor, has scheduled two successive Saturday night dances in the School of Religion: a St. Patrick's dance for teenagers tomorrow from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.; and a dance for adults Mar. 22 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

An ecumenical luncheon is planned at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brighton, at noon Wednesday, Mar. 19. Parishioners of neighboring churches have been invited. Guest speaker will be Canon Arthur R. Cowdery of St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

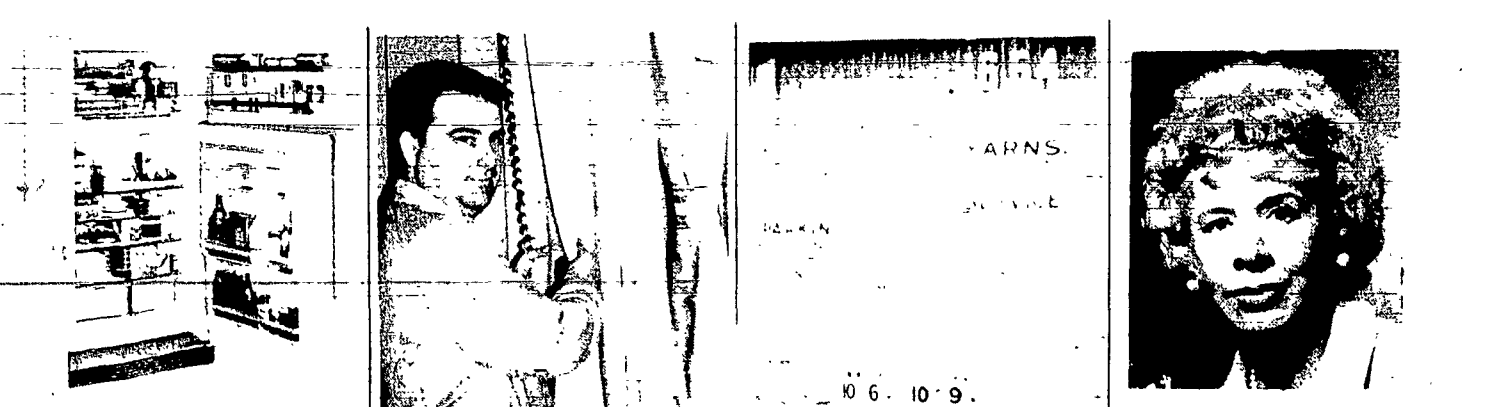
This month's meeting of Holy Angels Guild will be a food demonstration at the Rochester Gas & Electric Company, East Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 31.

St. Mary's Hospital annual dinner-dance to honor members of its staff is scheduled Thursday, May 8, at Oak Hill Country Club.

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By Ruth DeMallie



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DO YOUR OWN THING

These interesting responses to the question: What does it mean to "Do Your Own Thing" were selected from the flood of mail. Mrs. Phoebe Backscratch says "If you don't do your own thing and nobody else does the thing for you, then the thing obviously won't get done, and this hinders progress."

Algernon Pitfall had a more serious response. He feels that "Do Your Own Thing" has deep-seated psychological roots, and that this saying has been evolving for several centuries, but has just now appeared as part of modern vocabulary.

Unusual replies also came. Maxwell Hoodwink and the Terrence Starchcollar family over there on Patchwork Lane. However, space does not permit printing their comments today. I'm holding the contest open due to the great enthusiasm shown. So write in NOW, your thoughts on the meaning of "Do Your Own Thing." —Ruth

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If you want to decorate and keep the budget, Art Thomas suggests you select from the wallpaper specials that are now selling at "ridiculous prices." Bundle lots are available in patterns for any room, and there are many early American patterns to put the smart authentic Colonial look in your home. Ask for the "Shoppportunity Specials" at PINNACLE PAINT CO., Inc., 182 Monroe Ave., 546-5646. Open Fri. eve.

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