

BOB CONSIDINE

On the Line



If Rose Kennedy, the devout daily Communicant, was bewildered by Leonard Bernstein's concept of the Roman Catholic Mass she covered her true emotions with customary courage. It was "fine," she told radiant Barbara Walters on NBC-Today show. But the way the slender matriarch said "fine" sounded as if she was saying, "Oh dear God!"

One of her daughters, Mrs. Sargent Shriver, flipped over the Mass; said it was just great, and that it's high time some laymen got around to giving the ritual a new thrust—after all the meddling the bishops have done with it since Christ's first one.

Octogenarian Alice Longworth, long-time East Coast distributor of sterling silver bludgeons, said it was the best thing of its kind she had seen since "Hair."

Sculptor Robert Berk's mammoth and blotchy head of President Kennedy makes me wince. JFK was a beautiful man. Daniel Chester French, sculptor of the seated Lincoln in Lincoln Memorial made Lincoln look like Lincoln. Frederic Auguste Bartholdi's Statue of Liberty looks like Miss Liberty. Berk's Kennedy looks like wall-to-wall acne.

"I'm afraid you're a square in the field of art," my friend Hal Wagner of Mutual Broadcasting System told me. "You've got to view it from a

Bishop Hogan Favors Ordaining Married Men

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role of the priest primarily in its sacramental aspects. But, he said, in today's secular culture, this definition no longer seems to be adequate.

He cited the growing number of priest-sociologists, priest-social workers, "hyphenated priests." Bishop Hogan said this development has been an answer but has blurred the older and unique concept of the priest.

Sociologically, the priest is no longer the one, or one of the best educated. In terms of what he used to be, he is now surpassed in many areas, the bishop said.

Psychologically, the image of the priest has developed away from the exalted picture of the priest that has come down to us through pious literature, he said.

He feels we need a new image which will have to come out of the lived existence of the Church today.

The bishop also defined celibacy as a radical decision which liberates the priest more completely to serve the total Christian community.

On Saturday, in discussions on world justice and peace, Bishop Hogan advised the group to be more involved in social problems; and he outlined three qualities of the involved Catholic.

Awareness, meaning not only knowledge of problems but also a sensitivity to them, was the first.

The second, he said, was "to

distance to appreciate it." Okay.

Am leaving today for Anchorage.

The funeral service for Bennett Cerf at St. Paul's chapel on the campus of his alma mater, Columbia University, was as unique and interesting as the man himself. No prayer, priest, rabbi or minister. The muted organ and piano played his favorites from the great shows of his friends: Rodgers, Hart, Hammerstein and Kern. John Daly and Cass Canfield spoke with sentiment but no sentimentality. And at the end, Phyllis Newman, with a smile, softly and superbly sang Cole Porter's "Oh, No, They Can't Take That Away from Me."

Our intrepid man in Belfast, Ireland, John Harris, had an unnerving setback recently while covering a raging street battle. Midst shot, shell, fire, rubber bullets and real ones, John made his way to a downtown hotel, checked his helmet and started into the dining room. It was completely empty of patrons, understandably enough.

"Sorry, Sir, you can't come in," said a headwaiter, stepping from behind the protection of a potted palm and blocking the entrance.

"Why?" John asked, surprised.

"You don't have a necktie, Sir," the man thundered.

understand all the facts and situations and I urge you to have an open mind to balance off all the factors.

Concern was the third. Bishop Hogan said that all of the preceding needed to be put into an effective social concern.

The bishop also said that war is currently the most disruptive force in our society and certainly the most disruptive among youth.

On the Vietnam War, he questioned whether the end achieved was proportionate to the devastation wrought.

Help the Poor Next Sunday

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by which the Gospel may be made known. If, then, you find them on this World Mission Day with begging bowls in their hands, beseeching alms of you for the love of God and neighbor, this will not surprise or scandalize you."

"Your contributions," he said, "generously and willingly given in response to the Pope's annual appeal, are soon put to work, providing for the daily necessities of our missionaries, building churches, schools, hospitals, seminaries and novitiates; feeding the hungry, relieving suffering and bringing emergency assistance in times of disaster."

