



Bishop Hickey, dedicating the parish hall at St. Margaret Mary's, Apalachin, is flanked by Father Elmer J. Schmidt, pastor, and Father Charles Imokhai, a visiting missionary from Nigeria.


Day of Thanksgiving Marks Hall Dedication

Apalachin — The new parish hall at St. Margaret Mary's was dedicated Sept. 28 during a Eucharistic Day of Thanksgiving.

Bishop Dennis W. Hickey celebrated Mass and blessed the hall. A social hour followed the ceremony. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction took place in the afternoon.

The new hall, put up during the past five months, has 15 classrooms for religious instruction on its lower floor. The rooms above, for meetings and social events, include a kitchen. The project was undertaken after a census revealed that there were 700 Catholic families in the area. More than 100 parishioners conducted a successful pledge campaign.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

A friend who comes directly to the point, and who is consequently an invaluable guide to my conscience, asked: "How do you reconcile cavorting around the world conducting these tours with your priesthood?" The answer is simple. "No matter where we go, the apostolate goes with us. All to the honor and glory of God." For example, several sets of the Bp. Sheen conferences are inspiring many people in Rome and in Ireland, thanks to my lugging the sets along with me, and dropping them at strategic places. Another example is the letter below to the City Council of Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland.

"Gentlemen: On May 13 I did visit your fair city of Killarney as Tour Conductor for a group from our Diocese of Rochester, (N.Y.). This city is 300 miles from New York and 85 miles from Niagara Falls. It is the home of Kodak and Xerox.

"While in Killarney I had need to use the Public Facilities almost directly across from the Franciscan Friary. While enthroned upon the enamel Gloria, I was stunned to behold ugly graffiti on the door and sides of the compartment. Obscene script, scurrilous suggestions, lascivious invitations covered nearly every space.

"On May 29, after our return, I did write to you, pointing out the lamentable situation and requesting you to correct it by means of painting over the graffiti, and to keep diligently after it, so this offense, which I suppose is perpetrated by foreign visitors rather than by the native

Irish, can constantly be eliminated. I did also send a copy to His Lordship, Bishop Casey of Killarney.

"I regret that you did not acknowledge my communication, especially since it leaves me in a state of doubt and concern. A young reporter from one of the larger newspapers is a friend of mine, and I am writing to him to ask him to investigate the conditions of the facilities, to ease my mind and to bring honor to Holy Ireland. Will you kindly acknowledge this communication and assure me that this public facility is no longer a public disgrace."

On Sept. 10, a letter written Sept. 5 came to the office. It was from Mr. John Ashe (Sean Aghas in Gaelic), who is the Town Clerk and Executive Sanitary Officer

"Dear Father Cuddy,

"Re your letter of 22nd August concerning the public toilets in Killarney, I desire to inform you that on receipt of your letter of the 29th May, the Council's Engineer was directed to have the matters complained of remedied. The Walls were painted so as to obliterate the writing and instructions have been given to the caretaker to ensure that all such writings are promptly obliterated for the future."

Before this letter had arrived I phoned Father William Hickey of Palmyra, who was leaving for Ireland on Sept. 15 with his mother, asking him to check the facilities and to reassure me that all goes well. If you should be in Killarney, do phone Mr. Ashe: Tel. no. 31023, and commend the Council and him for their prompt concern and action. And while we are concerned about the moral purity of foreign people, it might be very much to the point for any men who read this article, to check on the facilities in their own cities and villages, and quietly but earnestly request that prompt and continued action be given to the places which must be used by many men, but which are abused by a few who have their heads on backward. "A drop of ink makes thousands think", and "A word well placed can remove a disgrace."

Hospital Makes Reorganization

Elmira — Organizational changes recently have been announced at St. Joseph's Hospital by administrator, Sister Martha Cersbach.

Sister Marie Michael Miller, assistant administrator, has a broadened area of responsibility to include environmental services (housekeeping), dietary, and storage, processing and distribution. Sister Marie Michael has served at the hospital since 1950 and holds a B.S. in Nursing from Nazareth College and a Masters in Nursing from the Catholic University of America.

William Di Berardino has been promoted to assistant administrator of management services. Departmental assignments include clinical engineering, discharge planning, medical records, patient information processing, purchasing and systems/management engineering. Di Berardino joined St. Joseph's Hospital staff in 1965 and was recently certified as a clinical engineer.

John J. Reed, has been named an associate administrator. In his new position, he will be responsible for areas concerned with ambulatory care, anesthesia services, Elmira Medical Arts Center, laboratories, medical staff, postgraduate education, radiology, rehabilitation and pharmacy.

He is a member of the American Academy of Hospital Administrators and a nominee to the American College of Hospital Administrators. He holds a Masters degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Hospital Ad-

ministration from Xavier University.

Sister Evelyn Connolly, former administrator of Good Samaritan Hospital, Selma, Ala., has been

named director of the Department of Education which includes the School of Nursing, employee development and the centralized library and audio visual service.

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