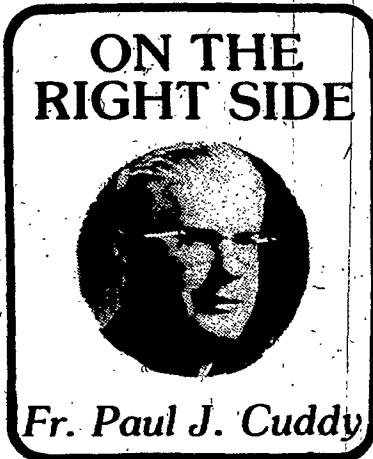




Alice in Wonderland

Photo by Bruce Genut

Junior Highschoolers at St. Ambrose School are rehearsing this week for their production of *Alice in Wonderland*, to be presented May 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. in Dailey Hall. The production involves each of the students at the school's junior high and is unique in that students at the Eastman School of Music are part of the orchestra and in that parents and senior citizens are taking part in the production crew duties. Above are chorus members in the Sea Creatures sequence in the musical play.



ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

What has happened to the Saints?

On, they're shining with God in heaven, and hopefully they are keeping an eye on us, their family on earth. However a lot of dippy-do business in the Church this past decade has successfully obscured the Saints from the vision of many people.

You feel strongly about this?

Indeed I do. As piety is a virtue, impiety is a vice. Love of family, i.e. relatives, friends, country is part of the virtue of piety. Indifference to kin and friends and country is part of the vice of impiety. Consider the Creed: "I believe in the Communion of Saints." That's our spiritual family. Yet this past decade there has been an undermining of this doctrine, in practice.

In practice?

Yes. Query the youngsters about the Saints, and from most you will draw a blank; even from those in Catholic schools. Thank God, I did hear about one school, McQuaid I think, where a brief life of the saint of the day is broadcast over the loudspeaking system in the morning. You can't understand the history of the Church without a knowledge of the Saints. Who can appreciate the Trinity without Our Lady and St. Athanasius? the papacy without Leo the Great and St. Catherine of Siena; the Eucharist without Tarcisus and St. Thomas; Human Development without Camillus, Vincent de Paul, Dom Bosco, Mother Macauley, Mother Cabrini; Father Flanagan? Or who can understand Poland and the Slavic countries, Germany, Ireland, without Stanislaus, Cyril and Methodius, Boniface, Patrick and Brigid. In his fine book, *The Church and I*, Frank Sheed ob-

NEW VIET BISHOP

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul has named a new bishop in South Vietnam. Father Jean Baptiste Bui-tuan will be coadjutor Bishop of Long-Xuyen. Bishop-designate Bui-tan was born Jan. 24, 1928, at Cam-lai in North Vietnam. He studied for the priesthood at the Pontifical Urban University at Rome and was ordained in 1955. He later studied at universities in Switzerland and Germany. At the time of his appointment, he was spiritual director at St. Thomas Seminary in Long-Xuyen.

served: "The Church is to be judged not by the sinners, not even by the average, but by the saints . . . A medicine is to be judged by those who take it, not by those who throw it down the sink. The Church is to be judged by those who know its teachings, obey its laws, receive its sacraments. The saints have done all these things with all their heart

Are Saint's names required for baptism any more?

I don't know. Up to a decade ago priests were strict about a child having a patron saint. Today some parents want a name which is peculiar rather than inspiring. Which reminds me of a joke Father Eugene McFarland recently told. A fluttry minded mother came to arrange for the baptism of her baby. Father Z: "What will you call the baby?" Mrs. J.M. "Nosmo." Fr. Z: "Never heard such a name. You'll have to get an additional name, of a saint." "All right, Father. I think there is another name on the door of the office where I saw Nosmo!" She returned beaming: "I have the other name. It's King. Nosmo King."


What about St. Christopher?

The best compilation of short biographies, 2,200 of them, is "The Saints" It is an Angelus Book, edited by John Coulson. It says: "Saint Christopher does not have to wait until his feast day for any special veneration. He is continuously in the minds of men, for he is the patron of travellers. Yet scholars have nothing but doubts about the facts of his life. He died a martyr, probably in Lycia, in the persecution ordered by Emperor Decius in 250. The rest is legend and speculation. The essence of his legend, however, has the beauty of simplicity. Christopher, a man of great strength but of a sensitive nature, vows to serve the greatest king the world. Thus begin the travels of this gentle giant in search of truth which is commemorated in many a journey today . . ."

What do you suggest?

Each home should have a good lives of the Saints. It should be read constantly. Celebrate family Name Days, the saint's day, with a prayer and a bit of a celebration. It is more important than the birthday. Congratulate people on their Feast Day. Last December 26 I telephoned Col. Stephen Dillon. He and his family were very kind to me in my El Paso days. "Today is your feast day, and I just called to felicitate you." Since the call was to California, he and his wife were doubly thrilled, and gave me a run down on their 12 children, scattered all over. It was the occasion for practicing the doctrine of the Communion of Saints. Surely they realized that to me a Feast day is important. Now a question. Does your family celebrate their saints, days? By the way, do you know that the patron saint of Hockey Players is St. Lidwina of Schiedam?


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