

Pope Names American To Head Press Office

Notre Dame, Ind. —(RNS)— An American Holy Cross priest, named to head press relations for the Vatican in Rome, suggested here that future dealings between the world press and the Vatican will be carried out in a spirit of openness and "full collaboration."

Father Edward J. Heston, who takes over one of the most crucial and influential "cabinet level" posts in the Vatican, told a news conference here that the "best approach for the Church is to be open, not insisting on secrecy and confidentiality as in the past."

The former secretary of the Sacred Congregation for Religious was appointed by Pope Paul to succeed Archbishop Martin J. O'Connor of Scranton, Pa., as president of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications. In effect, he becomes the Vatican's top informational spokesman.

The 63-year-old native of Ravenna, Ohio, who served as English-language press officer for Vatican II, told newsmen

that his letters of appointment indicated "a more active role" for his commission. The priest added that there is a growing realization of the fact that "full collaboration (with the press) is the means to the informational and educational ends which Vatican officials desire to see in the press."

Father Heston has only three weeks to prepare for press coverage of the forthcoming World Synod of Bishops, slated to get under way in Rome on Sept. 30.

Commenting on the Synod, he held out some hope for direct press access to the sessions, noting that the use of Latin had precluded this during the general Vatican II sessions.

He indicated, however, his belief that "constant briefing officers" could serve as an adequate link to the press if the direct access arrangements cannot be developed.

"I think they are ready to listen to some new ideas in Rome," Father Heston added, "otherwise they wouldn't have appointed me."

CYO Slates Classes

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) has slated the start of three new swimming classes.

SCUBA

— Jim DeClerck, Instructor of Scuba, will begin a new program at the CYO starting Sept. 20. DeClerck's instruction will include: the physics and psychology of diving, underwater photography, night diving and ice diving.

Adult Co-educational classes will be held for 12 weeks on Monday evenings from 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Actual pool time will be from 8:30. During this time Scuba tanks and regulators supplied by the CYO will be used.

Necessary equipment not supplied includes: masks, fins and snorkel. All of the above may be purchased from the instructor at reduced prices. From 8:30-9:30 lectures incorporating movies and slides will be presented.

To qualify for instructions all participants must be at least 15 years old and able to pass a swimmers' skill test.

JR. LIFESAVING

Jr. Lifesaving classes will be held Sundays, 1-3 p.m. Sept. 26-Nov. 14 for eight weeks. All participants must be 11 to 15 years old and able to pass a swimmers' skill test.

SWIM TEAM

Boys and Girls' swim team will start Sept. 20, Mondays, 5:45-7:30 p.m.

Bill West, CYO swim team coach, invites any boy or girl 6-17 interested in learning competitive skills and wishing to participate in AAU meets to come in for a tryout.



FR. PAUL J. CUDDY

On The Right Side

In early August Father Kress said: "We haven't taken our annual trek this year." "You're right!" So we decided on the last week of August.

When I began to arrange for priests to cover for daily Mass in the Hospital it seemed as if August 23 was Priests Exodus and Involvement Week. Nunda Father James Cosgrove was away. His brother Father William Cosgrove was tied up in Penn Yan by Father McVeigh's convalescing from surgery. Andover Father DiFiore couldn't help. That faithful Father Sturmer was afishing. The local trio, Fathers Haffey, MacNamara and Delmonte were occupied. The local Deacon Louis Vasile isn't sacramentally hatched enough to celebrate Mass or hear confessions.

I do wish "they" would quit fustering around and ordain these deacons and have it over with. St. Francis of Assisi became a deacon so he could have permission to preach the Gospel. But he had no intention of becoming a priest. However any deacons I know hope to be ordained to the priesthood; and to celebrate Mass, hear confessions, anoint the sick.

If a man isn't worth his salt to become a priest then he surely shouldn't be ordained a deacon in our present set-up. Even when a priest is not looking for a substitute to serve God's People he does wonder: "Why have a deacon banging around like a hobbled dray-horse when he might better be helping to haul the load."

I like the figure "dray horse", because the Church needs the steady, dependable zealous, unromanticizing priest to serve the People rather than the race horse which is beautiful in body and spirit but not of much use in hauling the load, i.e. the non-glamorous work of the priesthood. And I trust that our deacons are non-glamorous, good, selfless men whose first concern is the Church. If they are, why not ordain them to the priesthood and let the people be served fully?

I finally ended up with Almond Father Leon Neu to take Mass Tuesday and Friday; Canisteo Father Otto Vogt on Thursday; and Annunciation Father William Hickey to come from Rochester for the Wednesday Mass — a 70-mile trek. I would be present for Mass Monday and Saturday. So all was settled for departure to the unknown. We rarely travel by plan.

Just as a good cook squeezes oranges well to get the most juice, my travel intentions include: to learn most; to live most; to experience most; to love most — in the Christian sense of love, not the romantic! — and to return enlarged, spiritually but not corporally, to serve God and neighbor. It is easier to serve when we're relaxed, unpressured and in good health.

Since Fr. K. and I were not to meet until mid-afternoon Monday, and the distance is 100 miles to Montezuma, I phoned Father Cosgrove who is midway at Penn Yan. "I'd like to stop for lunch." "Good. We'll expect you around twelve."

There was a lot of construction en route near Bath. A 20 year old hitch-hiker with a not very fierce moustache stood leaning against a barricade awaiting transport. So I stopped. "Hop in." He smiled graciously, opened the door, lifted a three foot contraption of bed-roll and travel accoutrements, set it in the back seat. Then he gently lifted a two foot long puppy and settled the. Another generation would have made some kind of comment on the canine addition. However, I was glad the chap wasn't on pot or carrying a lead pipe to do me in.

"That's a nice dog. How old is he?" "Ten weeks, sir," he said stroking the dog affectionately. At this point he lowered the dog from his comforting lap to the floor. This was wise since the car floor had a rubber mat which turned out to be useful.

Anyway I admired the enterprise of my passenger: his solicitude for his dog; his casual ease with me who am an obviously institutional type of citizen. I suppose he regarded me with a kindly tolerance and as an acceptable convenience to promote him and his dog. We parted at Wallace. The time to Penn Yan by way of Bath and Hammondsport was about 45 minutes. But that's another story for next week.

Rush Parish Sets Barbecue

The 15th annual chicken barbecue that provides St. Joseph's parish in Rush with an annual scholarship fund will take place Saturday, Sept. 18.

Dinner will be served from 5 until 8 p.m. and there will be booths and games. Mrs. Richard Flaherty and Mrs. Leonard Stelplflug are chairmen.

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