



ON THE RIGHT SIDE
Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

When our priests' retreat at Becket Hall ended after noon, June 7, I decided to "do it now." I visit long neglected friends. First, to the Infirmary of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Pittsford. I went especially to visit Father Robert L. Kress' aunt, Sister Madeline Sophia and her companion, Sister Elegia, but was glad to meet again other Sisters whom I had not seen in years. It was about 3 p.m. and a group of children from St. Joseph's School, Wayland, were just finishing a song-fest for the Sisters. The mixture of the elderly and the young etched a touching bit of diocesan history: Sisters who had devoted their lives in the service of the young receiving recognition and love from the Wayland-Perkinsville people.

About 4 p.m. I chugged over to Mercy Motherhouse Infirmary on Blossom Road. Mother DiPazzi met me and turned me over to Rosarian Sister Roberta. I wanted to see especially Auburnian Sister Martha Lavey, who is convalescing from a hip operation; and our 93-year-old Sister DeSales, who gave 71 years of phenomenal service at the Mercy Hospital in Hornell.

Sister DeSales is blind now, but alert and blunt as ever. As I entered her room she brightened but bristled: "What's this I hear about you going to leave the hospital?" "That's right, Sister." With an exclamation of annoyance she said: "Well, I don't like that! I've been saying a rosary for you every day since you came five years ago. Now I'll have to drop your rosary."

It does seem that Senior DeSales could add one for my successor, Father William Cosgrove, and keep me on too. She remained non-committal about that suggestion. After visiting the Sisters in the common room, and blessing them and the bedridden, I headed for nearby

Deaths

Sr. Anna Failey

Sister Mary Anna Failey of the Sisters of Mercy, a school teacher for 42 years, died June 11, 1973 at St. Mary's Hospital.

A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at the Mercy Motherhouse last Wednesday evening.

Born in Batavia, Sister entered the Order in 1923 at the age of 32. Her first assignment was at St. Patrick's, Elmira, from 1924-1931.

She then was assigned to St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt Street, Rochester, where she taught until her retirement in 1968. Sister Anna spent the rest of her years at the Mercy Motherhouse on Blossom Road.

Monica Peabody

Wayland — Miss Monica F. Peabody, organist at St. Joseph's Church for 52 years, died June 3, 1973, at the age of 86.

Miss Peabody was graduated in 1909 from Nazareth Academy, attended Syracuse University for two years and taught piano and organ here most of her life. She was a member of her parish Rosary Society.

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St. Ambrose to see Father Joseph F. Haffey. He was at the dentist, but the adroit Father James J. Marvin extracted a cheerful five dollars from my pocket saying simply, "We need the money."

The next stop was at Holy Trinity, Webster. The scholarly pastor, Father William Hart, had promised me some recordings of St. Bernard's Seminary and St. Andrew's Church Choirs, which I wanted to use for our Legion of Mary radio program, Magnify the Lord. The program is on stations in Seneca Falls, Bath, Hornell, Corning, and Dubuque, Iowa every Sunday. We are working to expand. Any interested radio stations, please note.

About 5:15 I called at St. Mary's, Ontario. Administrator Father M. Gerard Hafner was on a call; but a fabulous housekeeper, Mrs. Clement Hill, (nee Teresa Miller) let me in. Her roots were in St. Michael's and Holy Redeemer, and Rushville. She is one of 13 children, and seems to be related to half of German Rochester. As a young girl she took care of the priests' dining room at old St. Patrick's Cathedral rectory. She said: "We had 25 priests from St. Andrew's Seminary, Cathedral High and the parish!" We recalled old friends together: Fathers Curtin, Napier O'Keefe, Keenan; Msgrs. Duffy, Shay, Dr. Nolan — oh, so many. It was good to remember, together.

