



An Active Week

Bishop Matthew H. Clark was very busy over the past week with appearances in a variety of places. Among them was his visit to the Rochester Psychiatric Center, left, where he celebrated Mass with the assistance of Father Thomas Hctor, chaplain at the center. Right, Bishop Clark chats with brothers Chris and Greg Enos, both members of the Bar, at a reception following the annual lawyers' Red Mass at St. Mary's Church in Rochester. The bishop concelebrated Mass with other diocesan priests.

The Open Window

By Father Louis J. Hohman

Are Changes In Liturgy 'Protestant'?

Dear Readers,

Recently I was asked to appear on Channel 21 with Mr. Michael Davies, an exponent of the traditionalist cause and writer of a book on Archbishop Lefebvre. Mr. Davies and I discussed the status of traditionalism and the rationale of the traditionalist cause. I pointed out to him that the innovations in liturgy which he tended to deplore were not at all innovations in the sense of being radically new, but rather were things revived from earlier times.



His response was that the innovations were basically protestant-oriented and tended to diminish Catholic doctrine. For example, that Communion in the hand and distribution of Communion by lay persons tended to diminish the role of the priest as one set apart and very special in his vocation; and that this tended to indicate that the Protestants were right and we were wrong.

I did not get a chance to respond to Mr. Davies on TV, but I would like to respond here because this is the first time I have realized that part of the traditionalist stand is to deplore changes because they tend to be protestant.

My own thought on this matter is that we are searching for a way to express our dependence on and love for God which will be in accordance with our own situation and ways of looking at things. Whether it comes from protestant practice or from our own is a matter of indifference. We are not dealing here with a rejection of the ministerial priesthood. We are dealing with the sign value of receiving the Holy Eucharist in the hand as signifying acceptance of the Lord's love. If for some people it does not have that meaning we are faced with the recognition that no sign is going to be congenial to everyone.

I personally deplore the idea of rejecting anything simply because it is protestant. That is simply out of the question in these days of our drive for unity among churches, and we need to look for whatever is good wherever we may find it and not divide ourselves into sectarian groups which simply reject what the other says or teaches out of hand.

Scholarships Awarded

The Monroe-Wayne Chapter, March of Dimes, has presented Mayfield Dwyer Health Career Awards to the following students:

Maureen A. McGonigle, St. Agnes High School; Megan M. Falk, Penfield High School; Marilyn S. Miner and Jill E. Parker, Pittsford-Sutherland; Ingrid I. Stadler, R.L. Thomas, Webster; Jeanine T. Benwitz, Newark Senior High; Karen M. Fox and Enrica Pendleton, Wolcott High School. Each award is worth \$300 for the first year of study leading to a degree in nursing or other medical course.

Charismatics

The Glory of Yahweh Christian Fellowship will gather for a Mass for Christian Unity at Holy Name Church on Monday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Father David Simon will celebrate the liturgy and Rev. Paul Garlington, pastor of Covenant Community Church will preach.

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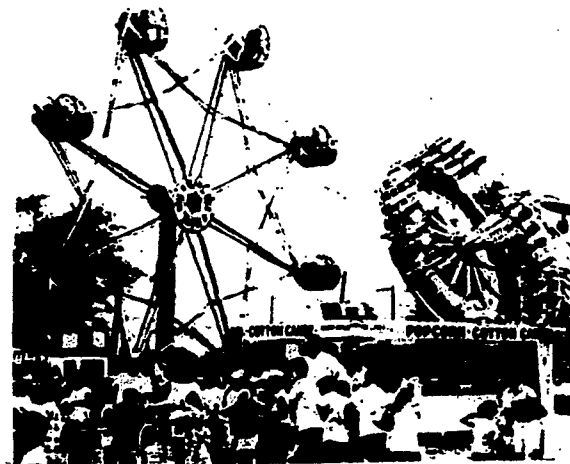


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