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They should have known it. He had not come to be either a social worker or a theological professor. "I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over" (Luke 12/49).

How could they have missed that He was the Suffering Servant Who would save men from sin which causes all social ills? He told them that He was to be the Bridegroom violently taken away (Mark 2/20), and that He was the Son of the Vineyard Owner Who would be killed (Mark 12/1).

Not even at the end of His life did they understand. The night He instituted the Eucharist which was to proclaim His death, they were still struggling for first seats at table. He goes back once more to the Suffering Servant described by Isaiah: "I tell you these words of Scripture have to be fulfilled in Me, 'He let Himself be taken for a criminal'. Yes, what Scripture says about Me is even now reaching its fulfillment!" (Luke 22/37).

They knew what He was referring to, and it is possible that He might even have recited the whole of the passage of Isaiah, referring to Himself:

"A man of sorrows and familiar with sufferings,

A man to make people screen their faces; He was despised and we took no account of Him.

And yet ours were the sufferings He bore, Ours the sorry sorrows He carried. But we, we thought of Him as someone punished,

Struck by God and brought low. Yet He was pierced through for our faults, Crushed for our sins. On Him lies the punishment that brings us peace

And through His wounds we are healed".

Finally that night, as the apostles struggled for the first seats at table, Our Blessed Lord accepted the title given to Him, that He was Lord. But why was He Lord? In order to serve. To prove that, He girded Himself with a towel and washed the feet of His disciples. One can find a parallel between the emptying of the glory of the Son of God in becoming man (Phil. 2/5-11), and the gestures that were described in John as he despoiled himself, as it were, from the robes of his glory, and became the lowly Servant given to the work of cleansing and purifying: "You called Me Master and Lord, and rightly, so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you" (John 13/12-14). To profess Divinity is not enough.

Here is the answer to the faithful who identify theology with sociology on the one hand, and

those on the other who resent the young priests and religious spending themselves and being spent in alleviating hunger and injustice.

The Christ is not a social worker, neither is His Divinity to be surrounded by the faithful and isolated from the world. The Christ is God Who is the Suffering Servant of mankind.

Christians are cross bearers, Simons of Cyrene who are pressed into social service while following His footsteps; men, women and youths bearing witness against the rampant sins which surround them.

"Give us a virile Christ for these rough days!

Too long your lips have sounded in the praise Of patience and humility. Our ways Have parted from the quietude of old; We need a man of strength with us to hold The very breach of Death without amazement, Did He not scourge from temple courts the thieves?

And make the arch-fiends self again to fall? And blast the fig tree that was only leaves? And still the ragging tumult of the sea? Did He not bear the greatest pain of all, Silent, upon the Cross of Calvary?"

—Rex Boudry

*Elton Sheen*

## Rochester Man Takes OFM Vows

Joseph Paul DiGiaco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic DiGiaco of Holy Family parish, will offer for his first vows tomorrow, June 28, to the Order of Friars Minor. The ceremony will take place at St. Raphael's Friary, Lafayette, N.J.

In preparation for the priesthood, DiGiaco will enter at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., after a summer of study at Siena College, Loudonville. He was graduated in June, 1968, from St. Joseph's Seraphic Seminary in Calcoon, N.Y., where he also had attended high school. His parents live at 408 Harvest Drive.



J. P. DiGiaco



## Apalachin Parish Chooses Council

Members of the new parish council at St. Margaret Mary's, Apalachin, and their priests, are, from left: Sal Porcello, representing the Holy Name Society; Leo Grudinski, member at large; Mrs. Earl T. Travis, Altar-Rosary Society; Douglas C. Hoffman, assistant pastor; Robert Col-

lins, Ronald Jones and Mrs. Robert E. Donnelly, at-large members; Father Val S. Jankowiak, pastor; Arden Wolterman, CCD, and Fred Brown Sr., financial committee. A representative of the Youth Advisory Council will be elected.

## Avon Church Issues Paper for Catholics

Avon — Residents of 7,500 homes in the Avon-Lima-Geneseo area got a "new look" at St. Agnes Church here last week in the form of a "little newspaper" outlining parish activities.

Titled "News About Your Catholic Neighbors," the printed four-page 6x12-inch bulletin was included as a paid advertisement supplement in the area's Geneseo Valley Father Atwell Penny Saver publication.

Produced by the pastor of St. Agnes, Father Henry A. Atwell, former editor of the Courier-Journal, the supplement contained eight stories and a like number of photographs.

One of the stories notes that St. Agnes Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Aug. 15.

Pointing out that more than 1,400 persons attend Sunday morning Masses at St. Agnes each week, the leading article describes them as a "cross-section" of Avon area people.

"There are long-haired teenagers," it reads, "and some quite bald, middle-aged business men, miniskirted girls and women who have to tint their gray away, commuters to the city and farmers, babies that squirm and cry, quiet elderly folk. None are wealthy, none

seem to be destitute."

The paper explains that of the approximately \$100,000 annual cost to operate the parish, \$89,000 has been budgeted for the next year for the parish school, which has more than 300 youngsters enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grade. Commenting on the school, it declares:

"Catholics are convinced that God ought not to be cut off from any part of life, because He is the author of all life.

"Religion, of course, is a big factor in Catholic education, but it's more caught than taught! Religion isn't just a subject like arithmetic or geography, but an atmosphere which permeates, but does not

suffocate, the whole school day.

"It isn't just learning about ancient Bible history or even just about Catholic beliefs and customs, but trying to find out how Jesus of Nazareth wants us to live today in a democratic society, how to bring peace to a world plagued by war, how to bring food to people who are starving, how to bring into reality the American dream of freedom and justice for all."

Another article outlines the purposes and lists the members of seven commissions in the Parish Council — liturgy, school, Christian formation, adult education, property, finance, and cemetery.

Father Atwell said he hopes

to produce a similar supplement again next month and every few weeks thereafter.

In Upstate New York the Important People relax and play at LAKES FINGER

Advertisement for Finger Lakes Race Track, featuring horse racing and betting information.

Advertisement for Geo. M. Glancy Carting Co., Inc., featuring a photo of Elmer A. Frank and the slogan "IT'S STILL A GRAND OLD FLAG!"

Advertisement for "Your BUYERS' Guide" with the slogan "SHOP WITH CONFIDENCE" and "FRIENDLY SERVICE".

Advertisement for "GENERAL BUSINESS" featuring various services like "THE HOFFMAN MUSIC SHOP", "WEGMAN DAIRY INC.", and "Watches - Diamonds Budget Terms".

Advertisement for "DRUG STORES" featuring "BLESSED SACRAMENT PHARMACY", "GILSON PHARMACY", "HEATH DOWNTOWN DRUGS", and "BILL'S LIQUOR LOCKER".

Advertisement for "PACKAGE STORES" and "SUPER DISCOUNTS" featuring "PARISIAN LIQUOR STORE" and "HENNER'S LIQUOR STORE".

Advertisement for "ATLANTIC BUILDING SUPPLIES" located at 2715 W. Henrietta Rd.

Large advertisement for Canadian R & R Whisky, featuring a bottle image and the slogan "From Canada's oldest distiller".

Advertisement for "FEEL GOOD TODAY" by The Holy Father's Mission Aid to the Oriental Church, including a form for donations.

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