

PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

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The Priest — A 'For Instance' Man

[The Vocation Crisis] Part I

I write this column from Becket Hall across from the main campus of St. John Fisher College. It is a location that will always be special for me because I had the privilege of being its founding father. Here, students of college age come to form a community of faith, love and service, in which they can test the strength of their aspirations and visions of priesthood and grow in the maturity that the reality of priestly ministry requires.

I am here today with some seventy of my brother priests to reflect on the vocation crisis in the Church and to pray for direction from the Lord of the harvest Who sends laborers into the vineyard. Tomorrow, another seventy will arrive and we shall reflect on the same theme.

We gathered first in the Chapel and we prayed:

"Lord of the harvest, our Father, we pray that you give to the young

people of our community, whom you are calling to serve the Church of your Son, the courage and strength to respond to that call.

"Raise up from the families of our community, young men and women who are in love with the work of your Son and the spreading of His Gospel, the good news of salvation in this day and age.

"Grant that the adult community will, by their example, encouragement and prayer, be the genuine moral force by which these young people will respond to your call."

On the altar were placed symbols of our priestly service — a chalice, a stole, and the divine office (the Prayer of Christians). Three priests then offered their personal reflections on what these symbols meant to them — all signs of our vocation to be men for others — to be victims so identified with the person of Christ that we can authentically say, 'This is My Body — My Blood' — to bear the sweet yoke of Christ in generous and joyous daily service — to be men of prayer with easy access to God in petition for the needs of His people.

After a reading from the ritual of priestly

ordination which calls us to authenticity and generosity in His service, we concluded our prayers with the 'Te Deum' and the 'Salve Regina' — age-old hymns of praise to the Lord and to our Blessed Mother.

Then we gathered in the assembly hall to listen to Dr. Irvin Arkin from St. Louis University. He is a layman, a convert from the Lutheran Church in which he had been a minister for three years, a theologian deeply in love with the Church and his studies, and one of the best lecturers that I have ever heard. His message filled with humor (he reminded me of Sam Levinson) was challenging and inspirational. I wished the whole world could have heard him.

He challenged us to be proud of our priesthood and to let everyone know how happy we are in our vocation. The II Vatican Council, he said, has assured us that the ministerial priesthood exists to develop the priesthoods of the people of God and has offered us these three rubrics in which this can be realized:

We are called to be the **principal shipper**, the **principal teacher**, and the **principal shepherd** in the Christian community — a divine 'for instance' for the people of God is what our faith is all about.

[to be continued next week]

New Mass Rites Now Mandatory

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — The Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship, in a recent notice sent to the world's Catholic bishops, emphasized that the celebration of Mass — whether in the vernacular or in Latin — must adhere to the rites contained in the New Order of Mass authorized by Pope Paul in 1969.

The notice, which called for vigilance by bishops and heads of religious communities in assuring that New Order of Mass be correctly accepted and used by priests and people, has, in effect, officially repudiated the use of the pre-Vatican II forms of the Mass, except in special circumstances.

In recent months, Catholic "traditionalist" groups in several areas — including the U.S. and France — have called for the re-institution of the "old-style" Tridentine Latin Mass, first promulgated in 1570 by Pope St. Pius V and used for almost 400 years in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church.

The Tridentine Mass was supplanted by the New Order of Mass following changes in the liturgy by Vatican II, but some individuals and groups have refused to accept the liturgical changes.

The Vatican notice, signed by Cardinal James Robert Knox, the congregation's prefect, said bishops may continue to permit priests "who by reason of old age or infirmity experience serious difficulties" in observing the New Order of Mass to use the 1962 edition, adapted by decrees in 1965 and 1967.

BISHOP NAMED

London [RNS] — Auxiliary Bishop Mervyn A. Alexander of the Diocese of Clifton has been appointed bishop of the see by Pope Paul. He succeeds Bishop Joseph E. Rudderham, who retired last September. Bishop Alexander has been auxiliary at Clifton — which embraces several counties and is named after a suburb of Bristol — since March 1972. He is 49 and a Londoner.

"The text, in its entirety or in part, can be used only for the celebration of the Mass without a congregation," the notice said. "In no way may ordinaries (bishops) grant the faculty for Masses celebrated with a congregation."

While allowing that the New Order of Mass may be observed in Latin, the notice said that bishops should be "vigilant" to ensure that "notwithstanding any pretext of custom, even immemorial custom, the Order of Mass of the new Roman Missal may be correctly accepted and that its content may be understood with greater zeal and reverence by all."

In the U.S., Catholic traditionalists in Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island, among other places, continue to

Pope Orders Cost Cut, Wage Raise

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul, faced with a growing budget deficit aggravated by inflation, has set up a commission to make a full-scale review of personnel and spending at the Vatican.

Cardinal Jean Villot, Vatican Secretary of State, disclosed in a letter posted on Vatican bulletin boards that the Pope had vetoed a proposed 1975 budget at a recent meeting with the heads of the various departments of the Curia, the central administrative arm of the Church.

The cardinal's letter mentioned "a serious deficit" but gave no figures. It said the Pope had established a commission of inquiry — the first such in his 11-year pontificate — to cut spending and reduce personnel.

Cardinal Villot also said the Pope had ordered a \$36-a-month cost-of-living increase for the Vatican's 3,000 employees — "in view of Italy's 25 per cent inflation rate."

celebrate the Tridentine Latin despite warnings from bishops that they are taking part in an unauthorized rite of the Church.

