



WORD FOR SUNDAY

Fr. Albert Shamon

Sunday Readings: (R1) Cn. 2:18-24. (R2) Heb. 2:9-11. (R3) Mk. 10:2-16.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. October 7 is the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

In the middle 1500's, Christian Europe was an embattled fortress. Suleiman the Magnificent, Sultan of Turkey, for nearly a half century, like a tidal wave not to be denied, had lashed at her frontiers to be stopped only at the gates of Vienna. His drunken son, Selim the Sot, succeeded him. Inebriated by the power left him, Selim sought to do what his father had been unable — to invade Italy, then Spain, then all of Europe.

In 1570, the Turkish armada, 300 heavy warships, swept down on the island of Cyprus. All Cyprus was taken except the seaport of Famagusta. There, the Venetians under Bragadino grimly held on for nearly a year. In the summer of '71 hunger forced Bragadino to surrender to the Turks; he did on the condition they would spare the lives of the defenders. The Turkish leader Mustafa agreed; but as soon as the Christians laid down their arms, he had them tortured and butchered — men, women and children. The valiant Bragadino was skinned alive. Mustafa then went sailing off to range the Mediterranean in quest of the Christian fleet, with the stuffed skin of Bragadino swinging from his yardarm.

It took the faith of a great saint — Pope St. Pius V — to kindle anew Europe's crusading spirit. He had seen the danger. But Europe was split. Elizabeth sat on the throne of England; William of Orange in Holland had actually intrigued with the Turks to invade Spain. Jealous France held aloof from a common effort with Philip II of Spain. The Pope, however, refused to believe that the Moslem could not be defeated at sea or that the Crusader's faith was dead. Early in 1571, he appealed to Philip of Spain for help.

Philip named his half-brother Don Juan of Austria to command the united Papal, Spanish and Venetian fleet. On August 23, Don Juan arrived at Messina to take command of the fleet — 208 galleys in all. At the Pope's suggestion no women were allowed aboard. The officers and the crew fasted for three days. Every one of the 81,000 sailors and soldiers confessed and received Holy Communion. On September 15, the armada set out to meet the Turks, each ship

blessed by the Papal Nuncio. Andrea Doria led the vanguard with 54 galleys. Don Juan followed the next morning flying the blue standard of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

On October 5 the fleet anchored off the coast of Greece. That day a brigantine came by with the news of the fall of Famagusta, and the horrible atrocities perpetrated by Mustafa upon the helpless Christians who had surrendered. A quiver of rage passed through the floating city of armed men. Nothing could have been better timed to make them fight like holy madmen.

About two o'clock Sunday morning, the 7th, a fresh steady wind from the west drove the Christian fleet into the Gulf of Lepanto and the Turks. The odds against the Christians were so great that Doria asked for a Council of War. Don Juan cried, "It is time to fight now, not to talk," and so it was agreed. That evening when the battle was over the Christians had slain 25,000 Turks, sunk 90 vessels, captured 130, and liberated 10,000 Christians. It was a miraculous victory. (In this battle, Cervantes, who was later to author Don Quixote, lost his arm.)

Don Juan dispatched 10 galleys to inform the King of Spain and the Pope. "Praying arms," he wrote, "more than fighting arms won for us the victory."

But Pius V had speedier means of communication than galleys. On the afternoon of October 7, he was walking with his treasurer, Donata Cesis. The evening before, the Pope had sent out orders to all the convents in Rome to pray the Rosary for the victory of the Christian fleet, but now he was listening to a recital of some of his financial difficulties. Suddenly, he stepped aside, opened a window, and stood watching the sky as if astonished. Then turning with a radiant face to his treasurer, he said,

"Go with God. This is not the time for business, but to give thanks to Jesus Christ, for our fleet has just conquered."

Two weeks later news of the victory reached Rome. The Holy Father commemorated the victory by designating October 7 as the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

At Fatima in 1917, when a new threat to Christianity was again arising from the East, our Lady asked Christians to pray her Rosary. Are we? If not, why not?

Nocturnal Adoration Slates Annual Mass

The annual Mass of the Nocturnal Adoration Society will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Irondequoit, Thursday, Oct. 11, 1973 at 6:30 p.m. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the celebrant and will also give the homily.

The Mass will be followed by a buffet supper in the school hall. Msgr. Richard K. Burns, pastor of St. Thomas will be the speaker at the supper.

There are five centers for society activity in Rochester: St. Andrew, Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Helen, and Holy Name of Jesus.

