

ON THE RIGHT SIDE

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Are the diocesan military chaplains forming a union?

Good heavens, no! The Church has enough pressure groups, who push their thing without adding much holiness. Most of the pressure groups want more money, more power and more prestige. Thank God for groups like Mother Teresa's Missionary Sisters of Charity.

Then why did the chaplains meet in Auburn on Aug. 16?

For the same reason people have family get-togethers, alumni reunions to enjoy the companionship of those with mutual experiences and memories. I think military chaplains place a greater value on hospitality than most people. They have been rootless for varying periods of time. Most chaplains recall with gratitude the kindness and hospitality from others, especially in rectories. For example in our own diocese, the memory of Msgr. McPadden and Father Ray Nolan will be venerated for a long time for the special hospitality at St. Stephen's, Geneva, during the Sampson Base days. During their quasi-nomadic days, chaplains looked forward to welcoming guests in their own rectories, remembering the dictum of St. Benedict: "Let guests be received as Christ."

Do you think non-military priests are less hospitable?

Don't be foolish. It was the non-military priests who were their kind hosts during their service days. And most of us remember the rectory housekeepers and cooks who were so gracious and motherly.

Why Auburn?

Because Msgr. Joseph Gefell organized the reunion, and he is

RUSH PARISH SETS BARBECUE

St. Joseph's parish in Rush will put on a chicken barbecue Saturday, Sept. 14, 5 to 8 p.m. The annual barbecue is the parish's main fund raising and social event. Proceeds provide tuition aid for young people of the parish attending Catholic high school.

In addition to the home-cooked dinner, there will be pony rides, games and variety booths. Mass will be celebrated at 9 p.m. In charge are Mrs. Joseph Trojanowski and Mrs. Bernard Johnson.

pastor of St. Alphonsus, in Auburn. Shortly after he came to Auburn he remarked: "I used to dream of the day when I could have my own rectory, and welcome fellow priests." When he and his brother, Msgr. Gerard Gefell, were in Viet Nam they struck up a strong friendship with Cardinal Cooke, who is the Military Vicar of the Armed Forces. The thought fructified into the Aug. 16 reunion of 37 ex-chaplains, and some still active chaplains.

What did you do at the reunion?

At 4 p.m. the church bells rang, and a concelebrated Mass was offered at St. Alphonsus. A contemporary choir sang hymns very well. Chaplain (Col.) Gerard Gefell introduced the Cardinal. The Cardinal poured it on rather thick, about the generous service of the priests of the Diocese of Rochester. The fact is that much of the credit goes to the interest of Bishop Kearney, and the training at Old St. Bernard's, with its discipline, loyalties and camaraderie. The K of C formed an honor guard.

And after Mass?

The priests got together in St. Alphonsus Hall for a sip, and a good supper put on by McConnell caterers. Bishop Hogan arrived with his secretary, Father Michael Conboy. The usual amenities followed. Father Gus Hanna was toast-master. The speakers were few. The Cardinal was presented with a plaque. His secretary, a young Msgr. Kennedy, has relatives in Dansville. A letter was read from Bishop Casey, and all recalled his much appreciated communiques to us, entitled "APO 50."

When supper was ended, most hustled back to their parishes for wedding rehearsals and parish meetings. A few repaired to the rectory for an informal session.

High light:

Father Ward asked Cardinal Cooke: "Do you ever see Bishop Sheen?" "Oh, yes. He's busier than ever, giving retreats, conferences, talks. Very much in demand." Father Jack Klientjes, who had just bought two more sets of the Sheen conference tapes, said, "Msgr. Gefell and I made a retreat from the tapes. They are great." Others commented on the inspiration from the conferences. I just happened to have an extra set along with me, and before leaving at 9 p.m. presented it to the Cardinal. He was pleased, and said: "I'll see that they are put to good use." Who do you think left the room humming alleluias?

