

Charismatics Meet July 15

Jesuit Fathers Matthew and Dennis Linn, brothers who work together in the healing ministry and write books about it, will conduct a service at St. Augustine's Church at 7:30 p.m. July 15. The public is invited.

The two priests are stationed at Marquette University in Milwaukee, where they work with a surgeon, a scripture scholar and the head of the department of psychiatric nursing. Their experiences in this ministry are summed up in their second book, *Healing Life's Hurts*, which soon will be published by Paulist Press. In 1974, they wrote *Healing of Memories*.

The brothers received a long-term assignment to their present work in June, 1976. Father Matthew had



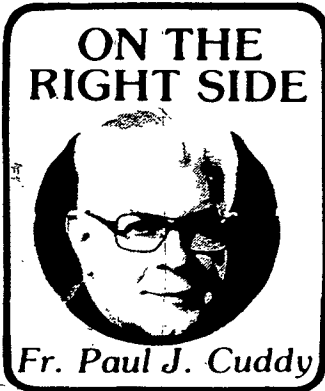
FR. DENNIS LINN SJ



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been working with the Sioux Indians on a lay diaconate program. Father Dennis was superior of a community of Jesuit seminarians working in various innercity pastoral projects. While in the east, they will conduct a retreat at Mount Augustine, Staten

Island, July 18-22. Their visit here is sponsored by the Rochester Catholic Charismatic Renewal Coordinating Center at St. Augustine's, 410 Chili Ave. This will be the center's last public program until Fall.



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Father William Lammers, pastor of Ovid-Romulus, between Geneva and Ithaca, had distinguished predecessors: Msgrs. Hendricks and Sullivan; Fathers Stafford, Blier, Tydings and Harding. A native of Ohio and a graduate of the Josephinum Seminary, he came to the Rochester diocese at the request of Bishop Kearney to care for German prisoners during WWI.

His 93-year-old mother is in a nursing home in Ottawa, Ohio, and he tries to go home each year to spend a few weeks with her and his kin. In April he wrote: "Could you fill in for two weeks, June 6-19? I have no housekeeper, so you would have to 'bach' it." I replied: "I was at Sampson from 1946-1949, and would be glad to return to old haunts. And 'baching' it is no new experience to me."

So Sunday evening at 10 I rolled into Ovid. Fr. L. was smoking his pipe and roared out the most cordial of welcomes. He took me to the church to instruct me in the switches; keys, liturgical practices of the parish. In the house he explained the switches, plumbing, telephone, and had a list of people to call in case of need.

At 6 a.m. Monday he was off to Ohio. My morning Mass was at 8. While the bachelor rectory might not get first prize from *Good Housekeeping Magazine*, the sanctuary and the Holy Cross Church would. The linens were immaculate. The vigil lights trimmed. The carpets swept and clean.

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The pews dustless. The congregation devout.

What does a supply priest do when he fills in? The first thing he does is negative; i.e., not to change the customs and procedures of the parish. I told the people: "I wish to do whatever your pastor does," which turned out to be a devout fulfillment of the liturgical directives of the Church.

I have a special affection for small towns and their people. They preserve their traditions. They are conscious of family ties and history. The Church is usually the focal point, socially as well as spiritually. During the two weeks stay, we had a nice Altar and Rosary Society meeting, a Parish Council meeting, and a Holy Hour on the feast of the Sacred Heart, inspired by the Parish Council. All this indicates spiritual vitality.

The music at Mass was remarkable. A guitar group played and sang under the direction of a professional classical guitarist. The organist played with such proficiency that she swept the congregation into a vigorous and spontaneous worship.

By nature and grace I am a missionary, who considers every person and place an opportunity to stir up a love for God and the Church. As I was leaving Webster, I had tossed into the trunk of the car which Elmiran Father Foy calls *The Gypsy Wagon*, boxes of *Treasury of Prayers* and red-colored Catechisms from England, almost identical to our Baltimore Catechism.

