

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Last week a youngish matron devoted to Our Lady stopped after morning Mass. She handed me a \$20 bill and said, "Will you use this to spread devotion to Our Blessed Mother any way you think best?" Then she beamed. "My husband and I were at the horse races the other day. There were two horses named Mary's Heel and Mary's Meadow. Since the Heel could refer to Our Lady's heel crushing the head of the serpent, and the Meadow to the field at Fatima, I bet on those two — and won \$28. So \$20 goes to Mary's cause, and I bought my husband a dinner with the rest." If more people thought like that we should not have to run Bingos to support our schools.

Now the question: how to invest the \$20 for Mary's cause? When I was stationed in Hornell, a group sponsored by the Legion of Mary, in cooperation with Kevin Doran Station WLEA manager, formed "Angelus Productions." Through this we developed two radio programs: Magnify the Lord, and Father Brown's Sunday School. In addition we developed a tape apostolate in a limited way. Our Magnify the Lord program is on each Sunday: WLEA-Hornell, WAUB-Auburn, WCGR-Canandaigua, WSEW-Seneca Falls, WACK-Newark, WCLI-Corning, WSLR-Dundee-Penn Yan, and WDBQ-Dubuque, Iowa. We were in Salamanca but were dropped for some public service program. A Mrs. Enright of Salamanca wrote us expressing her own disappointment and that of a friend. Mrs. Tesmer has been listening to Magnify the Lord since it began here in Salamanca. She is nearly blind and since she does not have a TV, depends very much on radio. Your program was the only spiritual program she got on Sunday. She looked forward to it and was always up early enough and ready to listen.

She is 74 years old, lives alone, is crippled with arthritis, has a heart condition, and never leaves home except to go to a doctor or hospital. I know she was very disappointed when she couldn't hear her favorite program, but she didn't complain. There may not be anything you can do, Father, but I thought to write to you anyway to see if the program can be put back on again.

Shortly after this letter a man gave \$50 and said, "Use it for anything you want." I bought a good tape recorder and sent it with a set of Archbishop Sheen tapes to Mrs. Enright, and wrote:

"By this mail goes a set of 15 conferences on tapes given by Abp. Sheen in Gary, Indiana. Will you give them to the nearly blind lady you wrote about. Perhaps, if she prays hard enough for the Salamanca radio station, they will return the Magnify the Lord Program.

"I have arranged with a radio store to send a good quality cassette recorder. You can train Mrs. Tesmer on how to use it. All I ask is that the two of you have as many people as possible listen to the talks. They have brought many people back to the Faith, deepened the devotion of others. But best of all, many priests, nuns and lay people are spending a Holy Hour each day in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament because of the talks. I beg your prayers and hers for the effectiveness of our radio apostolate.

Mrs. Enright replied: "The tapes and cassette you sent arrived July 8th. They are beautiful beyond words. My neighbor, Diane O'Dell, has used a recorder and has taken over the training of Mary on how to use it. Diane is one of the most beautiful Christians I have ever known. She is 36 years old, the mother of six children, and still available for anyone in need. And she is very capable. I hope to be able to tell you about Mary's progress soon.

So thanks to Mary's Heel and Mary's Garden, and two generous people, the Kingdom continues to flourish. And we hope to have our radio program back on the Salamanca station.

[If you want a set of Sheen tapes, send me a check at Holy Trinity Church, Webster, N.Y. 14580: \$20.30 for the 15 Gary Indiana Conferences; \$30.40 for the 18 Conferences to priests in Washington, D.C. The Washington conferences have some of the Gary material; but some good additions, changes and omissions make the new set inspiring.]

Sister Answers Columnist's Queries

Dear Father Cuddy,

Your column in the Courier-Journal on July 14 was addressed to me. I am happy to respond.

You asked if it would be good to promote providing foreign language prayer books for non-English speaking people. It would be good if non-English speaking persons could have the choice of a prayer book in their own language. People very often are deprived of choices when they become sick and old.

You asked if it would come within my work at the Human Development Office to make these available. The diocesan Liturgy Department provides information on available resources and even if it is not immediately available, that department would do its best to find the information. If a parish or region sees the need for Mass books or prayer books in a special language, could they not be made available through the parish or region, or possibly a group of parishes who share the same need? In addition, "minimum sacramental standards" were accepted and used this last year within regions as guides for our sacramental ministry with the aging and sick in chronic care facilities. The use of these as a guide and as a means of evaluating our sacramental ministry with residents became the responsibility of regional coordinators. Possibly a small group in the region to consider questions like yours, and the "minimum standards" may be more feasible.

