

Solzhenitsyn 'Spreads Fatima Peace Message'

Alexander Solzhenitsyn unwittingly spreads the message of Fatima and echoes Pope Paul's Holy Year hopes, Father Edward Shamon declared last week.

The exiled Russian author, calling for a "moral revolution" in his country, indirectly, and naturally, unintentionally, underlines Our Lady's request for prayers for the conversion of Russia, Father Shamon said.

The Auburn priest, pastor of St. Aloysius, spoke twice Friday at St. John the Evangelist in Greece, and appeared on Pastor's Study, a morning television show. He was in the Rochester area as official host to the Pilgrim Statue, which is a reminder of the 1917 apparitions at Fatima, Portugal.

Pope Paul's plea for renewal and reconciliation was addressed to all peoples all over the world, Father Shamon said, and he related to it a recently reported Solzhenitsyn statement that the communist system in Russia is equivalent to national sin, demanding repentance on a wide scale.

The speaker also used these quotes, contained in a news story from Zurich, Switzerland, that was published Thursday.

"Our program is a moral revolution for our country,

the specific task is to venture a moral deed. There must be a stop to the support of official lies, you don't even have to go outside. All you have to do is reject lies."

"Either the movement will be launched or not. If it is not, I will be the first to admit that this was not the right way. Or, hundreds of thousands of people will participate and the effect will not be measured in years, but in months. It would be an avalanche, a bloodless revolution."

The pilgrim Statue, with its peace message, has toured 45 of the nation's 165 dioceses. Its last appearance in the Rochester diocese will be at Cardinal Mooney High School at 7:30 tonight.

THANKSGIVING RITES

Auburn — Sacred Heart Church will host the AIM sponsored contemporary Thanksgiving Services, Wednesday evening, Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving morning services will be at 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Presbyterian Church. Offerings of canned goods and money will be received at both services for the relief of emergency needs in the community.

Cenacle Slates New Year's Eve Recollection

The Cenacle Retreat House invites women and men for an overnight evening of recollection, given by Father Joseph Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The program opens at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31 and includes conferences, individual prayer time and Mass. It closes after breakfast on Jan. 1 — only those remaining overnight will be permitted to attend. Contact Sister Mary Walsh, Cenacle 271-8755.

Alumni to Fete Bona President

Elmira — The Elmira-Ithaca Chapter of the St. Bonaventure University Alumni Association will sponsor a reception and dinner for the university president, the Very Rev. Damian McElrath, OFM, on Sunday, Dec. 1. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. at Lowery's Restaurant, Big Flats, after a cocktail hour.

Father Crispin Maguire, OFM, vice president for University Relations, will attend. Clement Knuth, chapter president, Thomas McElroy, university coordinator of alumni services, and Richard Woodhouse are coordinating the event.

Business In The Diocese



KENNETH YOCKEL

Kenneth Yockel has been promoted to general supervisor, second shift of die cast and machining. Philip Bittle to general supervisor of quadrajet assembly, second shift and Harry Tufano to supervisor in the Die Cast Area at Rochester Products Division of General Motors Corp.

Yockel, a native Rochesterian, joined Rochester Products in 1963. He and his wife, the former Yvonne Scialdone live on Bremen Circle in Penfield and are parishioners at St. Joseph's Church.

Robert Molinari, former executive director of the Council of Inner City Parishes, has been appointed director of public relations and fund development for the Genesee Valley Heart Association.

Ronald H. Fielding has been elected assistant treasurer of Security New York State Corporation. His responsibilities include cash management and financial analysis. He is a graduate of St. John's College in Annapolis, Md., holds a master's degree in economics from the University of Rochester and is enrolled in the Master of Business Administration program there.

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Ceremonies Mark Pilgrim Virgin Visit

St. John of Rochester Parish will hold an outside procession, an all-night vigil, and participate in other ceremonies to honor Mary, the Mother of Christ, on the occasion of the arrival of the

"Pilgrim Virgin" Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, Nov. 25 and 26.

The procession, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Route 31 at Wickford Way on Nov. 25, will be led by the brass ensemble from the Cardinal Mooney High School Band and a contingent of Knights of St. John.

