

Holy Name Tournney To Open April 23

This year the Catholic Men's Bowling Association is sponsoring its 43rd annual Rochester Holy Name Tournament. The tournament will be held, this year, at the Brighton Bowl from April 23 to May 14.

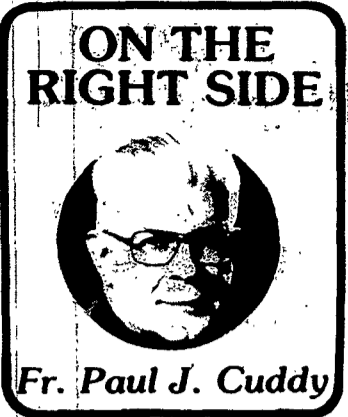
According to H.S. Volkmann, secretary of the tournament, "Back in the 1930s, before the advent of parish councils, the backbone of each individual church in the diocese was the Holy Name Society.

"Men from these groups in 1933 banded together to form the Catholic Men's Bowling Association to further Catholic Action, honor the Holy Name and to

create closer ties between parishes by participating in an annual handicap bowling tournament."

He noted that originally the tournaments were for Catholic men only, "but today, in the spirit of the times and for a broader relationship with our fellowmen, it is both cosmopolitan and ecumenical in nature and any group of ABC members may participate."

The tournament this year is under the leadership of William Lucyshyn, John Michaloski and Father Francis Pegnam, spiritual director. Entry blanks are available at all bowling halls



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

ON THE RIGHT SIDE

To Fr. Firpo, Horseheads: When Fr. John Morgan invited me to share in the parish Eucharistic Day Feb. 12, I began to figure: 1) Waverly is 120 miles, a long distance; but 2) three hours on the road will give me several cassette lectures to listen to; and 3) it will be good to meet the priests of the area; and 4) I can stay over night at the rectory and slip down to Wyalusing the next day, to the church where the visions of Our Lord and the saints are allegedly seen on the tabernacle veil.

It was good to meet the priests: Father Sullivan, Fr. Hafner and your own

beloved pastor, Fr. O'Brien. And it was good to meet again Caroline Stege — did you know she has been the rectory housekeeper for 20 years? — and Mrs. Button, whom I knew from St. Joseph's Hospital when her husband was a patient. And it was a double pleasure for me to hear you preach.

Now I am going to do a dangerous thing. It is to critique not the substance of your sermon, which was solid and good, but your preaching technique.

I would not dare to give this critique if I were not sure of your honesty and modesty. In fact, in this confidence I honor you greatly, because there are few who have the humility to take a critique, considering this an affront to their ego.

Frankly, I remember very little of what you said, but do carry the happy impression of an ease of expression, a facility in presentation, a genial humor, a healthy earnestness, and your obvious love for the Blessed Sacrament. All this was permeated with unction.

After the bouquets, consider these points, which I think will make your preaching even more effective: 1) avoid theologically — technical words. They mean little to The People. For example, several times you used the term "relationship," presumably between God and the soul, though I do not remember, since it is an abstraction.

In the Prodigal Son, Our Lord didn't talk about "a strong relationship with the Father," but He spoke of an anxious, loving father and a brat of a son. He talked of carousing and wastefulness, of loose women and pigs and hunger and fairweather friends, of a glorious, noisy home party for the brat. This people can understand, and remember, and imitate.

May I suggest three things

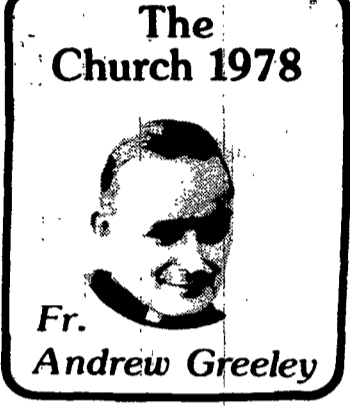
to make preaching more effective? 1) Use concrete examples. An old priest told me, "An effective sermon is like a moving picture, full of illustrations." 2) Preserve the spirit of indignation. Cardinal Newman said, "The worst thing about sin is not to be shocked by it." 3) Relate your ideas to the practical lives of your people.

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Fr. Andrew Greeley

The Church 1978

John Shea's new book, "Stories of God: An Unauthorized Biography" (Chicago: Thomas More Press, \$8.95), represents a major point in American Catholic religious thought. With its publication, Shea takes his place in the ranks of the best Catholic theologians in the world, and, so far as I am concerned, he lays claim to the number one position in the new discipline of "creative theology."

Others have tried to play the game. I think of Matthew Fox, for example, but they lack either Shea's rigorous methodological skills in professional theology or his extraordinary poetic imagination. Creative theology requires both professional discipline and poetic insight. Shea has both in abundance.

Many professional theologians may be tempted to discount "Stories of God" because while it does have six pages of footnotes, it lacks the heavy, Teutonic, scholarly "apparatus" and the obscure and turgid style which seems to be "de rigueur" if you want to be taken seriously as a theologian (or a scholar in any other discipline). The creative theologian by definition, however, is more interested in communicating with the ordinary faithful than he is with the professional scholars (though he pays his dues to professional skills).

Hence, while the material in "Stories of God" is profound and original theology, it is also immediately available to the ordinary layman interested in his own spiritual development and to the parish priest desperately hungry for something better in the way of homiletic and catechetical materials than the national hierarchy's "Catechetical Directory."

prolong it, we all seem to be under the sentence of Scheherazade. We tell our stories to live. God not only loves to hear our stories, he loves to tell his own, and, quite simply, we are the story God tells."

But if God tells stories about us because he likes stories (and, like most storytellers, He falls in love with his characters), we must tell our stories about God.

Father Shea says, "As Christians we have inherited ancient stories that carry the faith convictions of our people. Although these stories may start with 'long ago,' they end with 'right now.' There is an enduring world-creating ability to the stories of God. This book hopes to enter into some of those possible worlds. Although it relies on scholarship, it is not a scholarly work. Although it places it summarizes, it is not a popular summary. It is a book about understanding the stories of God so that when we tell them, they will be sufficient."

According to Shea, there is a three-fold perennial Christian strategy: gather the folks, break bread, tell the stories. It is God's stories that he tells in this book, particularly the stories of worldmaking, hope and justice, of trust and freedom, of invitation and decision. Not being one tenth the poet John Shea is, I will not try to summarize his stories but rather urge you to read them. (I call you to note his devastating critique of political and liberation theology — without even mentioning these abominations — in his chapter three.) "Stories of God" is the best theology book to come along since David Tracy's "Blessed Rage For Order"; it is very likely the best Catholic book that will appear in 1978.

Don't miss it.

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