

On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

33 on Tour Of Ireland A 'Family'

When the Courier-Journal's travel agent, Mr. M. Voorhes, showed me the suggested tour of Germany, Switzerland and Austria for the Fall, I was greatly impressed. But many had asked also about Ireland in the summer, when they were free to go. So it was agreed to have an eight-day tour of Ireland, Aug. 18-26, and the European tour in October. Because several of our people had been to Ireland before, I went to that country in May to look up some new places and activities. My original intention was to be gone for two weeks, but to my own amazement as well as to the incredulity of others, I got terribly homesick and returned home in three days. However, those three days did open up new places and experiences to make what I think was one of our best Ireland trips.

Fr. Cuddy

Who went? Heading the list was Mrs. Steve Riley of St. Anne's, Rochester, on her sixth trip, and her daughter, Sister Stephanie, SSJ, principal of St. Stanislaus School, Corning sent four: Mr. and Mrs. William Crane of St. Mary's and their sisters, "the twins," Mary and Margaret Crane, housekeepers at St. Vincent's. Mrs. Leah Flynn came from the Cathedral parish.

From St. Boniface came nurse Veronica Harrington, and from St. Rose, Lima, her friend Mildred O'Grady. From Washington, D.C., came Auburnian Miss Ellen Ganey and her Trinity College friend, Miss Margaret Haskell of Richmond, Va. Four had to drop out by reason of sickness or family commitments, viz., the Nier girls, Mrs. John Nothnagle of St. Louis, Pittsford, and Mrs. Clarence Henninger, who were with us on the Spain-Portugal trip last year, and the world traveller, Miss Beatrice Mahoney of St. Ann's, Hornell, and her cousin, Mrs. Sarah Parks of West Winfield.

One-time Auburnians, Mrs. Maude Taylor, now of Sacred Heart, Rochester, and her daughter, Sally Murray of Liverpool, made a mother-daughter combination. From St. Mary's, Rochester, came Bernard Hoffman and his wife Monica Kress of St.

Mary's Hospital. St. Rita's, West Webster, was represented by Mrs. Kathleen Fox, who plans a reunion on Oct. 7. From Christ the King came Mrs. Mary Baker, who was 40 years at St. John's, Humboldt Street, with her friend, Peggy Whitenack, still of St. John's. Susan McGinty represented St. Patrick's, Mumford, and Mrs. Mary Flynn, the Legion of Mary of Sacred Heart Cathedral.

A first for Woodhall was retired school teacher Mrs. Mary Husted of St. Catherine's, Addison, and with her, her cousin, Mrs. Ralph Wood of Barre, Vt. Two cousins, Mrs. Mabel Hill of Holy Trinity, Webster, and Mrs. Anna Nichols of St. John the Evangelist, and their mutual friend, Mrs. Jane Miller of Holy Rosary, made a congenial triumvirate. Brockport Presbyterian Church was represented by Miss Nellie Germain, who is a deacon of that church, and Miss Marion Flynn of Adams Basin; East Side Methodist Church, Hornell, by Mrs. Rena Tuller, the housekeeper at St. Ann's. Finally there were Mrs. Katherine Miller, a sister of the Schantz tract people, of Mother of Sorrows, and her friend, Mrs. Helen O'Brien of St. Anne's, Rochester. Mrs. Mary Louise Henion of Nativity, Brockport, and Miss Ella

Callahan of St. Dominic's, Shortsville, and Auburn. We were a party of 33, with three unrelated Flynns, two unrelated Millers and four related Cranes, none of which caused much confusion.

It was a diverse group of people, and as always has happened, they quickly melded into a fine family group, enjoyed the sights, experiences and one another.

Tours follow a pattern. The group is met at the plane by a driver, courier and bus. We had a fine bus and expert driver, youngish Vincent Kearns, who also sang for us. Our Ireland agency was Castle Tours, who usually engage women couriers — i.e., guides through the land, to take care of hotels, meals and entertainment. Our courier was Collette Murray, pretty, pert, knowledgeable. She reminded me of the one-time Mother Superiors who knew their flock and guided their activities. Collette had a delicate sense of the interests of the group, and we were guided to many interesting things and had many interesting experiences, including a peculiar encounter at a famous pub with the attractive name of Dirty Nellie's.

More about this next week.

Directed Prayer Offered

The Prayer Center of the Sisters of St. Joseph will this fall again offer Weekends of Directed Prayer, under the leadership of Father Vincent McDonough, SJ, and Sister Judy Reger, SSJ. The first weekend will be held Sept. 22-24, beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday and closing at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Other weekends have been slated for Oct. 20-22, Nov. 17-19, Dec. 8-10. Further information and reservations are available by calling the Mt. Vernon Ave. center at 244-1416.

Evenings of Dance-Prayer also are slated this season for 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 17, and Nov. 12.

A special evening of prayer and reflection on the "Call to Justice" will be led by Father Charles Mulligan, beginning at 7 p.m. on Sept. 27.

These weekends "provide an opportunity for direction in prayer, time for personal prayer and the Eucharist in an atmosphere of quiet," Sister Judy said.

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