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**On The  
Right Side**

Bob Roser is a tall, black-haired, smiling, mid-thirties promoter; and one of the great Christians I know. I first met him in 1958 when he came to Clyde to direct the annual Good Reading magazine drive sponsored by the Catholic Digest. He was then a member of St. Joseph's parish, Penfield, though his roots were in New York City. He was a man sensitive to all. He came, supple and jovial but profoundly earnest. He was great with the children: an actor and clown; but ever mindful of his object, to promote wholesome reading habits.

What I admired most in him was his kindness to our saintly Father Curtin, who was pastor emeritus, and although retired and invalided in the rectory, was vitally interested in the apostolate of the press. Bob always spent a while of his very limited time with Father Curtin out of sheer kindness. They shared the conviction of the impact made on men's minds and decisions through the printed word.

The returns of subscriptions were almost invariable: 15% for Catholic magazines and papers; 85% for secular. Catholic Digest led the religious subscriptions. TV guide and Readers Digest led the secular ones. While I was always disappointed that the percentage of Catholic magazines was not higher, I considered it a positive action to encourage the better secular ones.

Years ago, with four brothers and one sister married and populating Auburn, I knew I could not afford to buy gifts for all their progeny. In fact the five produced 21 children who in turn have produced 81 more, give or take a couple, who are my grand nieces and grand nephews. Four years ago Our Sunday Visitor sent me an ad for a Christmas special: OSV and their Family Digest for \$5. Thought I: "Both of these make good family reading, and I can afford this much." So I ordered the bargain combination for 17 married nieces and nephews, and have continued each Christmas. The combination now is \$8.

With Christmas near you might want to do something similar for relatives, friends, god-children, baby sitters and CCD teachers. For example, the Courier-Journal is the voice of our Bishop, and carries news of the family of the diocese, plus news of the universal family. For a friend or relative who has moved from the diocese, the Courier-Journal might well be a weekly visit from home. The Catholic Digest is a good family magazine. Its articles are inspirational and instructive, including topics on religion, psychology, health, economics . . . plus some blessed humor. At my elbow is an April copy which includes: Open Your Bible by Thomas Merton; Keep Fiscally Fit from Mechanix Illustrated; The Deacon from Columbia; Help Your Children Get Smarter from the PTA Magazine.

Consider Our Sunday Visitor, The Family Digest; St. Anthony's Messenger which has some lively articles and astute reviews. Academic magazines like America and Theological Studies are good for the bookish; but hold little interest for the usual solid, hardworking family concerned with providing daily bread and care for the children.

Recently I listened to an irked CCD teacher in Rochester who was concerned because she was told to soft peddle to her high schoolers the law that Mass is an obligation. She said: "Fortunately I had read a good article in Our Sunday Visitor on the Mass obligation. While I obeyed the CCD director's directions, at least it does help to know what the Church teaches." A gift of OSV, (Noll Plaza, Huntington, Indiana 46750) would be an especially good gift for parents and teachers.

"Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." A few subscriptions to loved ones is better than lamentations over scurrility. Each subscription is a reminder of your thoughtfulness at least 12 times a year; and with some, e.g. Courier-Journal and Our Sunday Visitor, 52 times a year. It is good to be remembered so nicely and so frequently.

**Abbot Elected  
By Trappists**

Father John Eudes Bamberger, a monk of Gethsemane Abbey, Ky., and a psychiatrist, has been elected the fourth abbot of the Abbey of the Genesee-Pifard.

The prior abbot, Father Jerome Burke, retired in October after more than seven years in office. He will remain with the community but intends to lead a more secluded life within the enclosure, devoting himself to prayer, reading and work, according to Father Stephen Leahy, prior of the Trappist group.

Father John Eudes is a native of Covington, Ky., was an undergraduate at Xavier University and received his medical degree at the University of Cincinnati. He completed his psychiatric training at Georgetown University Hospital. He entered the Trappists in 1950.

The installation will take place early in December.

**NEWS DEADLINE**

A reminder that Courier-Journal news deadline is noon Thursday for the following Wednesday's newspaper.



**Watch the Birdie!**

After her First Communion at St. Jude's Church in Gates, Lisa Hoedley gets her picture taken with Bishop Hogan by her mother, Mrs. Thomas Hoedley. The Bishop gave out First Communion after dedicating the church's patron shrine.

**Report Disappoints  
School Superintendent**

The proposed majority report of the Rockefeller special commission on state aid to education which rejects broad aid to sectarian schools, "would be very disappointing if it comes out this way," said Father Daniel Brent, supervisor of education in the Rochester diocese.

The 18-member commission, according to Religious News Service, recommends state aid be withheld from non-public schools because it would be "un-constitutional" and "against the long-range financial interests of the state," said the RNS report.

"The commission seems to be making some assumptions," said Father Brent, "which are invalid."

"For instance," he explained, "they seem to assume that the voucher system is unconstitutional, when in fact it has never been tested in court. Our lawyers, after reading the latest Supreme Court decisions, felt that the court indicated this was a constitutional method of aid."

On the Blaine amendment to the state constitution Father Brent commented, "Even a reading of the letter of the law would not forbid state aid to parents of non-public school children, and in practice the courts have been even more liberal than this."

Father Brent called "arbitrary and inaccurate" the commission's conclusion that there was little difference between the type of education offered in Catholic schools and that of public schools.

RNS reported that the proposed draft, authored by the commission's head, Buffalo attorney Manly Fleischmann, said that eventually there would be little difference between the per-pupil costs of private and public education. If state aid

were to be increased contrary to the recommendations of the commission, "we think that the aid should be conditioned upon greater self-help, including increased tuition and parish support, redistribution of resources and . . . school consolidation

On the issue of cost difference, said Father Brent, "the commission is giving up on the state legislature, which I think is capable of coming up with ways to encourage private initiative in the education field."

"If state aid were obtained," he continued, "of course consolidation and other methods would be used by our schools to ensure that state money was spent well and economically."

**Communications  
Reorganized**

Washington, D.C. —(RNS)— In a partial reorganization of the U.S. Catholic Conference's Communications Department, Father Patrick Sullivan, SJ, has been named to head the combined film and broadcasting divisions.

Father Sullivan has been serving as director of the US-CC's National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures (NCOMP) since 1966. The new division incorporating the National Catholic Office for Radio and Television (NCORT), will be called the Division for Film and Broadcasting.

**Got Some News?**

The Courier-Journal wants to print news of your organization, club or association. Please remember that the deadline is Thursday noon for the following week's paper.



**Guild Performer**

When the Ladies Guild of St. Cecilia's Church has its tureen supper Tuesday, Dec. 7, entertainment will be provided by 11-year-old Larry Blind of 22 Shorewood Drive, Irondequoit. Larry started taking piano lessons at age 6 with Dr. Richard Egner. At 9 he made his debut at Carnegie Recital Hall. His ambition is to be a concert pianist. Rudolph Ganz, a famous pianist and teacher, described Larry as a "natural born great musician." Classical and modern music will be on the program.

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