



**Music Man**

Father William O'Malley, SJ, the fellow who walks off into the sunset in the current theology-fiction movie *The Exorcist* tries his hand at song and dance while directing the McQuaid Jesuit High School — Our Lady of Mercy High School production of Meredith Willson's musical comedy *The Music Man*. The show is slated for 8 p.m. on March 14, 15 and 16. Burke McCarthy and Peggy Flanagan star in the story of a con man who loves a librarian.

**ON THE RIGHT SIDE**

Why should a priest whose almost exclusive enthusiasm is concentrated on the Catholic Faith be greatly concerned that people have a Will? The answer is that the Church teaches us to be concerned about wives, children, husbands, about our kin and friends. And a will is the normal means of disposing of one's goods according to justice, piety and gratitude, as well as according to charity.

Isn't it strange that men and women, married or single, will live on day after day as if they were going to live on earth forever? They refuse to arrange for the distribution of the property they will inevitably leave behind. I knew a man in Canada who died one balmy spring day while rocking in a chair on the front porch of a friend. He was not wealthy, but he did have a car, some property and a modest bank account. Because he made no will his car stood for months in a garage. His property was immobilized. His estate was divided between the Government for taxes, and three cousins whom he hardly knew. Such is the Law.

He had been an active churchman, involved in practical charities, and had often said that these charities would be remembered. No will, no memory. The Law is not sentimental, but follows an order necessary for society. I have known women who have been widowed, some even after a long illness of their spouse, who were stymied by the Law, because the husbands did not make provisions for their needs which were immediate after the death. We all know of huge estates, most of which went to the Government for inheritance taxes, because the deceased did not make a will.

If you do not have a will, ask yourself these questions: "If I die tomorrow, what happens to my family? What happens to my estate?" I never go to bed at night, nor awaken in the morning but I am a bit surprised that I am still here. That is not morbidity. Many of my class-mates, and other friends much younger than my own 65 years have died. When my time comes, only God knows. At least I do hope I won't leave a mess behind me. My family has a right to know where to bury me;

and my car, typewriter, beloved books, and whatever goods may be floating around should be distributed as I think they should, not as the Government might decide through the technicalities of the Law.

A few years ago this check list was in an economics magazine. It may help you.

- I. ARE YOUR RECORDS IN ORDER?** 1) Your Will. 2) Insurance policies. 3) Real Estate Deeds. 4) Stock Certificates. 5) Bonds. 6) Notes receivable. 7) Bank books. 8) Safety deposit key. 9) Income tax returns for previous years. 10) Marriage certificate. 11) List of close relatives with their addresses. 12) Veteran's discharge paper or certificate. 13) Social Security card or number. 14) **LIST OF YOUR ASSETS.** 15) Burial instructions. 16) General instructions to wife.

- II. ASSETS:** 1) Savings. 2) Securities. 3) Real Estate. 4) Life Insurance face value. 5) Other Assets.

- III. LIABILITIES:** 1) Debts. 2) Burial expenses. 3) Estate & Inheritance taxes. 4) Income tax due. 5) Administration expenses.

**IV. LIST OF ADVISERS:** Ann Landers advises: "Most banks and insurance companies have experts in estate planning. Also there are lawyers who specialize in this field. My advice to all wives is to avail yourselves of the services of an expert, so when the time comes you won't be shocked."

- V. PLANNING:** 1) Have you made an over-all plan for your estate? 2) Have you made a Will? 3) Has your wife made a Will? 4) Are you beneficiary arrangements up to date in insurance policies and pension plans? 5) Have you made provision for children's guardian? 6) Have you minimized taxes and administration costs? 8) Have you gone over these matters recently with a lawyer?

Blessed is the man or woman who leaves this world in the grace of God; and who has had the kindness not to leave things a mess but in an orderly state, so that his survivors can bless him for his kindness and concern. They can say: "He cared."

**Foundation Accepts Action On Mindszenty Issue**

St. Louis [RNS] — There was some open criticism and disappointment, but the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation nonetheless accepted the action of Pope Paul VI in dismissing Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty as Archbishop of Esztergom and Primate of Hungary.

At the Foundation's annual conference, however, speakers pointedly asked that Pope Paul not accede any further to other demands of the Hungarian Communist regime — for example, "neutralization" of the Hungarian prelate's forthcoming memoirs and revocation of his Vatican passport.

Some 300 persons attended the weekend conference of the Mindszenty Foundation, an organization strongly opposed to Communism and favoring traditional Roman Catholic beliefs.

A conference speaker, Father L. K. Parker, a Hungarian Norbertine Father, clarified what he believes to be the present status of the dismissed Hungarian primate.

Cardinal Mindszenty's status is comparable to that of retired Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles, "with the rights and privileges of a cardinal," Father Parker noted. Because the prelate is over 80 years of age, however, he may not vote in a conclave to elect the next Pope.

The decision to remove the prelate "was that of the Holy See, and the responsibility is that of the Holy See's," Father Parker said.

"Cardinal Mindszenty will obey. And here we see the greatness of this man — he obeys."

**Business In The Diocese**

Jeremiah T. Carr, has been promoted to staff superintendent-methods/training at Rochester Telephone.

A 1964 graduate of St. Bonaventure University, Carr joined Rochester Telephone in September 1969, following 5 1/2 years in the U.S. Army. He spent 18 months in the plant-service department as an installation foreman, before becoming commercial manager-marketing research in 1971.

A parishioner of St. Ambrose Church, Carr is a member of the Rochester Chapter, American Marketing Association, and is an officer of Pardee School Parent Teachers Association.

He and his wife, Sally, and their two children reside in Irondequoit.

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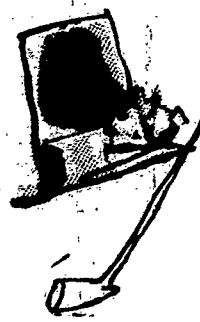
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