Deaths

Helen Kelley, Bishop's Kin

Rome, N.Y. — The Mass of Christian burial for Helen Casey Kelley was celebrated Aug. 29, 1974, in St. Patrick's Church.

Mrs. Kelley, widow of Harold T. Kelley, was the sister of Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Paterson, a former auxiliary bishop of the Rochester Diocese. She was a native of Rochester.

Survivors include three daughters and a son, Mrs. Walter Staloff of Ava, Kathleen and Gregory Kelley of Rome, and Mrs. Wharton N. Cole of San Antonio; also, two grandchildren.

James Heuther

Funeral services for James A. Huether of Lexington Avenue were held Aug. 21, 1974, at Most Precious Blood Church.

Father Sebastian Congiaco, CPPS concelebrated the Mass with Fathers Peter Nobile, CPPS, Brian Murphy, O Carm, and Robert Bradler, and Msgr. Richard K. Burns. Bishop John E. McCafferty and Father Robert Meng also were present.

Mr. Huether a life-long member of Most Precious Blood parish, served many years as a trustee. After his retirement from the American Laundry Machinery Company, he became a familiar figure around Most Precious Blood School where he served as custodian until two years ago.

He is survived by his widow, Bridget; four sons, Eugene B. of Nutley, N.J., James, Leonard, and Gerald; three daughters, Mrs. Louis (Margaret) Tomasso, Sister Dolores Anne, SSJ, of Nazareth Academy, and Mrs. Ralph (Bernadine) Gordon; one brother, Norman Huether; three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Dick, Mrs. Michael (Eva) St. John, and Mrs. Mary Schwind; 24 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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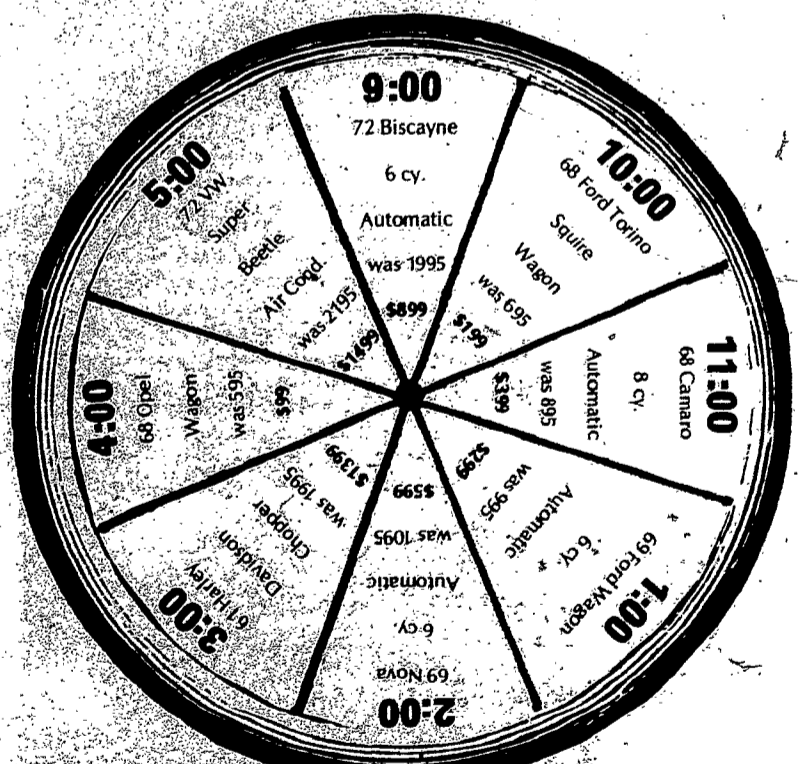
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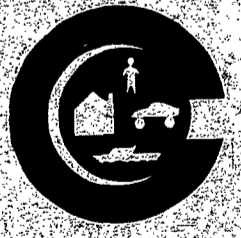
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