



ON THE RIGHT SIDE
Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Not morbidness but the simple reality of life reminds me that my life's clock is moving toward the midnight hour. I shall soon be 65 years old and am glad to be so. A couple months ago I wrote to Bishop Dennis Hickey, the facilitator of our Priests Personnel Board: "My bones get stiffer. We have a Nursing School connected with the hospital which needs care from a younger man. The hospital work is simple; but the school needs younger blood." The Bishop replied firmly: "Well, you can't just retire. We need priests." Then he continued, a bit ashamed to say it, "And frankly we can't afford to give you a pension." I respectfully retorted: "But I'm not concerned about a pension. I'm concerned about the needs of the Church."

So we jockeyed back and forth for some weeks: myself wondering what the PPB would do with me; the PPB wondering what to do with me; myself conscious that not every parish is champing at the bit for an autumnal priest.

Since my spiritual life tends toward non-sophistication, I began the Rosary Novena for "a proper assignment." Since I am cautious and honest I pondered how to express the request. The novena prayer reads: "O Mother! look with favor upon my gift (of rosaries) and in thy love obtain for me (specify request)." Now



Speaker

Father Robert A. Dalton of the Glenmary Home Missioners will speak at all Masses at Holy Trinity Church, Webster, the weekend of June 30 and July 1. He is an Auburn native, and an alumnus of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

"PEOPLE" WORKSHOP

A workshop on the modern techniques of managing people at work will be conducted at Nazareth College during the summer session beginning June 25.

The industrial training program, "Managing Today's Human Resources," will be directed by Richard A. Wetzels of Xerox.

Leadership styles, self-understanding, boss-subordinate relations, personal and social value systems are a few of the concepts slated for exploration.

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came the problem: how to make the request with generosity but also with honesty. I have never prayed for martyrdom; yet always pray God's Will be done, hoping I would accept His Will in faith and charity. Finally I hammered out the request: "For the assignment which will serve best the glory of God and the needs of His Church. But please, dear Mother Mary, keep in mind my limitations and short-comings."

About 11 a.m. June 9, which was into the third novena (there are six novenas altogether: three of petition and three of thanksgiving), Bishop Hickey phoned. "We're trying to settle an assignment for you." Then he chuckled: "I'm kind of in the position of a labor mediator between two bargaining parties. What do you feel able to do?" "Well, Bishop, I'm surely no good for CYO or Scouts or drives of Bingo; but I can do the usual pastoral work: Mass, confessions, preach, instruct, census, care of the sick; and the like." "I want to settle this today. Will phone you in a few hours." At 11:55 a.m. he phoned back. "You will be assigned to Father William Hart at Webster. I hope this is satisfactory."

The fact is that it is a very happy appointment. But my theological convictions would direct me there whether it was satisfactory to me or not. I have read Bruce Marshall's *The World, the Flesh and Father Smith* seven times. Each time I am edified by this scene. The aging Scot, Father Smith, spoke with unusual eloquence at a dinner at which his cousin, "a snooty bishop from England" was present. The passage reads: "My dear Thomas, I had no idea that you were such an orator," his snooty cousin said. "In fact, my dear fellow, you're wasted in these barbarous parts. You ought to have come to England. You'd have gone ever so much farther." "It's the Church I want to go far," Canon Smith said, and then changed the subject, because, after all, it wasn't his business to snub the snooty Bishop." (p. 179)

So come June 27 I report to Father Hart, to his associate Father William Michatek, and to the people of Webster, happy in my assignment, regretting leaving Hornell, and always grateful for my priesthood of which Lacordaire wrote so beautifully: "To live in the midst of the world with no desire for its pleasures; to be a member of every family, yet to belong to none; to teach and instruct; to pardon and console; to bless and be blessed forever! O God, what a life. And it is thine, O priest of Jesus Christ!"

If you want a copy of *The Rosary Novena* try your church literature racks, or your religion co-ordinators. Or else, send me one dollar and I will send you two copies. New address is Holy Trinity Church—Webster, N.Y. 14580.

