

# On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

## Somber End To Happy Day

Corning's Father Hogan is quoted: "The Southern Tier is the forgotten section of the Diocese." If that be true of Elmira, Corning, Hornell and contiguous areas, what shall we say of Owego, Apalachin and Catoan?

Fathers Watts and Cason, copastors of St. Patrick's, Owego, invited me to the parish 40 Hours beginning Sunday, Sept. 24, so I planned the 120-mile trek for Tuesday afternoon. Forty Hours devotions are good. They honor Our Lord. They stimulate devotion. They are an occasion for priests to meet in sacerdotal friendship. So I was anticipating meeting priest friends from Tioga and Chemung counties. God works in wondrous ways. The 40 Hours were Sunday and Monday. This was Tuesday. The priests had come and gone. But things worked out happily.

Father Cason welcomed me with a big grin. "Forty Hours ended last night. But we are glad you are here. We have a staff supper each Tuesday, so you will meet the staff." Fr. Watts came and reinforced the welcome. At 6 p.m. we three went to the dining room, where the Staff, five Sisters of Mercy, were standing, awaiting grace. Two are with the parish school; two with Human Development; one is a parish visitor. Gertrude, the cook, had assembled all the leftovers from the 40 Hours to make a fine supper. It was an amiable occasion.

Owego bustles with prayer and action, worthy of the days of St. Alphonsus, Auburn, in Fr. Straub's palmist day. Many parishes have a library with books available in the vestibule. But Owego has also a cassette tape library. Parishioners, especially IBM employees, borrow and listen to tapes while en route to work, enriching both souls and minds.

Wednesday morning at 8, Fr. Cason escorted me to a secretly-made-into-chapel for my Mass, just off the beautifully decorated church. Twelve-year-old Jeff and Scott served. I made them lectors for the readings, standing like a big Papa Bear just back of two nice cubs, helping them over hard words and explaining the Scripture to them. I think this is one way to foster vocations to the religious life. Afterward, I awarded

each the little Treasury of Prayer booklet, and suggested they memorize the Guardian Angel prayer. Later, Sister Miriam, the principal, gave me a tour of the school, a jewel in the crown of the parish.

After breakfast, Father Watts called Newark Valley to alert Fr. Weis of my coming. My ultimate destination was Auburn, but by way of several villages along route 38, a road I had never travelled. Fr. Weis, fireman as well as pastor, showed me the impressive parish buildings: halls, CCD rooms, church, rectory, each with the mark of former pastors — Fathers Stec, Siudara, Donovan, and their energetic parishioners. The church halls are used for civic affairs, which brought the reality of ecumenism long before it became a fashion.

On to Dryden in time for lunch with Fr. Tom Cleary and a scholarly Fordham Jesuit, Fr. Doyle, who is in residence there while doing work at Cornell University. Father Cleary began his shepherding at George Junior Republic and Freeville, and in the course of his 28 years there has developed a glorious parish, a beautiful church, a substantial rectory, and has 27 acres of beautiful land, all about a mile outside Dryden village.

A common note of modesty pervades the souls of these good pastors. All are fulsome with praise of their people, to whom they ascribe the impressive developments of their parishes.

Auburn loomed ahead about 5:30 p.m. My classmate, Father James Lane, was in Auburn Memorial Hospital, so at 8:30 I went to see him. I was not prepared to find this friend of 50 years as he was — in a coma, with death hovering to take him. His brother Lou and wife, and his sister Agnes were there keeping the death watch. We talked a bit, recited the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary together. At 10:30 he gave a great shudder and his soul went to meet Christ, the High Priest. It was a somber ending of a happy day. Yet all meld together — the priesthood, the parishes, the Faith, all proclaiming one great hymn of praise for Our Sovereign Lord.

That night I prayed: "O Lord Jesus, Who called us to do your work in the vineyard, and have now called my friend James to Yourself, stir up young men to take our places, that You will be ever praised and glorified through the priesthood, and your people served with simplicity and generosity. Amen."

### 14621 Convention

The annual convention of Group 14621 Community Association will take place at St. Stanislaus School, Hudson and Norton, from 7 until 10 p.m. Saturday Oct. 14. The association comprises neighborhood organizations and institutions, including most of the churches, and individuals who live in the

postal code area 14621. It runs a crime prevention program and a handyman project which lends tools and provides training in their use. A youth project is being developed. The public is invited to the meeting to see a slide show on the association's achievements.

# All in the Family

By Sarah Child

## The Art Of Translating Children-ese

Some key phrases—with translations:



Sarah Child

"The movie was rated PG but it's a mistake. It really should be a G. There's absolutely nothing wrong with it." The movie was rated PG, all right, but it should have been (R).

"I didn't track in that dirt. It must have been the dog." (The dog won't talk.)

"She didn't give us any homework" (Just two dittos, a short composition and 10 pages of reading.)

"I put my clothes away — in the right drawers." (I kicked some under the bed and threw the rest on the closet floor.)

"I wasn't teasing the dog." (Just combing her tail.)

"I'm not cold. I don't need my sweater." (I left my sweater at school.)

"I did not pinch him during church." (It was a sharp nudge and my fingers got in the way.)

"I don't need a haircut." (I can still see out of one eye.)

"I did the dishes last night." (All except the pots and pans, the antique platter and six glasses with milk rings left to soak.)

"It's not raining." (Doesn't like the color of my raincoat.)

"I want to learn how to cook." (I want to know how to make brownies without bothering anybody.)

"I AM sleeping." (I'm in bed and the light's out.)

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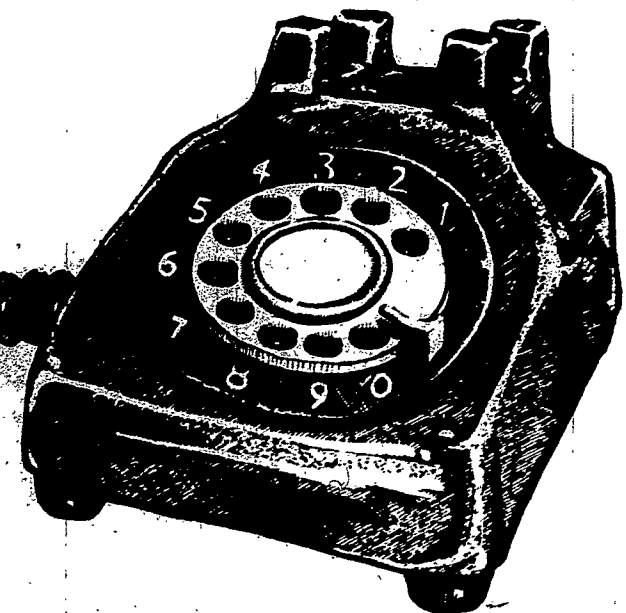
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