

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

On Sept. 30 I received the letter below from two students at Oswego State University, with a bulletin enclosed, published by the University Catholic Newman Community.

"Dear Father,

"We are attending the State University College at Oswego. We are both Catholics and attend services at the Newman Center. Last Sunday we were given the enclosed bulletin.

"Having read the bulletin, it was our understanding that the Church not only accepts homosexuals, but actually condones a mature homosexual relationship with one partner with the intention of fidelity. We had thought that homosexuality was undeniably wrong and against both the Church and the Bible.

"Has the Church changed with the times in such a way that it now approves of this? Please write and let us know what your stand on this issue is."



CLEMENTE

St. Monica's Sets Clemente For Benefit

Rio Clemente, one of the fastest rising lights on the East Coast musical horizon, will perform in benefit concert for St. Monica's School, Sunday, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m.

Clemente, a jazz pianist, performed this past summer at the Newport Jazz Festival and is slated for a concert in Carnegie Hall later this season. He is currently billed at the Monticello Room in Rochester.

Tickets for the benefit, which will be held in the church, are running \$4 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and persons under 18.

To say I was stunned is putting it mildly, so I turned to the Newman Community Bulletin. It is a public scandal. It needs a public rejection.

It is head-lined: "Sexual Dissent." "Homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered and can in no way be approved of."

This declaration from the Holy See was given two lines. There followed 91 lines of refutation of the Church's teaching. The key comes from a book written by Jesuit Father John McNeill, "who finds the teaching of the Church an intolerable burden." He "thinks the Church should encourage a mature homosexual relationship with one partner with the intention of fidelity," though he does not call this marriage. "The heart of his case is his re-interpretation of pertinent passages from the Bible."

This incredible offering from the Newman Community, which is not the Community at all. The fantasies of its shepherd is typical of why our people are confused. Thank God there are zealous young Catholics who will stand up and be counted for the Church, no matter what strange doctrines come from their shepherds.

Hence this reply:

"Thank you for your letter. Poor Cardinal Newman! I am glad he did not live to see his name associated with such infidelity to the Church he so loved. To answer your question, has the Church changed with the times in such a way, the answer is: No! The answer is clear in the Vatican Declaration.

"The OTRSide article for Oct. 6 touches briefly on Oswego's problem. Came that dreadful period of anarchy after Vatican II, instead of using the theological laboratories, speculative theologians aired their half-hatched speculations in Time and TV. If our people are muddled, it is often because they are sheep without authentic shepherds.

"This homosexual craze is a new ball game, at least for Americans. I was in the Army in WW II from 1942 through 1946. That problem was rare. When I was recalled from 1951 through 1956 the problem was less rare. A book which served to alert Americans to the depth of the problem, and even to afford some sympathy, was 'The Devil's Advocate' by Morris L. West. It was a best seller in 1959 and I have read it 7 times.

"There is a parallel between the kleptomaniac and the homosexual. The kleptomaniac has a psychological disorder which impels him to steal. The homosexuals have a biological and psychological disorder which impel them unnaturally. We do not have clubs yet, advocating the rightness of kleptomania, but we certainly do have clubs, lobbies, advocates for the sexually afflicted to try to convince the world that the Church, the Bible and the civilized world is wrong. These advocates would make wrong right, and right an act of oppression.

"Do read 'The Devil's Advocate'. It is a moving story, and inspiring and instructive. And thank you for writing."

Sister Mary Rene Named 'Fellow'

Hornell — Sister Mary Rene McNiff, RSM, administrator of St. James Mercy Hospital, has been advanced to Fellowship status in the American College of Hospital Administrators.

As a candidate, Sister Rene was advanced to Fellowship only after presenting to the Committee on Credentials evidence of professional growth and competence as demonstrated by leadership in health affairs at the local, state or national level, participation in a personal program of continuing education, and documentation of management expertise through the preparation of a Fellowship thesis.

Sister Rene is on the 25-member Executive Committee of the 9-county Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency, the Board of Visitors for Elmira Psychiatric, the Directors Board for the Rochester Regional Hospital Association, and the Steuben County Mental Health Board. Fellows comprise approximately 29 per cent of the total college membership.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Auburn — Cayuga County Right to Life will meet Thursday, Oct. 21 at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. The meeting will be devoted to open discussion focused on helping volunteers to become informed and more effective in their communications regarding the abortion issue.

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AND WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH OF SILENCE?

The front page stories and the television news don't tell of Catholic priests and teachers and parents suffering denial of human rights by Communist governments. The world has all but forgotten them. But Jim Buckley, hasn't. He never will.

His visit to Poland, where he met with Cardinal Wyszynski, is symbolic of his concern for the captive peoples of Eastern and Central Europe. His long-time support — in the form of votes, not just words — of Radio Liberty, Radio Free Europe, and the Voice of America, is based on his belief that members of the Church in Communist lands should not be denied a chance to hear the truth. In Captive Nations Week observances on the Senate floor, and during a visit to the head of the Gulag slave labor empire, Jim Buckley has always spoken up for basic human rights.

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Jim Buckley THE SENATOR

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