

# On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

## A Marked Difference Of Opinion

To Father Louis Hohman:

You surely remind me of the cow who gave a full pail of milk, and before the farmer could take the pail, she kicked it and sent the milk spewing down the barn gutter. At the meeting of the PC, DPC and DSC (we have become like the government with the alphabetization: Priests Council, Diocesan Pastoral Council, Diocesan Sisters Council!) you concluded your remarks to the assembled group: "We have to stop bad-mouthing the Church." Ah, fine! The full pail of rich milk. Then almost immediately afterward you expressed your personal opinion, not shared by all by many means, that we must be concerned about the injustice done by the Church in depriving 50 percent of her members of the right to ordination. Evidently you meant ordaining priestesses by the Church and her bishops.

I have studied enough of the writings and plans of women, mostly Religious, agitating, demanding, planning, plotting to force the Church to knuckle under to their ambitions. I have studied with some care the reports of the Women's (most Religious) Conferences for the Ordination of Women, and have admired their persistence and adroitness. I do not admire their hostility toward Bishops and non-agreeing (with them) theologians which permeate many of their presentations.

They are candid about their strategy. 1. Get women, especially Sisters, into every facet of parish and church life possible; 2. Make themselves very visible, so the people will gradually become accustomed to this, and accept them and their services; 3. Make themselves so needed, that the Church will capitulate and ordain them. This is hardly Newman's concept of "The Development of Christian Doctrine."

Why am I, and others, men and women, so

chagrined? Have you any idea how many women there are in the Catholic world, not just the States, who are appalled at the demanded ingress of women into Holy Orders? I am chagrined: 1. At your accusation of injustice, which makes the late Pope Paul VI an unjust man. He was explicit regarding the doctrine of the Church: That Christ's intentions did not include priestesses, although many pagan religions did. 2. At your accusation that the Church has been unjust, when she simply has been faithful to the traditions handed down to her from the beginning. 3. At your indirect indictment of the Greek, Russian, Ukrainian, Coptic and all other Orthodox Churches, who would have to be included in your charge of injustice.

We are closer to the 90 million Orthodox with their valid Orders and Holy Liturgy and Sacraments, than to any other religious group. The successful overtures of the Holy See, begun by Pope John XXIII for rapprochement with the Orthodox you would explode with your bomb-like charge of injustice. You would build up a new wall of separation between the Orthodox - and ourselves.

We all know the work of some theologians to overturn the practice, directions and teaching of the Holy See. Those who have watched the maneuvering of the proponents of an ordained priestess cult to include sucking sympathetic priests and theologians into their cause are troubled by the undercutting of the guidance of the Church to whom Christ gave the charge: "... teach them to observe all things which I have commanded you." The Church is the Teacher. And as you so well said, let us stop badmouthing the Church. To which I say a fervent: Amen!

Had you made this charge of injustice against the Church at a small private get-together, I should have shrugged my shoulders. But when you broadcast it to the three consultative bodies that are expected to give input to Our Bishop, then some one must speak up. Frankly, I do not relish being that "somebody."

## Hospice Concept

A teaching day for nurses and related professionals on the hospice concept is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 28 at the Genesee River Motel, North Main Street, Mt. Morris. The event, which is sponsored by the American

Cancer Society of Livingston County, will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3:45 p.m. The hospice approach "helps terminally ill patients to face death without pain or fear," according to a cancer society brochure.

# Cenacle Slates Events

The Cenacle released last week details of upcoming programs at the East Avenue center.

On Dec. 1-2, Father Charles Mulligan, diocesan director of social ministries, will conduct a 24-hour seminar on Advent themes in the Bible. The weekend opens at 6 p.m. Friday and closes at a 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday.

The center has also slated a retreat by Father John Walchars, SJ, for Nov. 17-19, and a lecture by him on Nov. 21.

The retreat, open to men and women, will begin with a 6:30 p.m. supper on Friday and will close with a 2:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday. Reservations are required and may be obtained by calling the Cenacle at 271-8755.