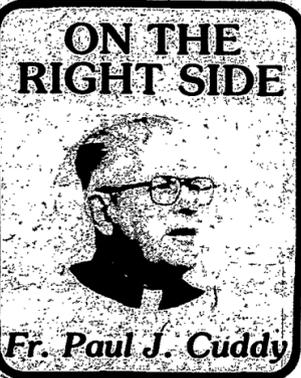
Following the procession, Fathers Vincent Collins and Leonard Kelly will concelebrate Mass in the church. Parish groups from Fairport, East Rochester, and Pittsford have been invited to join with the parishioners of St. John of Rochester in commemorating the statue's visit.

STUDENT HONORED

Hornell — Tom Hallenbeck one of St. Ann's Sunday Mass servers has been picked to be Hornell High School's Americans Abroad summer program candidate. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hallenbeck. Last year's candidate, Kathy Koehler will describe her summer in Germany to the Mothers Club in December. Also, Kathy, Amy Nugent and Michael Dailey are listed among the top ten students with the highest average with three years at Hornell High. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hoehler, Mrs. John Nugent and Mr. and Mrs. William Dailey.

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ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Were you surprised at Mexico?

Yes. Very much. My idea of Mexico had been of a country full of poverty, terrible roads, little material progress, and not much spiritual progress. How mistaken I was. Our tour was called "The Colonial Tour" because it covered a series of magnificent cities encircling Mexico City, founded by colonists in the 1530s. The one place we were most anxious to visit was the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 10 miles from down-town Mexico City. It equals Lourdes, Assisi and Nazareth in devotion. However the tour was not primarily a religious tour, but more one of history, beauty, and contemporary developments. The cities of Puebla, San Miguel Allende, Guanajuato, Morelia, Taxco are as historically important to Mexico as Boston and Bunker Hill, Mt. Vernon and Philadelphia are to us. Yet these cities were practically unknown to us. The names of Hidalgo and Morelos, who were kind of a Washington and Jefferson to Mexican history were unfamiliar to us. Hidalgo and Morelos were both brilliant social action priests, somewhat exaggerated Fathers Mulligan and Freemesser of the 1810s. Unfortunately our guides gave us slender historic information, excepting for two days when we visited special Hidalgo and Morelos territory. Perhaps that was just as well, because their sympathy for the Faith and for the Church seemed even slimmer than their information output.

That is one reason I am glad to be a "Tour Conductor", which is an elegant term for "Baggage Master". It is an apostolate of explaining the Church and her involved history by one who loves her. I wasn't very good at it on this trip, but since returning, have read a great deal, and having experienced the Colonial

Tour this October, would be quite good another time.

Isn't Mexico full of poverty?

Yes, even as the United States. Mexico has the wealthy middle class and the very poor. Mexico City is a prosperous, beautiful city of nine million, with ideal weather, beautiful parks, museums, art, nice homes and great sections of impoverished inner cities. Mexico is a progressive country, despite a hundred years of revolutions, civil wars, awful carnage and political instability.

How was the food?

Luscious. And the deserts were a glutton's dream. Because the tour booked first class places, we usually had a choice of milder American foods or the more spicy Mexican foods. The costs are comparable to the States, excepting sugar which is 6 cents a pound. Our meals were included with the tour price, so we ordered with greater extravagance than we might have were we paying for the meals individually. An example, the simple Continental breakfast of orange juice, toast, marmalade and coffee was \$1.60 at our Mexico City hotel. Coffee, tea or milk, 50 cents. Booze laundry, extras of any kind of course are personal charges. Martini, Manhattan, whiskey sour, \$1.60 a drink. Beer, 65 cents and \$1 a bottle. Pepsi Cola or Ginger ale, 60 cents.

What of Montezuma's Revenge?

All notices preparing us for Mexico warned us against drinking untreated water or eating fresh vegetables, which would give us Montezuma's Revenge. M.V. is an allegorical name for diarrhea. Cortes conquered Mexico in the 1520's with 500 men and a few horses and cannons. The Aztec Emperor, Montezuma, was convinced Cortes was a god prophesied in the Aztec religious books and was reluctant to do battle against him. Consequently, the Spaniards were able to take over the country. Travellers to Mexico commonly get diarrhea from the water, vegetables and unpeeled fresh fruit. This is jokingly called Montezuma's Revenge. We had hardly a trace of it in our group despite the dire warnings, and what did come was easily treated and quickly cured. There were many surprises in the Mexican tour, and this was one of the very good ones.

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