

On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

Gifts To Read Or Hear

Dear Readers,

Many years ago when my nieces and nephews were marrying and building families, with great foresight I realized I could not afford a Christmas gift for all



Fr. Cuddy's nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews. The foresight was vindicated, since there are now 21 nieces and nephews, 84 grand nieces and nephews, and two or three great-grand nieces and nephews, scattered mostly about the Auburn area, but some others throughout the States and Canada.

What to do? Thought I, "Why not send each family a useful magazine or paper? Most will enjoy it. Most will get some spiritual and intellectual

profit. And each time it comes it will remind them of their uncle's love for them." People who may wish to do something similar for sundry people may appreciate these suggestions:

Courier-Journal, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604; \$7.50. People of the diocese who are out of the diocese especially appreciate the CJ. It is welcome news of home.

Our Sunday Visitor, Noll Plaza, Huntington, Ind. 46750; Christmas special price \$9.50 for first one-year subscription, \$8.50 for each additional one-year gift. Capsulized news. Informative articles. Popular in church racks.

My Daily Visitor, Noll Plaza, Huntington, Ind. 46750; a booklet of daily devotions, comes each month. Christmas special: \$5 for first subscription; \$4 for each additional subscription.

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check and order to **Daughters of St. Paul**, 2105 Ontario St., Cleveland, O. 44115.

National Review, National Review Subscriptions Dept., 150 East 35th St., New York, N.Y. 10016. Edited by William F. Buckley of Firing Line fame; a classy weekly for classy people. While it is a secular weekly, it is more faithful to Catholic thought than many avowedly Catholic periodicals. Regular price \$19 a year; Christmas special, \$14.95.

Catholic Digest, P.O. Box 1812, Des Moines, Ia. 50306; Christmas special \$4.97. Good for family reading; e.g., December issue: Born Again, Runaway Teens, Family Bible Reading, What Would You Like to Know about the Church?

Fulton Sheen Cassettes Conferences, Gary Sunday Visitor, Box M 356, Ind. 46401; \$25 for eight tapes, 15 conferences. Spiritual inspiration which is multiplied.

Fulton Sheen Washington Conferences, Minstro-O-Media, Inc., Pomfret, Md. 20675. Nine tapes, 18 conferences given to priests. Good for anyone interested in the spiritual life.

Father Bassett, SJ: Each Man Is an Island. Jesuit Retreat House, 8243 Demontreville Trail, Lake Elmo, Minn. 55042. Six tapes, 12 conferences. "After 25 years of giving retreats, Fr. Bassett's conferences reflect more than any of his previous works a deliberate return to the key concepts in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius: The Principle and Foundation, Sin, Two Standards, the Uniqueness of Christ."

You may have some favorites of your own, but it is best to send what is the favorite of the recipient. This is really putting Christ in Christmas in a practical way. And as a P.S., be sure to ask for the religious stamp from the Post Office. Christ and Our Lady have trouble getting on the American stamp. Last year the Post Office gave us two angels tooting a horn. The year before, it gave us a Madonna and Child, but you had to ask for the religious stamp, which was kept under the counter like pornographic literature. There is strong opposition to having Christ and Mary on the American stamps. We should be doubly strong requesting the religious stamp, and the religious stamp only.

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

"Finding Needs to Fill"

By Ed Sulowski

As a friend or relative who wants to be of help to the bereaved, you often have to take the initiative in finding needs to fill.

Offer to answer the telephone, write notes or make calls to those who need to be notified. If you have a spare room, make it available to overnight guests of the family. If there are children in the family, make arrangements for them to be taken care of during the funeral preparations.

As funeral directors, we can take care of many of the family's needs at this time, but nothing can take the place of loving friends and family. Your concern at the time of death - and through the months that follow - will help fill the emptiness as nothing else can.

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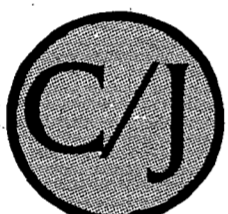
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Calendar

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE— Parishioners to meet at 6:15 tonight in



Elected

Sister Marie Michelle Peartree, administrator of St. Ann's Home-The Heritage, was elected to the executive board of the American Association of Homes for the Aging at a meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio. The AAHA is a national organization of not-for-profit providers of housing, social care and health care for approximately 300,000 older Americans. Its headquarters are in Washington, D.C. and the association represents more than 1,600 not-for-profit homes sponsored by religious, fraternal, labor, civic and county organizations nationwide. Sister Marie Michelle said one of this year's goals on the state level is to become more involved in housing for the elderly and quality of living for older persons requiring housing.

church parking lot for carolling expedition to Lakeshore Nursing Home; at 8, in school hall, annual Rosary Altar Society Christmas appreciation party for priests and Sisters of parish.

THE CENACLE— Morning of Renewal tomorrow, 9:30, led by Father John Mulligan. Advent Days of Renewal Dec. 16, 17, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., with Father Robert Kennedy. Details from Sister Betty Rogers, 693 East Ave., 271-8755.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS—

ERS— Court Our Lady of the Cenacle Christmas party 8 p.m. Dec. 19.

MEMORIAL ART GALLERY— Chamber music by members of Rochester Philharmonic 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17; Renaissance Singers 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, in Fountain Court. Exhibitions: Indian miniatures, acquisitions since 1975, decoupage. Also, Christmas craft show, sale; invitational jewelry show, sale.

MIMEworkshop— Out of Thin Air, mime concert

with Bert Houle, Sophie Wibaux, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15, 16; Bob Berk's Clown Show, 2:30 p.m. Saturday; special holiday family show, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 50 Chestnut Plaza.

BRIGHTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA— Second annual concert of Christmas music at Eastview Mall, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15; Barbara Gross conductor.

EASTMAN THEATRE— Peter and the Wolf, 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16.



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