

On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

Painful Encounter Remembered

Some time ago I was visiting a parishioner in a hospital. He was in a two-bed room. Before leaving I stopped at the neighboring bed, where a patient with a traditionally Catholic name and nationality lay, surrounded by his wife, daughter, brother and three nephews. To me, a visit to a patient is incomplete unless I leave with him a little prayer card, or prayer book or parish bulletin or some such thing. It serves three purposes: it is a souvenir of the visit, a tangible token of interest in him, a memento for the relatives that their loved one is attended, and they are comforted by the fact.

This day I had some attractive Christmas folders so I gave one to the patient, a man about 60. It had a nice picture of the Infant on Mary's lap, and St. Joseph standing at their side. The outcome was stunning.

Fr. C.: Here's a nice picture of the Holy Family, with a message inside.

Wife: You Catholics adore graven images!



Now, St. Paul says, "Be angry and sin not." (Eph. 4:26) We should have indignation at injustice, meanness, lies and other iniquities. I was furious.

Fr. C., pointing a wrathful finger: That's a lie! That's a lie! And you people have been telling that lie for years. We do not adore images!

Wife: "You do. You make graven images and you adore them."

Fr. C.: Good heavens. Don't you have pictures of your parents and children hanging on the walls of your home?

Wife: Yes, but we don't kiss them.

Fr. C. (thinking he has the clincher, he turns to thirteenth daughter): Don't you kiss your husband?

Daughter: No.

Fr. C. Stands open-mouthed, but silent, stunned.

Daughter (smiling): We're separated. Now that knocks that argument out, doesn't it?

The wife continues to hold, with all Witnesses of Jehovah and such like, the canard that Catholics worship graven images; but

the daughter, escorting me to the corridor, said, "Well, I'm glad to know that you don't adore graven images. After all, you do teach the religion, and you must know what you teach."

Such an encounter leaves me limp with frustration. These Witnesses and other such perversely misrepresent our Catholic Faith. Like the graven images they talk about, they "have eyes, but see not; ears, but hear not." (Ps. 113-5) when it comes to our Faith and practices. Yet worse, in a way, is the misrepresentation of our Faith by Catholics whose lives misrepresent what we believe. There is a "faith without good works." (James 2:22) The cheat, the unjust, the mean, the self-centered, the greedy, the lustful, the jealous and envious, the resentful, the apathetic: all these, professing the Faith, misrepresent it by their actions.

In the life of the Cure of Ars, by Henri Gheon, we read that a Parisian atheist went to the little village of Ars in France and watched St. John Vianney for several days. He returned to Paris and said, "I have seen God in a man." We thank God we have this beautiful representation of our religion in our own day in Mother Teresa of Calcutta and her Sisters and Brothers, in our wonderful Pope John Paul II and in the thousands of unspectacular men and women and youngsters who love the Faith, practice it simply and represent it as reflecting Christ, the Lord.

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Other events in the series include:

Revitalization of the South Wedge, a discussion by Michael McKenzie and Jean Higgins of the South East Area Coalition, Sept. 28; Base Communities; United States and Latin America, a lecture by Jim O'Callahan of the national office of Clergy and Laity Concerned, Oct. 12; Bethany House: Service for Women with Women, a discussion by Sister Katie

Vaeth, Ms. Jean Jessorer, Ms. Linda Scibilia and Sister Noreen Graney, Oct. 26; Vieques, a documentary film on the effects of Pentagon targeting the island of Vieques outside of Puerto Rico, Nov. 9; Rights and Struggles of Farm Workers in Upstate, N.Y., a panel discussion by the Rochester

Farmworker Rights Organization, Nov. 9; Contemplation and Social Justice, a lecture by Wallis, editor of Sojourner's magazine, Dec. 14.

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