

ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Is it true you have gone hyper about Archbishop Sheen's retreat cassette tapes?

If by "hyper" you mean I have a great enthusiasm, the answer is: "Amen, brother, Amen."

Why, What is there about them?

Our Lord said, "By their fruits you shall know them." A trappist monk sent me an ad for A Retreat Given for the Clergy of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana, by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, September, 1973, commenting "I found them spiritually profitable." I sent for the cassettes and found they reached into my soul more strongly than any retreat I have made in years. As a result I am more deeply struck, especially by the Eucharistic Presence.

But didn't you have that before?

Have you ever observed the motion of love in your own soul and in the souls of others? There is a big difference between knowledge and appreciation. When Our Lord spoke to people, the well disposed were moved not just by His words, but by His Being. Something like that happened to me with the Sheen conference tapes — an appreciation.

What were the lectures like?

While the retreat was for the priests of Gary Diocese, everyone was invited to come, and especially Religious Sisters. In fact, Archbishop Sheen kept veering his talks from the priests especially to the Religious Sisters, for whom he has an evident reverence. The talks? They

Business In The Diocese



Lincoln First Bank has named Larry S. Douglas, an assistant vice president.

Douglas, a native of Brocton, N.Y., has been with Lincoln since 1964. He worked in the credit and loan administration department until 1968 when he became assistant branch manager of the Four Corners Office. In 1970 he was elected banking officer.

Douglas attended the American Institute of Banking and received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Buffalo.

He has served as treasurer of the Rochester Catholic Diocesan Basketball Association.

Douglas, his wife, Peggy, and their two children reside at 506 Lakeview Ter., Webster, N.Y.

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followed a traditional pattern: man, the world, the Church, Christ, sin, the Mass, Satan, Our Blessed Mother. But all conferences were intertwined with the Eucharistic Presence. One I like especially is Kinosis-Emptying. It is the opposite to mod self-exaltation catechesis. The most moving talk, for me, was: The Daily Eucharistic Hour.

You talk a lot. Do you follow up?

Of course. When you love God, Our Lady, the Saints, the Church as I do, you don't just talk. You act, so others can share what you love. So I ordered the retreat tapes for the following:

1) The Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth Infirmary. There are a lot of sick and retired Sisters there, and others.

2) Sister Mary DeSales, who has been a Sister of Mercy for 72 years. The late Father Francis Hester said to me when I was assigned to Hornell: "You'll find a great woman there, Sister DeSales. Her whole religious life has been a trinity spent in the hospital, in the chapel, and in the Community room." She is blind now, but mentally sharp. She lives at Mercy Mother House and will share the tapes with the Senior Sisters.

3) Mother Angela Murphy, who founded the East Avenue Rochester Cenacle under Bishop Kearney's patronage. I visited her at Lancaster, Mass. recently, and think the tapes will be an asset to her apostolate.

4) Sister M. Corita BVM, of Dubuque, Ia. There are 80 sisters at St. Joseph's, and several have written to express their happiness with our Legion of Mary radio program, broadcast Sundays in Dubuque.

5) Finally, Father Robert MacNamara, who was very kind to me during my Hornell mission, and who admires Archbishop Sheen greatly.

Do you send the talks only to older people?

Father MacNamara is young. But I think the Sheen talks would irritate Religious who tend to be mod. By mod I mean those who are uneasy about praying in a chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is present. By mod I mean those who declaim a theology of liberation which is man-centered rather than God-centered. Dr. James Hitchcock's Decline and Fall of Radical Catholicism describes the mods very well. For the mods Archbishop Sheen's ideas — and also those of Mother Teresa of India — are too "other worldly." And I do not wish to offend them.

Where can we get a set of tapes?

Our Sunday Visitor, 3855 Broadway, Gary, Ind. 46409. Price is \$19.95 for a set of 16 lectures. Can you think of any better investment?



