

# On The Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

## Why Is The Title Dropped?

Recently I was returning home to Webster from visiting Fr. Bill Hickey at Strong Memorial Hospital. The time was 4:30 p.m., and I picked up a hitchhiking student. Frequently, when I travel alone, I say the rosary, and this day the beads were bright red, quite visible in my right hand as I opened the door to let my guest in. After introducing myself, and asking his name, I engaged him in conversation. After a few minutes of ice-breaking, I inquired:

"Where do you go to school?"  
 "McQuaid."  
 "Oh. And what are you studying in religion?"  
 "Theology," he replied succinctly.

My mind drifted off to the signs at Rochester General Hospital, where on many doors is an impressive sign reading Environmental Services. These are the doors to the closets where the mops and pails and cleaning materials are kept. I wondered why a nice word like "housekeeping" was not used, and supposed that the flamboyant term tickled the ego. Likewise, the term "theology" usually is reserved for seminaries and colleges, but I suppose using it for high schools tickles the ego there. After this quick reverie, I proceeded:

"And what are you studying in theology?"  
 "The Gospel of Luke." (The Saints have been stripped of their titles.)  
 "Oh. And are you interpreting it correctly?"  
 "Yes," he declared flatly.  
 "Did you know that Saint Luke was the only New Testament author who was a Gentile?"

He stirred forward with genuine interest and

expressed surprise. "Why no! Is that so?"  
 "Yes. As you study his Gospel you will notice how unlike it is to Saint Matthew's. Saint Luke wrote for the Gentiles, so he does not have all the Old Testament references, and Jewish customs, laws, traditions, which you find in Saint Matthew, who was a Jew writing for Jews. If you really want to study Saint Luke, why don't you invest \$4 at a book store and order Dr. William Barclay's Gospel of St. Luke. It is one of a set of 17 books called Daily Bible Studies, but you can get individual copies. McQuaid book store could get it for you. Archbishop Sheen recommends Dr. Barclay, who is a Protestant scripture scholar. His books are used by many priests and lay men."

We parted amiably, and later I narrated the encounter to some priest friends. One asked, "Did he call you 'Father?'" Pausing to recall, I replied, "No. Now that you speak of it, he didn't." "I have never met a McQuaid student," he said, "who ever addressed me as 'Father.'"

"That's curious. The Witnesses of Jehovah don't either, but for different

reasons. However, I do not think the non-use of our title is peculiar to McQuaid. The children in most Catholic schools I know of do not address the priest by any title, though they do not hesitate to call a doctor by his title, or a Sister by hers. With all the concern about lack of religious vocations, I wonder what kind of religious training the youth are getting."

I suppose this article will get me into hot water. But after emotions have subsided would it not be a good thing to study the answer to the question: "Why are not Catholic youth trained in the ordinary courtesies of address?" Lest there be any anguish that this is an attack on McQuaid and the Jesuits, let me assure all that I have met courteous McQuaid students who do not cavil about a priest's title. In fact, I discussed this article with a 1973 graduate of McQuaid, who said, "If I have sons they will go to McQuaid." Which is a good recommendation. But the question up for discussion and research is:

"What is at the root of the quite common non-use of a title accepted in civil society by Catholics, non-Catholics, Jews and non-believers? What is the answer?"

## Covenant

A special appearance by the Covenant Players, an international repertory theater group, has been slated at St. Bernard's Seminary for Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. The event, sponsored by the school's Dante Society, is open to the public.

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New York (RNS) - A coalition of the three major Protestant, Catholic and Jewish relief agencies has announced a public appeal for funds to combat world hunger.

The Thanksgiving Hunger Fund, termed an unprecedented interreligious project by the organizers, will ask every American to "give more than thanks" at Thanksgiving.

The organizers are asking Americans for donations of \$10, which they say is the price of a Thanksgiving meal. However, no overall goal has been set for this year's appeal.

The fund was organized by Church World Service, overseas relief and development arm of the National Council of Churches; Catholic Relief Services, and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The first president of the fund is Bishop Edwin B. Broderick, executive director of Catholic Relief Services. The nationwide solicitation will include public service

television and radio announcements, distribution of donations envelopes in supermarkets and other stores and an education campaign on the issue of world hunger.

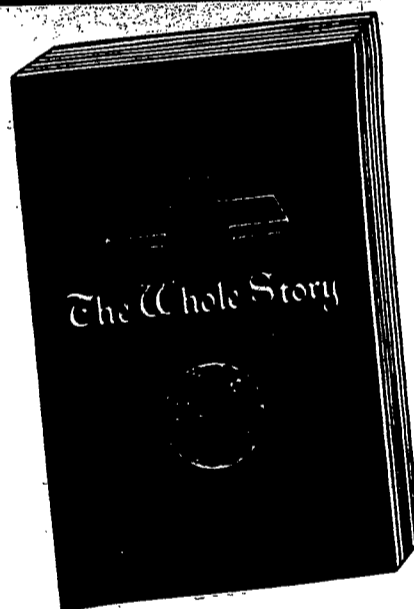
Trustees of the Hunger Fund include, in addition to the heads of the three agencies, economist Barbara Ward, Father Theodore Hesburgh and Sen. Muriel Humphrey.

Honorary national chairpersons of the 1978 drive are comedian Bob Hope and his wife Dolores.

## Charismatic Mass

A Thanksgiving Charismatic Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Church Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. The Mass, which will be celebrated by Father Thomas F. Schmidt, CSSR, the rector and director of Notre Dame Retreat House, is being sponsored by the St. Andrew's Life in the Spirit Prayer Group. According to Joseph J. Marotta, group leader, the Mass is the first to be sponsored by the group.

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