

On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

Of Ireland In October; Wyalusing Now

When is the next Courier-Journal Ireland Trip?



Fr. Cuddy

Next Oct. 4, for two full weeks. The reason for the date is that the prices drop then from the summer rates. The weather in October is usually good. We will have Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady at Knock. We will cover much of the West and North West as well as Dublin and the South and East. The cost will be \$1250. Nothing gets less, and the memories from these trips are relived for years to come. This tour is more leisurely, covering more places and things to experience, and it includes most of the meals, which is a big item in European travel. The hotels reserved are super duper. More information will be given through the Courier-Journal advertisement.

Do you think General Confession rather than the confessional will be in the near future?

It seems to have arrived in some parishes, despite the guidelines both from Rome and from Bishop Hogan. Considering the decisiveness of Pope John Paul, I think he will emphasize the

spiritual value of individual confession, or Sacrament of Reconciliation. Individual confession gives grace not only from the sacrament, but also from our examination of conscience, the humility with which we confess so candidly, and the self presentation to the Lord rather than a group affair. I am familiar enough with General Confession from my time in Europe in WW II, and occasionally used it. But I doubt that it has the personal impact, excepting in times of genuine emergency, that is experienced in individual confession. I don't know the habits of the younger priests, but all the older priests I know still make their individual confessions, not just from habit, but from conviction.

I have been to Wyalusing many times, and have seen many visions. What do you think about the veil being buried with the pastor?

Anything that smacks of the supernatural or miraculous stirs people. In June 1977, strange happenings were reported from the tiny Assumption Church in Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, about 40 miles from Sayre. The pastor, Father Anthony Conmy, and several parishioners separately saw images of Christ, Our Blessed Mother and other saints on the tabernacle veil.

Word spread. People came from many places, especially Buffalo, Elmira and Rochester. Some saw the holy images. Some did not. In 1978 I went there with Devin Doran, manager of Hornell radio station WLEA, who taped an hour and a half interview with Father Conmy. I have a copy. The pastor made no extravagant claims, but simply narrated the experiences of several people in the church. He exuded a quiet devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to Our Blessed Mother and her rosary.

Father Conmy died of cancer in Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa. last December. Father Bart O'Brien of Horseheads, his confessor, preached a moving homily

at the funeral Mass. The tabernacle veil was buried with Father C. It is said that this was his request. I do not believe it. Martin Toombs, Courier-Journal reporter for the Southern Tier wrote a fine article about Wyalusing. (C.J. May 16, 1979). He reported a Towanda, Pa. man, as saying: "The new administrator seems to be doing everything he can" to discourage outsiders from visiting the church. Toombs interviewed an Elmira Episcopalian, Beverly Hart, who said: "We have documents of most of what we have seen," including healings, both spiritual and physical, which took place as a result of a visit to the church. Visitors now receive a cool welcome.

Last summer, Franciscan

Father Alphonsus Trabold, a parapsychologist at St. Bonaventure, visited Wyalusing at my request, with a woman psychic. He concluded there was some strange phenomenon there, but does not believe it supernatural. Yet he would not rule out the supernatural absolutely. This is a discreet observation. The fact is that because of the apparitions, over 100,000 rosaries are in praying hands, many have been reconciled to God in confession, other have had their marriages rectified, thousands have had their faith refreshed, and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist and to Our Blessed Mother has been intensified. Even people who saw no visions on the veil say there is an unusual tranquility pervading the little church.

King's Prep Plans Reunion

King's Preparatory-St. Andrew's Seminary class of 1969 will celebrate their 10th reunion at Marvin's Country Club in Macedon, N. Y., June 16. Guest of honor will be Father Emmett Halloran, former rector and presently pastor of St. Charles Borromeo.

Members of the class are expected from all over the country and will include attorneys, educators, business people and two priests. Father Leo Reinhardt, priest intern at Holy Family Church and Father Peter Bunder, a college chaplain in Virginia. Faculty and classmates can make reservations by calling Scott LaBounty, chairperson, 248-9931 or Frederic Northrup, 624-2358.



Alumnae Officers

The St. Agnes Alumnae Board has elected a slate of new officers for the 1979-80 season. They are, from the left, Lori Erbach, vice president; Mary Ellen Whalen, secretary/treasurer; Lois Adamson, president. Joanne Lobo, the out-going president, will assist the board.

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All hearing handicapped persons are invited to the Mass which is being provided as an experiment with the hope that a volunteer can be enlisted to provide a weekly "sign" presentation.

St. Louis, Pittsford

St. Louis, Pittsford is sponsoring a remedial academic program this summer. Sessions will be held in remedial reading, Grades 1-8; remedial Math, grades 1-8; remedial English, grades 4-7. Classes will be held July 5-27,

Monday through Friday and sessions will be one hour each. Class sizes will be limited to eight pupils. For further information interested persons may call Sister Barbara Hamm, principal, 586-5200.



Msgr. Albert Simonetti receiving the Bronze Pelican award.

Church of the Annunciation

Msgr. Albert Simonetti, former pastor at the Church of the Annunciation, was honored by the parish recently. Msgr. Simonetti received the Bronze Pelican Award from the Catholic Committee for Scouting. This award is the highest award

given to members of the clergy who have been helpful in scouting, according to a parish release. Two members of the Catholic Committee for Scouting, Edward Slone and John Reed, presented the award to Msgr. Simonetti.



Anniversary

Father Richard G. Stanton, pastor at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry and All Saints, Lansing, celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination June 3. A reception was held in his honor in the Parish Center. Shown above are Father Stanton, Eleanor Colgan, president of the Altar Rosary Society, and David Lippert, parish council president.

Holy Cross, Rochester

Registrations are currently being accepted for the Pre-School program at Holy Cross School, 4488 Lake Ave. Holy Cross also is offering booklets and other information on the new program upon request. For those interested in the program the school's number is 663-6533.

Science Fair recently to "demonstrate their knowledge and compete for honors," according to a Holy Cross release.

The first place winner in the eighth grade division was Ermelinda Bonaccio whose exhibit dealt with atomic energy. First place in the seventh grade division went to Gary Parker and Scott Sullivan who combined efforts on a nutrition exhibit.

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