

FR. ALBERT SHAMON

## Word For Sunday



In a "Peanuts" cartoon, Lucy drew a heart half black and half white. She said to Linus, "There are two forces constantly at war with each other in the human heart." Linus grabbed his middle and gulped. "I can feel them fighting."

A missionary was talking to an old Indian about what it was like to be a Christian. The Indian said that being a Christian was like having two dogs inside of him fighting. There was the bad dog (sinwardness) and the good dog (Godwardness).

"Which dog is winning?" asked the missionary.  
"The one I feed the most."  
There you have it.

Every day we make thousands of choices: to speak, not to speak; to be on time, to be late; to be kind, to be mean; to pray, not to pray; to go to an X-movie, not to go. Each choice brings us closer or further away from the person God intends us to be. It all depends on which "dog" we are feeding the most.

Our Lord put it this way: "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps" (R III).

Our Lord said following Him begins with a desire. "Whoever wishes to be my follower"—wishes or thirsts like parched earth for rain (Response). Christ then went on to warn that there are two things that can kill such a desire: one inside us, to which Lucy and the Indian referred, namely our bad self; and the other outside us—the crosses of each day. Accordingly, the Christian must have a double plan of action. He must deny self, and he must carry the crosses of each day.

Christ never was so foolish as to attack institutions, governments, the Establishment. As far as we know, He never got involved in a great social cause of any kind. He knew better than to waste His time treating

symptoms; racism, phony politics, hurting sex, drugs. Instead Christ worked with the disease—man himself. "The fault is not in our stars, but in ourselves."

"Deny self," He said. "Self-sufficiency, if you would have faith; self-will, if you would have obedience; self-seeking, if you would have charity; self-righteousness, if you would have humility; self-indulgence, if you would have chastity; and self-complacency, if you would have achievement."

As for the crosses of life, Christ never promised to take them away. Man lost the earthly paradise; he must never again try to regain this paradise lost. His goal now is the heavenly paradise. The way to it is marked with crosses. Per aspera ad astra—through bitter paths to the stars.

As the angel in Gethsemane did not take away the cross of Christ but helped Him for the carrying of it, so Christianity does not eliminate the crosses of life but gives us shoulders to bear them. Alfred the Great pleaded to Our Lady in the dark days when barbarous Danes had overrun his England. Our Lady answered.

"Night shall be thrice night over you.  
And heaven an iron cope.  
Do you have joy without a cause,  
Yea, faith without a hope?"

Our Lady said in effect things would get three times worse before they would get better. Heaven would seem like an iron curtain, impenetrable to prayer. But then Our Lady chided Alfred. For he had made little use of his faith. Faith gives a cause, purpose to life. A cause gives joy. But more, faith gives hope. Alfred should have had joy and hope even in the throes of defeat.

These days are dark for Christians. But for those who have faith, there has to be joy and hope.

## Brotherly Gesture For Father's Day

The people of two local parishes are using Father's Day as an occasion to show concern for their less fortunate brethren.

The Legion of Mary at Holy Cross and Holy Name of Jesus parishes will make a canned food collection. Parishioners have been asked to leave donations in baskets at church entrances Saturday evening and Sunday, June 20.

Canned goods will go to the Office of Human Development for distribution in rural areas of the diocese. Last winter, the office gave away 5,000 cans of food, nearly exhausting its reserve.

William Buechel, president of the Legion at Holy Cross, and originator of the obser-

vance, hopes the campaign will become an annual event throughout the diocese. "Persons outside the parish who wish to contribute canned goods are welcome to bring their donations to Holy Cross," he said. Baskets will remain in the church all day Sunday.

## Mother's Club

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Hornell — At the annual Mother's Club Banquet June 2 a check for \$2,500 was presented by the group to Sister M. Ambrose to be used for needs of St. Ann's School.

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## Lima Facility Designed For Proprietary Care OPEN HOUSE JUNE 20th

In a Livingston County medical care bed-need study recently presented the Board of Supervisors by the Rochester Regional Health Planning Council, the county's principal deficiency was identified as proprietary care beds.

The technical term refers to space for elderly people who can get around by themselves and generally take care of their personal needs, but who still need help from time to time, need supervision, and usually need their meals prepared.

Most of the bed need is expected eventually to be provided by an addition of some 100 beds to Livingston County Home and Infirmary. Either in a new building or in the Mt. Morris TB Hospital, if the county takes it over.

Private enterprise has not been very active in the proprietary care field. Most large new construction has been for nursing homes in which many of the patients are bedridden or confined to wheelchairs and where a relatively large staff of registered nurses has to be retained.

Proprietary care usually is limited to private homes whose owners convert unneeded residential space for use by four or five elderly people.

So well established is this pattern that developers of a new facility at 2714 Poplar Hill Road in open farming country about three miles southwest of the Village of Lima are pioneers in Livingston County in designing and building from the ground up a facility specifically adapted to the needs of proprietary care residents.

In fact, the new Alpine Manor Home for adults is one of the very few new proprietary care facilities built in a wide area of Western New York, and as far as its developers know is the first in Western New York to be built completely to new proprietary standards made effective last July by the State Health Department.

Thomas E. Kinsella and his son Jim, the developers, had a hard time finding precedent for the kind of facility they had in mind. They worked closely with T. Kondtias, a state architect, and personnel of Clarkson Ryan, general contractors, throughout the whole life of the project, constantly making revisions and adding refinements both to meet state standards and to satisfy their own ideas of what an ideal proprietary care home should be.

What they have come up with is a long, single-story concrete block building with brick veneer facing. It has a distinctly residential appearance, in keeping with the type of care provided.

It has a solarium at each end of its two wings, double and single rooms for 24 residents, a full basement, a large kitchen and large communal dining room.

Construction is fully fire-proof and the building is equipped with fire warning and protection devices to exacting state demands.

A supervisory station in the center of the building will be manned around the clock and is the center for a complex signal system, not only for fire but for resident movement. One of its refinements is a warning light which signals exactly which door is opened at night in case a resident wanders off.

Heating is all electric. Cost is about \$250,000, roughly \$10,000 a bed.

Clarkson Ryan used subcontractors from the local area exclusively.

Construction began last October, and the building is scheduled to open next Sunday.

Fees are about half the prevailing rate for nursing home care.

Kinsella has been a town of Lima resident for 18 years and operated a business which equipped nursing stations in hospital and other facilities until selling it last April.

He and his family have a home on the Poplar Hill site of the new building.

The enterprise has attracted the attention of Livingston County's social service commissioner, who noted the "great need" for the kind of care it will provide; Assemblyman James L. Emery, who said he was "continually besieged" with reminders of the shortage of proprietary care facilities, and local service clubs which endorsed the program.

For further information:

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