

Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

Alphabetically and not at all in the order of their beauty, I thank a gracious and generous Lord for the following

Alice because quite simply I love her.

Avis for her warmth and her stubborn hold on a deep traditional faith; for her easy way with the wandering ones, and her classic understanding of the riches of Motherhood.

Bonnie for being.

Bob for his strong articulate defense of human life; for his continuation of the G. K. Chesterton tradition; for his courtly manners, his sound editorial advice, and especially for his gentle axe.

Carmen for this weekly forum, and for his famous remark after a trip to the Eternal City: "There is also eternity in the hug of a child."

David for his tenacity, his thoroughness; his dependability, his research and his loving respect for all human life.

Eliot for giving eloquent heart, voice and wing to everything Foxfire stands for.

Frederic for using so wisely and so well the magnificent gifts God has shared with him his hands his heart and his intellect; for his innate respect for wood and aging things and flowering bushes and small birds. He is one of the bricks in my foundation.

Gertrude for her pace, her wit, her zip, her sense, her wit, her grasp of history; her tough Irish intellect, her total devotion to the late Cardinal Mindszenty, and for her wit.

Holly for her Hibernian Humor undiminished by burdens, her support and encouragement and guidance so very long ago in Chicago.

Indiana and the strong patient people who live there. A flat tornado-threatened land in the mid-northern areas, Indiana has given birth to some of this nation's most beautiful people who are as determined and as steady as the land which fostered them.

Jeanne for her almost frightening depth of intellect, her candor, and her unflinching sense of direction; for her past support and her wisdom.

Joanne for her innate ability to

CORRECTION

A line was dropped from a sentence in this column last week. The full sentence should read:

As Bishop Timon opened Charity Hospital in Buffalo during the 1840s, Rochester chartered a city hospital of her own with a comfortable \$20,000 appropriation from the legislature, later to be augmented by additional sums.

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get to the point; her vocabulary, her devotion; her justifiable impatience with those who knowingly stand grandly aloof from, and apathetic to the good fight for humanity; and for her amusing ability to read between every line.

Judy for her growing depth, her candor and her spirit. For her extraordinary vision, her endurance, her capacity for active love, her unique interpretation of Motherhood, and her sharply accurate remarks.

Leo for his grand and classic approach to the sanctity of all human life, not confined to narrow social evils alone; his resonant voice, his quiet assurance, and his obvious love for the Spanish tongue and history.

Marcella Sr. my mother-in-law for her ability to cope, for helping me to do so; for her guidance her love and her honesty. For her wit, her table and her hope.

Marian for her obvious faith, her constant rekindling of my flicker, and her steady direct approach to life.

The Monsignor for his learned defense of the faith, for his priestly air. For his natural determination to lead upward.

Muriel for heaven knows how many things. Her strength, her joy, her 28-hour days and her infallible ability to sense another's pain. For her proud stand in defense of St. Mary's Hospital, and her warmth.

Richard for his wide-shouldered heart which always seems to find room and spiritual sustenance for just one more youngster. For his unflinching devotion to the orphans of this world and his uncanny ability to laugh through the smoke.

And **Sister Mary Agnes** for listening and listening and listening and listening

For these and for all who have helped and guided and taught and sustained I thank a gracious and generous Lord.

NEXT WEEK: Back to St. Mary's.

Penance Series Set

Elmira — The PACE Committee (Inter-Parish Adult Educational Committee) of the Chemung-Schuyler Region is sponsoring an Advent lecture series on the new Penance rite.

The lectures, held on Tuesday evenings, will be from 8 to 9:30 p.m. The topics include: Dec. 2, Theology of the Sacrament of Penance. — Why a Change, given by Father Neil Miller at St. Casimir's; Dec. 9, Examination of Conscience, given by Father Bartholomew O'Brien at St. Mary's, southside; and on Dec. 16, The New Penance Rite, by Father David Fedor at St. Mary Our Mother in Horseheads.

The series will conclude on Friday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. with a concelebrated prayer service at Our Lady of Lourdes. Opportunity for individual confession will be available at this service.

BAZAAR

Ithaca — A Christmas Bazaar will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Dec. 6 in the old parish hall. The bazaar will be open from noon to 8 p.m.

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AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL
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Dec. 7, 1965, Pope Paul VI, in the Second Vatican Council, promulgates the Council's "Declaration on Religious Freedom." In the Council this document was commonly called "The American Schema." American bishops in particular believed that if the council was to favor Christian reunion, it would have to allay the fears of Protestants that the Catholic Church was opposed to religious freedom. The issuance of such a declaration was opposed by many bishops from other nations. In their tradition (contrary to the American tradition), governments were considered to have a duty to show special favor for Catholicism as the true Church.

It took a long time to work out a version of the statement acceptable to the majority. The final revision was done by the American theologian, Father John Courtney Murray, S.J. The declaration said that the human dignity of each man demands that no individual, social group, or any other human power, interfere with his religious beliefs. — Rochester Diocesan Bicentennial Commission.

PASTOR HONORED

Ithaca — Father Bernard L. Carges was honored by the members of his new parish at Immaculate Conception Church with receptions after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

Free Diabetes Tests Offered

Elmira — A drop of blood drawn from the fingertip is all that's needed for a diabetes test, and it only takes a minute. And it's free.

"You may have diabetes and not even know it," according to St. Joseph's Hospital.

"Why wait?" is the tag put on a detection program announced this week. "Our aim is to get every senior citizen in the community to take advantage of a free one-minute test for diabetes," the announcement says, pointing out that early

detection of the disease means easier control and fewer complications. Listed as "high risk" groups are persons who have passed the age of 40, those who are overweight, those who are blood relatives of diabetics and women who have given birth to large babies.

The Geriatric Primary Care Diabetes Detection Program will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 9 and 10, from 1 until 4 p.m., at Villa Serene on Tuesday and Newtown Towers on Wednesday.

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