

# LETTERS

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## Dorothy Day's Summer

Editor:

I often wonder at the miracle of your readers' continuing response to these appeals which have been going out to you these last 40 years. People praise our perseverance! We marvel at yours. One of the reasons we can keep going (besides your help) is that there is a constant stream of new young friends and volunteers who come to us as to a school, a "free university," and who learn to love and esteem voluntary poverty and manual labor (teachings of St. Francis and St. Benedict). By this sharing they love their brothers in Christ, the destitute they want to serve, the lovable and the unlovable.

There is a hard core of "old timers" who have been with

us since the beginning, some workers and some scholars; and if the latter are more articulate, the former know, as the old Wobblies knew, that they can keep Houses of Hospitality going, and that "an injury to one is an injury to all," even if they could not discuss ecclesiology or the Mystical Body of Christ. They know how important they are to the work.

I am writing from the farm at Tivoli this time where I am happily recovering from a summer of flu, coughs, exhaustion (my own and others), and I say happily, because in a community there is loving care, and I've had more time to read.

It is good to travel, as I have these last years, visiting other houses of hospitality and farming communes, and I can say that I rejoice to see this day when non-violence has taken on ever deeper meaning, what with a Vinoba Bhave, a Lanza del Vasto,

a Danilo Dolci (India, France and Italy), and here at home Cesar Chavez and Charles Evers, both of whom I had the happiness of visiting this past year.

I rejoice in town, at the House of Hospitality, to see Mary on her knees by her bed in our crowded dorm on the women's floor, while in her shopping bags, which the destitute are always lugging around, half-eaten hunks of bread, among her clothes, testify to the hunger, the fear of hunger, that haunts the poor.

On the farm there is a population of 60 or 70 — everyone working at harvesting and canning right now, or re-roofing the long dormitory between chapel and kitchen which shelters men off the road, wandering workers or wandering scholars.

The work is hard. So please help us continue in the "little way" of St. Therese which attracts so many to participate in our work.

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## Services for Deaf-Blind

Editor:

We at Xavier Society for the Blind are calling upon you and your readers to help us in our search for the deaf-blind of the United States. We want to extend our various free services in Braille for their comfort and encouragement.

Especially, we should like to send the deaf-blind our Brailled weekly newsletter containing current religious topics of an inspirational and informative nature. This weekly also affords the deaf-blind an opportunity to write to the editor for further information on matters of special interest. If they enjoy our publication, we will be only too happy to include them in our regular weekly mailing, free of charge, and will acquaint them with all our other free Braille services.

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## 'Novo Cedat Ritui!'

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Roffensis, Neo Eboraci

Nuper notavimus in paginis "Courier-Journal" sacras Missas in paucis ecclesiis nostrae diocesis latine celebrari. Qui respiciunt vetera, artes, amoenitatem cantumque gregorianum, florescant!

Simul autem rogandum est: Cur? - Quam ob rem latinitas in cultu divino conservanda est? Foventes latinitatem et canticum antiquum in aulis musicis ut fruantur artibus suis convenire debent, sed non in coetu fidelium. Ne fiant ecclesiae nostrae iterum thesauri praeteritorum, sed potius magnalia Dei hodierna intelligibiliter resonent! Vocatne enim, Deus nos qui historia artibusque indulgeamus, aut salvationem nostram celebremus?

Estne hic annus reviviscendi aut Annus Renovandi?

Quibus sustinant linguam latinam in cultu divino, dico, "Novo cedat ritui." Denique, Ipsi Linguae carissimae, olim dulci dominae nostrae sed nunc vere mortuae, maeste precemur, "Requiescat in pace."

Joannis J. Philipps

Editor's Note: Father Philipps is associate pastor at St. Louis Church in Pittsford.

Wednesday, November 15, 1972

FR. ALBERT SHAMON

## Word For Sunday



Sunday's Readings: (R1) Prov. 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31. (R2) 1 Thes. 5: 1-6 (R3) Mt. 25: 14-30.

