

Deaths

T. C. Gould Sr., Newspaperman

Thomas C. Gould Sr., a longtime local journalist, died at the age of 53 Sunday, Nov. 21, at St. Mary's Hospital. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last Wednesday at St. Thomas More Church.

"Tommy" Gould worked 26 years at the Democrat and Chronicle in various editorial positions, including copy editor and sport-

writer. He later worked for the Brighton-Pittsford Post. During World War II, he served in the Air Corps as a logistics specialist and in intelligence.

He was a past president of the Rochester Radio-Press Club.

Mr. Gould brought a devotion to accuracy, detail and proper

newspaper style to his journalistic efforts.

A newspaperman's newspaperman, is how one former colleague described Mr. Gould.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Foley Gould, his son, Thomas C. Jr., three daughters, Mrs. James (Ellen) Campbell, Mrs. Charles (Ann) Switzer and Miss Patricia Gould, his brother, John H. Gould Jr. and his sister, Mrs. Thomas Frawley.

Sr. Alphonse

The Mass of Christian burial was celebrated for Sister Alphonse Marie Reinagel, SSND, in the Notre Dame Motherhouse Chapel, Wilton, Conn. on Nov. 12, 1976.

Sister Alphonse Marie, a native of Buffalo, spent many years teaching in the parochial schools of Rochester. She served on the teaching staffs at Holy Family, St. Michael's, Holy Ghost, Holy Redeemer and St. Boniface. She also spent many years as a Missionary in Puerto Rico. The last years of her teaching career were spent in Darien, Conn. until illness brought her to the Motherhouse last February.

In every place she labored, her pupils, their parents, and lay teachers she worked with remembered her fondly, and they kept in touch with her over the years. Children were especially drawn to her as was evidenced by the handmade cards and childish drawings which decorated the walls of her room until the day of her death, Nov. 9, 1976.

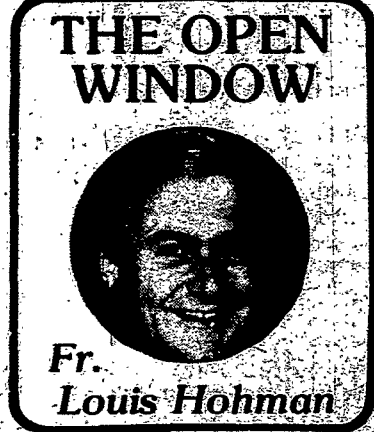
Sister Alphonse Marie was the sister of the late Edward, Charles, and Adelaide Reinagel. She is survived by Sister Mary Reinagel of St. Boniface Convent, Rochester; George and Gerard Reinagel of Buffalo.

Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at St. Boniface in memory of Sister Alphonse Marie Reinagel and of Sister Fabiola Pohl, SSND, who also died recently.

Sister Fabiola taught at St. Boniface for more than 20 years, and served as sacristan. She retired three years ago.

ADVENT VESPERS

St. Boniface Church has scheduled an Advent vespers service for 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. The psalms will be chanted alternately by choir and congregation. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow.



Dear Readers,

In his column of Oct. 27, Father Paul J. Cuddy did an item about "Mod Priests" who are much too liberal in inviting non-Catholics to receive Holy Communion, especially at weddings. Some people have commented to me on that particular article and so I feel obliged to comment a little on what he has to say.

While I am certain that some priests have been far too liberal in giving permission for that particular privilege, it was always my understanding that we can err more easily in restricting privileges than in extending them. I do not think excessive zeal should bring down the judgment that they go pirouetting about at wedding receptions to receive the adulation of not very knowledgeable guests who applaud the Father's lawlessness with such awful stuff as: "Oh, Father, You were just wonderful. I wish the priests in our parish would learn from you."

There were a few other things to which I took exception. Father Cuddy wrote "Knowing the diverse doctrines among our separated brothers could you believe that everyone who mugged up to the Communion baskets was a true believer?" My answer is that if a person says he believes then there is nothing in the instruction from the Holy See which calls for me to conduct an inquisition. Whether or not he believes is between God and him. We must not pretend that somehow or other we are going to hurt Jesus by trusting other people if they say they believe.

Father Cuddy goes on, "Knowing the mores of our American non-Catholic friends, do you believe they were fainting for the Body of the Lord?" My answer to this is: How will I know? Is it up to me to make a judgment about whether or not they really and truly want to go? It seems to me the Lord said something about not judging.

The third point Father makes is "Knowing the accessibility of non-Catholic churches, do you think the non-Catholics were unable to go to their own churches?" While it could be disputed, it also could be interpreted to mean that under the circumstance of their being physically present in a Catholic Church at the time, they obviously

would not be able to receive Communion in their own churches. This may not meet with the approval of certain interpreters of the documents, but nevertheless it is a possible interpretation.

Father says in conclusion, "In the particular case cited, non-Catholics were not asking for the Sacrament. They were being pressured to join the mob and step forward and do what the rest are doing whatever that was." It varies considerably who does the asking and how it is asked whether or not people wish to receive Communion. It is apparent, I think, that we should not simply invite everyone because even those who do not believe would get the impression that we don't put any particular value upon this particular act other than a manifestation of social unity. When we explain that faith in the real presence of Christ is required and that they must really want to receive, then we are merely telling them that if they feel they desire to or need to, they are welcome. For us to make a judgment about their response to that is, in my book, out of order.

As regards Father Cuddy's accusations that these "high and mighty priests" have taken over the papacy and the episcopate and undermine the good order of the church, this is a gratuitous statement. That they undermine the faith of people in the Blessed Sacrament goes beyond that and is simply unprovable. If faith in the Blessed Sacrament is that shallow then it really didn't exist at all. When he speaks of these same priests doing tremendous harm by holding in contempt the laws of the church, he is assuming a contempt that may or may not be present. A different interpretation of the laws from his is not necessarily contempt. In fact, I could not conceive of contempt being involved in this situation. When he says that this constant disregard for the laws of the church has brought a gradual whittling away at the Faith, I would like to see his proof.

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Msgr. Nolan

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