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LACE Ladies Aid OHD

Members of LACE, ladies association for community enrichment, present Father Charles Mulligan, director of the Office of Human Development with a check for \$1,500. From left to right are Diane Moonan, Sarah Sweeney, treasurer, and Elizabeth Loetzer, co-chairman. The money for OHD program was raised at a cocktail party held Sept. 14.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Paris to Rome: From Paris through Burgundy, to Nice, Monte Carlo, Pisa, Tuscany and Frascati to Sorrento and Capri is a long haul — but beautiful. Sorrento, and especially the Isle of Capri with its ledges dropping so steeply from rocky heights, and its waters so blue are striking enough; but I doubt that there would be so popular a trek there were it not for the songs about them. Some one should write music about our Finger Lakes, and The Thousand Islands and Letchworth Park. Then we'd have a trek of Orientals and Europeans to soak in the beauty which we take so much for granted.

Rome: Three days in Rome isn't much; but it is wonderful how much can be seen and done when it is organized and scheduled. Our group saw the highlights, but our special mission was to pray at the four Basilicas: St. Peter's, St. Paul Outside the Wall, St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran, for the Holy Year Pilgrimage; and to see Our Holy Father. We had as our local guide, a young married woman. She reminded me of an old friend, Miss Teresa Compitello, who for many years was a counsellor at Mynderse Academy in Seneca Falls. The guide was a no-nonsense person who gave us the history and relevance of each Basilica, brooking no talk from us while she was narrating. Guides are influential in shaping the opinions of the guided. At our Hotel Borromini, which was very satisfactory, I met a pair of indignant Americans who said: "Our guide was horrible. Everything he described was something bad about the Church." I wonder why the Roman Church does not train guides to give a sympathetic understanding of the complex

LIFE ISSUES

Appreciating the Handicapped is the topic for tonight's session of the Life Issues program at Our Lady of Mercy parish hall, 600 Denise Road. Remaining sessions in the series produced by the Rochester Area Right to Life Committee are scheduled for Nov. 5 and 12.

Mrs. Margaret Finucane, a former English teacher who devised and taught a course called Appreciating the Handicapped, will share the roster this week with Mrs. Susan DeSarra, mother of a retarded child, and Anthony Schlitsey, a school psychologist. A film will show improved methods of caring for severely retarded children.

history of Rome and the Church. In 1956 there was a group of Dutch Nuns who did just that thing, along with furnishing a hostel for youthful travelers.

Papal Audience: Before my initiation I used to think a papal audience was a kind of chummy meeting with the Pope of 20 to 100 people. How mistaken! For some special groups: e.g. if Solzhentisyn, William F. Buckley and George Meaney came with an entourage, yes. But a papal audience generally means thousands of people assembled to listen to the Pope. Three years ago the Papal "Audience Hall", seating 8,000, was built on the Vatican grounds, and the Holy Father addressed thousands there. But with the Holy Year, the numbers are so great that Pope Paul transferred the audience to St. Peter's Square. It begins at 5 p.m. and can be terribly hot. However we were blessed with a pleasant over-cast and light breeze.

Pope Paul came promptly at 5 o'clock, greeted all cordially, and addressed the nearly 100,000 people packed in the Square. He spoke in French, Portuguese, Spanish, English and Italian. He began rather weakly, but gathered energy and humor as he continued to speak, even chuckling at some things. His theme was: "Faith Is Life." He said: "Faith is salvation. Faith is truth. Faith is happiness. For Faith is our response to God's Word." Psychologically faith consists in an act of our mind, moved by the will, to assent not so much because of the obviousness of what we believe as because of the authority of God, Who speaks, according to the magisterium of the Church." This definition is from Thomas Aquinas, and is embraced in the traditional prayer: "The Act of Faith." Often I would give it as a penitential prayer after confession — but do not. Who knows it any more? Too bad.

That night I sat in the lounge with four Americans. One was a brash man in his 50s; who introduced the group to me. "These two are Presbyterians, my wife here is a Methodist, and I am the Catholic of the crowd." I suspect that his Catholicism could stand a tiger of the martyrs in his spiritual tank. Anyway, the Presbyterian lady, a beautiful soul, said: "We've visited these wonderful churches, but we haven't been to a service of our own religion since we left the States." Then she smiled and added: "But I suppose from history Catholicism is about the only religion that is here." I do not believe that when it comes to our precious Faith we should be over-delicate, so I cheerfully replied: "You seem to have hit the point accurately." If only our people would practice the Faith which we believe with our whole soul, the whole world would soon be acknowledging "one Lord, one Faith, one baptism." But Adam's sin obscures both truth and beauty and holiness too frequently.

