

## On The Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

### New Pope Won't Foster 'Shenanigans'

Are you pleased about our new Holy Father?

Pleased? Ecstatic. This devout, virile, diplomatic, astute, scholarly, athletic, warm-hearted



Vicar of Christ is a great gift of God to His beleaguered Church. And he is firm! Study his jaw. At the beginning he said he intended to work collegially with the Bishops, but he is expecting obedience. He will be a shepherd who will lead fearlessly, firmly, intending obedience to the Church from those who profess to be Catholics. The good will overflow to the non-Catholic and non-Christian world. A Jewish psychiatrist told me: "If the Catholic Church falls apart, the world will be in chaos. Though I am not a Catholic, I recognize the Catholic Church as the greatest force for stability in the world."

How does he compare with Paul VI?

"Comparisons are odious." But it is evident that Pope Paul's sound guidance ended up with a helpless pleading these past few years. I think he will go into history as one of the greatest Popes; but his talents were especially intellectual. I was comparing his talks and writings with those of the first Pope John Paul in back copies of L'Osservatore Romano. Pope Paul's are scholarly, academic and dull to the ordinary person. Pope John Paul I wrote in the style and spirit of St. Bridget's Father Brennan's Angel Food Stories. But Pope John Paul II will have bitter enemies within his own flock. I doubt he will tolerate the shenanigans perpetrated for several years by many professed Catholics.

What do you mean by shenanigans?

Shenanigans are tricky practices and devious conduct. For example, the so-called Traditionalists of Abp. LeFebvre have moved outside the Church, attacking the Mass, the Council and the Holy Father himself. As one told me: "The New Mass (meaning the New Rite of the Mass) is invalid. When I replied: "Of course, you are now a post-Reformation Protestant,

placing yourself above the Church and Christ's Vicar," he winced and said: "We're waiting to see what the new Pope will do." Hardly a Catholic loyalty to the Pope to whom is given the keys of the Kingdom with the responsibility of binding and loosing.

Then we have the shenanigans of the other extreme. Theologians undermining the doctrine, moral teaching and discipline of the Church are lodged in influential Catholic institutions. Some, I hope, will accept the guidance of Pope John Paul II and the Magisterium of the Church. Others will leave. A pity, but it is better for Peter's Barque that they "fish or cut bait." It will be a hard decision for many.

What of the Religious Communities?

The Nov. 24 Rochester Times-Union reports: "Pope John Paul II today told monks, friars and other religious their duty is to lead a poor and obedient life rather than be engaged in social and political radicalism. The pontiff made the statement in a speech to the top leaders of the Roman Catholic male religious orders: from the Benedictines to the Dominicans, from the Jesuits to the Franciscans. It confirmed his policy stressing the need for respect of the main values of Catholic tradition while pursuing updating and renewal as prescribed by Vatican Council II . . ." What a contrast with the shenanigans reported in the ultra-liberal National Catholic Reporter, Nov. 3, sent to all CCD coordinators. Entitled and featured as "Saturday Night Party" in a seminary (not St. Bernard's, but some religious order seminary) it reads, "In the background Linda Ronstadt belts out another 'Song of the '70s' She sings about how 'it is so easy to fall in love,' as clergy, nuns and laity talk, drink and eat supper together." I doubt Pope John Paul II will be invited to such Saturday Night Parties. Thank God, to counterbalance this decadence is a nice article on Bishop Topel (Time, Nov. 13), which is an edifying account of an evangelical Bishop, somewhat in the spirit of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. "Bishop Topel believes the sharing of what one has with others is what matters, and the fact of living poor as well." If you want a cassette tape of Mother Teresa, send me \$3.60 (includes postage) at Holy Trinity Church, 1460 Ridge Road, Webster, N.Y. 14580.

### Vietnamese Cardinal Dies

Hanoi (RNS) - Cardinal Joseph Marie Trin-nhu-Khue, archbishop of Hanoi and the first cardinal ever to be named for the Catholic Church in Vietnam, died here Nov. 27, according to Hanoi radio. He would have been 80 on Dec. 11. His death reduces the College of Cardinals to 124 members. Cardinal Trin-nhu-Khue's

visit to Rome in August to take part in the conclave that elected Italian Pope John Paul I, who died after 33 days in office, marked the Vietnamese prelate's first visit to the Eternal City since his surprise appearance at the 1976 consistory in which the late Pope Paul VI announced he had earlier chosen him secretly as a cardinal.



Working on the Mother of Sorrows Christmas Bazaar are, seated from left, Ruth Vaisey, Rita Wunch, Louise Kaiser. Standing, Peg Cuckovich, Ann Gatesman (chairman), Renee Sanger, Lillian Sexton.

### Rosary Society Plans Bazaar

The Rosary Society of Mother of Sorrows is sponsoring its annual Christmas Bazaar from 12 noon to 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10.

Mrs. Frank Sanger reports that the members have made many Christmas crafts for the sale, including pine cone wreaths, tree trims, candy trees and gifts. Proceeds will

support charitable programs of the society.

### Free Throw

The sixth annual Basketball Free Throw Contest of the Trinity Council of the Knights of Columbus will be held at Sperry Junior High School gymnasium from 10 a.m. to noon on Dec. 9. The contest is open to all boys and girls aged 11-14.

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