



ON THE RIGHT SIDE
Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

The name of French Cardinal Charles Lavigerie (1825-1892), Bishop of Algiers, Africa, has stuck to my mind and emotions since reading The White Fathers by Glenn Kittler. Lavigerie was probably the most influential man in the world in establishing the machinery which finally destroyed the slave trade. Yet he is remembered by few. I have asked priests, sisters, legionaires of Mary, cursillistas, teen seminarists, and other active Catholics: "Have you ever heard of Cardinal Lavigerie?" The name draws a perfect blank. The only person I have met who recognized the name is Father Robert Kress. When he was stationed at St. Peter and Paul in Rochester with Fathers Robert Fox and Emory Gefell, Father Gefell used to speak of seeing the Cardinal in Rome: "a man striding down the street, magnificent in build, full of a vigor and majesty which few men possess."

Considering history, it has seemed curious to me that Christianity has come in for such castigation by ultra liberals and by many militant blacks; and that Muslimism has been adopted by some as a strange substitute. I was interested in the Courier-Journal Editor's analysis of Muhammed Ali, ne Cassius Clay (4/10/73). So I wrote to editor Carmen Vigucci:

"I read your article on Cassius Clay with interest. I am quite unknowledgeable about sports, which I regret, but I was very interested in the human side of M. Ali, and pondered over your remark: 'He is an enigma, defying and daring solution.'

"Have you read much about Cardinal Lavigerie? I suspect if you asked all the staff gathered at Courier offices, plus our three bishops, that you would not find five who will even recognize the name. But it is a test: Yet it was that same Lavigerie who so hated the slave trade that he became the number one man in the entire world to implement the machinery which finally destroyed slavery.

"Don't you think it an oddity how few men, blacks or whites, mention the awful fact that black

men were captured by black men. Then they sold them to white Arab slave traders who were Muslims. The Muslim Arabs in turn sold the black slaves to quasi-Christians, to fellow Muslims, and to anyone with the money. I suppose the militant blacks who embrace Muslimism have little knowledge or concern about history, and probably little sympathy for the Martin Luther King tradition. Anyway, I recommend to you The White Fathers by Kittler. It is an image paperback, and has a lot about the history of the African slave trade, and about the work of the Church for the enslaved Africans."

A few years ago it was the fashion among elite liberal Catholics to curse the "Triumphal Church," and to beat their breasts about the "sins of triumphalism." As modern Pharisees they ignored the works of the Church in St. Vincent DePaul, John Bosco, Mother Cabrini, Leo XIII, Dr. Tom Dooley, Mother Teresa of India — and Cardinal Lavigerie.

The pendulum has swung. On May 27, I attended the ordination of Father Thomas Streb at St. Charles Borromeo Church. The celebration was a happy triumphalism: a vigorous Catholic parish family rejoicing in a new and holy priest. The music was exhilarating. The ritual was beautifully structured and artistic. The ceremonial was reverent and awesome. The gathering gave witness to the constant service of the Church in the world.

Let the breast beaters meditate upon the reason for the exultant celebration at St. Charles, with the beaming pastor, Father L. John Hedges, the paternal Bishop Joseph Hogan, the happy congregation, rejoicing at another laborer in the vineyard. Hallett continues: "Never let anyone tell you that those who opposed Christianity had any part in the suppression of slavery. From first to last the extinction of Black slavery was a Christian work, done by Christians. The faithful Catholics gather as a great family of many colors to cheer the Church, which is Christ's presence and work in the world."



Cornerstone Laid

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan lays a pectoral cross in the copper box laid behind the cornerstone of the Heritage at ceremonies June 1. The Heritage is a residence for the aging.



Seniors' Renewal

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan leaves the St. Ann's Home chapel after a recent penance service for senior citizens. The service, called "An Afternoon of Renewal for Senior Citizens," also included a concelebrated Mass and mass anointing of the sick for residents of St. Ann's Home and others from the North Region.

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