NEXT WEEK: Padua, Venice and Austria.

TWIG SALE FRIDAY

The 85th annual Twig sale is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 7, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at the Monroe County Fairgrounds: Hand-made gifts, Christmas ornaments and gourmet foods will be among the offerings. Lunch and child care service will be available.

The Twig volunteers are to Rochester General Hospital, what the Seton Branches are to St. Mary's. They raise money for expensive hospital equipment, as well as for nursing scholarships, and books, magazines and Christmas gifts for patients.

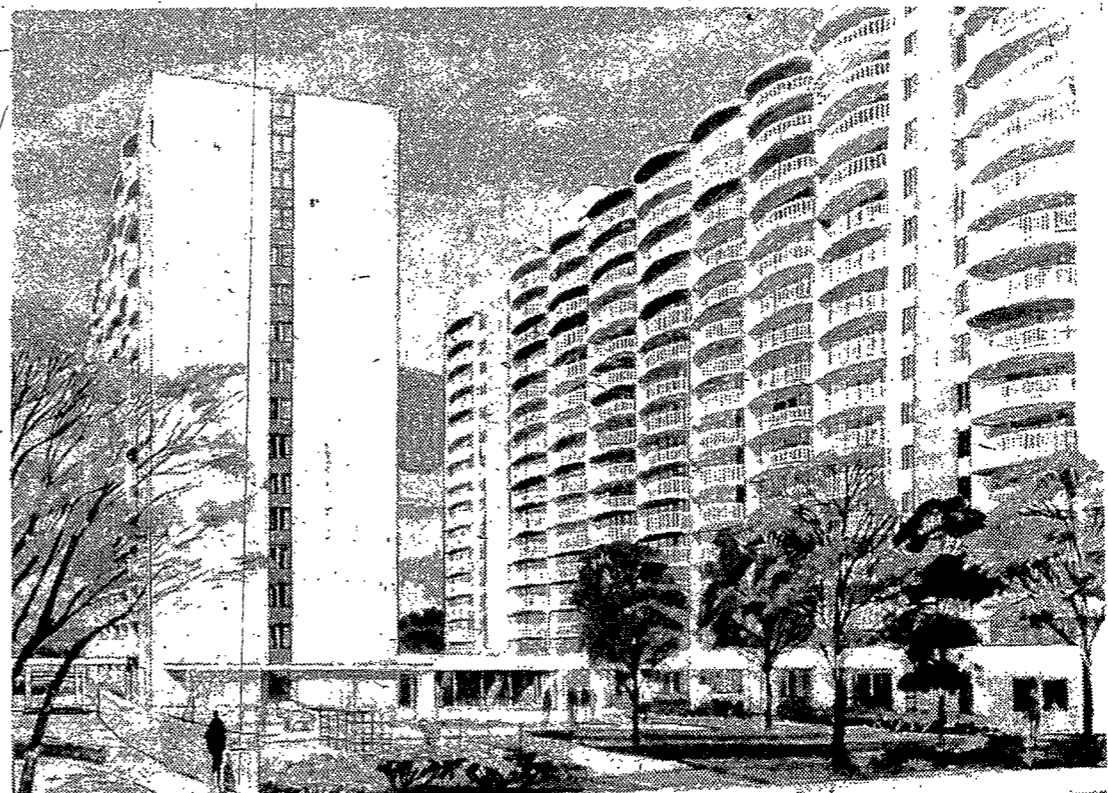


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As the campaigns wind down, may I point out that I and my co-workers have visited each and every home in the 17th District where I am running for the County Legislature. I want to take this opportunity to thank you, the voters, for the courtesy you have extended us.

I have run on my record as Town Councilman — six years of independent, responsible, and responsive service. A fiscal conservative, I have endeavored to discuss the issues — metropolitan police, wasteful county authorities, OTB mismanagement, the deplorable \$1,000 a day sheriff's road patrol chargeback to Irondequoiters.

I have explained my record — Irondequoit Bay building moratorium, banning of unsightly signs, beefing up the town police department, cleanup of the building department — the list is long.

I have enjoyed the campaign. I have kept it clean. Now the decision is in your hands. As it should be. Naturally I hope you vote for me by pulling lever 5A. But the important thing is to remember to vote. Enjoy an experience in democracy.

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