



"TELL FATHER THAT ALL THE CHILDREN IN GRADE FIVE ARE SAYING THE ROSARY FOR HIS ROOT CANAL."

More Letters

All on the Same Side

Editor:

May it please Father William O'Malley, SJ; Father Paul J. Cuddy and the readers of On The Right Side—

There is a saying about those who can't see the forest for the trees, and I submit that very often the people closest to a problem are unable to achieve a perspective on it. It honestly seems to me that Father O'Malley has given us a brand new example. (Slander Charged, Courier-Journal, Nov. 2, '77)

It is evident that Father Cuddy's reference to the Jesuits struck a nerve. Couldn't it be interpreted that his reference was in no way meant to be a universal criticism, but only an individual example?

If apology is due to all the teachers of religion in the Diocese of Rochester, I believe it will be freely and gladly given. However, do all those who teach faithfully what the Magisterium of the Church teaches need apology? Rather, do they not desire strong and official backing of their position? In some quarters evidence does point to those who "far from being content with sound teaching" are "avid for the latest novelty" and they, instead of listening to the truth, will turn to myths.

It is indeed good for many to have ignorance dispelled by Father O'Malley in regard to "apologetic" texts written and used by him. We are perplexed, however, when we hear from many intelligent and informed parents who have made the sacrifice of sending young people to Catholic high schools and who sadly admit that these people no longer come to Mass or the Sacraments.

Fathers, in place of a public display of irate feelings, let us recognize that the Church, through our Holy Father and the bishops, begs all teachers of religion to be loyal to the Magisterium! Let us try to hear and understand the plaintive cries of our good people that their children be taught the Faith of Our Fathers, in season and out of season.

Yes, we all know that weakness there is in the world and in ourselves, temptations there are and the difficulty of living in an environment that has ceased to be Christian. Yes, we are all on the same side. With God's grace and charity for all let us work together—parents, teachers and students—to achieve the ends which God desires.

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Letter Draws Criticism

Editor:

After reading Father O'Malley's letter to the editor (11-2-77), I feel that he is the one who needs to apologize.

First, Father O'Malley assumes that Father Cuddy is guessing at what goes on in religious education classes and passing this guessing on to "people who know even less than he does" about religion classes in the diocese. This is an insult to the many who have had the experience of having their children in religious education classes. This parental knowledge is perhaps one of the reasons why attendance in parochial schools and CCD classes is so low.

Second, in his opening sentence, Father O'Malley speaks "In the name of all the other theology teachers in the diocese". This is purely GUESS work on Father O'Malley's part. I have taught CCD religious education classes for the past 18 years. Father Cuddy owes me no apology. Having attended numerous teacher-training and enrichment programs through the years, I am well aware of the numerous instructors (priests, nuns, lay people) who teach their own brand of religion—changing Catholic Doctrine to suit themselves; opposing the teachings of the Pope whenever they saw fit; and teaching the "new" morality. Many times after attending an instructor's class, I have searched out Father Cuddy's columns for reassurance.

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Memorial Mass Planned

A memorial Mass for deceased priests and Religious of the diocese is scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 22 at Holy Apostles Church at Lyell Avenue and Austin Street. The public is invited.

The music will consist of expressive Gregorian chants from the old Requiem, sung by the Gregorian Chorale, under the direction of Father Benedict Ehmann.

The ancient Dies Irae, which is no longer included in Masses for the dead, will be sung as a devotional prelude to the Mass.

St. Bernard's Invites Public To Liturgies

The St. Bernard's Seminary community invites the public to take part in the Eucharist Sunday mornings at 11 in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Father Frank E. Lioi, rector, will be principal celebrant and homilist this Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King.

Sunday Vespers continue at 5 p.m. The Schola Cantorum, conducted by Robert Dwelley, director of music, will lead the singing at the feast day service.

Amish May Use Taxis

Harrisburg, Pa. (RNS) — Amish and Mennonite groups — who want transportation but are prohibited by their religion from operating motor vehicles — will be allowed to continue hiring unlicensed taxi drivers, according to an agreement reached here before a Public Utility Commission law judge.

The unlicensed drivers and their commercial competitors worked out a compromise whereby the Dutch country cabbies will be licensed as "para-transit service operators" in seven Pennsylvania counties.

Under the agreement, the service will be limited to "persons whose personal convictions prevent them from owning or operating motor vehicles."

NURSES' PROGRAM

The Nazareth College Department of Nursing will hold open house Monday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the Otto A. Shults Community Center. The upper-level baccalaureate program designed specifically for registered nurses will be explained. All interested are invited; additional details through 586-2525.



Seventh graders Mary Ann Montemale, Janie (Gigi) Gervasi and Julie Rotalier are a few of the students who will offer music for the St. Cecilia Day Mass.

Celebration in Unity

BY JOAN M. SMITH

During recent weeks, St. Cecilia's School on Culver Road has been a beehive of activity preparing for the celebration of St. Cecilia's feast day, Tuesday, Nov. 22. Special feast day events will include a school open house, sale of student-made crafts and a family liturgy — all beginning at 7 p.m.

Preparation has been intensive and through the efforts of Sister Carolyn Knipper has been focused on St. Cecilia. Visiting the classes, Sister has explained the historical and religious aspects of the saint's life; born in 150 A.D., was devoted to prayer, had many conversions, died a martyr, became the patroness of musicians and one local tie-in — Father Bernard Newcomb, pastor, has said Mass at the site where she had been originally buried.

The youngsters along with their teachers have had a great time in organizing the event. Even the lower grade students (K-3) have been at work, creating a banner which will represent the school community at the Mass. A liturgy committee tackled the job of selecting music, prayers and composing responses such as "That as St. Cecilia's people, our music and singing at school and at Mass be fitting praise of God" which carries out the theme of the celebration.

Student guitarists, flutists and a special choir under the direction of Janet Manzella, kindergarten teacher, will provide the music.

All this activity has meant after school hours for planning sessions and extra music practices which the students haven't minded a

LEGION POST MASS
Father Donald Murphy, chaplain, will celebrate a memorial Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27 for Streb-Lappen-Klem American Legion Post 1591. The Mass, in the Knights of Columbus club, 670 Thurston, will be followed by dinner at 6:30. Both events are open to the public. Ed Zasowski is taking reservations at 235-6439.

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