



OUR PARISH COUNCIL Bernard Lyons

What is the Prayer of the Faithful like at Sunday Masses in your parish?

Odds are that the general intercessions are read from a card prepared by a company that produces liturgical aids, or that it is written by one or two people.

The Prayer of the Faithful is a good way for a liturgy committee to begin its work. Several members might be made responsible for its preparation. They can see to it that the petitions and intentions are suited for the local parish.

This does not mean that all the petitions and intentions are restricted to immediate and local concerns.

Generally, the petitions should be based on five areas:

* For the needs of the Church around the world; this includes spiritual leaders (pastor, bishop, and the Pope).

* For those governing the country, and for the salvation of the world.

* For those oppressed by any troubles or needs, whether natural disasters, wars, racial troubles, and other suffering.

* For the local community, including the worshipping community gathered at the Mass and the civic community.

* For the sick and the deceased

of the community.

The committee to work out the Prayer of the Faithful should outline the petitions for one month's Sundays. If the petitions are prepared at a monthly meeting the emphasis can be put on the Sunday readings, and the format of the petitions left flexible enough to include additional prayers that become appropriate between the monthly meetings.

The committee should explore with the priest what the messages of the various Sunday readings are. Then they should write down petitions that reflect the readings.

The preparation of the petitions should not be left continually to a handful of committee members. To insure continuity a number of committee members might take on the task for a number of months. They can get "the feel" of the parish and share the responsibility for the preparation among a greater number of people, however, if they will invite two or three different families each month to meet with them and assist in the drafting of the petitions.

A helpful work sheet to aid in the preparation of the Prayer of the Faithful has been printed in Council Newsletter. Readers are invited to duplicate the work sheet for their own use. Send an 8c stamp for a copy to Council Newsletter, Box 3455, Chicago, Ill. 60654.



THE OPEN WINDOW Fr. Louis Hohman

Q. It is quite hard for some of us older folks to be told that the radically changing times require changes in our church, when there is just the possibility that the changes in the Church, rather than being an absolutely necessary result of the changes in the times, may be one of the many causes. Many of us old-timers still remember being told that our Church was built upon a rock, the Rock of Ages, which would never move. It now appears that some people prefer a Church upon a sand bar, a foundation which can shift with the tides and the currents, and which, God forbid, may be washed away, with the individual grains of sand finding other places to make still other dunes of sand.

A. The last part of your statement sounds like a paraphrase of the closing words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 7). But I don't think that is what Jesus had in mind. It is true that many of the changes in the Church spring from the changing times: our knowledge of the meaning of the Bible helped by dramatic scientific discoveries, the smallness of the world due to modern communications and transportation, the higher level of education among so many people, the mobility of people and the consequent changes in home life, the constant exposure of people to professional audio-visual entertainment and education. These are but a few.

You are probably right that some of the changes in the Church are causing changes in the times. We certainly hope so.

But when you talk about the Rock upon which the Church is built being replaced by shifting sands, I'm afraid you are the one who is not on very solid ground. A year or so ago I was conducting an adult education discussion

and many of the people there were deploring the changes in the Church much as you are. I said, "Let's do a little exercise. Let's list all the changes in the Church and then start a list of those things which have not changed."

When we finished it was to their amazement that the list of changes which they had put on the board were invariably of the "rinky-dink" variety — hats in Church, meat on Friday, English in the Mass, etc. Not one single article of the Apostles' or Nicene Creed had been changed. Not one basic doctrine about God or Jesus the Redeemer or the Sacraments or the commandments had been substantially changed. The Rock Foundation was still there.

I'm not saying this is necessarily true in your case, but there are many people for whom any kind of change or retreat from security comes very hard. That is not meant to criticize these people, but rather just to recognize the fact. Let me assure you that the Catholic Church is alive and well. Maybe all these changes will help us to show the people which are the essential elements in our faith and which are accidental.

MCC TO REPEAT PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

Monroe Community College will repeat its orientation program for women on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 7-10 p.m. The first such program, early in the month, drew "overwhelming response," the college reported.

Women looking for self-development opportunities, new activities and new friends, career development, a high school diploma or a college degree, are invited. Child care will be provided on campus.

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