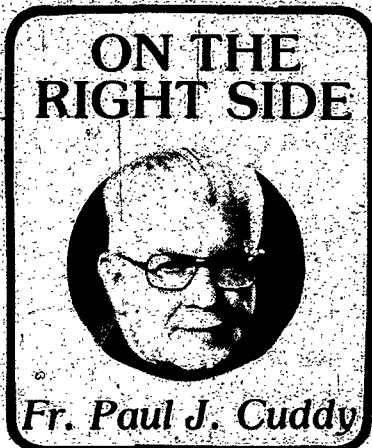


**Happy 200**

Students from Blessed Trinity School, Auburn, presented "Spirit of '76" and "Lightshine" on April 5 and 6 at the Cayuga County Community College auditorium. Pictured at a dress rehearsal for "Spirit" are Michele LaDouce, Maureen Fitzgerald, Jerome Nicoletta, Susan Burns, Amy Dziedzic, Larry Campanelli, Linda Leader, David Ringwood, Susan Marshall, John Sarofeen, Kathy Rice, William Holzhauser, Susan Palombella and Martha Morabite. Photo by Bob Tripiciano.



**ON THE RIGHT SIDE**

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

To me the four most devotional places in the world are Lourdes, Assisi, Guadalupe — and Nazareth. During the March 3-12 Courier Holy Land Pilgrimage we landed at Tel Aviv the first night. In the morning everyone reported a remarkably good sleep after the long trip from Rochester to Boston to Zurich to Tel Aviv. A kosher breakfast was served at 7:30 and by 8:15 all were in the big bus to begin our pilgrimage. It was the day after Ash Wednesday. The route for the day was Jaffa, Haifa, Mt. Carmel, on to the archeological excavations which seem to be the inspiration of James Michener's book: The Source. And on to Nazareth.

I said to our guide, Mohammed: "Can you arrange for Mass at Nazareth?"

"Yes, I will phone the Franciscans from the Carmelite monastery in Haifa. Our schedule should bring us to Nazareth a little before 4 p.m."

Now, in the Holy Land historical sites and shrines fall into several classes: 1) those certainly authentic, e.g. the Well of Jacob in Samaria; 2) those probably authentic, e.g. the place of the Annunciation; 3) those possibly authentic, e.g. the place in Cana ascribed to the wedding feast; and 4) those certainly legendary, e.g. the Inn of the Good Samaritan. This is also true of relics in Rome. There is a story of a Roman guide steering his tourists through the maze of churches, museums and authentic and doubtful relics. In one church he pointed out: "This is the head of John the Baptist." In the afternoon he brought his group to another church and pointed out: "Here is the head of John the Baptist." A man objected: "But you pointed out the head of John the Baptist this morning." "Of course. That was the head of John when he was young."

At the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth a Franciscan Brother from Chicago, about 25 years old awaited us for the 4:00 Mass with vestments prepared and a cordial welcome. Not all Franciscan Guardians of the Holy Places

have the cordial manner. In 1972 Father Sturmer and I took our group to Gethsemane where Mass was scheduled for 9 a.m. We were delayed a little. A severe German Franciscan greeted us with a stern: "You are late!" "We were delayed." "But you are 15 minutes late!" Well, we could not turn the clocks back, so after Mass we left a generous donation for the care of the Gethsemane church, which in no way mollified those Teutonic genes.

The Chicago Brother brought our pilgrims down to the altar which was right in front of the stone grotto which was the home where Mary lived, and where the Annunciation took place. They formed a semi-circle around the altar, and were greatly moved by the Mass celebrated at the place where Mary's Son began His earthly existence. For me this was the highlight of the Holy Land pilgrimage, a sentiment shared by several of our pilgrims.

How do authorities arrive at conclusions about whether places are authentic or questionable? Probably the best book on the subject is "Guide to the Holy Land" by Father Eugene Hoade, OFM, which is loaded with history, geography, archeological findings, maps and pictures to guide the pilgrim, and is printed by the Franciscan Printing Press in Jerusalem. Father Atwell introduced me to another splendid book in 1972, which has fine pictures of nearly every place we visited; has maps and charts indicating distances as well as locations; and it has the Gospel narration of the four Gospels woven together to give a chronological life of Christ. It is entitled "The Gospel of Jesus" published by Msgr. Enrico Galbiati, Doctor of Biblical Sciences. It is printed in English, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Czech and Malagasy. If you want a copy, you might find it in a book store. If not send \$2.75 to me at: Holy Trinity Church, Webster, N.Y. 14580 and I will send you a copy — satisfaction guaranteed. Friends of the Church will be happy to know that over 1,200 copies of the Treasury of Prayer booklet have been sold through my Webster office.

Thus ends the travelogue to the Holy Land, with thanks to God for the memories:

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Elmira — A Bicentennial Ball and a good old fashioned spaghetti supper resulted in a total contribution of \$1400 for the proposed burn unit at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The Ladies of Charity who sponsored the ball netted a profit of \$850. The West Elmira Fire Department provided supper profits of \$546. Such contributions continue to close the gap between money in hand and the required

local share. The hospital needs \$63,000 to be eligible for Appalachian Regional Commission funding.

Numerous area individuals and organizations have conducted fund-raising projects to assist in this community health program. Many memorial gifts have been made on behalf of victims of fire accidents and by others interested in the establishment of the burn unit.

**Legion of Mary Annual Acies Ceremony**

The Legion of Mary in the Rochester area had its annual Acies ceremony, Sunday, March 21, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Father James K. Crowe, diocesan director of the legion in Buffalo, was guest speaker.

The Legion of Mary is a lay organization dedicated to prayer and apostolic action. The members help pastors keep in touch with people. They call on the sick and shut-ins, visit the jails, teach CCD, transport the elderly to Church, the doctor's office, etc., contact prospective converts, and engage in whatever form of apostolic action best serves the needs of their parish.

**Deaths**

**Sr. Anna Teresa**

Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Anna Teresa Nitz, SSJ, who died on April 5, 1976, was celebrated at the Motherhouse Chapel on April 8. Father Eugene H. McFarland was assisted by Fathers T. Paul Muley, George S. Wood, Richard A. Hart, Eugene P. Sweeney, John Philipps, Joseph Reinhart. Also present was Msgr. William Naughton.

Sister Anna Teresa entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1921 from St. Francis Xavier Parish. She taught kindergarten and primary grades in the parochial schools of Rochester for 43 years. She taught at Immaculate Conception, St. Monica's, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, where she was also the principal, and Mother of Sorrows. For the past nine years she had been secretary to the Vocation Department of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

She prepared for kindergarten teaching at Oswego and earned her bachelor's degree in education at Nazareth College. In the early 1950's, she trained kindergarten teachers at Nazareth Normal School in summer sessions. She coauthored a kindergarten syllabus during that time which was used in parochial schools throughout the diocese.

She is survived by several cousins.

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