



Crying Statue

New Orleans — Liquid appears in the eyes and at the tip of the nose of the famed Marian statue, "The Pilgrim Statue of Fatima," as photographed by Father Elmo Romagosa, editor of the Clarion Herald, news-weekly of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The statue was on display in New Orleans for 10 days. Sister Lucy, the only survivor of the three children who say they had witnessed, in 1917, an apparition of the Virgin Mary, authorized the statue made of cedar.

Our Parish COUNCIL

by Bernard Lyons

How do you evaluate your parish and your council?

Are there standards of judgment to use to help you see how far your parish council has come, and what some directions for the future might be? In the last analysis, God is our judge. But we do have the responsibility to prayerfully consider God's will for us, not only individually, but collectively.

One help to evaluate our parish and council is "An Instrument for Parish Self-Study," a mimeographed guide published by the Department of Christian Formation, Grimsball Point Rd., Savannah, Ga. 31406.

The standards for evaluation are phrased in positive statements under four headings. Match your parish along side these goals, selected from the "Self-Study," for an effective parish and council.

The parish provides opportunities for adult study of the Bible. The parish provides good homilies for Sunday Mass, which meet the religious needs of daily life. The parish is willing to come to grips with the real problems of society in a Christian context.

The parish provides a good inquiry program for those interested in joining the Church or revitalizing their own faith.

The parish provides programs for parents of children receiving religious instruction to explain the parental role in religious education. The parish provides opportunities for the continuing professional education of its clergy. The parish provides opportunities for per-

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sonal study by providing books, pamphlets and a study center.

People have an opportunity to share in the preparation of the Sunday liturgy. Good use is made of the many options available for the Sunday liturgy. Where a parish is large enough, an effort is made to provide liturgy with different tonalities suited to different groups in the parish. Money and parish business do not dominate the liturgy.

Confirmation provides an opportunity for a parish celebration. Parents share in the preparation of children for First Communion, and many options (e.g., home Mass, special parish Mass, etc.) are available for the celebration of First Communion. The parish provides an opportunity for informal prayer groups.

The parish provides stimulus to parishioners to come to grips with local problems. The parish is officially represented in inter-church groups and affairs. The parish is coming to grips with the problem of racial prejudice among its members and its institutional practices. The parish is sincerely concerned and active with the poor.

The council is truly representative of all the various sub-groups in the parish. The council is concerned with all phases of parish life and takes an active part in the decision-making of the parish. The parish council takes an active part in creating a feeling of community among all members of the parish, and there is a growing web of personal relationships in the parish. An increasing number of laity are assuming responsibility for the parish.

RG&E consumer news

Installing electric heat? Nearly 500 years experience in our Residential Department work for you.

The men of RG&E's Residential Department would all like to see you get the most comfort for your heating dollar. They are a team of top specialists in home comfort conditioning, trained in both gas and electric heat, and their combined years with RG&E add up to almost 500 years of service. These 17 Residential Representatives, under the leadership of Manager **Mike Rohde** and Assistant manager **Bob Radell**, help residential customers, builders, and contractors with heating systems in new and existing homes.

The heating and air-conditioning division is supervised by **George Ransom**, who has been with RG&E for 22 years. He holds an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering from R.I.T. **Lee Abbott** is a first-rate mechanic who has thorough understanding of equipment. After 23 years at RG&E, he has become an expert in solving heating system problems. **John Achzet** has also studied at R.I.T. and has a solid background in equipment. In his total of 24 years with RG&E, he has become familiar with steam, gas and electricity. Another who is well-versed in equipment service is **John Heiderich**, who has worked for RG&E for 22 years.

Tom McGarry, who specializes in contractor training, is a nationally certified instructor in the heating field. He's been with us for 21 years. Like Tom, **Jim Schiano** is a nationally certified instructor. Jim, who's been with RG&E for 23 years, holds a degree in Electrical Engineering from R.I.T.

Bob Spencer is a specialist in electric heating design. In 1965 he installed electric heat in his first home, which he built himself. **Jim Van Auker's** 25 years at RG&E have given him an extensive background in service and system design. As distributor Representative, Jim knows the latest in equipment.

Fred Raines is the supervisor of the New Home and Multi-family Construction Division. He has been with RG&E for 26 years. He worked at one time for a contractor and has been active in the Rochester Home Builders' Association for 14 years.

John Andrews coordinates service to new apartment buildings with our operations department. John has been at RG&E for 18 years. **Hank Gorman**, another apartment representative has been with us 26 years and has extensive knowledge in electronic controls equipment. Apartment Representative, **Mike Hoag** has followed modern heating developments from as far back as the days when RG&E manufactured coke. He has been at RG&E 40 years, longer than anyone else in the department.

Carl Corea, a builder's representative, gives advice on equipment, system design and insulation. Carl's been an RG&E employee for 25 years. **Cleon Goodwin**, another builder's representative, is also heavily involved in direct customer contact. He has been at RG&E for 28 years and has a background in gas and electric service. **Paul Lauth** has been with RG&E for 26 years and has 14 years experience with installations in new homes.

Bob Leuscher is our Wiring and Lighting expert and works directly with customers as well as with builders. He studied Electrical Engineering at R.I.T. and has worked at RG&E for 22 years.

George McGrath coordinates Residential Department programs with builders and trade allies, and plans gas main extensions for new developments. He has been at RG&E for 38 years.



Bring in your questions

RG&E has worked closely with contractors, builders, and home owners to insure that every customer is satisfied with the results he gets from his new electric heating system.

This month RG&E is featuring useful information on electric heat at the Consumer Information Center. Some of the men mentioned above will be at the Center to answer your questions or advise you about installing electric heat. You will be able to pick up useful information about systems, equipment, insulation and other things that make a difference by conserving energy and saving you money when you install electric heat.

The Consumer Information Center, located on the first floor of RG&E's main office, 89 East Avenue, is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. When the Center is closed you may take your questions to the Residential Department, 5th floor 89 East Avenue.

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