On Sunday I explained:

"A couple of years ago I picked up *A Simple Prayer Book* in Killarney. One section was entitled *Prayers Every Catholic Should Know*. It included the Creed, Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity, Contrition; the Hail Holy Queen; the Angel of God. These are available in a little prayer book, *Treasury of Prayers*. Sadly enough, most of our children do not know these prayers, even the Act of Contrition. They are available on the tables in the back of the church, five for \$1." Over 400 copies were bought.

The following Sunday: "There is much confusion in the church about what is Catholic teaching. Father Kennedy, a seminary professor, in a recent lecture recommended the Baltimore Catechism, saying, 'It doesn't have everything, but what it has is true.' The catechism is available, three for \$1 on the tables. Give your children, and yourselves, a clear knowledge of what Catholics believe." Over 300 copies of the catechism were bought.

If you give people each an apple, that is good but transient. However, if you plant apple trees for them they continue to pluck apples for many years. So with the *Treasury* and the catechisms. These will continue to bear fruit for years in Ovid, Romulus, Willard and Hyatts Corners. Some informed me they were sending copies to California and Alaska and Auburn.

If you want copies, add 25 cents for postage and order from: Holy Trinity Church, Webster, N.Y. 14580.

AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

Experts on weight control have long realized that the American dieter is a losing contender in the battle with television.

A viewer interested in keeping to a strict diet and maintaining self-control when confronted by full color vignettes replete with music exhorting him to try this candy or that snacking cake usually doesn't have a prayer.

No matter if he has spent the entire day eating nothing but carrot sticks and cottage cheese, it's the last half hour before bed when he's tired, hungry and his defenses are down that'll get him every time.

"Good cracker," "goooooood cracker" he'll hear spokesman Andy Griffith intone fervently after a voice-over announcer tells him that "everything tastes better on a Ritz," and even though he may detest peanut butter and jelly, or dislike the saltiness of ham it'll be all he can do to leap up and head for the refrigerator.

If he does manage to resist that particular commercial, hold on there'll be another along in three minutes or less to tell him "At work rest or play, Milky

Way, Milky Way" or "Nobody doesn't like Sara Lee." And finally if nothing else does it he'll be made to feel UnAmerican if he doesn't succumb to a "Big Mac Attack."

Chances are excellent that the dieter who has exercised so much self-discipline throughout the day will lose the skirmish minutes before bed.

In five minutes time standing in front of an open refrigerator, he'll lose all the ground he gained the previous 16 hours, the skipped breakfast, the shunning of the coffee break, the broiled meat and salad dinner all to no avail. For the sorry specimen who now crawls off to bed hating himself for his weakness there may be a modicum of comfort in knowing that he lost to a giant who has spent literally millions of dollars researching the best way to defeat him and get him to open his mouth and eat, eat, eat. Batteries of psychologists and other experts in mental function processes are retained. Tests are devised and carried out with sample population groups. The purpose: The bending of the consumer will.

What to do? Behavior modification groups identified the problem years ago and are teaching their clients to beware of the slick message. Simply knowing the enemy and its method helps.

At least one viewer we know has gone a step further. She has taken to talking back. It helps. The louder the better. It works like this. A typical commercial family sits outside under a tree extolling vir-

tues of a no-bake cheesecake. It's easy, it's fast, it's creamy, it's delicious, these beautiful people tell you with the underriding message that it also contributes to a fantastic family life.

The fighting viewer doesn't take all that garbage sitting down. She yells back at those beautiful people: That cheesecake is going to make you fat, fat, fat. It'll give your beautiful kids cavities. It's full of chemicals etc., etc. Frustration vented she sits back and sips her unsweetened ice tea. She has won Round One.

NFP Session Set July 15

A Natural Family Planning (NFP) followup session has been scheduled for 8 p.m., Friday, July 15 at St. Charles Borromeo in Greece. Doug and Nancy Osborn will lead the session. Anyone using NFP is invited to the meeting. Registration is not required.

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