



ON THE RIGHT SIDE
Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

To Father Hohman:

After the retreat at Becket Hall, I went to Auburn and happened on your June 8 TV show on the Year of Renewal, from Rochester TV-Channel 10, What Renewal Had I been in the studio I should have demanded equal time. This letter is a pale substitute.

I am sure you were, being facetious when you said to interviewer Wyoma Best: "We Catholics used to think we had all the answers. Now we have all the questions. I remember years ago giving a really dumb sermon, in which I said that the Catholic Church had all the answers. How dumb could I be!" I cheerfully grant that what you said was dumb. The Church never claimed to have all the answers. Only God has that. But the Church certainly has so many wonderful answers to man's purpose and destiny that many seekers after truth and security find their search successful in the Church. Frank Sheed in a recent article on the Catholic literary revival, narrated a litany of them: Benson, Knox, Martindale, Hopkins, Dawson and Gill; and those wonderful novelists, Bruce Marshall, Waugh, Greene and Lunn. Keep adding — and the answer to their embracing the Catholic Faith is not because the Church does not have the answers; but because the Church does.

Your caricaturization of the Church reminds me of an old story. The Pulpit Committee of an ultra-conservative church engaged a young preacher who

Father C. Dollen
Founds Parish

The 165th parish in the diocese of San Diego was inaugurated formally June 24 by Father Charles Dollen, formerly of Rochester.

Father Dollen, founding pastor of St. Gabriel's, in Poway, Calif., celebrated two Sunday Masses in the auditorium of a public school. His parish is the second in Poway and is expected to number more than 300 families in a rapidly expanding community.

The pastor, a writer, had been librarian at the University of San Diego for the past five years, and from 1956-65. During the intervening years, he was pastor of St. Louise de Marillac Church in El Cajon.

He is the brother of Rochester's Father Bernard Dollen, pastor of St. Andrew's on Portland Avenue. Their mother is Mrs. Edward P. Kelly of North Chili, formerly of Immaculate Conception parish.

Having attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, Father Charles Dollen finished his studies for the priesthood at Immaculate Heart Seminary in El Cajon and was ordained for the San Diego Diocese in 1954. He has written 16 books and is book reviewer for the diocesan newspaper, Southern Cross.

He told a reporter for that paper that he would spend the summer getting acquainted with his parishioners.

"Later we hope to form a parish council," he said, "but first I want to find out what direction the people want to take."

TITO WIRES POPE

Zagreb [RNS] — Yugoslav President Tito cabled congratulations and best wishes to Pope Paul on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of his pontificate. An historic meeting at the Vatican in March 1971 between Pope Paul and President Tito marked the climax of years of gradually developing cordial relations that followed a diplomatic break in 1952.

turned out to be a rabid liberal. He denied the divinity of Christ, the Virginity of Mary, the supernatural character of the Bible. Yet each year the Committee rehired him as preacher. After the 7th year he asked: "Why do you rehire me each year when what I preach is so contrary to what you believe?" The Chairman replied: "Reverend. We love the Lord Jesus and His holy word. If you preached to some other congregation they might believe you. So we keep you here, where no one believes anything you say, and you can't do any harm."

How in heaven's name could you have such a destructive remark, even in jest? A surgeon doesn't fool around in surgery. A nuclear physicist doesn't give false formulas for the amusement of his students. And I am sure St. Irenaeus, whose feast I am celebrating today, would have had your skin for saying that we are a Church without answers.

Why, the whole history of the Church is a history of unfoldings of the Revelation of God, of clarifications, of affirmations. For example, Acts 15 tell of a ruckus in the Church at Antioch between Jewish and Gentile converts. The Jews wanted the Gentiles to be circumcised according to the Mosaic law. Saints Paul and Barnabas went to Jerusalem to have the case decided. The answer came: "Circumcision is not necessary." There has been no question about it since, and that's why you and I aren't running around with a circumcision knife but just gently pouring the waters of baptism.

Even in jocularity, how could you ever have said: "The Church has only questions?" The Apostles' Creed is no series of questions, but of affirmations. Is the Nicene Creed a series of questions? or are the Councils? or the catechisms of St. Peter Canisius, of Trent, of Rome? Good heavens! What are those 16 documents from Vatican II but lengthy discourses of explanation and affirmation. To quote yourself: "how dumb could you be."

Let's quit all this foolish doubting Thomas act; this breast beating charade, and proclaim to the world, that Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again, and the Church has been proclaiming the revelation of God for 2,000 years; and continues to give the truth to those who have ears to hear, and hearts to love. I think we both love the Church equally. Why not proclaim it with enthusiasm and confidence?

Msgr. Albert Takes Colorado Post

Colorado Springs, Colo. [RNS] — Msgr. John F. Albert, retired Deputy Chief of Chaplains for the U.S. Air Force, has been named pastor of a new Catholic parish here.

He will serve as pastor of the recently-formed "Northeast Catholic Community," Archbishop James V. Casey announced.

A native of Rochester, Msgr. Albert was ordained in 1941 and joined the Air Force Chaplaincy in 1945. He served in Okinawa, the Philippines, and Germany

before assuming duties as Deputy Chief of Chaplains for the Air Force at the Pentagon.

After retiring last November as a brigadier general, Msgr. Albert became involved in plans for the new parish which will be called the "Northeast Catholic Community" until the parishioners choose an official name.

Msgr. Albert is a graduate of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary, and a former assistant pastor at St. Mary's Corning.



MSGR. ALBERT

SPELLMAN STREET

Rome [RNS] — A street in Rome has been named for the late Cardinal Francis Spellman of New York. In a brief ceremony June 27, Rome's Mayor Clerio Darida praised Cardinal Spellman's successful efforts in sparing Rome from Allied bombing in World War II.

Business In
The Diocese

Vincent Palermo has been named senior analyst-operations analysis and James Kolb supervisor, accounts payable, at Rochester Products Division of General Motors Corp.

Palermo is a native Rochesterian, having graduated from Charlotte High School in 1951 and Niagara University in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

He is an active member of St. Charles Church and a former committeeman, #22 District of the Town of Greece. He and his wife, the former Marilyn C. Pelechati, reside on Bayberry Lane.

Kolb is also a native Rochesterian, having graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1960 and from the University of Windsor in 1964 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

He is active in the Holy Name Parish and the Aquinas Alumni Association. He and his wife, the former Marie S. Reusch, and their two children reside on Colin Street.

Jay S. Valentine has been director of admissions to St. John Fisher College, effective Aug. 1. Valentine, his wife, the former Jody Williamson, and their daughter Holly expect to live in Brighton.

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