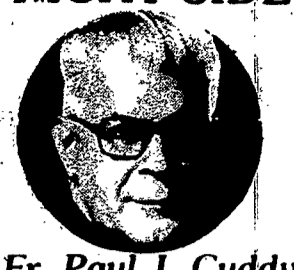


ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Father Leon Neu is a priest of the diocese of Buffalo, and for the past seven years he has been chaplain of Alfred State Tech and University and pastor of St. Brendan's, Almond. We became good friends when I was chaplain at the hospital in Hornell, a dozen miles from Alfred.

Father Robert Mac-Namara, pastor of St. Ann's, Hornell, and about the most thoughtful man I know, wrote: "Father Neu's Silver Anniversary of ordination is coming. We are having a small celebration for him at the rectory, Sunday, April 17. I hope you can come."

It was an "intimate party," including Fathers Sturmer, Brown, Mans and Spilly; Father Thomas Brennan of Corning; four Buffalo priests, Fathers John Bugman of North Java, John Hasler of Belmont, Robert Breidenstein of West Seneca, and a delightful Msgr. Leo Glynn of Niagara Falls; plus the guest of honor, the host, and by accident, Fathers Bush and Steiger.

When I travel a distance — Hornell is two hours driving time — I make tentative but flexible plans to accomplish as much as possible. Sunday morning I had the pulpit and gave an instruction on "Communicating the Word of God", a subject close to my soul. It was occasioned by the TV presentation of the beautiful Jesus of Nazareth. After 12:15 Mass, I lunched on a dish of grape-nuts, glanced at the paper, and plopped into bed at 2 p.m., intending to drop off for 4:30 Vespers at the Trappists enroute to Hornell.

About 3:15, bag packed, I found a note: "Father Hart's mother has had a severe heart attack. At St. Mary's Hospital." So vespers gave way to visitation of the sick, to join the anxious family.

Leaving the hospital at 4:15, the car rolled into Hornell after 6 P.M. The anniversary party was congenial. The dinner was luscious lasagna, meat balls, salad and a mysterious pudding.

My enthusiasm for Communicating the Word has added the very important apostolate of cassette taped lectures and music: not just the Sheen tapes, but many others, including Mother Teresa, Cardinal Suenens, and a

Dublin humorist, Hal Roach.

Six months ago a Mrs. Fischer of Dubuque, Iowa, wrote: "I conduct tours to many shrines, including St. Anne de Beaupre. Our people are devout. Many are Sisters. I should like to play the Sheen talks; also the old favorite hymns, to add to the devotion of our pilgrims. The bus company has only eight-track. Can I get the Sheen talks on eight-track?"

What to do? Father Neu, whose Teutonic ingenuity has many facets, mentioned a gadget which can be inserted into an eight-track and play cassette tapes. He said: "Drop over to Almond in the morning and see it."

During the conversations I mentioned Jesuit Father Bassett's cassette retreats to Father MacNamara, and his frequent mention of Cardinal Newman. When I said "Newman", Msgr. Glynn's ears twitched. Said he: "Did you say Cardinal Newman?" This 80-year young, 1923 graduate of Niagara University is a devotee of Newman, plus Chesterton and the great apologists for the church. The result of our conversation was: Msgr. McGlynn is added to the tape apostolate, listening to works about Newman and other great literati.

After 8:30 Mass and a good breakfast, I slipped up to Station WLEA which produces our Magnify the Lord, and Father Brown's Sunday School programs. Then off to Almond to order one of Father Neu's converter gadgets for Mrs. Fischer of Dubuque.

At 11:10 off to Avon for noon-day lunch with Father Atwell, and arrange for the transfer of the keys of the Kingdom of Avon during his two weeks in the Holy land, April 21-May 6.

Short stops at Rush where Father Kress was out; at Good Shepherd where Father Miller showed me the newly revised division of priests' voting blocks. Father Kiggins was in Boston running in the Boston Marathon. Then to Guardian Angels, also in Henrietta where Father Richard Hart had just returned briefly from the hospital.

Finally, home just as the Angelus and the dinner bell struck a simultaneous six o'clock. It had been a good day; and the cassette tape apostolate had prospered.

Volunteer Week

An open house is scheduled at the Monroe Developmental Center, 620 Westfall Rd., from 6-8 p.m. on April 27 to celebrate National Volunteer Week. Thomas A. Coughlin III, Deputy Commissioner for Mental Retardation, Department of Mental Hygiene will be guest speaker.

