

On The Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

Emanon: Msgr. Frankie Burns

To Father Joseph T. Gaynor, Elmira Heights:

Did you know that the students at St. Bernard's Seminary publish an SBS Student Information publication? It is called Emanon, and is edited by a Frank DeSano from St. Fr. Cuddy Cecilia's parish, Rochester. The staff was putting out a special edition to commemorate Fr. Frankie Burns' 50th anniversary as a member of St. Bernard's faculty, and they asked me to write recollections of our time, 1930-1935. I sent the request to Fr. Heisel saying: "This is your specialty. Will you do it?" "Things worked out that he could not, but F. DeS. sent me the Msgr. Burns Special: the November Emanon.

Contributors were Fathers Graff, Brennan, Trott; with a hilarious martyrology style piece by Fr. Bobby McNamara, reminiscent of our whilom Seminary days post-dinner Martyrology. It begins: "... In Rochester, Federated States of Boreal America, the feast of All Saints and of Blessed Francis Bernard Burns, confessor, priest of that same diocese and sometime professor of practically everything at the seminary of St. Bernard ... Born in Rochester on the 13th of the Kalends of December (Nov. 19) in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred ninety four, he was the son of Irish but honest parents ..." To single out this whimsy is not to lessen the interest of the other contributors, but it does tug in a special way at the hearts of us who

remember Old Saint Bernard's with our 240 seminarians, our cassocked community with our 5:30 morning rising, our community daily meditation, Mass, meals, rosary, spiritual reading; and all the things which melded us into a very human religious community.

Along with Emanon were the minutes of several committees of the student body. Most were fine, but the report of the Spiritual Life/Liturgy Committee is a puzzle. It reads: "Plans for the upcoming day of Recollection were discussed ... Fr. Anthony Bellagama will be giving two talks, and it will be suggested to him that he limit them to one half hour. The Committee members felt that it would be a welcome change to have the talks in the 'Pub' (a students' lounge where snacks and drinks are served) rather than in the chapel, since this location might be more informal and encourage more reaction from the students." Moving from the Eucharistic Lord to the 'Pub' seems a bit peculiar. Father Graff wrote in his article: "Msgr. Burns spends a great deal of time before the Blessed Sacrament. Ministry for the Catholic priest is centered on that unique Presence."

By contrast. Last Friday morning I stopped in on Fr. Al Shamon at Waterloo. It was 11 o'clock. He was in the church hearing the confessions of the 7th grade students. When I entered the church, three youngsters were kneeling at the shrine of Our Blessed Mother, piously saying their penance. Six others were kneeling on the top step of the Blessed Sacrament altar, saying theirs, each adoring the Eucharistic Lord within the tabernacle. A young

man teacher was caring for the youngsters, and before returning to school, they all gathered before the Blessed Sacrament, held hands, prayed together, then genuflected and went off to school, giving joy to God, our Lady and Father Shamon. The assistant, Father Dole, has had a savage attack of hepatitis, and is convalescing at home until January. He is a mighty loss. But Father Shamon does the work of four priests, so the parish will still prosper under his shepherding.

There is much interest in the COURIER-JOURNAL pilgrimage to the Holy Land next March 10-19. Fr. John Morgan is

planning to join us, and he tells me some Elmira's are interested. If you know of any, do have them write the COURIER for information and the travel folder. We are anxious to get our Group definite, and keep it about 30 to 36. Could you join us?

It is a great spiritual experience.

Hope your arthritis is endurable. Offer up your pains for the souls in Purgatory. I had a beloved aunt (RIP) who used to do that, though she was convinced the Holy Souls made them worse so they could gain more benefit. Hope to see you at Horseheads Forty Hours.

Deaths

Sr. Evangelista

Sister Evangelista Dickson, SSI, who taught for 40 years at Sacred Heart Cathedral School, died Nov. 15, 1978, at the age of 86. She had lived in the St. Joseph Convent Infirmary since 1962.

Bishop John E. McCafferty celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 17 in the Motherhouse Chapel, with Father Dennis M. McNelis, CSC.

Sister Evangelista entered the convent in 1917 from St. Patrick's, Elmira. She was

graduated from Nazareth Normal School. Besides her long, continuous service at Sacred Heart, she worked for a year at Blessed Sacrament and two years at St. Jerome's, East Rochester. She was a native of Niagara Falls. There are no known survivors.

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