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Save the Stadium, Name It for Fr. Carter

BY GEORGE BEAHON

George Beahon covered Aquinas Institute football in its Big League days following World War II and was closely associated with Father Carter both as friend and a writer. He has the following thoughts for the Courier-Journal on "Father Cy."

What flashes through the mind when a man from the Courier asks "How you knew Father Cy? Fine educator, of course. Outstanding priest, certainly. But above all — a super human being.

Father Cy faced some rugged decisions as athletic director at the Dewey Avenue school. His "Go" verdicts, despite opposition, put football at Aquinas into national prominence. He fielded all questions and handled all critics. He knew he couldn't win all the administrative battles but he never backed away from one, and when Aquinas finally retreated from major league football, the scoreboard had Father Cy far out in front of the field, over all.

When I covered Aquinas football in its glory days, most of the copy was favorable, simply because it was deserved. There was the occasional time I printed a blast or two, and Father Cy's reaction was not unexpected.

"I could choke you," he told me one afternoon following a practice back of the school, "for that piece you wrote this morning. But you are right more often than not, and I guess that you are entitled to make a mistake. You might even be right this time . . . so let's discuss this over a little libation."

There was a period when I deliberately agitated the good kids at both Aquinas and McQuaid, and don't think that writing of this rivalry did not bring on some poison pen mail. By the pound. Some parents and even an educator or two took umbrage, but Father Cy enjoyed it to the hilt. Helped promote it. And kept a twinkling eye on the turnstiles.

You think of Father Cy at Arlington National Cemetery when the great Maj. Don Holander was put down, amid the same impressive ceremonies accorded an assassinated president. Father Cy con-celebrated the Mass. You think of the time you lost a son — a McQuaid boy, not Aquinas—and Father Cy asked if it would not be out of order, please, but could he concelebrate this Mass too.

Christmas after Christmas — even after disassociation with

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Little Sharon Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, of Brainard Place, Painted Post, is obviously enjoying her stay at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, with nurse Ruth Anne Sweeney. More Photos in Centerfold.

Smile!

Regional Schools System Developing

Regional groupings of parishes called for in Bishop Hogan's "Pastoral on Christian Education" (March 17) to strengthen the total educational programs of the diocese will come from area meetings and inter-parish dialogues already begun, according to Father Albert Shamon, vicar for education.

"A temporary chart to stimulate the formation of regional units of parishes with natural affinities has been prepared," he said. "It will be submitted very soon to the priests and people of the regions concerned for their comment and emendation."

The first draft of suggested groupings to be discussed lists seven "regional units" in Monroe County and seven more units to embrace the 11 other counties of the diocese.

Meeting the current school crisis is the immediate target of the regional planning but other diocesan projects can also be decentralized when the inter-parish groupings are well established, Father Shamon indicated.

"Because the parishes must be naturally related and inclined to work together to pursue goals too large for the individual parish," Father Shamon stated, "the final groupings will not be made arbitrarily by our office but will be allowed to surface naturally from workshops, teach-ins and dialogues we shall arrange all over the diocese."

Under the regionalism plan all parishes in each geographical unit (comprising perhaps 10 to 20 parishes apiece) will gather to analyze area school problems and work out solutions together. A Regional Board of Education will be set up with each parish represented by an elected delegate.

Each region will be self-sustaining and will require full-time salaried personnel and a center to work from, the plan says.

Parishes outside Monroe County have been tentatively regionalized into the following units: Tompkins, Tioga, Steuben, Chemung-Schuyler, Livingston, Cayuga plus one third of Wayne, Ontario-Seneca-Yates plus one third of Wayne.

Monroe County, with one third of Wayne County, may have seven units of parishes.

Bishop Hogan's response to the educational Task Force Report called for regionalism to bolster the parochial school system and "improve the quality of our religious education program".

In each region pastors and parish boards would keep full autonomy and responsibility for educational matters purely parochial.

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Lenten Thoughts

We Are All Lovable

By FR. RAYMOND BOOTH

This is the fourth in a series of Lenten messages written for Courier-Journal readers by pastors from throughout the diocese. Father Raymond Booth is co-pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Rochester.

This past week a man in our parish died. That is not unusual. People are born, suffer, and die every day in every parish, in every city. But this man died alone—so alone that no one discovered him for nearly a week. Old, alone and now dead. Is it possible to live in the center of a densely populated area and not be known—so unknown and uncared for and unloved that you exist and die without anyone even noting it? It is!

The inner city is a place where people scratch out a living—and they suffer a lot—and they die. Jesus is here—perhaps more here than many places because people are poor and in need. "The foxes have their holes but the Son or Man has no place to lay his head." "The poor you have always with you." "I will be with you all days."

Isn't one of the messages of Lent that **GOD DOES CARE?** that he does love us and that we are not alone? Some people still haven't heard that message of Jesus because they haven't seen it incarnate in their fellow man.

We who profess our faith in

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