



ON THE RIGHT SIDE Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

HOW IT HAPPENED.

The Courier Journal invited me to be director for a ten-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, March 1972. In 1973 they invited me again, to be director for an eight-day tour, for 40 persons, to Ireland. The trip was advertised at \$575 a person in the CJ, scheduled for Oct. 7-15. The advertisement was made July 4, 18 and Aug. 1. By August 7 the applications with the \$75 deposit checks were practically full for the 40-member quota. So the ads were discontinued. However, applications and checks continued to come in, causing a dilemma. Two weeks before the tour, the manager said: "I don't know what to do. You will have to make the decision. We have 65 applications, with checks sent in. If you will take the 65, perhaps you can get another priest to assist you. You need two buses for the tour, since most hold only 42 passengers. Or we can just turn down the last twenty-five."

Doesn't that put a man on a spot? I hate to disappoint people, so I said: "If Father Sturmer will agree to be the other, let's close the number at 64 plus the two of us. But no additions!" Fr. S. was experienced, and we are good friends. And he and his sister were on the Tour. He agreed. We settled on 66; but even at that, several later applications had to be turned down.

WHO COMPOSED THE GROUP? The 66 of us ranged from 17 to 83 years of age. Several had never flown in a plane, but loved every minute of the experience. Many were experienced travelers who knew how to appreciate the wonders and even the vicissitudes of traveling. Some were school teachers and merchants; some were housewives, secretaries, bankers. One was a state trooper from Honeoye Falls. This diverse assembly successfully melded into a compatible and enjoying group.

We had four priests: Father Lurie who was Master of Liturgy; Father Sturmer who was Master of Humor; myself, who was really the Baggage Master. The surprise priest was Basilian Father Jay Walsh of Houston, Texas. From the roster, I imagined him to be a venerable jubilarian to whom the Basilians were giving a trip in recognition of his years of service to God, the Congregation and the People. What a shock! He turned out to be a youthful Rochesterian, ordained only 12 years, once with Aquinas, and for the past three years a youthful, debonair parish priest at St. Anne's, Houston, with that wonderful bounce of the young clergy. He was with his six-foot-five brother Don and his wife — i.e., Don's wife, and became Master of Song. He and his tall brother, who is a Brockport bank manager, did extensive research for a paper to be published: "The Pubs of Ireland and their causal influence on the interpersonal relationships between men and women of the Irish nation." We

CYO Hoop League Payments Due

Oct. 28 was the final deadline for applications and entrance deposits for CYO league basketball teams. No more applications are being accepted, due to scheduling which must be complete before the season begins Nov. 25.

The entire team fee of \$160 must be paid in full before opening night. Teams who have not paid by then will forfeit their first game. Teams not paid up by the second game, Dec. 2, will be dropped from the schedule.

also had two Sisters: Sister Louise Dolan of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, and Sister Stephanie Riley of St. Stanislaus School, Rochester. Religious Sisters always add not just a bit of spirituality to a group, but also a touch of cheerful humaneness. And these two did just that.

GAELIC RHETORIC. The best example of Irish imagination and acid came from a story about Delia Murphy, who was the sparkling wife of Dr. Thomas Kiernan, one-time head of Radio Erin and Irish Ambassador to the Vatican. Delia, who was a famous ballad singer in her own right, despised people who were "mean" — i.e., small minded, small of soul. She was having a royal Gaelic disagreement with an Irish radio personality, and described him thus: "Why that one is so mean he wouldn't give you the itch for fear you'd have the comfort of scratching it."

Next week this column will discuss Religion in Ireland.

Retreat Schedule


Parishes and contact persons for the Nov. 2-4 men's weekend retreats at Notre Dame Retreat House are: St. Thomas More, D. Cardinale, 381-6460; Our Lady of Lourdes, Paul Crough, 271-9012; St. Salome, R. DeBurgomaster, 242-9333; St. Francis of Assisi, R. Gallo, 254-9029; Holy Name of Jesus, D. Dohr, 663-1341; St. Thomas, Red Creek, A. Carroll, 754-6573; St. Patrick, Cato, A. Carroll, 754-6573; St. Joseph, Weedsport, W. Dodge, 834-6824.

KEARNEY OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Kearney High School will hold open house on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6. Student guides will be on hand from 3 until 9 p.m. to show prospective students and their parents around the school.

Laboratory demonstrations, a continuous slide show and evening interviews with department heads are on the program, which will end with a performance by the Kearney Singers, Color Guard and Marching Kings. Brother William M. Stoldt, principal, said questions could be telephoned to the school office, 342-4000.

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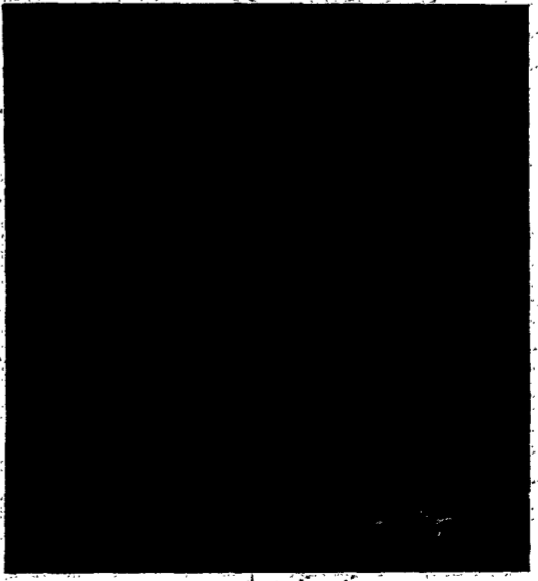
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