

Pastoral Perspective

By Bishop Joseph L. Hogan

Summer's Gift — Re-creation

I have always considered it a great blessing to live in the North Temperate zone of God's earth where the change of seasons is more visible. I have, I admit, during the bleakest days of a prolonged Winter envied those who were enjoying proximity to the equatorial sun. But the cyclic rhythm of our four seasons seems to stimulate us mortals and to dispel the monotony of our lives. Thank God, I say, for the exhilarating cold of Winter, the breath of renewal that is Spring, the long sunny days of Summer and the pensive mood of Autumn as we contemplate the blushing beauty of the landscape before its sleep in another Winter.

The busy day-to-day schedules which occupy our moments during three of the seasons leave Summer as a unique gift — an opportunity to re-create ourselves and to recapture our strength to meet the demands of the rest of the year.

This Summer has been a great personal

blessing. And I thank God for it. Despite the suspicion expressed by some that I must have been indulging in lengthy periods of sun worship, such was not the case. My usual response to such accusations is: "I tan easily" or "It must be the fluorescent lighting in the office." The fact is, I was blessed with three great opportunities for personal renewal, and all were without benefit of sun.

The first was a workshop in theology held in early July at Catholic University in Washington and offered to the bishops of the United States. Since bishops die as do all of mankind when they stop their search for personal growth, I welcomed the opportunity to be back in school, to take copious notes and to listen to new insights offered by theologians. For it is their task to assist us in probing the depths of God's revelation and applying it to modern problems posed by scholarly research in other fields.

I returned from Washington in time to prepare for further renewal, as I had willingly accepted the challenge to give two lectures to a most receptive audience of more than sixty of our religious women at an Institute of Pastoral Ministry at St. Bernard's Seminary. Here were representatives of the many

communities of Sisters serving the diocese, seeking ways to serve the Church of Rochester better. After five weeks of intensive study and pastoral involvement, I found them still alert and eager for personal growth. God bless them for their inspiration! I offer my abiding gratitude to all who prepared and conducted the institute.

The third experience so personally rewarding was the liturgical workshop held at St. John Fisher College and sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Liturgy and the Liturgical Commission. More than 300 assembled from all area of the diocese to find ways to facilitate the growth of parish worship committees and to aid parishes and regions of the diocese in a deepening of prayer life and in the development of liturgies that would deserve to be called celebrations. It is always refreshing for a bishop to know there are so many who really want to promote the work of the Kingdom. In next week's article I hope to share with you in depth some reflections on the ideas presented at this institute.

Meanwhile, do enjoy the last days of Summer. I hope you, too, have found the season a great personal blessing.

Pontiff Urges Return to Latin in Mass

Castel Gandolfo [RNS] — Pope Paul VI has recommended a return to traditional Latin chants in the Mass.

In the course of a general audience address at his Summer

residence here Aug. 22, the Pope said, "Many persons have asked that in all nations the Latin and Gregorian chants of the Gloria, the Credo, the Sanctus and the Agnus Dei be preserved."

"God grant that it be so," he said. "Study can be resumed to see how this can be done."

In the Western Church, Latin prevailed for centuries as the official language of liturgical celebrations until the promulgation on Dec. 4, 1963, of the "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" by the Second Vatican Council.

Since that time, vernacular

languages have come into use in the Mass and the administration of the Sacraments.

The change was introduced in order to make the prayers and ceremonies of divine worship more informative and meaningful for all.

The momentum of the change gradually led to a widespread disuse of Latin chants, despite two qualifications set forth in the document on the liturgy.

Article 54, which calls for the use of the "mother tongue" in "Masses celebrated with the people," says:

"Nevertheless steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them."

These parts are the chants of the Gloria the Credo, the Sanctus

and the Agnus Dei.

Article 116 of the same document states:

"The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as proper to the Roman Liturgy; therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services."

Gregorian — or more precisely, plain — chant had its origins in the pre-Christian temple and synagogue worship music of Jews. The Jewish influence was transmitted to the West by way of the Syrian and Byzantine liturgies.

The music, written on a scale of four lines and sung in unison, flourished in western Europe from the 7th to 11th Centuries. Its form and use then deteriorated until the late 19th Century, when efforts to restore it to its original form were instituted by the Benedictine monks of Solesmes, France.

