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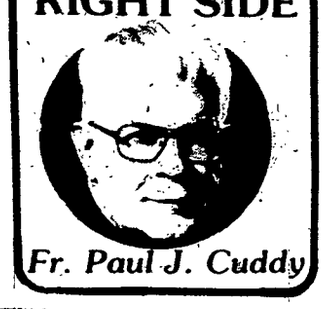


Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Last October Father John Hempel, chaplain at St. Ann's Home and Heritage in Rochester, asked: "Could you take my place at St. Ann's January 4 to 24?" "I'd be glad to." A few days before his departure he had me to supper at the chaplains' residence to brief me on my duties. He is a "crock pot" artist — so we had a tasty beef stew. Fathers Rosse, Reinhardt and Schwartz joined us for dessert. The most immediate concern was the imminent death of Bishop Kearney.

Father Hempel left Jan. 4 and I diffidently stepped into his chaplain's shoes. He has Mass in the beautiful chapel each day at 4 p.m. for all who wish to attend, and can. They are mostly from The Heritage, where the residents have attractive apartments and can care for themselves. The home is for those requiring medical attention. It has the finest physical therapy department for strokes and broken bones and great care for all the sick. I had filled in for Father Hempel when he and Father Schwartz attended the Catholic Hospital Chaplains Conference in Texas. At that time Bishop Kearney's health was declining. His strength was failing, but he could still walk and go to Sunday Mass and give his blessing. My instructions then were: "Bring Holy Communion to the bishop each morning, he is blind but his mind is clear."

The first morning in September I entered his room on the ninth floor of the Home. He was seated in a large chair, shoulders stooped, a stole over his shoulders. I called out: "Bishop I've brought you Our Lord." Promptly, with vigorous voice and that New York twang, he exclaimed "Domine, non sum dignus." He clasped his hands, received the Lord, and I departed.

About two months before his death, he had to use a wheelchair, traumatic for a man who for years was numero uno, at any civic or religious gathering. Yet he patiently accepted this.

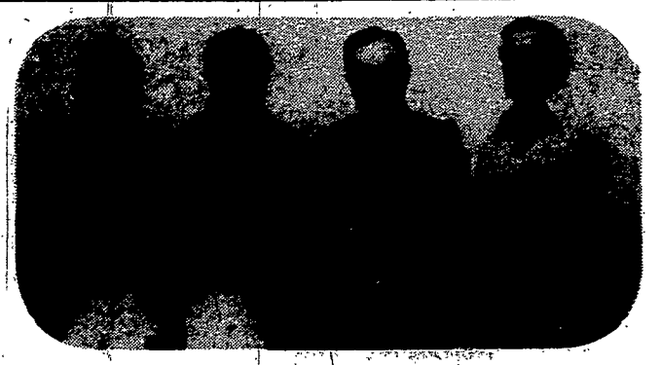
It was awesome and humbling to find myself as the chaplain to this great churchman in his last days. His room was fittingly simple. The top of an unused TV in a corner from his bed became a shrine for the sick room: a crucifix in the middle, a lovely white ceramic statue of Our Blessed Mother holding the Christ child on one side. A statue of St. Joseph on the other side. The rabbit ears of the TV were just the height and shape on which to drape his Bishop's stole. A bottle of holy water completed the Shrine. On the adjacent dresser hung a large set of rosary beads and a blessed candle.

Your heart would ache to see the pitiably weakened body of that bishop we all affectionately remembered for his jaunty vigor and his humor. His sight was gone, his hearing was impaired, but he understood. The nurse would say "Bishop, the priest is here with Holy Communion. Do you think you can receive?" With effort he replied with a rasping gasp, "Yes."

Mindful of his heart I called out distinctly: "Ecce Agnus Dei, Ecce qui tollit peccata mundi." He received the Host and he remained quiet with our Lord.

As he gave up his soul to God, a devoted nurse, a graduate of his beloved St. Mary's Hospital, held his hand. A Sister stood in attendance. The priest intoned the prayer for the departing: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend his soul.

Now he is gone to God, we who knew him and his work well appreciate the words of St. John: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord — Let them rest from their labors, for their works follow them." (Rev. 14:13).



ADVISORY COMMITTEE

St. Patrick's Church in Savannah recently has organized a parish advisory committee. Committee members are, left to right, (seated) Aggie Arliss, Kathy King, Betty Kolczynski, (standing) Clarence Bliss, Harry Lambert, Father William Cosgrove, pastor; and John Stowell.

'Better World' Coming To Good Shepherd

All parish activities, apart from the Mass and confessions, will cease at Good Shepherd during a Movement for a Better World retreat, Feb. 11-17. Saturday and Sunday sessions are scheduled for 2-10 p.m. The hours for Friday, the opening night, and all other week-nights are 7 until 10. Registration ends Feb. 4.

The retreat, for everyone aged 14 or more, will be given by a priest, a nun and a lay person from the Better World Movement. It is intended to create community, and parishioners who cannot spare time for the long sessions are asked to pray for the success of the project, according to Joan Nobiling of the committee. She said the children of the parish school and religious education programs were preparing banners and posters; teenagers were voluntcering for child-care duty and adults were offering donations of tea, coffee and milk for the weekend supper breaks. The idea is, she said, that for a better world, "everyone can do something."

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