



Gearing Up

Bernard Swiatek, left, president of the Men's Club at Mother of Sorrows, and Father George S. Wood, pastor receive a flag that flew over the State Capitol in the 202nd year of the nation's independence. Roger Robach, the donor, is at right. Next to Father Wood is Father Eugene McCarthy and behind Robach is Father Joseph Dailey. The tie-in? History. The Paddy Hill Church is only 53 years younger than the U.S.A. and is gearing up for its 150th anniversary next year.

Lay Carmelites

The Lay Carmelites will celebrate Nov. 5 the 30th anniversary of their establishment in the Rochester community. A Mass at 3 p.m. in the chapel at St. Ann's Home will be followed by a social gathering.

Everyone interested is welcome. Members of the order practice special devotion to the Blessed Mother as Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Details about the Carmelite way of life may be obtained from Raoul Grossi, 544-5329.

On The Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

'Clericalism' Not Always Self-Serving

A young priest-friend about 40 years old has emotions which verge on revolution, but instincts and experiences which tend to cause him to value conservatism. His spiritual

Fr. Cuddy life and priestly activities are a fine blending of both, so what he does is both idealistic and practical. While I honor him greatly, we rarely meet without having a mild ideological collision. Recently he expressed his contempt for "clericalism." To clarify our discussion, I wrote him thus:

"Praised be Jesus Christ! On returning home I have pondered over your contempt for 'clericalism,' and so got out the dictionary for a precise definition. It reads: 'clericalism' — a policy of maintaining or increasing the power of a religious hierarchy.' Certainly as it is defined there is, as you said, at least a pejorative insinuation. From the aspect of self-serving, I am with you in enthusiastic accord.

"We all know of instances when the clergy have used the collar for self benefit. But I have no objection to some special consideration 'because of the clerical state, as long as it is to benefit others. In your ministry with the poor and troubled, you quite candidly use your priesthood to spring 'less-chance' people from jail, or to get them some amelioration they would not get excepting for your own clerical concern. Further, I doubt that you soft-pedal the fact of your clerical state, which does make you a special person, when you are out after money and clothes and jobs and housing for your people. Mother Teresa's Sisters, and the Little Sisters of the Poor and other holy religious do not hesitate to be visible witnesses of Christ and His Church, but it is for the sake of their needy.

"I have a tape of a talk Mother Teresa gave in Baltimore; her best talk, which is followed by a rousing question period. It

sells for \$3.15, plus 40 cents postage, and I am sending it to you as a gift. In the question period, Mother Teresa was asked if her Sisters always wore the habit. Simply but definitely she replied, yes; that most of their work could not be accomplished without people's recognizing them in their religious habit. In a sense, is this not a kind of clericalism? But its purpose is to serve best those who need help. Considerations, gifts, discounts I consider for the use of our people. With some consistency I have made it a practice for many years to give to charity at least an amount equal to what I spend on any recreation or vacation.

"I do not think you should reverence our clerical state any less that our good people, both Catholics and non-Catholics. We are aided and even honored not because of our person, but because of our serving. This is partly because of the service given by many good priests — and Sisters, too — over many years. I hope you have the Dominican Flannery's edition of the Vatican II documents, because it has the documents subsequent to the conciliar ones. In the Decree on the Church you will read: 'Priests should occupy their leadership as men who do not seek the things that are their own, but the things that are Jesus Christ's.' And the Decree on Priests testifies: 'Priests are to be at once defenders of the common good, and at the same time the unwavering champions of truth, lest the faithful be carried about with every wind of doctrine...' By the way, did you notice in the papers that Pope John Paul II said he intended great collegiality with the bishops of the world, but also he expects obedience! I like his jaw.

"We should revere our priesthood even more than the laity, because we know better than they what it is and what it demands. How often we see Our Lord supplying for our own deficiencies. With you, I despise that self-seeking clericalism which disturbs you (and of which history is full of terrible examples), but with you I praise God for our priesthood, for the good priests who lead and have led our people in the ways of the Lord.

"Be sure to share the Mother Teresa talk with many people. It will do great good."

Focolare TV Subject

Persons with cable television in the Rochester area will be able to watch a program dealing with the Focolare Movement, a spiritual renewal organization which is growing in the United States, over Channel 11 (WPIX), at 11 a.m. on Nov. 7.

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Devotions

The monthly devotion of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will open at noon tomorrow, Nov. 2 at Blessed Sacrament Church. A rosary will be recited at 12:15 p.m.

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