The Bishop's Public Appointments



September

- 6—Administrative Advisors' Meeting — 9 a.m.
- 7—Genesee Curia, Legion of Mary, Second Annual Reunion Dinner, Glen Iris Inn, Letchworth Park—7:30 p.m.
- 8—WROC Radio Program, "Call for Renewal" — 11:10 p.m. — 1 a.m.
- 9—Dedication of Holleder Memorial Stadium — 6 p.m.
- 10—G.E.M. Executive Officers' Meeting, Asbury United Methodist Church — 10 a.m.
- 10—First Penance Task Force Meeting, Becket Hall — 7:30 p.m.
- 11—Priests' Council Meeting, Becket Hall — 10:30 a.m.
- 11—Pastoral Council Formation Committee Meeting, High Acres, Geneva — 7:30 p.m.
- 12—Testimonial Dinner for Mr. George Montgomery, Sweet's Farm, Webster — 7:30 p.m.
- 16—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily and Formal Installation of Parish Council, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Rochester — 11 a.m.
- 17—Dinner Meeting with Campus Ministry Chaplains, Honeoye Lake — 6 p.m.
- 20—Administrative Advisors' Meeting — 9 a.m.
- 22—Radio Message, Family Rosary Network — 7 p.m.
- 23—Mercy Day Celebration, Mercy Motherhouse — 4 p.m.
- 24—Diocesan Teachers' Conference Address, Bishop Kearney High School — 9:30 a.m.
- 24—Rededication Mass and Blessing of St. Joseph Hospital and School of Nursing, Little Flower Chapel, St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira — 4 p.m.
- 27—Interdepartmental Staff Meeting — 11 a.m.
- 29—Centenary Celebration of St. Michael's Church, Rochester — 6 p.m.
- 30—Ecumenical Service for Inauguration of Dr. Charles Medar, President of Finger Lakes Community College, St. Stephen's Church, Geneva — 8 p.m.

Pope Gives Motto for Peace Day

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul's motto for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 1974, is "Peace depends on you, too."

The announcement was made at a news conference here Aug. 23, by Bishop Ramon Torella Cascante, vice-president of the Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace, who released a statement prepared by the commission to explain the motto and its import.

The document will be followed later this year by a message of Pope Paul addressed to all heads of state and all men of good will — in accord with a custom the pontiff has pursued since he inaugurated the first World Day of Peace observance in 1968.

Noting that the 1974 motto had been chosen by the pontiff among several proposed by the Justice and Peace Commission, Bishop Torella said it was intended "to shake people out of any alibis" they might offer to justify their keeping "aloof" from actual commitment to peace in the concrete circumstances of their lives.

The commission's document, which emphasized the need for understanding peace "in the widest sense," stresses that peace "is not just the absence of war," but "the presence of concord, justice, and orderly development."

It deplores what it calls "the abdication of responsibility," and calls for "massive recruitment" in the cause of world peace.

Insisting on "the supreme effectiveness of love as the source of human progress," the document underscores "the duty of seeking all peaceful solutions to human problems and of demythologizing conflicts."



THE OPEN WINDOW Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman,

It has been a matter of concern in recent years among senior citizens of our area that many youthful members of church congregations are not accepting any financial responsibility toward maintaining the upkeep of their parish. Some attribute it to the lack of home training and other to the lack of interest in the parish church or school.

As you mentioned in the June 6 issue, these young persons are "knowledgeable" but it seems they are also prone to allowing parents and grandparents to continue to carry the burden of expense and work.

Dear Reader,

Did the parents train the children to give to charity, to use the available children's envelopes? Did the parents make continued snide about parish finances and the priests? Did the parents and grandparents assign regular tasks around home at an early age?

As you have pointed out, when an experience interests them, a young peer group will get together for that particular adventure, as they have walked for Water and for HOPE, and have helped clean up after the flood of 1972 — all of which are very commendable. But the weekly

church contribution to the cloistered nuns in the diocese, or to the missionaries in India and elsewhere are the areas in which they fall down.

Money can be found for rock groups or Easter vacations in Florida, but our Catholic schools and convents built by their grandparents are closing one by one for lack of funds. This might point to very interesting fact: that while the younger members are better educated and more "knowledgeable" they lack maturity, probably because so much attention has been given to their needs, often at the expense of others in the parish.

Inflation notwithstanding, I have been amazed at the amount of money so many young people have to spend. In a certain sense I think we often are too attentive to their wants which we define as needs. Once this is done, the use of money for other things besides those "needs" is unthinkable. What it boils down to is a need for education to values which have a true priority. I think priests as well as parents ought to give more thought to that kind of education of the young.

I was happy to see that you didn't simply write off the younger generation as so many people are prone to do.