Besides the need for our continued provision of religious care, there are other concerns which need to be addressed. The advent of Medicare and Medicaid in the middle 1960s produced a gigantic increase in the number of nursing home beds, and the provision of S.S.I. in 1974 led to a great boom in private proprietary homes for adults. This has added the dimensions of profit-making on the part of owners into the health care system for older, sick persons and money-saving policies on the part of the county and state government. There is the continual danger of these motives coming before

Seneca-Cayuga Sets Regional Celebration

Auburn — As the International Eucharistic Congress draws to a close in Philadelphia, the people of the Seneca-Cayuga Region will assemble here for an area-wide Eucharistic celebration. Priests of the region will concelebrate Mass at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, in Casey Park Pavilion.

Father Elmer Heindl, pastor of St. Joseph's, Weedsport, and regional coordinator, said the celebration would coincide with similar events throughout the country "bringing Catholics together for a public demonstration of their faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist." Many parishes will hold special services on the opening day of the congress, Aug. 1.

quality care. Fifty-nine per cent of the nursing homes and health related facilities in New York State met state standards, as recorded in the Democrat and Chronicle on July 11, 1976. Why not all? Why are older persons in these health care facilities experiencing the effects of Medicaid cutbacks? What can be done by a parish or region to bring about some change?

We in the Church — parish or region — and not only parish staff, have to know these residents through a regular presence. We need to become aware of the policies and services of the nursing and private proprietary homes. How do they compare with state and federal guidelines? We need to speak in residents' behalf when this is needed, to legislators, state and county departments and owners.

Finally, we need to be continuously open to new ways of demonstrating our real care for those who are sick and needing institutional care.

Thank you for your concern. I am pleased to have this opportunity to respond to your questions.

Sister Judith Reger, S.S.J.
Office of Human Development

OLPH Grad Wins \$300 Scholarship

Paul Pochunow, a June graduate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, placed first in the Catholic War Veterans annual essay contest for eighth graders. James O'Connor, CWV commander, and Michael Tedone, commander of OLPH Post, presented the prize — a \$300 scholarship that Paul will use at Bishop Kearney High School.

Mary Coleman of St. Helen's School placed second in the contest and Mary Missler of Holy Family, third.

CHICKEN BARBECUE
Rexville — St. Mary's parishioners will hold their annual chicken barbecue Sunday, Aug. 1. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and continue until all are served.

Father Carlo Named St. Anthony Pastor

Father Carlo DellaVecchia, CPPS, associate pastor of St. Anthony of Padua for the past two years, was named pastor July 1.

He is vicar for the Precious Blood Fathers in Rochester and several communities in Ohio, Illinois and Canada. He moved here from Toronto when his order assumed

the care of the Lorimer Street parish in June 1974.

Born in Italy, Father Carlo came to America 16 years ago. His associate pastor is Father Albert DePascale, CPPS. Also on the staff is Deacon Ronald Mahon, a Chicagoan studying at St. Bernard's Seminary.

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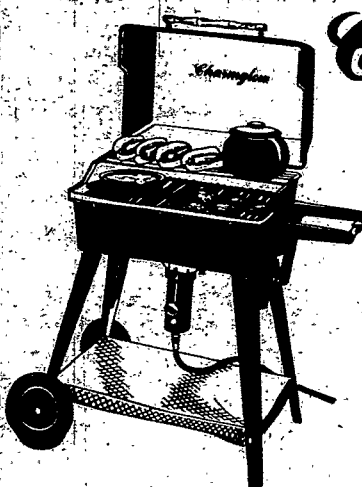
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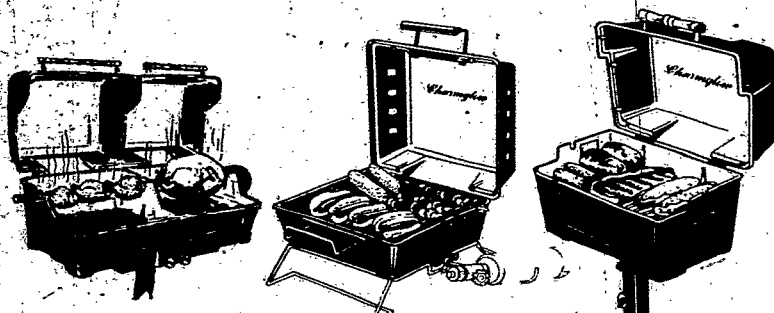
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