The Mission Sunday collection in 1970 raised \$155,198.66 in the diocese.

Ordain Women? Cdl. Flahiff Urges Discussion

Vatican City — (RNS) — A Canadian prelate declared here that historical arguments against the ordination of women as priests can no longer be considered valid and urged the Pope to establish a special commission to consider whether women should be ordained.

Cardinal George Flahiff of Winnipeg told delegates to the Synod of Bishops that so far as he knew "there are no dogmatic objections" to reconsidering the whole question. He said he spoke for the Canadian Bishops' Conference.

"We do not wish to prejudice the question (of ordaining women)," said the cardinal. "We do not know if further action should follow."

He said the Canadian bishops "certainly have no recommendations regarding the time or method of such action. But, despite centuries-old social traditions against the ministry of women in the Church," he added, "we are convinced that the signs of the times strongly urge a study, both of the present situation and of possibilities for the future."

"Unless such a study is undertaken at once," Cardinal Flahiff said, "we may find ourselves behind the course of events."

Death to Be Topic at Corning Church

Corning—On Sunday evening, Oct. 24, the first adult education program of the year will be presented at the parish hall of St. Patrick's Church in Corning.

Three speakers will discuss death in the program entitled "Psychological and Emotional Problems Associated with Death," according to Kenneth Miller and Mrs. Roger Steele, co-chairmen.

The co-chairmen identified the three speakers as Dr. Stephen H. Davis, clinical psychologist with the Chemung County Health Association; Father Leopold Protomastro, OFM, Capuchin, a priest from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Friary in Geneva and a professor of theology at St. Bernard's Seminary and Canisius College; and Dr. John H. Martin, director of Learning Resources Center and professor of religion at Corning Community College.

The format will call for general discussion following each speaker. Summaries of the points developed in these groups will follow. A question and answer period will conclude the session, followed by light refreshments.

The public is invited to the program beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mission Mass

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be principal concelebrant at a Mass for the missions at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 24. Concelebrating will be Fathers John S. Hayes, rector of the cathedral; Albert J. Riesner, C.S.S.R., pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Rochester; John J. McDonald SJ, superior of the religious community at McQuaid Jesuit High School; Albert R. Gaellens, CSB, principal of Aquinas Institute; Kevin Driscoll, O. Carm., of Nazareth Academy; and Peter Deckman, Rochester priest from St. Joseph the Worker Parish, La Paz, Bolivia.

Bishop Hogan will also celebrate the Television Mass for the missions at 8:30 a.m. that day, over Channel 10.

Bishops Urge Passage Of Amendment One

Albany — The State's Catholic Bishops have unanimously urged voter adoption of the new Community Development article which appears on the November ballot as Amendment Number One.

A yes vote on Community Development, they say, will bring better living conditions for families, the aged, children in both city and suburbs.

The amendment would replace the Housing Section of the Constitution which was drafted to meet the State's needs in the 1930s.

An impressive list of civic and citizen organizations are endorsing the bill.

The League of Women Voters say:

"Passage of the Community Development Article on Nov. 2 is the League's number one state priority. This amendment is vitally important if the state and local communities are to deal constructively with problems of urban deterioration and rural economic decline."

The amendment has the endorsement of both the 1970 and 1971 legislatures.

The language of the amendment clearly states many of the prospective gain areas which will come from adoption: "urban and community renewal; economic prosperity and ade-

quate employment opportunities; health, mental health and environmental health; child care and aged care; transportation and communications; civil, cultural, recreational and other community facilities and services; or any combination of such purposes."

Presently the law does not allow the government and private enterprise to cooperate effectively in promoting such programs.

It provides only that municipalities and public corporations may be aided in construction of housing, nursing homes and urban rehabilitation.

The new article provides the means for state and private enterprise and non-profit voluntary groups to work together in rebuilding slums, rehabilitating our communities, planning and building for the future.

The new amendment provides that the voters must approve any debt that state or local government would make.

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