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Friends from Across the Sea

Auburn—Students and teachers from the Canary Islands and Spain posed for this photo with Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan, pastor of Holy Family Church,

and Father John J. Glogowski, following the Sunday Mass at which they had been invited to share the songs in their native language.

Members of the group, under the auspices of the Foreign Studies League of Salt Lake City, Utah, is finishing up their three-week stay with Auburn area families.

"It must be easy," wrote a young priest from my own diocese, "to sit on a comfortable chair and wait for someone to bring you computer sheets while other men go to jail for their beliefs." Such a hate-filled statement made him happy and I wouldn't want to deny him that—not even by saying that I do occasionally go down to the data processing room and pick up my own sheets.

But it seems to me that his letter is typical of the "jail syndrome" which is becoming so popular in some circles in the American Church. The wisdom, effectiveness, morality, and rationality of a position is proven by the willingness of those who hold it to go to jail. You cannot discuss, question, or even express doubts about a stand once it has been ratified by a jail sentence.

I would have thought, however, that a willingness to go to jail does prove the sincerity of one convicted for his beliefs, but not necessarily the rightness of his belief. Bernadette Devlin went to jail, but so did Albert Speer. Eamon de Valera went to jail and so did Rudolf Hess. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote his life testament in prison but so did Adolf Hitler. Catholic radicals are in jail because they were convicted at a "political trial," but Sirhan Sirhan is firmly convinced that he is in jail because of his political beliefs. The sincerity of all these

convicts I am prepared to concede, but I will reserve judgment on which of them have presented policies I think make sense.

I have argued that in a society like ours a political stance which is not aimed at winning allies and building a coalition of support is a stance deliberately seeking defeat. Some of the supporters of the radicals concede my point, even admitting that I may be right when I say that "liturgical gestures" are counterproductive for the causes they support.

I must confess that I am always suspicious of those who are so ready to identify their own style with that of Jesus. In fact, I do not find in the words of Jesus the harsh, sweeping denunciations that are so characteristic of the radicals. On the contrary, I see in the ministry of Jesus what I take to be required for all effective witness bearing: the attempt to persuade. I assume that is the reason for bearing witness; one wants to win over others to one's own viewpoint. But even the most elementary kind of psychology tells us that you win over others not by denouncing them, not by engaging in behavior which affronts them, not by claiming a moral superiority over them, and certainly not by refusing even to consider the possibility that there might be something in their viewpoint.

Genoa Church Celebrates 60th

Genoa — St. Hilary's Church celebrated its 60th anniversary recently with a jubilee Mass celebrated by Father Daniel Hogan, pastor since 1967.

Four of the original charter members were in attendance in the church they saw dedicated on Sunday, July 23, 1911 by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey.

The church building, erected in 1829, was formerly the property of the Universalist Church. The collection taken on that day of dedication, amounting to \$700, went a long way towards the purchase price of \$1,500.

The processional of the cler-



gy, litany of the Saints, solemn high mass, music by the organist from St. Aloysius, and songs by St. Bernard's Seminarians marked the occasion.

The church purchased in February of 1911, was remodeled for \$5,000 under the supervision of Father John B. Doran, pastor from 1911-15.

The original steeple was altered to a belfry, surmounted by a cross.

A crowd of more than 500 people packed the frame church for the original dedication. Area Catholics from Auburn, Moravia, Ithaca, and surrounding communities arrived by carriage as well as the newly emerging auto.

Pastors of the church during the past 60 years: Father John B. Doran, 1911-15; Father Edward Dwyer, 1915-20; Father Frederick Straub, 1920-24; Father Edward Lyons, 1924-35; Father Emmett Dougherty, 1935-40; Father John Healy, who served less than a year;

Father John Maxwell, 1940-43; Father Francis Turner, 1943-50; Father William Tobin, 1950-54; Father Leo Hastings, 1954-58; Father Elmer Heindl, 1958-60; Father Raymond Wuest, 1960-64; and Father John Morgan, 1964-1967; and Father Daniel Hogan, now pastor.

Auburn Area Area Notes

Seneca Falls — ST. PATRICK'S Carnival will be held Aug. 5, 6, and 7.

Red Creek — Members of St. Andrew's Parish, Portland Youth Groups, 1939 to 1942, and their families, will have a reunion Aug. 1 with 11:30 a.m. memorial Mass at ST. THOMAS church in Red Creek. A gathering follows in ST. JUDE'S hall in Fairhaven.

Cardinal Retires

Sydney — (RNS) — Bishop James Darcy Freeman of Armidale, New South Wales, has been named Archbishop of Sydney, to succeed the retiring Norman Cardinal Gilroy.

Cardinal Gilroy, 75, said that Pope Paul VI had accepted his resignation, for reasons of age, and had named Bishop Freeman as the new head of the Sydney archdiocese.

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