Monthly vigils are held on the last Saturday of the month from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. excepting Holy

BISHOP NAMED:

Hamilton, Ont. [RNS] — Pope Paul has named Auxiliary Bishop Paul F. Reding, 48, to succeed retired Bishop Joseph F. Ryan to head the Diocese of Hamilton.



DON FOLEY

Name of Jesus which meets on the Thursday before First Friday.

Chairman for the event is Don Foley, a member of St. Thomas Parish. He is also a member of the Daily Mass League, Layman's Retreat League, and is president of St. Thomas Legion of Mary.

Two Parishes Plan Census

St. John the Evangelist Church on Humboldt Street and St. Joseph's in Penfield, will conduct a house-to-house census to update parish statistics and to obtain general information concerning all Catholics living within the boundaries of the two adjoining parishes.

Fathers William Gordinier and Walter Wainwright, co-pastors of St. Joseph's, and James Boyle and John Mulligan of St. John's, advised their parishioners that each of the 8,900 dwelling units in the area would be contacted.

Primary objectives will be to identify all baptized Catholics in the area, their parish affiliations or lack of them, and the ages and school enrollment of their children. Questions concerning the religious background and practices of baptized Catholics, even if they do not attend church, will also be asked. It was stressed that, although non-Catholic homes will be visited, non-Catholics will not be asked to give any census information.

Under the direction of Mrs. Verna Streicher, Mrs. Mary McCabe, Mrs. Dorothy Tubinis, and Mrs. Pat Henry, of St. Joseph's and Mrs. Jean Coyle, Mrs. Judy Davies, and Mrs. Betty O'Brien, of St. John's, a committee of over 475 volunteer workers will be organized.

The census will start Sept. 25 and be completed by Oct. 10.

The pastors said that similar programs in other parishes had provided information which could not have been obtained in any other way.

The program is under the direction of Statewide Counseling Service Inc.

Xerox Plans Jogging Day

Young and old, male and female, will jog in Webster Saturday, Oct. 6.

The Xerox Recreation Association, in cooperation with the National Jogging Association, will sponsor the Third Annual Jogging Day starting at 10 a.m. at Building 337 of the Joseph C. Wilson Center for Technology.

The free event is open to all. Those under the age of 21 must furnish written parental or medical permission.

The one-mile jogging course follows a scenic path along streams, and through woods and fields. Participants completing the course will receive certificates. Joggers are asked to bring running gear or wear loose clothing and comfortable shoes or sneakers. Shower facilities will be available.

WOMEN'S GROUPS SET SCHOOL BOARD FORUM

Thirteen candidates for membership on the Board of the City School District will air their views at a meeting sponsored by the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters, Oct. 9 at 8:30 p.m. in the AAUW Clubhouse, 494 East Ave.

The non-partisan meeting is open to the community and will include a question and answer period.

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THE OPEN WINDOW

Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father,

Don't you find it strange that God has given man the knowledge to invent the atom bomb but not the knowledge to prevent cancer or heart attacks which are leading killers in America today?

Dear friend,

It is amazing the things God is blamed for. Knowledge is something which is acquired by choice and effort. The ability to know something is God-given but it is man who chooses to pursue various kinds of knowledge. For example you may choose to learn and therefore know how to keep bees or you may choose to spend your spare time learning and therefore knowing about the Civil War. God gives you the ability to know both but you choose. That is what has happened to man in

relationship to the things you mentioned. Because of sinfulness, man has put more effort into learning how to destroy his fellow man than he has into how to help him. That is a shame. But you can't blame it on God.

I can't resist adding this: the anti-war people of the last few years were trying very hard to impress human beings with the precise fact — the idiocy of using our beautiful God-given power of knowing for purpose of destroying one another. Many did not agree with the methods some of them used (and I won't go into that now) but the message was there. I wonder when the human race will finally stop making a mockery of God and his wonderful gifts and start using them the way they were intended — to bring goodness and truth and beauty and love to a world messed up, not by God, but by themselves.

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Fiscal Responsibility

Of the issues facing the schools this is the most serious in both the near and far future. The financing of education by property taxation faces declining number of taxable properties and a limit to the tax rate. The increased cost of all services has raised the expenses of public, private and parochial schools to the point of destruction of the three track system. The ultimate unfortunate end would be the establishment of a state run school bureaucracy.

The Answer:

1. Re-evaluation of our priorities in education. Do we want reading, writing, math and vocational ed, or social enlightenment courses and baby sitters.
2. Change the property tax to reflect land values and encourage the use of rather than speculation on land.
3. Put back on the tax roles the land now exempt.
4. More fully utilize the existing school buildings by turning empty school rooms into offices for central staff.
5. Co-Operative work programs with industry, labor unions and management teaching credit courses in the schools.

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