BURUNDI: White Fathers Cite 'Genocide'

Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania [RNS] — A group of eight Roman Catholic "White Fathers" working in missions just inside the Tanzanian border near the tiny East African nation of Burundi have reported a new outbreak of slaughter in southern Burundi.

A letter issued here by the priests and signed by Father Ramon Vicens, quoted refugees as saying that Burundi's ruling Tutsis had launched a "program of genocide against the country's Hutu tribesmen worse than the one last year."

In May and June 1972, the Tutsi government of Col. Michel Micombero put down a Hutu attempt to overthrow the government and launched a program of repression in which, according to the most reliable estimates, some 100,000 Hutus — including the educated elite — were systematically slaughtered.

Tribal conflict has convulsed Burundi and neighboring Rwanda for years. Since the 15th Century, the rulers of Burundi have been the minority Tutsis, a tall, warrior people of Hamitic origin. The majority Hutus, a Bantu people of stocky build, have long chafed under Tutsi power. A successful and bloody revolt in Rwanda in 1959 by the Hutus against the Tutsi monarchy intensified the conflict in Burundi.

Landmark Tour Set for July 7

Some stately homes of Rochester's past and several restored buildings and gardens will be open July 7 for a Third Ward tour sponsored by the Landmark Society of Western New York and Cornhill AME Zion Church.

The Corn Hill Neighbors art show and sale will be going on in the streets at the same time.

The tour will begin at 10 a.m. at the society's headquarters, the 1849 Brewster-Burke House at 130 Spring St. Landmarks on the itinerary include Immaculate Conception Church, which also dates from 1849, and across Edinburgh Street, the Cornhill church, newly rebuilt after a ruinous fire several years ago. Tour tickets cost \$3.

Business In The Diocese

William J. Clifford has been promoted to personnel director-employee relations at Rochester Telephone. In his new position, he will be responsible for labor negotiations; wage and salary administration; all benefits programs; and safety and security operations.

Clifford, a native of Albany, joined Rochester Telephone in 1966 after graduation from Bemoyne College. He is a member of the Industrial Management Council and St. John's of Rochester Church. He and his wife Sue Ann and their daughter Katie live in Fairport.

The current killings began in mid-May, after Hutu rebels from Tanzania and Rwanda simultaneously attacked a number of Army garrisons in southern Burundi.

It was the fifth uprising against the Tutsis in Burundi since that country became independent of Belgium in 1962.

In the White Fathers' letter, Father Vicens said he had interviewed a group of Hutus who had just managed to reach Tanzania safely.

"I asked them," he said, "why they were running. They told me they were running away from a program of genocide against the Hutus worse than the one last year."

"They said, 'Last year we managed to stay and nothing happened to us because they

(Tutsis) were more interested in leaders and influential people among the Hutu population.' Now the refugees say they are killing everybody."

How many Hutu tribesmen have been killed in the latest outbreak is not known but it is thought that the number runs into the thousands.

Witnesses coming from Burundi have reported open mass graves on the outskirts of the capital, Bujumbura, as well as truckloads of bodies in the city and the central town of Kitega.

Tanzanian officials in the frontier area estimate that a minimum of 800 new Burundian refugees are crossing every day. After last year's repression, at least 30,000 fled to Tanzania.

Some 8,000 refugees are reported now living in Rwanda, and about 50,000 in Zaire.

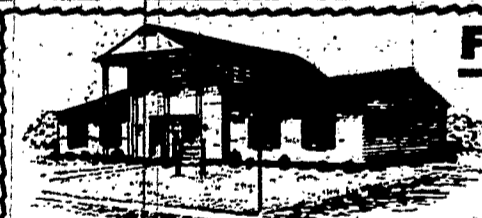


Council Installed

The first parish council at Holy Family, Auburn, was installed formally by Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty at confirmation ceremonies May 23. Chairmen shown with the pastor, Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan, are [l-r] John J. Hayes Jr., maintenance; James C. Walker, council chairman; Miss Josephine Impaglia, worship; Mrs. Raymond Riordan, vice chairman; Albert Nicoletta, Board of Education; Mrs. Thomas Stapleton, secretary; Edward Burns, finance.

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