

Bishops Spears, Clark, to Preach

Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Bishop Robert R. Spears, Jr., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, will receive and answer questions for those who attend a Choral Evensong Service for Roman Catholics and Episcopalians at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 8 p.m.

The ecumenical event, at which Bishop Clark will preach, is sponsored by St. Paul's and Blessed Sacrament Church.

A similar event is planned at Blessed Sacrament Church for 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at which Bishop Spears will preach.

On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

Memorize Paul's Words On Charity

Letter from a school administrator:

"Charity is patient, is kind; is not provoked; thinks no evil..." (1 Cor. 13) I am starting this letter to you with St. Paul's words with the hope you will indeed be charitable despite my so long neglect-



Father Cuddy ing to write. Another reason is that this is one of the memorable lessons you taught us at Assumption College. I well remember having to memorize it word for word. To this day the lines come from time to time, still to wander through the corridors of my mind.

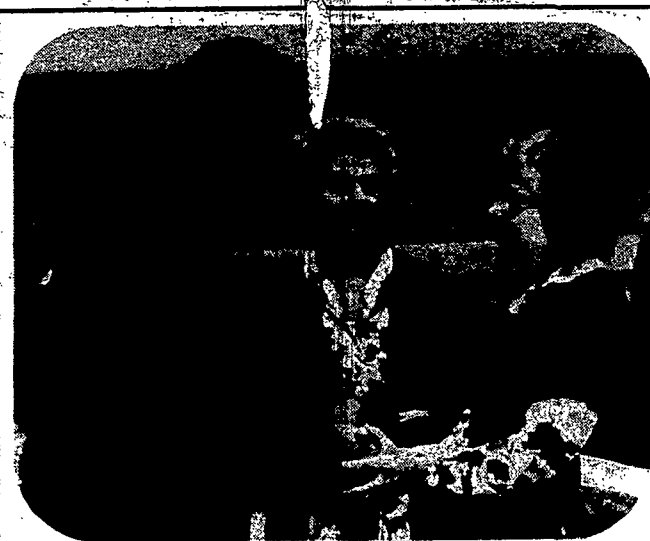
"It seems that we have survived a revolution in our country. In retrospect, now the 60s are fading, their impact has not been unlike the Reformation. I look at that period sometimes as though it was a battle. Like Beau Geste, after each new onslaught, one looks about to see if friends and loved ones have survived. Some have grown as a result, others are muddling through, still others have been overcome and swept out of the Church.

"I guess we can no longer say we are an 'Immigrant Church.' As the Church passes through the 70s and into the 80s, I suppose we will have some name, such as 'The Church in Transition.' As far as shortages of priests are concerned, do you think deacons are the answer? Our diocese, Rockville Centre, recently

ordained 40. Father Greeley recently wrote about the new young priests. He remarked that whereas any priest ordained prior to 1960 knew what he stood for, and had direction and purpose, newly ordained priests, lacking strong direction, try to compensate by being 'nice guys.' Are sociology and psychology in and theology out? ... Then of course, the continuing question of ordination of women!! It seems to be a question that refuses to go away, even though the recent Popes have spoken clearly against it..."

Comment: Eric J. was a student in the Senior religion class I taught at Assumption College, Windsor, Ontario, 1951.

1 — His happiness to have memorized St. Paul's words on charity. He was not very happy when I made the assignment and checked each student to be sure each had that pivotal passage in his head to be used from his heart. But he has been glad ever since. Any parent or religion teacher will be blessed in years to come if he makes his students memorize 1 Cor. 13.



Feast Day

Sister Matilda Lahr, right, and Carol Pawluckie of Holy Trinity School in Webster meet Bishop Matthew H. Clark after Mass celebrated at Bishop Kearney High School last Friday during the annual Diocesan Teachers' Conference. At the end of Mass, Bishop Clark was presented a spiritual bouquet and roses in honor of his feast day by Molly Dillon, a fifth grader at Christ the King School.

2 — His healthy interest in the contemporary Church: the diaconate, the concern lest psychology and sociology supplant divine revelation and the supernatural in the training of seminarians. My own observation is that many of our young priests are strongly imbued with the traditional teaching of sanctity in the Church; many make a Holy Hour each day before the Blessed Sacrament.

3 — His evident devotion to the guidance of the Holy Father. The shrill complaints against the Pope by women who demand to be made priestesses, and who consider themselves anguished victims of "an unjust, chauvinistic Catholic Church" are mostly made by aggressive celibate Sisters, and a few uncelibate women who are not religious. I think these

women do not represent the majority of good Catholic women, including many devoted Sisters, who are faithful to the guidance of the Church. While claiming no prophetic vision, my guess is that in a few years, frustrated in their demands, these women will leave the religious life which they are presently using as a springboard for organization, propaganda, divisiveness, and undermining their communities. And that some will leave the Church to be ordained as ministers in some sympathetic denominations. We have had some such sad examples from priests who were once greatly in the headlines. While it is a pity, the Church will be better off. Our Lord warned: "If a household is divided against itself, that house will never stand." (Mc. 3:25)

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