

Mexico Mission Now in 5th Year

Margaret and Dan Whalen, the lay missionary couple from East Avon, are now in their fifth year of operating the Medical Mission of St. Martin de Porres in the Indian village of Santa Ana Tepetitlan in Jalisco, Mexico.

According to a report from the mission, more than 4,000 persons have been served by the center.


Of that number, 875 were treated during a recent influenza epidemic.

The report lists hospital care, surgery, and treatment for malnutrition as well as sanitation education, literacy training and the distribution of food and clothing as its principal services.

Among the other services of the mission are pre-natal sewing, food and baby care.

The mission is supported through the voluntary contributions of diocesans.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

The agony of a friend's racing conscience is something which troubles the soul of every Catholic who takes the Faith seriously.

The letter below was written by a friend of my military days, with whom I have carried on only an occasional but cordial correspondence. He became a Catholic in the service. Later he thought he had lost the faith, and this letter indicates the struggle to return, beginning with the validation of his marriage outside the Church. It also gives brief pictures of sundry people who advise him.

"Dear Father, You will be unhappy to hear that my relationship with the Church is really no farther along, at least in the official sense. We became acquainted with a priest who was of real assistance to us in working through the mechanics of formalizing the marriage, etc. He is liberal and optimistic; a chaplain at several institutions out here and a professional social worker.

The actual process turned out to be a rather tedious disappointment, involving a pedantic and not too bright assistant pastor in our parish, and a very bureaucratic Chancery. You can imagine, I am certain, the forms and empty processes necessary to record an already valid marriage, etc., etc.

The most stinging and finally the halting process was when on one priest's advice I went to Confession

for the first time in years and was refused absolution until the papers were cleared. The Chancery, I am sorry to report that I am at the point of considering the whole process so pompous and medieval that am opting out of it.

A close friend, a nun, advises essentially that I am too scrupulous. She suggests that we ignore the formal process, delete information concerning the unofficial nature of the marriage in the confessional and return to the Sacrament. This tempts me. But there is a duplicity about it that bothers me.

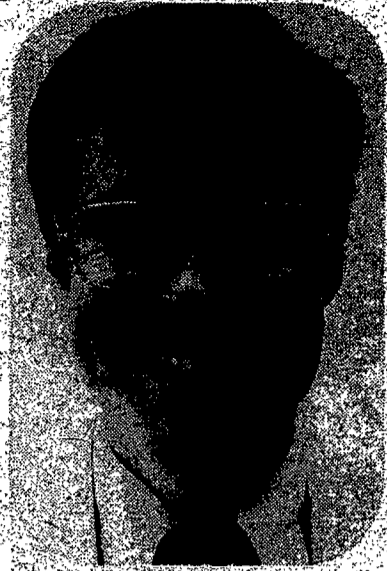
At any rate your advice is solicited. The Church seems such a mess to me in her structure. My faith is rather simple and the facets I see in the Church leave little room for me except at the cost of slavish obedience to a fairly and honestly discredited structure. I hope there is a kernel somewhere for me, inside. Am I too tainted with the black and whiteness of my Irish-American teaching?

My friend, the nun, informs me that much of the problem is one of semantics. The Holy See is Roman and thinks in a way that has to be taken with a grain of salt, common sense, dependency on Scripture, personal lights, etc. Perhaps this is one way to fit within the communion.

In the last analysis I will be the one judged for my actions or inaction, and so must use my objective as well as subjective knowledge. At this point, no one can really give or withhold permission on what I do, excepting myself. A hard place for a good obedient Catholic to be when his Church — or its members — have suddenly, or at least are perceived to have, taken on mainly existential operational premises or incredibly constipated reactionary positions. But enough of this.

What advice did I send him? None. There are times just to hold a person in the heart and in prayer. This is one of those times. But do reread that letter and see the many ramifications presented in it.

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March 7—Workshop and Recital—Marilyn Keller (Place to be announced)
March 21—Workshop on Improvisation—Dorothy Payne (Place to be announced)
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130th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT VOTERS



TOM HANNA REPRESENTS NEGATIVE GOVERNMENT. HANNA TURNED THUMBS DOWN ON YOU THE PEOPLE.

Hanna turned thumbs down on property tax exemptions for people over 65, on the rights of consumers, on education and children, on health and safety, on environmental conservation. He also turned thumbs down on an Assembly session by leaving Albany when a bill was passed allocating \$200 million in school aid, when \$330 million in taxing power was granted to New York City, and when \$28 million was given four other cities, including Rochester. He has a thumbs down attitude toward Assembly diligence

— he ranked 146th out of 150 Assemblymen in attendance.

Hanna promised voters he would quit the lucrative Special Legislative Pension Plan — he never did although he voted against it for others. He explained in the Times-Union of Sept. 21, 1976, that an Audit and Control official told him there "wasn't much difference" between his and a less lucrative plan. An Audit and Control official countered, "Quite frankly, I don't understand his (Hanna's) theory."



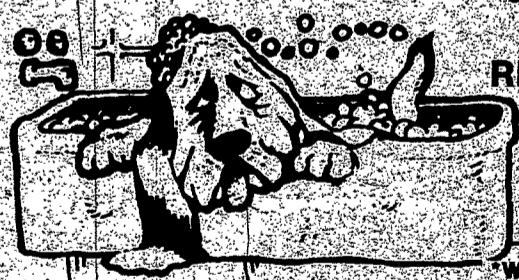
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