



Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey concelebrates with Father Edward H. Hartmann and Msgr. Gerard Krieg

## Hartmann Hall Dedicated

Scottsville — The parishioners of St. Mary of the Assumption Church had a quadruple celebration recently.

Not only did a recent Sunday permit them to celebrate a dual anniversary, the 50th of ordination for their pastor emeritus, Father Edward H. Hartmann, and the 25th for their present pastor, Msgr. Gerard Krieg, the day also occasioned the dedication of two parts of the parish plant.

According to Dolores Loftus of the parish, the announcement was made during the priest's anniversary Mass, that the parish center was to be dedicated in honor of Father Hartmann and the parish library collection in honor of Msgr. Krieg.

Spontaneous applause erupted at the announcements, she said.

Father Hartmann was pastor of the church when the parish center was constructed.

Msgr. Krieg is largely responsible for establishing the parish library.

### Prayer Groups

The Mother of Sorrows Prayer Group will have a Charismatic Mass at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, June 22, as a second anniversary celebration.

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group, Penfield, will meet in the church at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27. Father Frederick Bush will be the speaker.

## On The Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

### That Awful Sense Of Loss

To Father Norbert Hansen, O.Carm.:

From your years at the Carmelite Novitiate and Mt. Carmel High School in Auburn, you will remember my brother Joe, who was so mighty a supporter of the Carmelites. On May 18 he died unexpectedly. The suddenness of his death gives me a profound study of human emotions.

You will recall how buoyant and brash and masterful and generous he was. A leader by nature and by necessity, he enjoyed work to help others: civic, religious, personal. He was chairman of the Auburn United Fund for several years, and considered it a privilege. One day he was cheerfully describing an interview with a mutual friend, a business man, for the annual U.F. contribution. He said, "As I went to his shop, he began a litany of lamentations: 'Business is bad; the government is robbing us through taxes; money is tight. Whenever you want money you come to me.' When he finished, I said, 'X, you're going to give. And you're going to give generously. You always have. And you always will.' Then I raised my voice and said, 'Why

the hell don't you give — and enjoy it!' From that day on I have never made a donation, small or large, but I enjoyed it, and thanked God for being able to give.

On May 18 I was at Fr. Jack Morgan's, Waverly, en route to Mt. Pocono, to give a retreat for 46 women of the Elmira-Corning Southern Tier Retreat League. At 10:30 p.m. Fr. Morgan called me to the phone. It was my pastor, Fr. Hart. "Bad news. Your brother Joe." "Dead?" "Yes. Suddenly. Around 8 p.m. I'm sorry." It was sobering news. But 46 women ready for retreat could not be left high and dry. So I proceeded to the Retreat Villa of Our Lady of the Poconos and gave the retreat, which was not too difficult since the women were so responsive and the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters were so helpful. I did not tell them of Joe's death until the end, because they would have been so moved to sympathy they would have been distracted from the direction of the retreat.

By 3 p.m. Sunday I set out for Auburn. Near Elbridge I picked up a hitchhiker who turned out to be a 22-year-old Syracusean. He wore a cruciform medal, the same as my own, suspended on his hairy chest. "Are you a priest?" he asked. "Yes. The genuine article." "Erm a Catholic." "Good. Do you go to Mass?" (I sensed he was not exactly a candidate for the Trappists.) "Went last Christmas." "Didn't you go

on Easter, too?" "Let's see. I think I did. No. It was Palm Sunday. I remember getting the palm and weaving a cross — my grandmother taught us to do that — and I went to the cemetery and put it on the grave of my buddy." There's something touching about the appeal of the sacraments. And I think this simple act of piety toward his buddy was not unnoticed by Our Blessed Lord.

At 6:30 p.m. I got to the funeral home. The sober sadness in the heart gave way to desolation as I gazed upon the face of the one closest to me for 68 years. Our certitude of Eternal Life puts us in danger of expecting people to be sufficiently consoled by the Faith. But emotional desolation is a reality of human emotions: that awful sense of loss, of never being able to see a beloved face or hear his voice, of never again being able to exchange thoughts, anecdotes, recollections, hopes, joys, sorrows. No one can lighten the leaden heart. The expressions of sympathy at such a time are more civilities than empathies. We could hardly expect otherwise. Sorrow, like physical pain, we must carry alone.

I think I shall never again shake the hand of a sincere mourner and say, "I'm sorry. I understand," but I shall feel the inadequacy of the words.

Albany is not so far away. Do come and spend a few days with me. We have many memories to share. We can recall old times, discuss the present day with all the joys and hopes of the Church and our mutual priesthood.

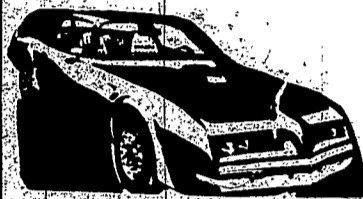
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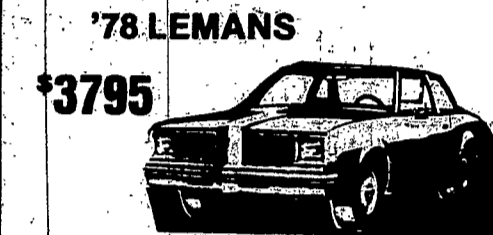
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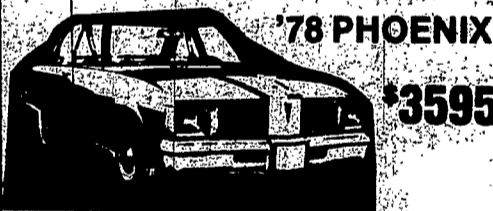
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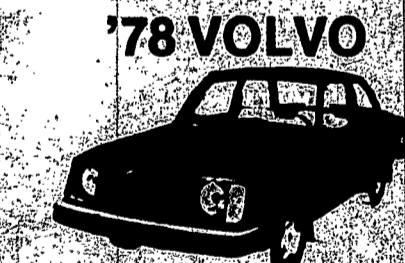
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