

A month ago, while Corning Father Joseph F. Hogan was escorting a group to the Holy Land, bis associate his associate, Father Jerry Moynihan wrote inviting me to preach at St. Vincent's 40 Hours, Sunday, Sept. 19 Now invitations made by associates while their pastors are absent can be suspect. With Father M's invitation came the thought "Is this invitation bona fide, or is this just circumventing the absent Fr. Hogan?" Considering: the honorable character of Fr. M.-I decided it was bona fide, and happily accepted.

It is two and a half hours drive from Webster to Corning, but my car is equipped with a cassette recorder, a boon I recommend to all who travel much. With a box of cassette lectures on the front seat, the time passes profitably and quickly. This trip specialized in a set of Retreat Conferences given by the witty English Jesuit, Father Bernard Bassett. It was a "Bicentennial Refreat", given to 60 men in Maryland, the state which established the Catholic Church in the Colonial days, and expanded it after Independence. Instead of the usual themes of sin and sacraments. Church and charity, the retreat revealed those remarkable persons responsible for establishing the Church in Eastern U.S.A. St. Thomas More, Edmund Campion, Father Parsons, Lord Calvert, who became a Catholic in the midst of became a Catholic in the midst of the awful persecution of the Church in England; Father White who was so John Birch-like as a teacher of Scripture at St. Omar's Seminary for exiles that his superiors encouraged him to see to Assert America to the Indian Missions, where he served heroically; Mother Elizabeth Seton, the Fellici and Bailey families.

Mr. John McKiernan, principal of St. John of Rochester School in Perinton, near Rochester, had sent me some books for grade and high school students, which pertained to Church history in thanking him, my note said: "Thank you for the useful books. You might find the Jesuit Father Bassett's talks yaluable for your American history courses. In particular your High School CCD might profit by them. They are fascinating

ook Sunday evenings. The Crane, the housekeepers, assisted by women of the parish, was an expected attraction.

The sermon text was from Archbishop Sheen: "We have the truth-We do not have the passion,"
It must have struck responsive souls because many parishioners expressed their satisfaction, and one pastor engaged me for his 40 Hours in November Many parishioners also expressed their thanks for the OTRSide column, and our Legion Radio program, and our Legion Radio program, Magnify the Lord, which is on Corning Radio Station WCEI, both AM and FM at 9.45 every Sunday. I suggested: "Why don't you tell the radio station people? They like to know people are interested."

Before leaving Coming Monday morning I phoned St. Stephen's, Geneva. "Will you put on an extra plate?" A late start impelled too much pressure on the gas peddle. As a result a State Trooper courteously but firmly interviewed menear Dresden. The ticket was deserved 67 miles an hour in a 55 mile zone. Quite chastened 1 arrived just on time to have lunch with the work and the gas peddle. with the ever gracious Father. Tormey, and with Fathers Lane. Antinarelli, and an ample Father lames Foley, who used to be librarian at St. Bernard's Seminary.

The final stop, save one, was at Clifton Springs to see Father John Roach. His co-ordinator Sister Mary, and another of the Winton Road Sisters of Charity were in the kitchen. Father Roach will be right back. Will you have a cup of tea?" "That would be fine." The tea was just steeped when Fr. R. came bounding in: The Sisters departed. Then Phelps Misgr. Duffy came; and to frost the gathering, in came. Macedon's crisible Father Me-Farland. None was expecting the others. We blessed God for our priesthood, discussed the directions. of the Church, and I went back to Webster conscious of the number of wonderful people, laity as well as clergy, who are weathering the storms in the Church with great

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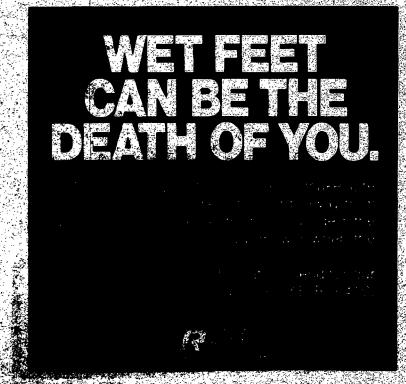
The Knights of Equity and Daughters of Erin will hold a banquet on Saturday, Oct. 9, in honor of the first anniversary of the canonization of St. Oliver Plunkett

The banquet will be held at the new home of the Knights of Columbu⊈at 670 Thurston Rd.

Entertainment for the evening will be Trish music and folk songs. The public is invited.

Information is available through Thomas R. Coughlin, chairman, 288-5758.

St. Oliver Plunkett was Ar-There were 23 priests at the 40 chbishop of Armagh. He was hours, partly from devotion, partly executed at Tyburn, England on because most rectories do not have July 11, 1681. Being put to death for the profession of his Catholic Faith. buffett supper so nicely cooked and he was, in the expression of Pope served by those lovely handmaids. Benedict XV, crowned with of the Lord, Mary and Margaret. "martyrdom for the faith." Beatification was May 23, 1920.



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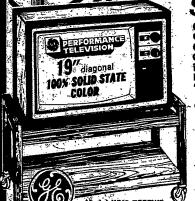
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