Next stop was at Sodus. The history of St. Rose's Mission at Sodus Point is fascinating. It was founded by Madame Rose Loomis, who not only was a convert to the Church, but also brought about the conversion of her Protestant pastor, who became a Catholic priest and Vicar General of the Diocese of Newark. I said to Father John F. Cavanaugh, "Why don't you do some research and write a brochure about Rose Loomis and the area?" I hope he will. He has 33 CCD teachers, and five organists in the Sodus parish!

On Fridays, Auburn-area priests gather at Holy Family for an exchange of ideas and news; and for lunch. I joined eight priests there, June 8, and about 1 p.m. one said: "There has been a TV series at 1:10 on Church Renewal, with interviews by Wyoma Best." So we all went into the common room and heard the Friday speaker chuckle: "We Catholics used to think we had all the answers. Now we have all the questions." Remembering the long years of service on the part of devoted Sisters and priests and laymen over so many years, I was appalled at the declaration. I wish to discuss this in next week's Courier-Journal.

HOLY HOUR

The June Padre Pio Holy Hour will be held at 8-tonight at St. Philip Neri Church, 1780 Clifford.

Cayuga-Seneca Region Holds First Conference

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — Bishop Joseph L. Hogan welcomed the representatives from area parishes at the first Cayuga-Seneca regional conference June 11 at St. Alphonsus.

The conference, one of four to be held throughout the year, was attended by priests and sisters from the region, along with parish council presidents and committee chairmen for worship, human development and education.

Father Douglas Hoffman of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Rochester, and regional coordinator for the north region, spoke on regionalism as a means to facilitate building community across parish lines and making the community of parishioners more accessible to the bishop. He identified "joint pastoral planning" as the line of development and growth in the diocese today. Joint pastoral planning is both person and task oriented, he said.

Father Hoffman recognized that the areas of the diocese are developing towards regionalism at different paces, but the goal is the eventual establishment of a pastoral council encompassing representation from the laity, clergy and religious of the diocese. Such a council will further opportunity for research, reporting and feedback.

Among obstacles to pastoral planning outlined by Father Hoffman were inadequacies of pastoral structure in some parishes to provide a sense of belonging, and individualistic attitudes in circumstances requiring cooperation.

Bishop Hogan described the crisis in today's Church as an opportunity to see the diocese come alive. He stated the Time of Renewal was never meant to be for one year, but is to be an ongoing process to heal wounds and get people to come alive to their Christian commitment.

Bishop Hogan stated the long range goal for the renewal includes the development of a pastoral council, but the growth must come from the bottom up beginning with the development of strong parish councils, then moving towards regional cooperation.

James Donley from St. Alphonsus is the regional coordinator for human development and chaired the human development session.

Mary Martin, Sacred Heart parish council president, reported the committee she chaired agreed to initiate monthly meetings for on going sharing experiences.

Albert Nicoletta from Holy Family, chairman of the session



Mrs. Martin, Bishop Hogan, Mrs. Cool, Donley, Sister Joseph Gilmory, regional coordinator, Sisters of St. Joseph, and Mary Jane Cox.

on education, reported on involving adults in the educational process of the children is the growing approach in adult education county-wide.

The highlights of the liturgy committee discussion chaired by Mary Jane Cox, a member of the regional liturgy committee, was a shared prayer experience with Bishop Hogan participating. She said that the regional liturgy committee is available to assist parish liturgy committees.

Other regional staff participants at the conference were Joseph Kennedy, chairman, Father John Hayes, regional coordinator; Father Edward

Palumbos, regional liturgy coordinator; Father Philip Billotte for human development, and Sister Ellen Ward, coordinator for education. Ben Cool is the regional representative on the pastoral council planning committee, Frederick Farrell, past representative on the pastoral council committee; and Father Elmer Heindl, diocesan priests' council representative and Sister Catherine Ann Reger, Diocesan Sisters' Council representative.

Mrs. Marion Cool was chairman of a picnic which preceded the conference. Sister Catherine Ann Reger, SSI, conducted the prayer session at the conference's conclusion.

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