



Dear Father,

Whatever happened to the good old time religion? One where the music, sermon and prayer time was inspiring? Where you come away feeling closer to God and wanting to be a better Christian? It's been a long time since I've experienced an emotion in Church.

This Sunday's sermon dealt with the hunger in the world and one sparse meal in Lent for the hungry. Wednesday services are going to deal with the New Confession. I'm all for helping those in need. I give to every extra envelope and contribute every month to a number of charities. But in the meantime, as a professional I work with people all week listening to their problems — the liars, the cheats, the rapists, the divorced, the unfaithful, the abused children, the attempted suicides. I read Watergate, tax scandals — you name it! What people need from the Church is a reminder of the 10 Commandments, the need for morality, self-discipline, perseverance and prayer. We all need strength and courage gained from spiritual strength but today the Church and clergy offer nothing. Social problems do exist but social workers are doing a good job and if the Church worked on spiritual achievement for the individual then the solution for social problems would automatically follow. I'm beginning to feel after all these years, it's not worth the effort to go to Church, it offers nothing spiritually while the world grows more chaotic.

M.G.

Dear M.G.,

The problem you raise relative to Sunday homilies is not as all-encompassing as you make it sound

and yet I think it is a real problem. It is one thing to berate people once in a while for a lack of social responsibility. It is another thing to be constantly negative so that week after week the person in the pew feels as though he is being slowly beaten to death. You are absolutely correct in designating the need for inspiration and for direction in personal spiritual growth. The problem for the individual priest is finding the happy medium between making people aware of social responsibility and helping them grow in the spiritual life. If there is an excess in either direction then the full message is not being presented. I hope you will try to be considerate of the difficulty we have in establishing this happy medium.

Deaths

William O'Brien Mayor of Victor

Mass of Christian Burial for William J. O'Brien, mayor of Victor and a parishioner of St. Patrick's Church, was offered Tuesday, May 25. The Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan; Father Paul Murley, pastor of St. Patrick's; Father Sanelli, OSB, brother-in-law of the deceased; and seven other priests.

Mr. O'Brien died May 21 at the age of 62 in Thompson Memorial Hospital, Canandaigua, after apparently suffering a heart attack while driving on Route 96 in Victor.

He is survived by his wife, Molly; two sons, Paul and John; and six daughters: Anne Sanelli, Mary Teresa Pawolski, Margaret Haldeman, and Maureen Bernardette and Arleen O'Brien.

O'Brien was active in local affairs, serving on the Victor School Board from 1952-62, and as its president from 1958-61. In 1962 he was elected a trustee of the village of Victor, and was elected mayor in 1966. He had planned to retire in August from ITE Imperial Corporation, Victor insulators division, where he had been a personnel manager for 30 years.

He had operated St. Patrick's weekly Bingo game for many years, and was a member of the Diocesan Conciliation Board.



5 Cardinals to Lead World Rosary

One of the major features of the All Night Vigil of the 41st International Eucharistic Congress will be a Eucharistic Procession with flags of all nations of the world led in five divisions by cardinals of Europe, Latin America, the United States, Asia, and Africa.

Inthronement of the Eucharistic King in Veterans Stadium will climax the procession on the night of Aug. 6 (First Friday), and then each Cardinal will give a meditation and lead a decade of the rosary. Simultaneous translation meditations will appear on a giant screen visible to all 65,000 seats of the stadium.

Cardinal Antonio Ribiro, patriarch of Portugal, will lead the first decade for all the nations of Europe. He will be accompanied to the congress by a large European delegation on chartered flights from Lisbon.

Cardinal Louis Aponte Martinez of San Juan, Puerto Rico, will lead



the second decade for Latin America. Many Puerto Ricans, living in the vast metropolitan area in which the congress is held, are expected to participate.

Cardinal Maurice Otunga of Nairobi will lead the third decade on behalf of the nations of Africa, which now have almost as many Catholics as there are in the entire United States.

Cardinal Paul Yu Pin, exiled archbishop of Nanking, China, and now president of the Catholic University of Taiwan, will lead the fourth mystery for Asia.

Cardinal John Carberry will lead the last decade for the nations of North America and for Australia. Cardinal Carberry already will have opened the vigil after celebrating the opening Mass in honor of Our Lady, Tabernacle of the Lord, with

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen as homilist.

Father Patrick Peyton will then speak on the great power of the rosary for peace not only in individual families but in the "family of the world."

The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, sponsor of the All Night Vigil, has as its motto "Orbis unus orans" — "One world by prayer."

The U.S. national president of the Blue Army, Msgr. Anthony J. Connell, will be master of ceremonies for the Eucharistic Procession and World Rosary.

After Father Peyton's talk, a living Rosary will be formed by sixty-one different religious communities.

The entire vigil program will be recorded on videotape and made available for program and schoolroom use throughout the country.

No tickets will be necessary for the vigil; but tickets are necessary for the opening Mass at 9 p.m. of Aug. 6. Details can be obtained from the Executive Committee in Philadelphia, or from the Blue Army, Washington, N.J. 07882.

ANointing RITE AT ANNUNCIATION

The priests of Annunciation Church will administer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at a 3 p.m. Mass Sunday, June 6, 11 and elderly parishioners and their relatives and friends are invited. Msgr. Albert Simonetti, pastor, and Father Matthew Siudara, his associate, urged other parishioners also to attend to give witness to this Rite of Anointing as a sacrament of hope and healing. The main entrance of the church at 1754 Norton offers easy access to persons using wheelchairs or walkers.

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To the men who attended the Notre Dame Retreat House at Canandaigua, N.Y. the weekend of May 7, 8 and 9 —
Our special thanks for your prayers, spiritual offerings and masses offered for your fellow retreatant Edward L. Hoyt. We are most humbly grateful.
Mrs. Edward Hoyt and Children

