



Papal Medal

Alice Collins, USO's director of Field Operations, receives the papal medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, from Cardinal Terence Cooke, left, and Bishop Thomas Kelly. She has long been associated with the National Catholic Community Service, a founding agency of the USO. Her sister, Mrs. Thomas G. Eagen, lives in Elmira.

The Open Window

By Father Louis J. Hohman

God's Love Is Totally Unconditional

Dear Readers,

Some time ago I was giving a brief talk on the lines from St. Matthew's Gospel which say "love your enemies ... do good to those who hate you ... if you love those who love you, what good is that? ... be you perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." My comment was that if we are



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asked to love those who don't love us in return, then certainly God loves us unconditionally. Someone in the group said that this was bad theology, in that there are many conditions laid on us in the Bible which require us to act in a certain way for God to love us. The point was made that in many cases young people live together because they feel that even if they do this, God will still love them, and therefore they can do it with impunity. I would like to share my answer with you, because I think that this particular thing is important.

I maintain steadfastly that God's love is totally unconditional and has nothing

to do with our being good or being bad. The love of God is not repented. If we find that concept in the Old Testament it has since been eliminated in the New. Our new Bishop's motto is "His love endures forever," and that is a very beautiful thought.

Where, then, does our being good enter into the picture? The fact is that God will never turn away from us or walk away from us in any way, but we still have the freedom to walk away from Him. If we do, of course, then there is no relationship and therefore His love is not having an effect upon us. So if we think in terms of being seriously sinful we are not thinking in terms of God's love being retracted, but rather of our walking away from His love and reaping the consequences. So there is no way in which we can sin seriously with impunity.

All in the Family

By Sarah Child

True, But Can Martin Confirm?

There is obviously more of a parallel than meets the adult eye when it comes to events such as the installation of a bishop and the return of a baseball manager.



The sports minded will remember that one night before the rite at the War Memorial, Yankee Stadium welcomed back one of its own.

At least one 11-year-old boy did not think the two or three minute ovation accorded the new bishop at the colorful ceremonies was long enough. Throughout the extended applause the grin was intact. Then as the noise died down there was a "hmm" indicating the chewing of a mental cud.

"So how come?" the boy wanted to know, "Billy Martin got six 1/2 minutes?" (Actually, I think Martin got the longer acclamation last summer when the announcement was first made that he would return. But

Carmelites Set Feast Day Mass

The Discalced Carmelite Sisters of 1931 Jefferson Road invite their friends to a celebration Monday morning, July 16, the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Bishop John E. McCafferty will offer Mass at 9:30. The monastery is across the road from Locust Hill Country Club.

the Yankee fans at our house have long memories.)

The diet gurus have changed their tune. Where heretofore they stressed lean meat and fish and turned thumbs down on any kind of starches they now point out there's nothing better for you than what are known as the complex carbohydrates which include macaroni, potatoes and whole grain breads. My kids are in an I-Told-So mood pointing out

that their continual requests for pastas four nights out of every week and pizza the other three were right in line after all.

As of this writing school has been out a little more than a week and thus far we have received 12 requests for sleepovers, twice that for trips to amusement parks with friends and countless pleas for visits to grandparents and other relatives. Thus far the answer to everything has been no. But, I'm weakening. Togetherness in 24-hour stretches can be very tiring.

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At Your Parish...

St. Stanislaus, Rochester

A pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Anne in Quebec, Canada, has been slated by St. Stanislaus parishioners. The pilgrimage leaves at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 21 and also includes trips to the St. Joseph's Shrine in Montreal and a visit to the shrine at Three Rivers.

For reservations or further information those interested may call Mrs. M. Szelag, 467-9039 or Mrs. G. Lyzwa, 467-4521.

The parish also sent a reminder that Polish Day at the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, N.Y. is scheduled for Sunday, July 29.

St Francis of Assisi

The parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi, 77 Whitney St., will continue their year-long 50th jubilee celebration with a parish picnic at Churchville Park on July 22. The picnic begins at 1 p.m. and will take place in the "Church" cabin.

It will be a basket picnic with refreshments on sale. All parishioners and friends are welcome. For further information those interested may contact the church rectory 436-6693.



1st Prize!

Michelle Selden, a seventh grader at St. James parish on Brockley Road, won first place honors in the New York State Catholic Daughters of America writing contest recently. Michelle, shown here with teacher Lorretta Wahl, won first prize in the skit writing category.

St. Mary's, Ontario

St. Mary's of the Lake, Ontario, has scheduled its summer festival for Saturday, July 14 at Firemen's Field, Rt. 104, Ontario. Featured this year are an all-day art/craft/flea market, sanctioned tractor pull, chicken barbecue, an auction of services and dancing plus clowns and plenty of food and beverages.

Money raised from the festival will go towards the proposed 7,000 square foot parish center to be built adjacent to the church.

Msgr. John Maney and the building committee have been working for two years planning the structure that will house CCD classes and other parish events.

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 640 Brooks Ave., will hold an adoration of the Blessed Sacrament service on the first Saturday of each month. The rite will begin with a Rosary service after the 11:10 a.m. Mass and conclude with Benediction at 3:30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome.

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