The lecture, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. is entitled "Stations: the Past in My Life." No reservations are required but a donation has been asked. The evening closes with a Mass for the St. Raphael Guild and guests.

## SOME THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

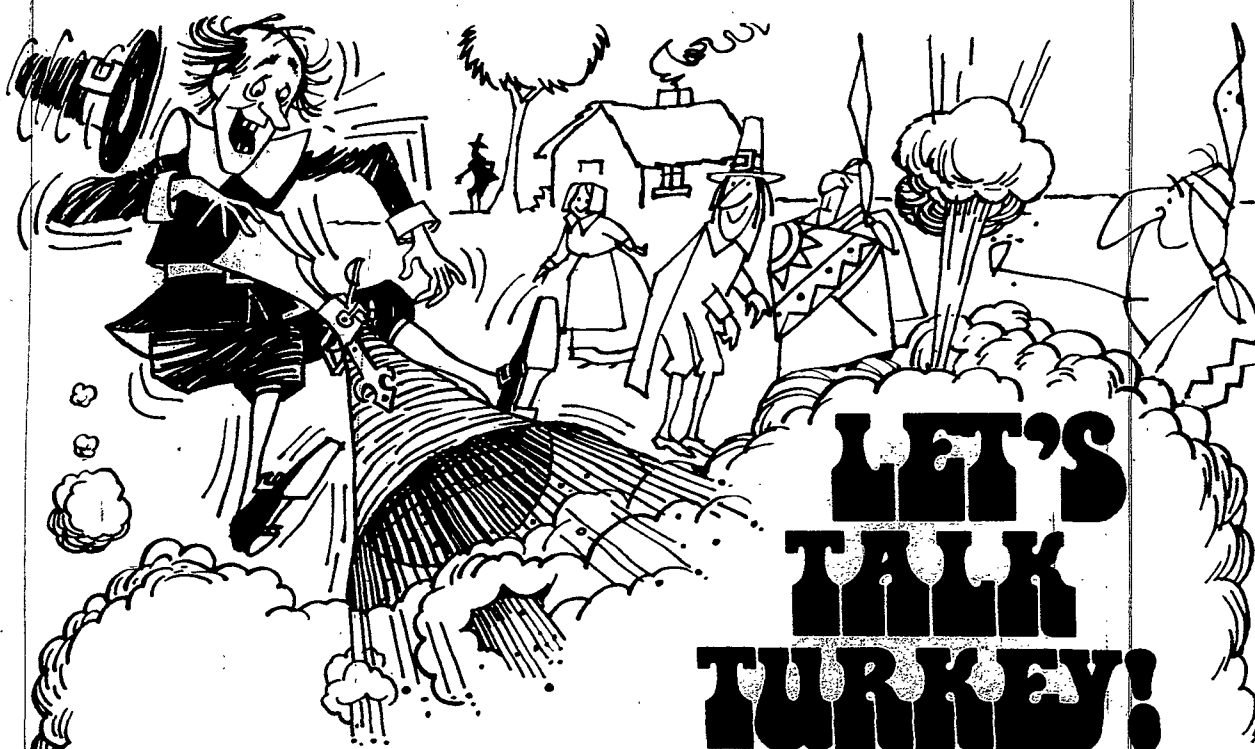
By Ed Sulewski

Grief has several stages. At first, there is often an attempt to deny the death - disbelief that it could have happened at all. Then there may come a period of anger and resentment - even feelings of desertion. Genuine grief usually follows these emotions - but during this time of strong and mixed emotions - it is important that the bereaved be spared the time-worn phrases that have little meaning for anyone.

Probably more than in any other situation, the less said to a grieving person, the better. You cannot explain death away - and the grief they feel must be worked through by each person, in their own time. Expressing your own feelings of love or respect for the deceased, listening when the bereaved want to talk - will encourage a release of the emotions and thoughts which is essential to will encourage a release of the emotions and thoughts which is essential to recovery from grief. Your presence, and your friendship, are the best help of all.

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