Last December, Bishop Louis Gelineau of Providence cautioned a group of traditionalists on Aquidneck Island, R.I., that they run the risk of becoming "schismatics." A leader of the group, which came mainly from Washington, D.C., to found the St. Athanasius Guild on the island, said the group objected to the New Order of Mass and did not "go along" with making religion fit the times.

Last October, about 100 traditionalists took part in an unauthorized Tridentine Mass in Wheeling, W. Va., despite a warning from the local bishop that the ritual is "in opposition to papal and episcopal authority."

Father Gommar De Pauw, head of the Catholic Traditionalist Movement headquartered in Westbury, N.Y., for years has been celebrating the Tridentine Mass three times each Sunday for a congregation made up of persons from several states. The Mass has also been broadcast throughout the country.

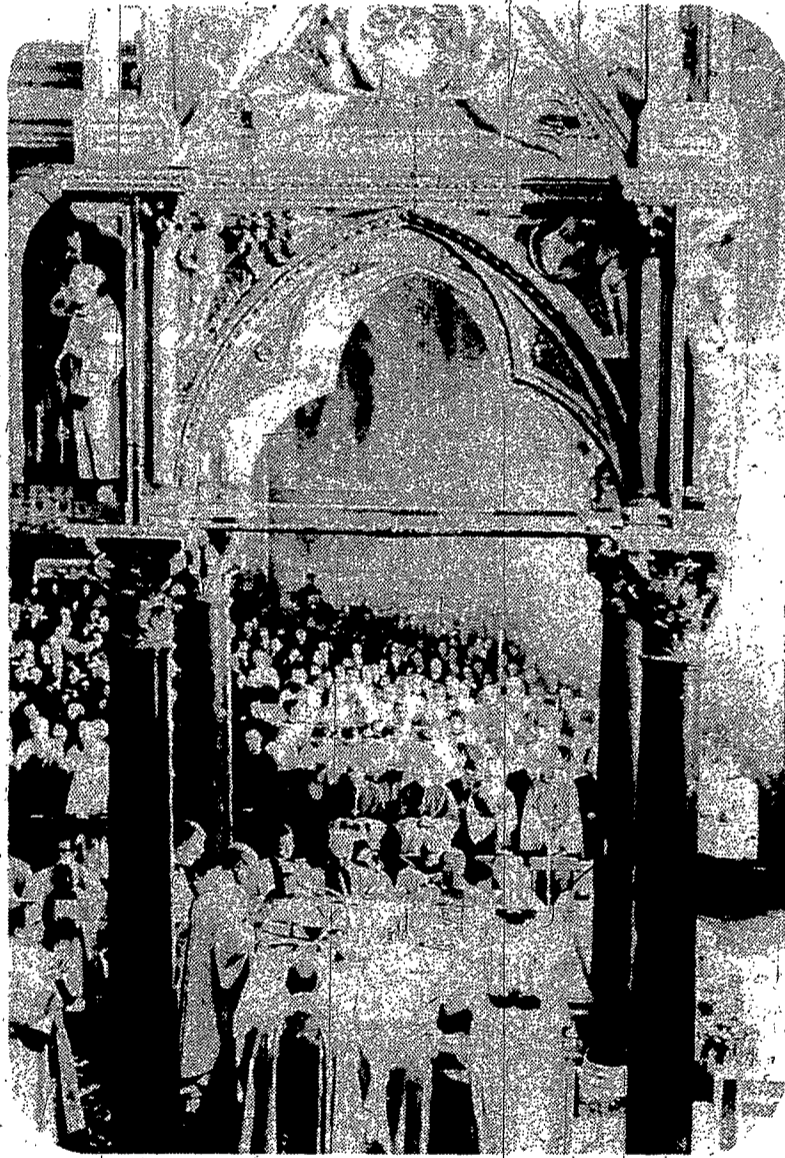
Self-Discipline Urged by Pope

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul has called on the faithful to exercise more "self-discipline" in their lives.

Speaking at his mid-weekly general audience, the Pope said that the renewal called for in the current Holy Year demanded a kind of "re-education" of the self.

"We must impose on ourselves — on our instincts, our feelings, our emotions — an order, a harmony, a mastery and a self-discipline that will give to our lives a truly human and Christian character," he said.

"Let us," he added, "try and defend ourselves against the easy moral corruption which everywhere assails us," and "keep ourselves holy and immaculate in charity, as the Apostle Paul exhorts us."



Pope's Mass for Unity Week

Pope Paul VI stands under the huge marble canopy over the main altar of the Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls in Rome as he concelebrates Mass to mark the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. (RNS)

FTC Asked to Probe Gallo Ads

Denver [RNS] — Among signers of a request to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to investigate advertising practices of the Gallo Wine Co. are two Roman Catholic leaders.

They are Auxiliary Bishop George R. Evans of Denver, and Sister Loretto Ann Madden, director of the Colorado Catholic Conference. Also signing the letter were regional political and labor leaders.

The request alleges that Gallo ads for Madria-Madria and Joseph Steub wines "have the capacity to deceive consumers who support the Gallo boycott" since there is no indication in the ads that the two wines are made by Gallo.

Bishop Evans, a strong supporter of the boycott led by Cesar Chavez, head of the United Farm Workers, said he believes Gallo has purposely avoided naming itself as the manufacturer to help stem the tide of the boycott.

"I believe they're doing this because the strike is hurting them," he added. "Because if you've got a winner, why not tell the public?"

Sister Loretto Ann said she felt the advertising was "deceptive." She expressed hope that a reconciliation can be worked between the UFW and Gallo Wine Co. "I strongly support Cesar Chavez and have for a number of years," she said.