Peru Missioner

Brother Thomas Sanger, CFC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanger of Ransford Avenue, left for Lima, Peru, Jan. 30. He will study at St. James Language School before starting his teaching duties at Muestra Senora Del Pilar School, Arequipa, Peru. Brother Sanger is a graduate of St. Cecilia's Grammar School and Bishop Kearney High School. He is a graduate of Iona College, New Rochelle, New York and has taught at St. Cecilia's School in Spanish Harlem. He will start new duties in April.

K of C Activities

Knights of Columbus council activities for February include:

Henrietta Council, 4812, Our Lady of the Genesee, Feb. 15, regular monthly meeting.

Irondequoit Council, 4691, Pope Pius XII, Feb. 10, past grand knight dinner at Christ the King church hall, social hour 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30 p.m. Reservations required, call Joseph Casciani, 266-4455 or Bernie Bromka, 342-3163.

Ithaca Council, 277, Feb. 9, council social night, Feb. 14, regular monthly meeting, Feb. 21, Ithaca fourth degree assembly, roast beef dinner, social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.

Canandaigua Council, 1445, Feb. 6, vocation workshop at St. Stephens' School library, Geneva, 7:45 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Feb. 12, Squires meeting, club rooms; Feb. 12, vocation workshop at St. Mary Our Mother rectory, Horseheads, 7:45 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Feb. 19, regular monthly meeting; Feb. 26, Fourth Degree meeting in council hall.

Rochester Council, 178, Feb. 7, regular monthly meeting; Feb. 16, Valentine dance. Call for reservations; Feb. 21, social meeting.

Rochester General Assembly, fourth degree; Feb. 16, Patriot of the Year Award dinner-dance, 111 East Ave., Vogue Room, social hour 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:45 p.m., dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Reservations, call Dr. Peter Pellitieri, 671-3321 or Joseph Casciani, 266-4455; Feb. 28, honoring all past faithful navigators, dinner-meeting to be held at Rochester Council rooms, social hour 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30 p.m., meeting 8:45 p.m. Reservations call John Surach, 225-5101 or F.C. Bernie A. Bromka, 342-3163.

East Rochester Council, 3676, Feb. 11, regular monthly meeting; Feb. 23, mid-winter dance at St.

Archdiocese Escalates War for Union Foods

St. Louis (RNS) — Catholics have been asked by the Human Rights Commission of the Archdiocese of St. Louis to stop buying head (iceberg) lettuce for their homes, schools and institutions.

Boycott of all such lettuce should continue "until such a time when free, secret ballot elections are held" among the California lettuce field workers, said Msgr. John Shocklee, director of the Human Rights Commission here.

He cited the November 1973 endorsement of the lettuce boycott by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) as the motive for the request, which is being made with the permission of Cardinal John J. Carberry, Archbishop of St. Louis.

Msgr. Shocklee indicated that the local boycott of iceberg lettuce was being made as part of an agreement which he and an Episcopal Church clergyman

encouraged between a major grocery chain and local members of the United Farm Workers Union.

Guidelines sent by Msgr. Shocklee to local Catholic parishes ask that:

*Pastors tell their people not to purchase head lettuce, using other varieties instead;

*School cafeterias not use head lettuce, at the same time explaining the move to their students;

*Show a filmstrip — "Fruits, Vegetables and People" — describing the cause of the farm workers at parish meetings;

*Inform parish and institutional suppliers why table grapes and head lettuce are not being purchased.

THIRD ORDER TO MEET

Coming — The Third Order of St. Francis, St. Pius X Fraternity, will meet at 7:30 tomorrow night in the St. Vincent de Paul parish hall. All interested are invited.

The Coming group, established in 1956, has approximately 50 members. Spiritual assistant is Father John Proppe, OFM Cap. of the St. Fidelis Friary in Interlaken. He recently returned from Okinawa, after many years as a missionary there, and is serving as chaplain at the veterans' hospital in Canandaigua.

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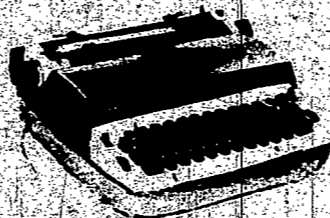
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