



magazine which was once read by a lot of people, and had immense respect and influence. Its political and social impact now is about that of "Sports Illustrated.")

He has recently devoted most of an issue to a long editorial about the Holy Year of Reconciliation, in which he provides answers to most of the major problems facing the nation and the world. One wonders if he's so smart, how come he's not God.

But among those very few who are not going to be invited to be reconciled around Father Campion's table are those of us who are working on the subject of ethnicity. Quoting that renowned international expert on ethnicity, Naomi Bliven (writing in that famous scholarly journal, "The New Yorker"), Father Campion informs us that "much talk about ethnicity has a primitivism and a

particularism that are at odds with Christianity and any of the first-rate thought-of the Western world."

"America" has jumped on the bandwagon for every faddish particularism which has come down the road in the last decade—liberation theology, "third worldism," black power, Latino power, Indian power. But when that "particularism" has to do with Catholic ethnics (whose money is enabling the Jesuits to subsidize "America"), it suddenly becomes primitive, un-Christian and second-rate.

Since Ms. Bliven was reviewing a book of mine, Father Campion obviously thinks that I'm primitive, un-Christian, and second-rate. Bless you, Donald; if it's a fight you want, it's a fight you will get.

What's particularism? It's love of your own tiny little bit of turf,

your hometown, your neighborhood, your heritage, your own kind of people, your specific and unique contribution to the ecumenical splendor. It's an attempt to discover who you are and where you are and where you came from in order to contribute to the great pool of richness and diversity. It is opposed to the bland, empty, dull universalism of Midtown Manhattan (where "America" pontificates) in which everyone is like everyone else and there is no room for variety, heterogeneity and pluralism.

Un-Christian and second-rate? Was Dante a "Mediterranean"? Or a Latin? Or an Italian? He was rather a Florentine and immensely proud of it. Was Shakespeare an Anglo-Saxon or a Briton? Or even an Englishman? Was he not, rather, a Londoner? Was Mozart an Aryan? Or a Teuton? Or a German? Or even an Austrian? Was he not, rather, first a Salzburger and then a Vien-

nese? Was Jesus a Semite? Or a Jew? Was he not, rather, a Galilean, from Nazareth?

All of these men, of course, transcended their local base, but not by alienating themselves from it. They were able to speak to all humans of every age not by denying the uniqueness of their own bit of turf but by plumbing its depths and by using it as a platform from which to turn out to the world. They were able to speak to the whole of humankind because they understood and valued who and why they themselves were in their own little bit of time and space.

If Father Campion would get out of his chair, and leave his editorial office for a day or two, he would find out that the ethnic activists like Steve Adiabato in Newark (that's across the Hudson River, Father) and the inimitable Gene Baroni are in the reconciliation business.

Since the lamented departure of Dale Francis from the ranks of Catholic editors, the prize for the most pompous editorial writer in the Catholic field goes without a doubt to Donald Campion, SJ, the editor of "America."

(In case most of you haven't heard of "America," it is a Jesuit

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When should you choose your family burial place?

SOME HAVE ASKED THEMSELVES THIS QUESTION. SOME HAVE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT. ALL WILL HAVE TO ANSWER IT SOMETIME. JUST AS DEATH IS INEVITABLE SO IS THE NEED FOR BURIAL FACILITIES. IF YOU SHOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER NOW, THINK HOW DIFFICULT IT WILL BE ON A DAY WHEN THE DECISION CAN NO LONGER BE POSTPONED.

- 1. CHOOSING A FAMILY BURIAL PLACE IS INEVITABLE.** It can be done when there is a death—a time of sorrow and confusion—or it can be done NOW, thoughtfully and at your own convenience.
- 2. SOMEONE MUST DO IT.** Unless it is a planned decision now, your family may have to depend on the judgment of a friend, or even a stranger, to select in haste and hope he will not disappoint those who will be the most frequent visitors.
- 3. DEATH IS A TIME OF STRESS.** Many things must be done quickly with little time to think them through. Selecting your burial place is one of the few that can be done in advance to relieve future strain.
- 4. DEATH IS A TIME OF EXPENSE**—a strain on finances often needed for family re-adjustment. Selecting now can relieve a financial problem later when such problems are a real burden.
- 5. WHAT DO YOU WISH TO PAY?** You can decide that easily now—not so easily later. Whoever makes the decision at time of death is likely to be guided by emotion rather than prudence.
- 6. HOW DO YOU WISH TO PAY?** You can purchase it as you please—in one payment or over a period of time, without interest or finance charges.
- 7. WHAT YOU DON'T CHOOSE NOW WILL NEVER COST YOU LESS!** If history is any teacher, the same selection later will be more expensive and the same expense later may require considerably further to travel to newly developed outlying locations.
- 8. YOUR FAMILY BURIAL PLACE WILL BE VISITED OFTEN.** It can be a place of peace and prayer suited to your family's tastes. If you want it to be that, it may be hard to achieve at the time of death, when the weather and the season, can make judgement difficult.
- 9. DO YOU CARE WHERE YOU ARE BURIED?** If you don't, someone very likely does, and that someone must decide in haste without your help. Experience shows that it is usually the woman rather than the man who must do it.
- 10. WILL YOU WANT . . . REGULAR OR MAUSOLEUM BURIAL.** Since the cost is about the same this is a decision that can be made now and avoid the confusion surrounding a death.

To help you plan your family burial needs and to assist you when death occurs we have a booklet "Let's Face It Now" which can be used as a guide to the many things to be done at the time of death. It explains how to speed up life insurance settlements. How to avoid losing Social Security, Veterans and other benefits. Why it's so important that all the detailed information your family will need is available to them when they need it.

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