

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Father Robert MacNamara, pastor of St. Ann's in Hornell, invited me to give the annual Tridium, July 24-26, in honor of St. Ann. I was happy to go to Hornell for many reasons. Evangelization is my vocation. The Tridium would open up opportunities to bring to life the hymns and devotions which have become dormant in the Church. And it would give me an opportunity to visit many friends from my five-year service at the local hospital.

St. Ann's rectory was to be the base of operations. Fathers Mac N. Brown and Spilly are good housemates, the cook and staff are gracious, and a special friend, Father Herb Sturmer, would be there for part of the week. It was agreed I should come for a week. What better way to start than to arrive Tuesday, July 20, just in time to unpack and join the priests for supper? In the early Church the Christians used to meet for an Agape, a nice meal before the Eucharist. The Agape got out of hand with too much celebrating and was discontinued. A shared supper with cheerful conversation is an effective Sign of Peace.

What of the Tridium? It could hardly have come at a more clumsy time: Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 7:30 p.m. Yet the response of the people was splendid and included some of the devout from St. Ignatius parish. Since most of those who would make the Tridium would be 30 years old and up, we shaped the devotions and music to their hearts and wishes, and furnished a folder with the hymns. These were old timers from Montani's St. Gregory Hymnal. They included: O God of Loveliness; Jesus, My Lord, My God; Hail, Holy Queen; Holy God, We Praise; the hymn to St. Ann, of course; and the O Salutaris; and Tantum Ergo Sacramentum in Latin, with an interlinear translation.

It was glorious the way the congregation sang out the hymns which have been suppressed for a dozen years. Two persons said: "Father, when we sang the Benediction hymns in the old Latin, I cried." I do think Purgatory has a special section for those who suppressed the musical treasures of the Church, who foisted second rate music and words in their place, and who in Orwellian prophecy call hymns "songs" — as if the Beer Barrel Polka and the Lord's Prayer were in the same specificity. They have defrauded our children of part of their inheritance; they have deprived the older generation of hymns sacred and precious to their souls. And I expect to be parked in Purgatory right in the middle of these vandals for my indignation at their success.

FAIR AND BARBECUE

Bath — St. Mary's Church will have its annual fair and chicken barbecue Saturday, Aug. 7, on the church grounds in East Morris Street. The fair will begin at 2 p.m. and end at midnight with the barbecue at 5 p.m. The fair will feature games, attic treasures, handicrafts, music, stuffed animals and refreshments.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is accepting registrations of students for a Pre-school program, Kindergarten and Grades 1 through 8. Further information may be obtained from the principal, Sister St. Luke at 266-7605 or 467-6645.

The people of Hornell are like the Elmira and Auburnians, very interested in the Faith, and in their parishes. One noon I had lunch at a local restaurant, and a beautiful waitress, glowingly described her reception into the Church at the last Easter Vigil Mass. She added: "I would like to take a further course to know more." "Why don't you teach in the CCD program?" "I'd love to, and I would, but I can't, now, because of my working hours and my family."

It is a happiness that so many people are interested in the Faith. And we should help to deepen it. So I brought .30 copies of "The Teaching Of Christ, a Catholic catechism for adults" recently published by Our Sunday Visitor Press, Cardinal Wright comments: "It is indispensable to CCD teachers. It is bound to enrich the reading of parents. A better text book for schools could scarcely be imagined at the moment." I sold 21 copies, gave away four, and left the rest at the rectory for later purchasers.

On the final day, I visited many good friends at St. James Mercy Hospital. One person asked: "Are you having a tour of Ireland in September? I am interested." "Well, there is one scheduled for Spain and Lisbon October 16-29. But if there are enough interested in an eight-day tour of Ireland, it can be arranged."

On returning to Rochester I talked with the Courier Tour Representative. He suggested "If those who are interested in an Ireland trip will write the Courier, we could set up a trip if enough are interested. Ireland is always especially popular."

So any readers who are interested should write to the Courier-Journal, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.

Parents Anonymous

Author Explains Book On Child Abuse

By MARTIN TOOMBS

"Child abuse hurts everybody." That is how Patte Wheat, author of "By Sanction of the Victim" explained why she wrote the book, which is a dramatized account of an actual child abuse case. Ms. Wheat, editor of "The Frontiers" newsletter of Parents Anonymous, a self-help group for parents who have problems dealing with their children, was in Rochester recently to promote her book, and the work of Parents Anonymous.

The organization sees Ms. Wheat's book, which has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, as an important tool to increase awareness of the problem of child abuse, with abusing parents and the general public.

Leigh Ehresman, local director for Parents Anonymous, noted that the book "says some things people don't want to hear, but have to be said."

