




Post-Office Holy Name

Postmaster William E. Finn, Holy Name President Anthony Porcelli and Ernest V. Francione announce the annual Family Communion Mass for postal employees, to be held Sunday, March 27, at 8 a.m. in Our Lady of Victory Church. Father Donald Schwab, diocesan director of religious education will be the speaker. A breakfast at Midtown Tower will follow the Mass.

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

We have been looking at compact cars. The need for a family-size vehicle on weekends does not seem to justify the reality of one person riding alone in a large station wagon to do the marketing, etc. the other five days of the week particularly in light of the gas-guzzling quality of the wagon.

After a couple of weeks of visiting showrooms and lots and having my car consciousness level increased on the highway (I temporarily was able to distinguish a Ford from a Chevy) I am convinced I should forget the whole thing and continue as we have for the life of the wagon.


The fact is that I am having some trouble identifying with the names the manufacturers have given their various models. And not just the compacts.

The Chevrolet people continue to show their predilection for the French sound - Bel Air, Chevelle, Concours. But then European names are particularly big - Cordoba, Volare, Le Sabre, Monaco, Monte Carlo, Seville, Riviera, Eldorado, Toronado, Le Mans, etc.

But as it so happens I personally get enough of exotic foreign labels by reading an occasional dinner menu: Chicken Cacciatore or Veal Parmigiana, a side order of French Fries and a Danish pastry for dessert is about as much romance I can take in one week.

Besides, the car manufacturers are practicing discrimination. Why do they limit themselves to the lilt and music of French, Italian, Spanish? What's wrong with a Ukrainian sound (Kozak would be nice on a fender, it means "outlaw") Or an Iraqi flavor? "Ah, yes, we just ordered a new Baghdad

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Chaplain (Lt.) Richard M. Mattie:

Greetings to you at Bethesda. I hear of you occasionally from brother "Nash," and your sisters Pat and Mary Louise in Hornell. All reports are good.

During WWII Bishop Casey, then secretary to Archbishop Mooney, used to send the military chaplains a News Letter with the news of the diocese. He called it Operation 50 and we looked forward to reading it. You may be interested in what's going on.

The diocese is popping with letter writers, some of whom make sense, others nonsense. A subtle anti-Holy See spirit seeps through in some of them. A strong loyalty comes through in others.

Recently I was reading "A Guide to Catholic Reading." It is an Image Book written by Jack Bernard and John J. Delaney. It was interesting to read the roster of notable converts to the Church, attracted first by our Catholic unity: Cardinal Newman, G.K. Chesterton, Ronald Knox, Christopher Dawson, C.C. Martindale, Thomas Merton, Arnold Lunn, et al. Can you think of one notable convert to the Church this past decade of renewal?

A bomb fell on the diocese recently. Father Joseph Egan announced that he is resigning the pastorate of St. Patrick's, Elmira. Why? He will live at home with his invalid mother, and give his time to writing. My first reaction was: "Good heavens. Another priest lost to parish work. We have enough priests gagging around in non-parochial work without adding him to the list."

But on thinking it over, it probably will be best for the Church: Any ordinary priest can run a parish. But few priests have the great intellect or knowledge or academic expertise that he has. We have so many popular writers who are busy undermining the unity of the Church, that I think Dr. Egan will bring the counterforce of orthodoxy, and fidelity to the Holy See which brought in Chesterton and Newman and Knox and the others in previous generations.

Recently, I took care of Genesee Hospital for Father Lawrence Murphy for 12 days. He went South with Father James Moynihan to make sure the baseball teams got out for proper spring training. It was a joy to my soul to observe the sincere regard the hospital personnel have for his priestly work. In fact, it was embarrassing the first few days.

When I would introduce myself as "Father C," taking Father Murphy's place, the instant reaction was something like meeting Typhoid Mary. They would say: "You're not replacing him, are you?" After the reassurance that I was just a temporary substitute, they were very helpful.

One day a patient said to me: "Could I receive Holy Communion? The Sister Pastor in our parish brings it to me every week." Since Old St. Mary's is only five minutes from the hospital, I stayed in Father Murphy's quarters there, with Msgr. James McAniff and Father Charles Bennett. They were gracious hosts. When I mentioned the new title, "Sister Pastor," one grinned and said: "They say that pastors are now on the Endangered Species list."

Sister Pastoral Assistants are flooding the diocese. They are a mixed blessing. Most do good work: visiting the sick, giving instructions, guiding the troubled, visiting new-comers and those with new babies, bringing Holy Communion to the housebound. Some wear the religious habit which edifies the Grass Roots people, non-Catholics as well as Catholics. But there are also sad results. More Catholic classrooms are vacated by religious; and there is a tendency of some pastors to "let Sister take care" of things they ought to be doing.

An aggressive Sister P.A. can be a bit like a nagging wife. It's easier for some men to say "Yes, dear", than to keep the lines of responsibility clear and decisive. I suppose this observation will get me into hot water, but the great silence of today is not the Grand Silence we had in the seminary days.

I will be seeing your folks soon. Father Robert MacNamara is making the Hornell parish retreat with his men at Notre Dame Retreat House March 25-27; and has engaged me to fill in. It will be good to see so many Hornell friends again - and that great priest, Father Herbert Sturmer.

Oh, yes! As a bit of a P.S. have you seen Bishop Casey's new paper back, "The Heart Remembers Too?" It is fine. Am slated for a Courier Tour to Ireland, Scotland, London - and Lourdes, come May 14 - and am excited about it. Wish you could join us.

SENIORS' SHOW

The annual Senior Citizens Arts and Crafts Show and Sale, held at the Rochester Museum and Science Center, is scheduled for the weekend of April 15-17. People who wish to submit their work to the jury that will select exhibition items must register by March 25 through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, 168 S. Clinton.

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