



Mrs. Robert Wegman and Mrs. William Thane stand in front of Mrs. Wegman's home on Ambassador Drive

Seton Branches Offer A Tour of Seven Homes

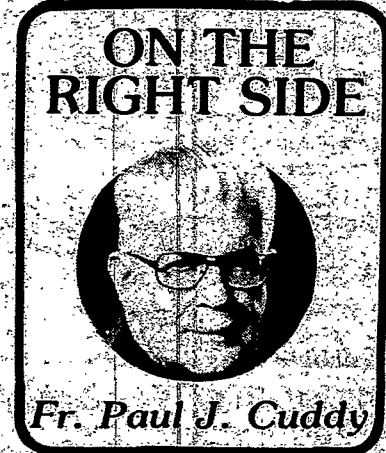
Seton Branches of St. Mary's Hospital will conduct their first annual Tour of Homes from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 19.

Featured on the tour will be the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wegman of Ambassador Drive, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clark of Elmwood Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. John Quinn of East Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reiser of South Country Club Drive, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bush of Sweets Corner Road and Mr. and Mrs. George Davis of Great Oaks Lane. Also included will be John H. Ryan's model con-

dominium in Tobey Woods.

In charge of tour hostesses are Mesdames William Thane, Richard Maurer, Theodore MacDonald, Paul Kircher, John Conidine and Robert Caines. Mrs. Anthony Palermo is general chairman.

Tickets for the tour, a hospital benefit, are available at St. Mary's Gift Shop, Shop 27 in Pittsford and Pampered Panty in Penfield, and through Mrs. William Sheehy, of High Meadow Drive, Penfield (586-7785).



On Sunday, May 23, I spent nine hours with two Irish men in their mid-twenties, discussing religion in Ireland. They are perceptive and frank. They also have a willingness to slake their thirst with quantities of Guinness Stout and Irish Coffee. The younger is in a kind of spiritual limbo, and has dropped going to Mass. The other seems to be floating a bit in the mists from the liberal theological swamps. They described Dublin as a "mongrel city" from the influx of people who have come from the other 31 counties. They agreed that the shock of being uprooted from small villages or farms, and their customs and habits, unsettles many of the young who migrate to Dublin. Over 30 years ago Father Francis Burns of Old St. Bernard's Seminary observed the same phenomenon among the young Irish who migrated to England. Of their own peer group, my two friends said only half are faithful to Mass. Yet there is another side of the coin.

There is some irony that in the 16th century the English took over the Catholic churches and gave them to the Protestant Church of Ireland, including St. Patrick's Cathedral built in 1190. I mentioned this to a cab driver. He laughed: "They want to give them back, but the Catholics won't accept them. Too costly to keep them up." The present pro-Cathedral of St. Patrick was finished about 150 years ago. It is just off O'Connell Street near our hotel, so I said to our people: "This is Sunday, and you should go to Mass with the native people. See the way they conduct Mass. Observe the people." I celebrated my own Mass in a chapel, then stayed on for three other Masses, less for piety and more to observe.

At the 10 a.m. Mass the congregational singing was mediocre, partly I think because the hymns chosen were not familiar to the people. It reminded me of home with our missalette padding

inferior and unfamiliar hymns, and suppressing the familiar and beautiful hymns we had in Montani's "St. Gregory Hymnal." Noting the few teen-agers, I enquired: "Where are the young people?" "On they all go to the Sunday evening Mass." There is no Saturday evening substitute for Sunday Mass in Ireland.

The 11-15 Mass each Sunday is a Latin Mass. The choir is excellent, and the congregation joined in the common parts: Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, etc. with a melodious zest and competence. I asked a man next to me: "Are these people here for the Latin Mass or because it is a convenient hour?" He replied: "I don't know about the others, but I like the Latin Mass, and the music." A man behind him leaned forward and replied firmly: "Without a doubt they come for the Latin Mass!" The energetic participation of the full congregation would indicate the preference.

What of the rest of Ireland? Take Killarney for an example. It is a town of about 6,000 people with a majestic Cathedral and a dynamic Bishop. I am more familiar with the Franciscan church, which seats 600. The Sunday Masses are crowded, and even the weekday Masses have a good attendance. However, while there is still a great deal of goodness and piety in Killarney, inroads of outside influences cannot but be harmful. During our stay, the cinema was featuring a triple whammy: "Valley of the Dolls," "Doctor in the Nude" and "Mama's Dirty Girls." Even the Trappists and Carmelites could not maintain decent spiritual standards with that fodder. Drinking is a great problem, especially among the young, and now is being taken up by young women to the harm of the nation.

Whatever the differences in towns and cities and counties, I think the debilitating influences seeping into the souls of the Irish people through TV and radio, which tend to be anti-Church, and the movies, plus the excesses from alcohol will soon change that presently beautiful nation, unless a modern Columkille or Kevin or Brigid or Patrick comes to reclaim the people through a fierce asceticism which has brought out the noblest qualities of the people in centuries past. If you want to see Ireland and its people before they are spoiled entirely, go within the next few years. It is still a joy and an inspiration, with lots of faith, love and humor to solace souls of the more sophisticated people who come to Ireland fascinated by the simplicity which they themselves have lost.