Leadership Seminar Set

A seminar for group leaders of divorced and separated Catholics has been announced by Sister Kathleen Kircher, diocesan coordinator of ministry to the divorced and separated. The seminar, scheduled for Saturday, May 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Nazareth Motherhouse, will be led by Josephine Gray and Gladys Abraham, faculty members at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Ms. Gray, assistant professor in the College of General Studies, will speak on organizing productive meetings. Ms. Abraham, learning specialist and instructor in the College of Continuing Education, will discuss leadership styles.

Workshop sessions will give participants an opportunity to discuss program ideas, publicity and other subjects.

Interested group leaders

should register with Sister Kathleen at the Pastoral Center by May 3.

Business in the Diocese

Regis Mooney, a graduate of Aquinas Institute and Kent State University, has been named the 1976 Realtor of the Year, by The Title Guarantee Company.

Vincent B. Mancuso, owner of Vincent Buick Opel in Fairport, has been named president of the Rochester Automobile Dealer's Association (RADA). He and his wife Thelma reside in Pittsford. They are the parents of three children: Mary Jo, a senior at Boston College, Michael, a sophomore at Hillsdale College and Domenic, a senior at McQuaid Jesuit High School.



Sharing Supper

John Finnegan, Dorothy Tallie (center) and Lydia Bretz, parishioners at St. Cecilia's Parish, Rochester, dispense soup during their Sharing Supper held during Holy Week. All donations from the supper were given to the needy.

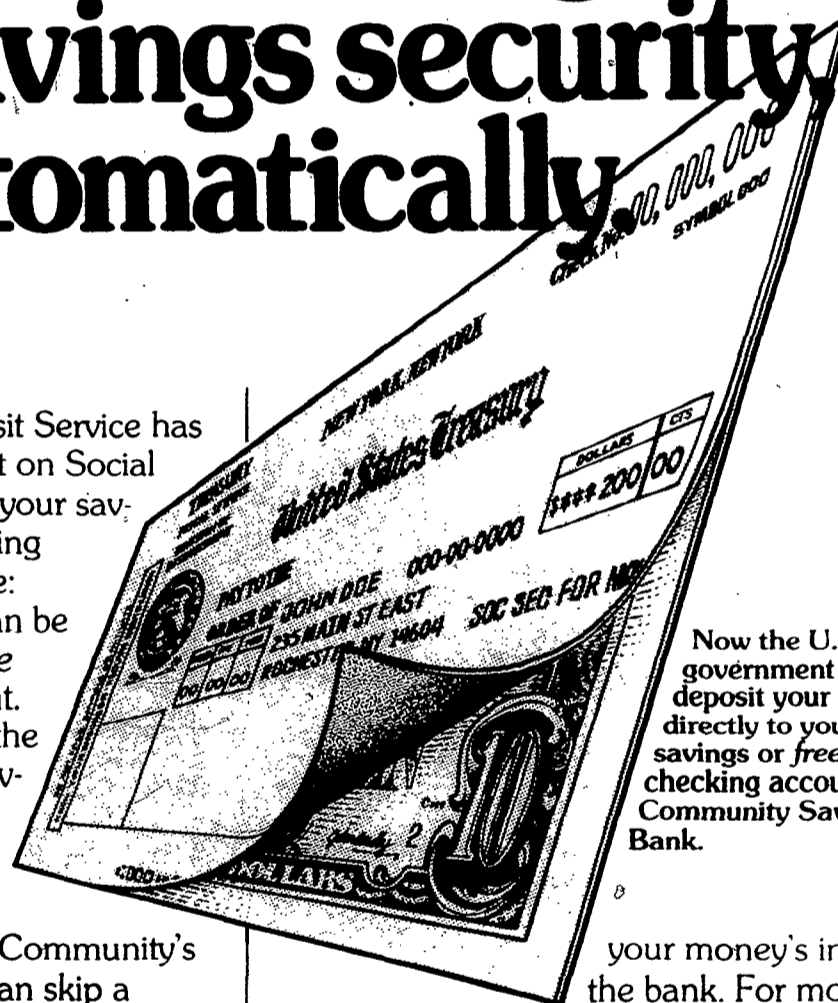
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