



it right, don't do it."

A lot of folks in recent years shouldn't have done it—the ones responsible for the Call to Action in Detroit, the social and economic proclamations of the U.S. Catholic Conference, the Catechetical Directory, the graduate research in history, social science, and theology at most Catholic universities. We have done it, but we have not done it right; and by the standards I learned as a young priest, we ought to be ashamed of ourselves.

It is therefore a pleasure to be able to note two examples of people "doing it right." First of all, the Knights of Columbus have commissioned Dr. Christopher Kauffman, a professor of history at St. Louis University, to do a scholarly history of the Knights, an effort which is long overdue, according to some of the most distinguished non-Catholic scholars of immigrant history. The Knights of Columbus played a critical part in the lives of many of our parents and grandparents, and it is cheap, faddish Catholic liberalism to dismiss them as unimportant and irrelevant. The Knights are only irrelevant if our own past is irrelevant.

It has been my melancholy duty in this column for a number of years to carp, complain, criticize, bewail, moan, disparage, and otherwise protest the failure of the American Catholic church and most of its component institutions to maintain a standard of excellence in all its works, in particular scholarly activities.

These protests are rooted in my early years as a priest when the campaign for "a climate for respect of learning," launched by Rev. William Rooney of the Catholic Commission on Electoral and Cultural Affairs, and brought to me by such greats of Chicago Catholic tradition as William Quinn and John Egan, firmly convinced me that, as Monsignor Egan put it long ago, "If you don't do

Equally impressive and much more elaborate is the announcement by the Paulist Press of a new series of "The Classics of Western Spirituality," new translations with scholarly introductions of the work of 60 of the greatest spiritual teachers of classic Protestant, Orthodox, Jewish, Islamic, and native American Indian traditions. The Paulists have bet, correctly I think, that the major religious breakthroughs for the rest of this century are going to be made in the area of spirituality. They have also bet, again correctly I think, that one cannot make spiritual breakthroughs without understanding one's own spiritual heritage. Finally, they have wagered that the only way to get out a new series of Western spirituality is to "do it right"—new translations of badly translated and hence neglected classics, first-rate scholarly introductions, beautiful original artwork on the covers. The Paulist series might be from one point of view considered a big gamble; but from another point of view—and I suspect the correct one—the

Paulists have bet on a sure thing.

The first work is a new translation of the "Showings" of Juliana of Norwich—she's the one, you

remember, who referred to God as "our Loving Mother"—sets a standard of excellence which holds high promise for the rest of the series, a series which will include next year Jakob

Boehme, the Sufi mystic Attar, the complete works of pseudo-Dionysius, and the "Tales" of Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlaw (the great grandson of the famous Baal Shemtov).

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Deaths

Sr. Antonina

Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Antonina Foss, SSJ, was celebrated Oct. 21 in the Motherhouse chapel by Father Paul G. Wohlrab, Msgr. John M. Duffy and Father Joseph Reinhart.

Sister Antonina died Oct. 18, 1977, at the age of 87. She had been a Sister of St. Joseph for 55 years, and throughout the active years of her religious life she served in institutions, taking care of young and old. She was "mother" to the boys at St. Mary's Orphanage, and then at St. Joseph's Villa. She helped the nurses at the old St. Ann's Home on Lake Avenue, took charge of the boarders at the former St. Agnes Institute and in her last six years of work, tended patients in the Motherhouse infirmary. She also was sacristan at Holy Rosary Church, 1944-1952. She entered the convent in 1922, from Corpus Christi parish.

She leaves three sisters, Ann, Mary and Matilda Foss, all of Rochester, and several nieces and nephews.

John Nothnagle

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for John T. Nothnagle last Wednesday in St. Louis Church, Pittsford.

Mr. Nothnagle, retired president of real estate businesses he founded, died Oct. 23, 1977, at St. Ann's Home. He was 75 years old and had moved to St. Ann's three months ago from his home in Parker Drive, Pittsford.

He was the father of St. Joseph Sister Anne Nothnagle and of the late Father Joseph Nothnagle, as well as of six other children.

He left the employ of Kodak at the age of 47 to set up the real estate corporation that bears his name and the trademarked Gallery of Homes that burgeoned into a national franchise operation doing business in the millions.

Mr. Nothnagle was born in Utica and reared in the

Dutchtown area of Rochester.

His survivors include his widow, Miriam; sons John of Iowa, Mark of New Hampshire, Raymond, Paul and Philip; daughters Rita and Sister Anne; 21 grandchildren; a brother, F. Albert Nothnagle, and three sisters, Mrs. Margaret C. Dobbertin, Mrs. Joseph (Julia) Ryan and Miss Irene Nothnagle.

Sr. M. Philip

Sister Mary Philip Hervey, RSM, who cooked and baked for the local Mercy congregation for 38 years, died Oct. 24, 1977, in the Motherhouse infirmary. She was 88 years old and had been retired since 1968.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Motherhouse chapel last Wednesday evening.

Sister Philip, christened Hilda Leontin, was born in Springfield, Mass., of French Canadian parentage. She was 39 years old, and had spent her life in domestic work and caring for her mother, when she joined the Mercy Sisters in 1928. Her colleagues remember in detail the specialties she produced in the kitchen, but "She fed us with more than food," one of them remarked. "Her rosy complexion matched her rosy spirits."

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BACKGROUND

A resident of Irondequoit for 12 years, Tony Sortino, an experienced and respected trial lawyer, resides with his wife, Rosalie, and four children at 179 Kennedy Circle. His recreational interests include sports, photography, and cooking. Tony is an award winning amateur chef.

EDUCATION

Aquinas Institute; Bachelor of Science Degree, St. John Fisher College; Juris Doctor Degree, University of Buffalo Law School.

CAREER

Practicing attorney for over 16 years; admitted to practice: New York State Courts, United States District Court for the Western District of New York, and United States Supreme Court. Member of Monroe County, New York State and American Bar Associations. Member of Panel of Arbitrators, American Arbitration Association.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Past President of Professional Men's Club; Past President and Secretary of Lakeshore Kiwanis (designated outstanding President), Vice-President Tom Thumb Tent, Circus Saints and Sinners; former assistant cub master, Cub Scout Pack 88; Honorary member Night Stick Club Irondequoit Police Department.

Anthony M. Sortino brings to his candidacy outstanding background and experience. He has said "Our Town Court is the people's Court. It can earn the respect and confidence of the people only when it administers firm but fair and even-handed justice."

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