

ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Father Paul J. Cuddy

Were you in Avon recently?

Yes. I was assisting at the funeral of Mr. Emory Williams, so stayed overnight with Father Henry Atwell. While we have had violent theological disagreements at times, we have always been friends. He and his household: Father James Tierney and Mrs. Louise Coyne, always put out the larger Red Carpet for me. Father Atwell's convalescence will be slow and gradual.

And next to Piffard?

Yes. Stopped at Geneseo rectory where Father J. Walter Carron phoned the Trappists to ask for the best time to come. "Between 1 and 2:30."

So I shared a tuna sandwich, mellow balls and coffee with the faithful Nina made with Father C. Around 1960 I made a retreat at Piffard, and became a friend of some of the monks and Brother Jim Alan; and occasionally return for inspiration. I always thank God that I had no vocation to their life. While I admire the life, it's a bit like admiring a fine woman but being glad you're not married to her. The Trappists were catapulted into the American imagination by Thomas Merton's Seven Storey Mountain. I wonder if that book would mean much to the young today.

Recently I read a review of Cardinal Newman's Apologia Pro Vita Sua. What the reviewer



Treasurer Elected

John A. Ritzenthaler, treasurer of the Diocese of Rochester, was among 12 men to be elected vice-presidents of the National Association of Accountants, at the group's annual meeting held recently in Detroit. Ritzenthaler has previously served as a director of the organization.

CAMP ROOM

Dansville — Boy Scout Troop #38 of St. Mary's has room left for boys at Camp Gorton, July 28-Aug. 3. Any boy 11 years of age or older may make arrangements to attend camp by calling John Rauber, 987-6334.

observed probably applies to Seven Storey. He wrote: "The work is not easy reading. The difficulty does not lie in the style, for no one has written more clearly and simply than he. But he wrote for readers who were familiar with Church history and with theological problems. Most readers in our age of religious ignorance and indifference lack the knowledge to grasp many of his arguments."

I had intended to leave about 4 p.m. but met a family Brother who was so interesting that I stayed on and helped him get supper for 14 retreatants, in order to continue a discussion of his theories. Left Piffard about 7 p.m. for Hornell via Letchworth Park, a magnificent drive.

Was your Hornell stay profitable?

It always is. Pastor Father Robert MacNamara was out of town, but Father Lewis Brown and Canadian Redemptorist Father Joseph McGree were good hosts. Saint Ann's household, from the cook to the pastor has always been superlatively hospitable. They practice St. Benedict's dictum: Let guests be received as Christ. The primary purpose of the trip to Hornell was to make some radio tapes for our Legion of Mary Magnify the Lord program. But besides that, the visit included a coffee with Fathers William Cosgrove and the Sisters at St. James' Mercy Hospital and a Legion of Mary meeting of which Father Herbert Sturmer is spiritual director. The frosting on the cake was borrowing a set of Thomas Merton cassette tapes from legionaire Genevieve O'Connor. They have 24 conferences given by Merton to the Trappists at Gethsemane. They are good, but theologically heavy, and expensive: \$120 for 12 tapes. The eight Sheen tapes are only \$19.95, for 16 conferences.

How was your return?

Fine. Phoned Geneva about 4 p.m. for an invitation to supper at St. Stephen's. Courier-Journal Tour liturgist, Father James Lane, was waiting to welcome me. Father Richard Tormey bustled in and expatiated about many things with that sparkle which is part of his charm. Father Robert Antinorelli, who has a fine singing voice, had just reported in, replacing Fathers William Endres and Jeremiah Moynihan. Left immediately after supper so the three priests could get on with their work. Popped in for a moment at St. Francis DeSales where Father Gennaro Ventura was briefing his new assistant, Father William Leone. He replaced Dominican Father Oliver Plunket Stokes, now in Ireland.

Do readers care about your travels?

Readers are greatly interested in our good priests, Sisters, Brothers and fellow diocesans, who make our diocese such a fine diocese.

St. Paul wrote: "Rejoice with those who rejoice. Weep with those who weep." Don't you think not to care about one another would be a betrayal of the spirit of the Gospels?

Pope Advises Nuns Hold to Good

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul urged a group of nuns from Japan to follow the injunction of the Apostle Paul to the Thessalonian Christian community: "Think before you do anything — hold on to what is good."

group was to learn from the experiences of their European counterparts what might be useful for their communities back in Japan.

The Pope recommended to the superiors that they engrave on religious life of their communities "the traditional values of the Japanese woman," which, he said, are "obedience, patience, dedication, and a kind and loving heart."

"It is clear," the Pope told the group, "that not everything will be able to be transformed to your communities. Your attention must not be turned so much to external forms and experimentations of doubtful value, which more often than not are capitulations to a worldly mentality."

The pontiff offered his advice at a special audience with 23 superiors general of women's religious orders and congregations based in Japan.

The group had come to Rome as part of a western European visit to various religious institutes for women. The intention of the

"Rather, you must seek for what is truly valid in the various institutes and look for the things that undergird their vitality."

Blessed Trinity 'Successful'

Auburn — Blessed Trinity Home School Association recently sponsored a teacher appreciation dinner at Auburn Country Club to celebrate the successful completion of the first year of the new school's existence. A few days earlier, on June 16th the ninety-eight members of the first graduation class of the school received their diplomas during a concelebrated Mass at Holy Family Church.

Emphasizing that the Church "needs holiness in religious more than the external works they perform," the pontiff warned:

"The greatest danger which your institutes must face up to and resist at all costs is the modern spirit of indifference."

He said that the religious life must be lived "in its fullness and in accord with its highest demands of prayer, humility, poverty, a spirit of sacrifice, and austere observance of vows. It must be holy, or else it ceases to have any reason for existence."

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