

On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

Communion Column Draws Comment

In the Jan. 24 Courier-Journal this column carried a catechism regarding new options in receiving Holy Communion. That it is a concern of many is evident from the response.



Fr. Cuddy

From a sterling traditional Catholic: "I read your column on 'Communion in the Hand' and wished you had taken a definite position... Communion on the tongue no doubt was put into practice after profound thought and prayerful explanation. Through the years, the awesomeness and the devotion of the people was evident. Now that appears to be lost in the option, either/or, which is divisive and not

unifying. Eucharistic ministers to wear some type of vestment would help create some sense of sacredness in their efforts. To have a minister in slacks instead of a dress, or a sport shirt without a jacket, open the tabernacle and take out the ciborium makes one wonder..."

From a Nazareth College graduate: "... if Communion in the hand becomes compulsory, I will never be able to receive. I find it disturbing just seeing people receive in the hand—and the Chalice as well. You mentioned children giggling at receiving the Consecrated Wine. I saw one lay distributor drop the Host and laugh as she picked it up. A friend saw one young man put the Host in his pocket. What for years was the Golden Hour of my day has become a most traumatic experience..."

Comment: Many innovators seem utterly callous about those who have theological and psychological convictions different from their own.

From a progressive priest: "I am concerned about a 'trend' you may unintentionally set, not just for lay people but for priests who soon are to catechize the people about Communion from the Cup. You are more than well aware that at the Last Supper there was but one Cup (Mt. 26:27, Mk. 14:23, etc.) St. Paul again, in 1 Cor. 10:6, indicates that whole congregations were somehow sharing in the Cup... I hope you can modify your statement in some future column, especially after pondering the example of our great High Priest at His Last Supper, the clear official Roman Missal's own statement on the matter, and the clear endorsement of our American bishops issued in 1977."

Comment: Surely the Church knew all those biblical quotations when it instructed the faithful for a thousand years under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that Christ is present, whole and entire under either or both forms of bread and wine. In SCFW, 3rd instruction, we read, "Pastors will listen to the needs of the present day..." I do think that the pressure for the Common

Cup is contrary to the needs of most of our people.

To Father Morgan, Caledonia: "Are you poised for our Courier-Journal Holy Land pilgrimage? We leave Rochester on March 10 and return on the 19th. Since we will be roommates, I hope you don't snore, and may you wish the same for me! This will be my third pilgrimage to the Holy Land and is a great grace. You will find on your return not only will your understanding of the Bible be clearer, but you will constantly incorporate it into your homilies and Bible studies. For example, I always compare the Sea of Galilee to Skaneateles Lake. They are similar both in size and in their hills.

Greetings to your parishioners. Recently I took care of St. Ann's Home and the Heritage for Father Hempel. One night, Father Devereaux, who resides at the Heritage, and I went to the Royal Scot Restaurant for dinner. His health is fair. He has the appetite of a 16-year-old. We had a good evening recalling mutual friends and Caledonia and Mumford.

More Opinions

Communism ... What It Is

Editor:

"Pope John Paul II warns against Marxism." The press around the world carried this headline. It is tragic that our Pontiff finds it necessary to issue this admonition. The question arises, "Why?"

In 1937, a most significant statement was issued. The great prophetic Papal Encyclical "Divini Redemptoris" set forth the official Church's teaching on Communism, wherein Pope Pius XI asked a searching question about Communism:

"How is it possible that such a system long since rejected scientifically and now proved erroneous by experience... could spread so rapidly in all parts of the world?"

The Holy Father answered his own question:

"The explanation lies in the fact that too few have been able to grasp the nature of Communism."

Forty-two years later, an additional billion souls are denied all rights which are inalienable and come to us from our Creator. The reason for the inexorable advance of this militantly atheistic force remains the same... "too few grasp the nature of Communism."

The Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation, a non-profit organization which supports the Holy Father, the official teachings of the Catholic Church, and the God-given rights proclaimed by our Constitution, is making the following extraordinary documents available:

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'Spiritual Renewal'

Editor:

"Come experience..."

Today all over the diocese, in fact, all over the world, we are in a "Spiritual Renewal." We are searching. We are looking to be affirmed; to be touched. We are hungry for the word of God. We are seeking the "Good News." We have found that externals are not the answer. We need and want to realize more fully the "Law of God" - which is the new "Law of Love." We want to be brought together in a spirit of love, a spirit of spontaneity.

God is silent, but His Holy Spirit works from within each one of us.

Those who have accepted the Holy Spirit and are blessed with the gifts and talents to bring people together in a "Spirit of Love" have a tremendous responsibility.

Look around us. How many have taken on this responsibility? Are we as laity doing our part? Are we afraid to take on this responsibility? Are we moving fast enough? It is my experience that we are not moving as fast as we could be to spread the Good News. We must keep moving. We must do our part. We must give our fair share, each and every one of us.

Should you want to visit some of the places where it is happening and experience the "Spiritual Renewal" may I suggest that you visit some of these churches for their Eucharistic Liturgy: Corpus Christi (especially the Thursday evening Eucharist), St. Bernard's Seminary (yes, the laity is invited), Holy Name of Jesus, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.

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Pupil Wants Nuns in Habits

Editor:

I became jubilant when I found out about Pope John Paul's speech to the Sisters urging them not to wear secular clothing, and to show a sign of their vocation - clothes-wise. I

agree with the Holy Father 100 per cent. I grew up with the Sisters wearing their habits, and their dark dresses and short veils have taught me to respect and admire them. I am a sophomore at Aquinas Institute, and a graduate of St. Pius X school. Not once in Grammar School did I see a Sister in school without her habit on. I think it should stay that way. If a Sister is proud enough of what she is she will want to show it. Being a Sister isn't just any old job, it is a vocation. All of the Sisters should do less worrying about being liberated and do more worrying about carrying on the life that God has chosen especially for them.

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Business Workshop

The Marion Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America has scheduled a workshop at Sibley's in downtown Rochester from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17.

Five topics are on the agenda: Basic Recordkeeping, Taxes, Legal Aspects, Bank Services, and Selling for the First Time.

Lunch will be provided free of charge. Reservations are available by calling 223-1292, evenings, in Monroe County, or 926-4829 in Wayne County.

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"The Funeral is Over"
By Ed Sulewski
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