



New Rectory

Working on construction of new St. Mary's rectory in Honeoye are Allen Wheaton, Charlie Warren, and John Rippel. A population increase around Honeoye Lake made it necessary to change the pastor's residence from St. Michael's church in Livonia Center to its new site. Completion is planned for this November.

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The Open Window



Votive lights have been eliminated from our church? Why?

Probably because they make a mess of the church's interior, are dangerous, and are a terrible nuisance to the people who must care for the sanctuary. Theoretically they are a sign of faith, of enduring prayer, of an ongoing need for God's help. Too often they became a substitute for prayer, a bribe to God, a superstition. When used rightly there is nothing wrong with them — many people have a strong need for such signs. But in the long run they aren't very important in our relationship with God or our fellow man, are they?

What ever happened to indulgences?

Nothing that I know of. But they do seem to have disappeared, don't they? I guess it was because of the new emphases created by Vatican II. For one thing there was developing a kind of silly equation of indulgences with heavenly green stamps. The "three hundred days" thing was commonly misunderstood and gave the impression of a piling up of points in heaven to cover the deficits we created by our sins.

The new emphasis of Vatican II is on the core of our Christianity — our relationship with God as his people, our mission to spread the Good News, our incorporation in Christ and hence in each other, our solidarity with all human beings as brothers and sisters. Somehow being preoccupied with the quantity of temporal punishment due to our sins forgiven didn't seem that important any more. Or was it that we decided that we had better get rid of it by helping a neighbor in need or doing our job well rather than taking short cuts through repeated aspirations?

I was recently at a First Mass in which the priest used a ceramic chalice rather than a gold one. I thought chalices had to be made of gold or silver.

Not too long ago greater freedom was given in this matter. Any material which is durable and suitable for liturgy (dignified) is allowed. This not only gives greater latitude for creative art in liturgical celebration but reduces the impression that the Church is somehow tied up with the material of kings and princes. Jesus most probably did not use a gold cup. Even if he did, there would be no necessity to use gold.

What ever happened to the Index of Forbidden Books? I never hear of it any more.

The sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome abolished the Index in 1966. For one thing there were just too many books being published. But the important reason was that the obligation was placed on the individual to decide which books were potentially harmful to him. Of course, this opens the door to some crazy rationalization because most of us think that nothing we read will be harmful to us. To a mature person it would be very naive to think that reading could not have a real influence on his conduct. Prudence is so very important in this area. Humility helps too.

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