

Instruction Issued On Intercommunion

Responding to "many requests on this subject and with the advice and support of the Diocesan Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs," Bishop Joseph L. Hogan late last month issued a pastoral instruction on one of the most delicate of ecumenical problems: intercommunion.

The document details conditions under which persons not Roman Catholic may be admitted to the altar for Communion.

It is essentially a reiteration of instructions handed down from the Vatican Secretariate for Christian Unity in June 1972.

The Bishop's pastoral allows intercommunion to be given those who have a faith in the sacrament in conformity with that of the Church, who experience a serious spiritual need for the Eucharistic sustenance; who for a prolonged period are unable to have recourse to a minister of their own community; who ask for the sacrament of their own accord; who have proper dispositions and lead lives worthy of a Christian.

The bishop's instruction notes, however, that all of the five conditions "are not of equal importance."

"Faith in the Eucharist must be seen as an absolute," the pastoral reads.

On the other hand, the pastoral notes that "the 'prolonged period' referred to... must be judged in the light of the need for the Eucharist experienced by a particular Christian in particular circumstances and therefore must be interpreted relatively."

The bishop notes that the Vatican instruction "allows fairly wide discretionary power to the episcopal authority in judging whether the necessary conditions are present for these exceptional cases."

If all the conditions are fulfilled in the judgment of the priest, permission must be asked of the ordinary to grant intercommunion, the pastoral says. "This procedure would seem to be required by the (Vatican) Instruction since it concludes that it will be for the Bishop to consider each case."

The pastoral cautions, "Should a situation arise in which there is not time for recourse to the Ordinary and the priest must make an immediate decision, he may proceed with the administration of the sacrament in accordance with the traditionally accepted norms in cases of urgency, in matters of dispensation or privilege, norms underlying such Canons as 1045 and 2254. Priests must be mindful, however of their responsibility to the Ordinary."

"I am keenly sensitive that the matters covered here are not of a reciprocal nature," the bishop noted. "It is my sincere hope," he said, "that all will understand that these guidelines are not issued in any kind of triumphal spirit and that at this local level we will continue to work and pray for eventual agreement between our respective churches. Together we must commit ourselves to the goals of the ecumenical movement: a common profession of faith among Christians; the celebration of the Eucharist in ecclesial unity."

opinions of others. There are three sides to most controversies: yours, the other fellow's and the right one.

10. Be alert to give service. What counts in life is what we do for others.

And about a year ago, a nurse in the Mercy Hospital Rehabilitation Center in Auburn asked if I could find a poem about being kind to the aged. I said: "Yes. And when I find a copy, I'll send it to you." Shortly after I lost her name and address; but now here's hoping that she will find this and let me know she has it. The poem, written by Esther Mary Walker, is entitled **Beatitudes**.

Blessed are they who understand My faltering step and palsied hand.

Blessed are they who know that my ears today

Must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know

That my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

Blessed are they who looked away

When coffee spilled at table today.

Blessed are they who never say "You've told that story twice today."

Blessed are they who know the ways

To bring back memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they who make it known

That I'm loved, respected and not alone.

Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss

To find the strength to carry the Cross.

Blessed are they who ease the days.

Blessed are they who ease the days

On my journey Home in loving ways.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Many years ago a young woman, about 18, said: "I like him very much. He is so nice." Wondering what that meant, I asked, "And what's nice about him?" She thought for about 30 seconds, then said, "He's so friendly."

Tight shoes are a pain. Taut people can be an ache — to themselves and to others. Soft shoes can be a comfort. Friendly people lighten the soul. A friend sent this Ten Commandments of Human Relations, which might also be called: "The Gospel in practice."

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.

2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown; only 14 to smile.

3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.

4. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.

5. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like most people if you try.

6. Be generous with praise.

7. Be cautious with criticism.

8. Be considerate of the feelings of others. It will be appreciated.

9. Be thoughtful of the

Father Maloney . . . Farewell and Hail

Ithaca — Father John Maloney celebrated a farewell Mass Sept. 28 at Immaculate Conception Church. Father Maloney was celebrating his "retirement" to St. Catherine of Siena Church in the same city, where he is assuming the pastorate. Father Maloney has served 22 years at the 7200-member downtown Immaculate Conception parish.

He is a highly decorated veteran of World War II. He jumped into Normandy on D-Day, as chaplain in the 101st Airborne Infantry. He went on to take part in the invasion of the Netherlands, and gave aid under heavy fire to the wounded and dying at Bastogne. Coincidentally, the date of the Normandy Invasion is the same day as his ordination — June 6: he became a priest in 1936.

The Mass was concelebrated by three priests who served as assistants to Father Maloney — Father David Gramkee, Father David Mura and Father Jack Zimmerman. The Mass also was

St. Michael's Plans Sale

Penn Yan — The "Next-to-New Sale" is once again being held at St. Michael's Church Hall. Parishioners are requested to be generous in bringing their cleaned and pressed clothing, toys, baby furniture, sports equipment, etc., that is next-to-new to the sale on the following dates: Monday and Wednesday, Oct. 13 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Sale dates are Thursday, Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday Oct. 17, from 10 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, the sale will continue from 10 a.m. to Noon. The sale is sponsored by St. Michael's Home School Association under the chairmanship of Mrs. Tom Murphy.

concelebrated by the Father Thomas Cleary of Freeville.

his friends, and that there is still a parish meeting or so to attend.

In his remarks from the pulpit, Father Maloney said that it is generally true in the Church today that pastors only stay in a certain place for so long, and asked his parishioners' prayers for his new work. In a later interview he added that he is not leaving

A reception followed the Mass in the Old Parish Hall. Sandwiches, punch and cookies were served; Ann Armstrong coordinated the reception, aided by Helen Torchia, Charlotte Addy, Bill Bontempi, Jack Dougherty, and the Sisters of St. Joseph's.

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