



Most of us, I am sure, have some personal memory of Bishop Kearney to cherish for the rest of our lives, a kind word, a note of encouragement, a Mass or blessing for a group or society to which we belonged.

I recall one episode in particular which revealed to me the measure of that wonderful man.

Back in the days of the Second Vatican Council, 15 years ago, when one new idea after another — liturgical, scriptural, ecumenical, theological — tumbled out from the bishops at Rome almost daily and we published those items week by week here in the Courier, many Catholics, especially priests, got so uptight about all the proposed "changes" that they thought if we just stopped publishing them here we could somehow prevent their being realized anywhere. A vain hope, of course.

I also was informed by a "very reliable source" that Bishop Kearney was himself "very upset" about it all. So I simply asked him about the matter. He paused a moment and then with that twinkle in his Irish eyes he looked at me and said, "Oh, it's these people who can't get used to these new ideas. Don't let them bother you."

Here was a man who cherished all the beauty of our rich Catholic past but he knew we could not remain in the past, that we must be open to the future and never fear to enter into it.

I also recall the day it was announced that the Vatican had authorized Mass in the evening. (It is difficult to imagine those by-gone days when Mass always had to be in the morning.) Bishop Kearney promptly called St. John Fisher College and said he would be out that very afternoon to say Mass at 5 p.m. He told the faculty and students at that Mass that "our divine Lord intended the Mass to be for the people," and the bishop was very happy that at last the old morning-only regulation had been changed.

On the day of his funeral, when so many eminent prelates said so many wonderful, and true, things about him, I could not help but think that the best words of all had already been spoken of this gentle shepherd of our souls by the Great Good Shepherd of us all, "Come, enter the kingdom... where I make all things new."

I am sure he enjoys the change from this world to that immensely!

DIRECTOR NAMED

Mrs. Cortland Peterson has been named executive director of the American Cancer Society, Monroe County Unit. She had been administrative assistant and is succeeding Mrs. John W. Maloney Jr.

Mrs. Peterson will oversee public and professional education, service and rehabilitation programs, and crusade activities.

Henrietta's Church of the Good Shepherd shortly will launch a fund drive to expand the present school chapel.

Parishioners recently were advised by Fathers Roy Kiggins and Robert Miller, copastors, that the parish

Kolping Sets Memorial Rites

St. Anne's Church will be the site for a solemn con-celebrated offering of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 2:30 p.m.

The Mass will be sponsored by the Catholic Kolping Society to honor the memory of three persons who actively promoted German-American societies in the diocese: Bishop James E. Kearney, William Wittmann and Ida Schlachter Bauknecht. All three died within one week of each other in January.

Leo P. Saeum, president of Kolping, has invited the general public as well as members of area German-American societies to the rites.

EE WEEKEND

An "Engaged Encounter" is scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 18-20 at Holy Angels Home 1326 N. Winton. It will begin at 3 p.m. Friday and end at 4 p.m. Sunday. The weekend may be considered an alternative to Pre-Cana, according to Jerry and Terry Patti. It "offers a couple a chance for private discussion after presentations in an atmosphere conducive to sharing," their announcement said. Interested couples may call the Pattis at 342-2279 or Rick and Bobbie Diehl at 254-8582.

Good Shepherd Drive Set

will soon start construction on the project. The parish, which has grown from 980 families in 1965 to more than 1,600 families today, is in need of additional space in which to celebrate Mass and conduct other parish activities.

The chapel expansion will increase the present seating capacity by more than 150 seatings. It also will include two additional entrances, new pews throughout the chapel, an access ramp for the handicapped, and an additional room.

Father Miller stated that in addition to the weekend

Masses, the completely renovated chapel will be used for large parish gatherings, graduation exercises, concerts and other social functions. New electric heating, lighting, ventilation and sound systems also will be installed.

Father Kiggins pointed out that the chapel expansion program would in no way minimize the use of the present church building.

A committee of more than 300 volunteers is being organized under the leadership of Robert Car-

men, Mary Anne Hill and Julian Niedbala. The parish-wide solicitation will take place on Sunday, Feb. 27.

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