

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

The variety of attacks on Catholic doctrine and Catholic practices during the past decade is curious and sad. The papers report that the closest thing to censorship on the part of the Holy See in years is the admonition to Swiss theologian, Hans Kueng, for his theology regarding the papacy. Hans Kueng is not the great hero of traditionalist Catholics. He is a great hero among many who have a hang-up against authority and against the Pope. Recently I asked a holy Jesuit who had studied under H.K. at Tubingen, the University where Melancthon taught during the Reformation, if he considered him orthodox in his teaching. He smiled a little and replied: "Yes. I think so." Yet a couple years ago theologian Karl Rahner, a former professor of H.K. described him as a Modernist Protestant. For those who may wonder what is a Modernist, one could probably simplify it by saying he downgrades the supernatural and upgrades the human, in contradistinction to the Fundamentalist Protestantism which tends to over-literalize the Bible.

One of the doctrines under attack by Modernists has been the reality of angels. However, the prayers of the Church, the books of the Bible, the finale of the prefaces of the Mass, and all tradition are full of references to Angels. Up to a few years ago we used to say the Leonine prayers, which included the prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel.

On an island off France there is a famous monastery which is a marvel to artists, architects, historians, travellers, and to devout clients of St. Michael. Most readers would recognize the monastery if a picture were placed in front of them. The monastery is called Mont Saint Michel, or Mount of St. Michael.

This magnificent set of

buildings was begun as a simple chapel in 708 as a result of an apparition by St. Michael to the local bishop. That's 1250 years ago. As the years went on, a new church building was built. Then monastic buildings developed: schools, libraries, living quarters, chapels, administration buildings. It became a compact religious city and was a reminder to all who saw it: "The Lord is God, and St. Michael is His princely angel." During the French revolution, Mont St. Michel was taken away from the monks. It became a prison for three quarters of a century. After WW I, in 1922, the French government restored it as a place of worship. During WW II pilots, both Allied and German, used it as a navigational check point.

Who is this Michael after whom Mont St. Michel is named? The Bible tells us in Daniel X, that the Angel Gabriel said to Daniel: "Behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me . . . and none is your helper in all things but Michael, your prince." In Revelations XII we read: "There was a great battle in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon."

Now, we ask just what are angels? Angels are spiritual beings created by God to serve Him and often are His messengers. Since the coming of Christ, angels are subject to Jesus, and their main role is to minister to Jesus and to His Kingdom. As members of Christ's Kingdom we are under the ministering care of the angels.

Recently I was at Forty Hours at St. Casimir's Church, Elmira, and on Monday was making a Holy Hour in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The second grade came in, shepherded by a Sister of St. Joseph, and spent about 25 minutes in prayer and adoration, with prayers fitted to their angelic little minds and tongues. **Angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom His love commits me here, Ever this day be at my side, To light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.**

Everywhere I go, people are just delighted to hear that old prayer of their childhood, and to renew an acquaintance with that guardian angel who has frequently been lost in sophisticated progressiveness. I pray that prayer every morning. May all parents, all Catholic schools, all CCD classes, bring back the Prayer to the Guardian Angel as part of the Church's Renewal.



Antique Show

The Bishop Kearney High School Mothers' Club is sponsoring an Antique Show and Sale, Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the school gym. Donation is \$1. Senior Citizens, 50 cents. Discussing antiques, left to right, are Midge Yaeckel, publicity chairman; Brother Killelea, moderator; and Jean Forstbauer, chairman.

News from Hornell

RETREAT

Hornell — About 40 men have already signed up for the Men's Retreat scheduled for Apr. 12-13. Father Herbert Sturmer explained the retreat plan at a recent Communion Breakfast. Men are urged to sign up now by contacting Jim Fahl (324-4412), parish chairman.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Hornell — A panel of members of the Hornell Area Right to Life group presented an informative program at a recent meeting of St. Ann's Mothers Club. Each member of the host club filled out a questionnaire and the answers were discussed by panelists Thomas Gibson, moderator; Mrs. Andrew Lamb,

Mrs. Donald Koehler, Mrs. Robert Hanrahan and Mrs. Richard Kull.

It was announced that a new telephone hot-line service will be in operation soon to provide an alternative to abortion in cases of problem pregnancy. It will function under the title "Hart-line." Mrs. Doris Zelif, president of the Mothers Club announced that a dance "Swing Into Spring" will be held Apr. 19 at the Knights of Columbus Home for the benefit of audio-visual aids for the school. The next meeting will be held Apr. 9.

SHEETS NEEDED

Wayland — The Blue Cross Mission Circle at St. Joseph's urgently needs white, light colored, flowered or striped sheets for bandages. Those with donations are asked to please leave the sheets in the school kitchen or at Lou Youchum's home at 203 S. Main St.

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Mrs. Lynette Roe and Mrs. Barbara Kennedy (l-r) bone up on the works of Mary Reed Newland in preparation for her visit.

Mrs. Newland to Speak At Coming Parish

Corning — Mary Reed Newland, religious educator, writer and lecturer, will speak at St. Patrick's Parish Center at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 6. Her topic will be The Family and the Bible, which is the title also of one of her books.

All children are invited for the story hour which Mrs. Newland

will conduct after her talk. The children will be looked after and entertained during the adult part of the program. A discussion and social hour will round out the afternoon.

Mrs. Newland, mother of seven, works with the Albany Diocesan Office of Religious Education.

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