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On The Right Side

In the 1930s and 1940s the name Father Leonard Feeney, SJ, evoked great Catholic pride. Like Cardinal Newman, Father Feeney was God's instrument to bring hundreds of souls into. the Catholic Church: not ordinary people, but, like Newman, the intellectual and gifted. Many converts were students and professors at Harvard.

Father Feeney was in demand as a lecturer. He wrote whimsical essays and poetry. He was a bright ornament in the Church. Whatever happened I don't know; but he got caught up with an extreme interpretation of "Extra Ecclesiam—Outside the Church there is no salvation", i.e. only Catholics can be saved. He adamantly insisted that this is the teaching of the Church. As someone said: "He couldn't have chosen a more unpopular

He was censured by Bishop Cushing, but he continued his work, He moved his headquarters; St. Benedict's Center, from Cambridge, Mass. to a beautiful farmland outside the village of Stillriver, Mass., 60 miles from Boston. On August 26 Father Kress and I were in the vicinity, so I said: "Father Feeney's outfit is around here. One of the Brothers is a friend of a friend of mine. Let's go meet him and see what the place is like." Father Kress' enthusiasm was 12 below zero, but he groaned a good natured: "Well, all right." I phoned Brother Gabriel, the friend of my friends. He said: "Do come; and welcome."

I was bursting with curiosity. What is the place like? What are the people like? What do they do? What do they think? What is their connection with the Church?

Brother Gabriel welcomed us cordially and simply, and ushered us into a parlor, typical of old monasteries. While pursuing the amenities: about the trip, mutual friends, travel conditions, Brother G. looked out the window and exclaimed: There's Father Feeney. Just a minute." He returned and introduced us to Father Feeney and some Brother, I had heard Fr. F. speak at St. Bernard's Seminary when I was a semi-narian about 1933, and remembering his then slight figure and merry smile, was surprised to meet a somewhat shaggy, elderly priest. He is 74 years old but looks plater. However, four decades past finds myself no winsome, lithesome youth!

Father F. talked spiritedly. His charismatic charm is still alive. Toward the end of our 15-minute conversation he veered into that strange doctrine of "salvation for Catholics only."
With him it is a compulsion as well as a conviction. When I

Mercyhurst Grads Plan Card Party

The Mercyhurst College Alumnae Association will have a card party Friday night, Nov. 12, at the home of Mrs. Anne Erwin, 591 Flower City Park. Members who have not been contacted may call Mrs. Emmett Miller of reservations.

Others on the committee are Mesdames Marcia Schramek, Mary Mills, Eva Plonski, Mary Miller and RoseMarie Szadek.

gently contested this, he replied: "The Gospel of Christ has been preached. The Catholic Church is visible. How can men not accept it?" Then he smiled: "Well, enough preaching. Won't you stay for supper?" It was 4 p.m. "Thank you, Father. We'd very much like to." (By that time Fr. K. had begun to thaw.) "Good. Brother Gabriel is priceless to us. Brother, why don't you show them around and bring them to Benediction at 5:15." So the tour began.

The main building of St. Benedict's Center, which is really a monastery, is a stately, Colonial white house, greatly extended on back and side. Architecturally it is far from the traditional Monastery. Spiritually it is firmly rooted in the best of Benedictine monasticism. Adjoining is a long building for a Chapel. It is no work of art, but practical. Connecting that building is another which has a tremendous kitchen, on one side and an interesting dining section on the other. Kitchen and dining section are separated by a wide corridor. Istead of the traditional refectory where all eat together, there are eight compartmentlike, doorless dining rooms. All open into the long corridor, and each compartment seats from 12 to 20 persons. Each dining compartment seems to serve different categories: Sisters, Brothers, Novices, Stu-dents, Guests. The last compartment was for guests. There Fr. Kress and I ate chicken legs and home made bread with other guests and six Brothers. The guests included a beautiful Maronite couple from Lebanon where the husband is a professor at the American University of Beirut; and a Jersey technician and his 18-year-old son.

Next week we will discuss liturgy, music, peripheral Catholicism and the spiritual casis at St. Benedict's Center.

(Editor's note; Father Feeney was excommunicated in 1953.)

Hornell **Area Notes**

Dansville — Young people of five area churches again conducted the annual UNICEF drive to raise funds for needy children around the world. Students of the fourth through ninth grades canvassed the community at 3:45 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 31. Theme was "Future for Every Child." Participating were volunteers of the Dansville Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, United Methodist and Sparta Center Churches.

Wayland — A new pastor was welcomed and a farewell was given at a special gathering of St. Joseph's Church parishion-ers Sunday, Oct. 24. Parishioners met newly assigned Rev. William J. Riefer and paid tribute to the long service of Rev. James Marvin, transferred to St. Ambrose, Mrs. Arthur Traphagen was chairman.

Bath — The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in St. Mary's Church at 7:45 p.m. Nov. 23 by the Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty. Children in the 7th and 8th grades who have not been confirmed are asked to attend classes each Sunday at 11 a.m. in preparation for the reception of Confirmation. Adults who have not been confirmed are requested to attend three preparatory classes on the three Tuesdays preceding the Confirmation, Classes are scheduled for 8 p.m. in the rectory and will last one hour.

Hornell — Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM Cap., will be the speaker for the Adult Education meeting on Nov. 11 and 12 at St. Ann's. Father Falcone is scripture professor at St. Bernard's Seminary and his subject on Thursday night will be "The Word of God" and on Friday night "The Scripture... Dialogue between God and Man". The meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in St. Ann's Assembly

Addison — Father Richard O'Connell of St. Catherine's is conducting an Ecumenical Scripture Study Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. It consists of 26 sessions and 65 people are attending to date.

St. John Knights **Set Annual Review**

The annual inspection review and dress parade of the Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John, will be held at Bishop Kearney High School gymnasium at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7.



Maj. Haefele, Lt. Hall, Sgt. Cahill.

Hornell Nurse Joins Air Force

Hornell-Miss Rowlanda Kay Hall of Hornell took the oath of office and was sworn in the United States Air Force Nurse Corps as a second lieutenant in ceremonies in DeSales Hall, St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing Education building.

Maj. Loretta Haefele, U.S.A. Reserve, administered the oath of office to Lt. Hall. Sgt. Jack Cahill, recruiting representa-tive, U.S.A.F., also was present.

A native of Hornell, Lt. Hall is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Hall. She was graduated from Hornell High School in 1967, and was a member of the 1971 class of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing. She will report to Shephard Air Force Base, Texas, for orientation before going to March Air Force Base, Los Angeles.

The ceremony was the first such at the nursing school, and according to Sgt. Cahill, Lt. Hall is the first officer and first nurse he has recruited in the Hornell area,

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