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The seventh annual Al Sigl-Benefit Golf Tournament Monday, Aug. 30, at Craig Hill Country Club will benefit the many programs of the Sigl Center. Play will begin at 12:34 p.m. A social hour and dinner will follow the tournament. Many prizes will be awarded, including the use of a 1976 car for one year.

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Lansing — All Saints Church's Summer Festival and chicken barbecue will be Sunday, Aug. 8, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Lansing Rod and Gun Club, Salmon Creek Rd., Ludlowville. There will also be a bake sale, refreshments, crafts, games, and a white elephant sale. The event will benefit the building fund.

Leonard Lieber, national administrator and co-founder of Parents Anonymous, explained the book's title, noting that abused children don't want to leave their parents; what they want is for their parents to stop abusing them.

Child abuse doesn't end with a battered child, Lieber emphasized. He cited the cases of James Earl Ray and Charles Manson, two convicted murderers who were abused children. He asserted that child abuse prevention will help keep teenagers out of juvenile court, and help reduce the crime rate among the adult population.

Lieber also announced an upcoming series of public service announcements on child abuse, with a value of \$20 million, that will begin during September.

In explaining the need for such a large effort, Lieber pointed out that during 1975 more than one million cases of suspected child abuse were

reported; no estimate is available on the number unreported. Ms. Ehresman stated that six children have died in Monroe County this year as a result of child abuse, and that more children die as a result of abuse than any disease.

Ms. Ehresman announced that a second chapter of Parents Anonymous has been formed in Rochester, and that two more could begin in the Fall. Anyone seeking information about Parents Anonymous or crisis assistance should contact Lifeline, 275-5151.

RELIGIOUS ED

Religious Education Classes will start Sept. 15, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. Classes for students in grades 1-8 will be conducted on Wednesdays from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. Students in the program last year will receive registration information in August and new students can obtain information from Sister St. Luke at 266-7605 or at 467-6645.

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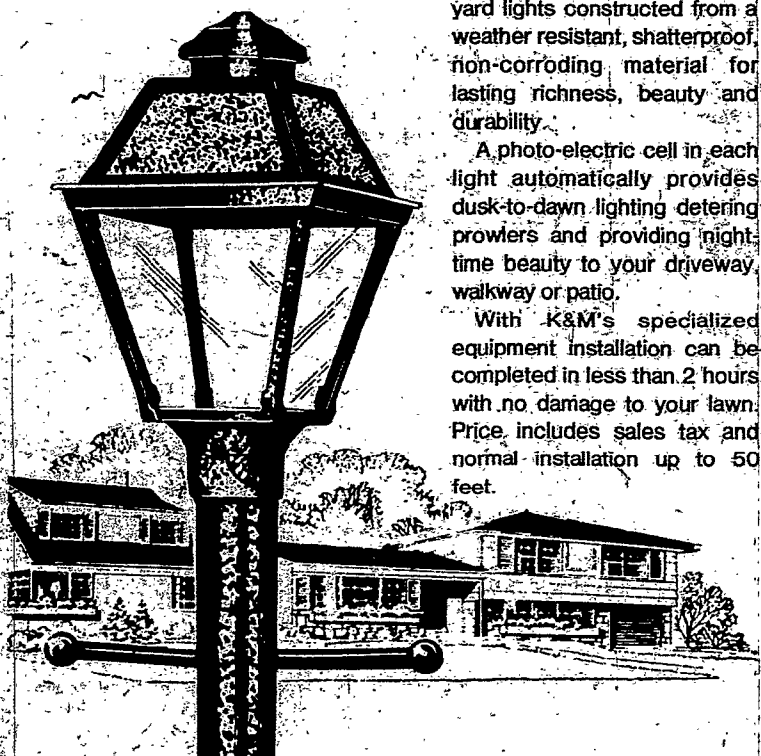
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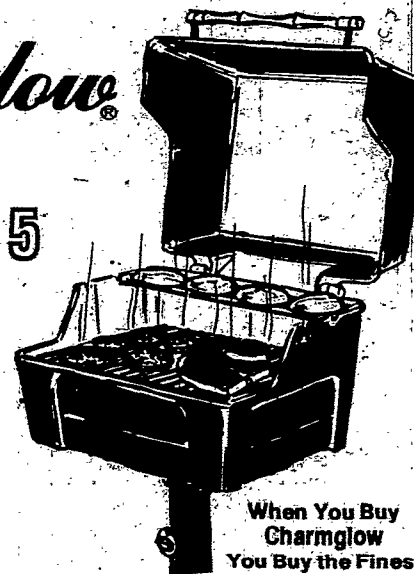
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