Last Sunday the Liturgy of the Word urged us to prepare for the coming of our Lord. This Sunday it encourages us to examine our preparation.

The point of Sunday's Gospel is not so much the uncertainty of our Lord's coming, as that a reckoning will be demanded whenever He comes.

The Gospel is addressed especially to those Christians who are content to do nothing in God's Church on the pretext that they have neither sufficient talent nor ability. Yet they are inexcusable for each must act according to his ability, no matter how insignificant it might be. If I rent an apartment that happens to be small, am I excused from paying rent just because some other apartments are larger?

The key character in Sunday's Readings is the worthless, lazy lout of a servant who buried the thousand silver pieces given him. A servant ought at least to serve. This fellow did not do even that. Hence he was condemned.

But why did he act like that?

No doubt he reasoned, like so many, "What can I do with a thousand silver pieces? If I had only three thousand or five — but one thousand! Whether or not I use that won't matter."

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"I WANT A COPY OF THAT SERMON."

## Rochester's South Americans Report on Their Situation

Editor:

Greetings from us in Bolivia to all of our friends back home.

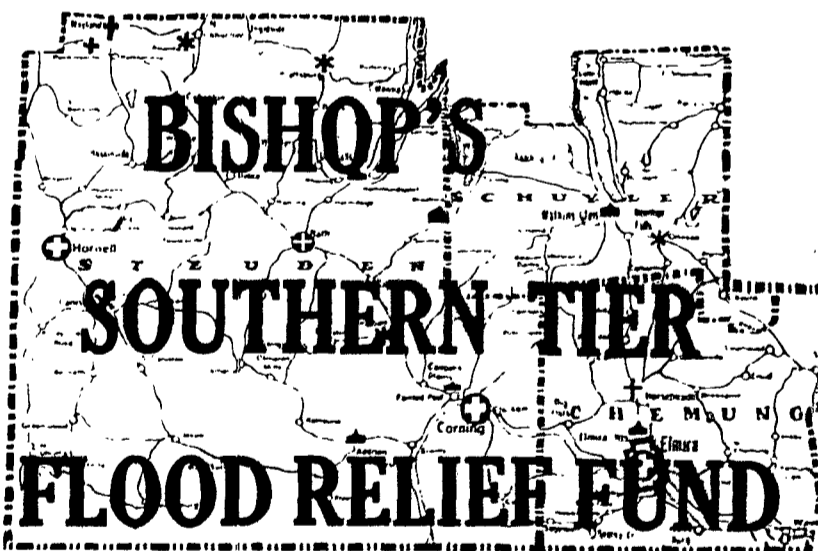
One of the St. Joseph Sisters, Sister Ann Lafferty, visited us last month. And Father Freemesser was in Chile for nine days visiting the Mercy sisters, also. The spirit among the Sisters, and their work, is outstanding and we feel privileged to be associated with them in representing the people of Rochester to South America.

Economic problems have besieged Chile and now are threatening Bolivia. Inflation has pushed the value of the escudo to 46 on an official rate and over 300 on the black market, in respect to the dollar. Bolivia has devalued its peso to 20 to the dollar. It used to be 12. The US dollar is still the principal currency in South America. Our change came last week here in Bolivia and every Bolivian who had pesos lost three cents on every peso that he owned. That doesn't seem like much to us but

when you earn between 15 and 25 dollars a month it becomes very costly. As usual, the poor suffered the most and the people of our parish were very hard hit. This is one of the disadvantages of capitalism — everything is measured in terms of dollars and the value of people and human dignity gets lost in the shuffle.

We hope that all of you voted and in your choice you didn't forget the rest of the world. It is in your intelligent election, your prayers, your concern and your support that the Third World (Asia, Africa & South America) is going to achieve human dignity for its people. We thank you again for your support and beg God to bless you. As brothers in Christ may we all work together that all peoples of the world may enjoy peace and justice.

Fathers Edward Golden,  
Peter Deckman, Daniel  
Tormey and Paul Freemesser;  
Mr. Tim McCluskey.  
La Paz, Bolivia



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