All-Night Vigil Set In Elmira

Elmira — An all-night vigil of reparation to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has been scheduled Friday, June 25 and Saturday, June 26, the feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Demarest Parkway.

The vigil will open with the Mass, offered at 10 p.m., followed by all-night exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with devotions and hymns. Benediction with a Mass honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place at 6 a.m. Saturday to end the vigil.

BRIDGE Elects Board Chairman

BRIDGE, the volunteer organization that helps prison inmates to readjust to community life, announced last week that Anthony R. Henderson of Fairport had been elected chairman of the board of directors. Henderson has been a member of the board since 1974. He has also been a member of Volunteers in Partnership since 1973, and was named one of the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1976, an award made by the Jaycees.

The BRIDGE program was started shortly after the Attica upheaval in September 1971. Its main purpose is to recruit volunteers to engage in one-to-one relationships with inmates. BRIDGE operates offices in Rochester, at 750 W. Main St., and in Buffalo.

Seminary Open During Summer

For the first time in its 83-year history, St. Bernard's Seminary will open its doors this summer for a formal summer session, according to Father Sebastian A. Falcone, academic dean.

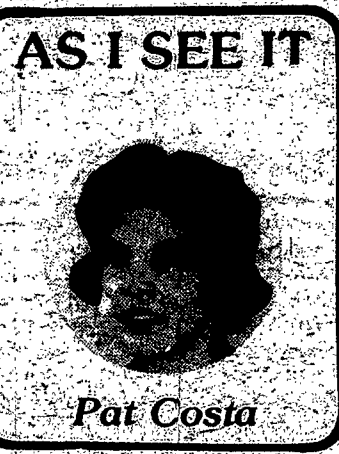
The seminary administration made this decision last November. It regards the move as one of several attempts to mount a full-scaled, year-round program of continuing education, as well as regular credit-bearing course offerings, he explained.

Three courses will be offered in July. On July 5, two 3-credit courses will begin: Pastoral Counseling: Theory and Practice (offered by Father George Hill) and Major Themes in Religious Experience (offered by Sister Mary Sullivan). Both courses will end on July 30.

From July 18-23, a live-in, team-conducted seminar on general issues of contemporary ministry, Seminar on Contemporary Pastoral Ministry, will be offered. The seminar will be chaired by Father Falcone and Father Jerome Robinson, Director of the Office of Black Ministries for the diocese.

Mass Slated For Couples

Couples celebrating silver and golden wedding anniversaries this year are invited to a special Mass on Father's Day, June 20, at St. Patrick's in Victor. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the principal celebrant of the liturgy which is slated for 3 p.m. According to Father Robert Collins, director of the Family Life office, which is coordinating the event, couples wishing to register for the event may contact him at (716) 546-3630. A reception will follow the Mass.



If you need proof that TV is becoming more explicit in its treatment of sex, look no further. On a recent Sunday night I turned on the ABC Sunday night movie to something called "X, Y and Zee". In the TV listings in the local Sunday paper it was listed as a "comedy-drama". Obviously what the people who made the film, starring Elizabeth Taylor, Michael Caine and Susannah York, term comedy and what I think is comedy are two different things.

Had I been more alert I would have paid more attention to a small disclaimer in the TV notice which stated that the film dealt with "adult subject matter." A bad film to start with, I gave it little attention, switching to other channels from time to time, coming back to it near the end.

I discovered that despite a 12-minute cut from the original piece of garbage, there was still enough dialogue to reveal a sexual relationship between the man's wife and mistress. Thus we were forwarned with the "adult subject matter tag," the point being that an adulterous heterosexual relationship does not warrant such measures according to movie and

now TV standards. Too late I picked up the TV guide and read Judith Christ's explanation and denunciation of the film.

Add this to the interesting items learned by listening to those well versed sports commentators who chatter incessantly during a game, any kind of game — Pennsylvania is one of the New England states and the latter part of Memorial Day is referred to as Memorial Day Eve.

The soap operas that air on ABC have in recent years incorporated into their scripts commentary on social ills. Among them, child abuse, mental illness, abortion. One new one on the list is the nursing home scandal currently being utilized by "Ryan's Hope."

Conventual Friars Elect New Provincial

The Conventual Franciscan Friars of St. Anthony of Padua Province, who staff St. Theresa's Parish, Rochester, and St. Hyacinth Parish, Auburn, recently elected Father Marion Tolczyk their Minister Provincial.

Father Marion, pastor of St. Adalbert parish in Elmhurst, N.Y., will govern the province's 340 members, who serve principally in the East. His term lasts three years.

CCD
Hornell — CCD classes at St. Ignatius Church were completed for the year with a closing program and Mass celebrated by Father Leo Mans, pastor. The program was presented by the sixth grade class which is taught by Patrick Connors. Mrs. Connors wrote the scripts for the students.

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