

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

A Retreat In Coming

Your gave a parish retreat in Corning?

Yes. It opened March 1 at the Saturday evening Mass, through Tuesday evening. But as usual I stopped en route. First at Rush to see Father Kress and his faithful housekeeper, Nellie Helmer. Then to Avon to express my condolences to Father Atwell on his mother's death. While we are hardly on tandem regarding certain Church directives, we have remained friends for years. Had lunch at Geneseo with Father Carron who is one of my best cassette and book customers. Finally settled in at St. Vincent's rectory where Fathers Hogan, Brill and Belgotti were most hospitable; and where the twin housekeepers, Mary and Margaret Crane make the rectory a home.

How was the parish retreat?

A resounding spiritual success. I gage that especially by the amount of religious material bought by the people. They bought an astonishing 1,000 copies of "Treasury of Prayer/booklet" at 5 for \$1. I never sell one, since it is important to scatter these prayer seedlings to many people. It is much sought after because parents and grandparents are apprehensive because their children do not know the ordinary prayers every Catholic should know. Also sold 50 Sheen cassettes on the Rosary; a few of Sheen's "Seven Burdens of Sorrow," and many of Father Collin's "Acceptance, Me, Myself and You;" plus the Scriptural Rosary, the Rosary Novena booklet, rosary beads and other articles.

Sounds more like a Flea Market than a Retreat.

It may sound so, but it is not so. I am a skeptic regarding the effectiveness of the pulpit. There is too little time to develop a theme adequately. It's a monologue which sometimes leaves people with questions rather than answers. Finally, people's memories are short. I'm sure something, even if only a slight spiritual impression, comes from our

preaching, but the spiritual seedlings: books, beads, medals etc. help to being forth the fruit which preaching encourages.

How was the attendance?

Very good, for many reasons. 1) St. Vincent's recently did the Stewardship Program, and one suggestion was to have a "telephone tree." Certain women made a list of telephone numbers and phoned inviting people to the retreat. 2) On Monday night all the high school CCD youngsters came to supplement their class. 3) I visited the Catholic South Side School (St. Mary's) and met Father Teuschel teaching a First Communion class. He asked: "How is the retreat?" "Fine. Good turn-out." His reply was significant. "St. Vincent's always has a good turn out." A tribute to a loyal people and good shepherds.

You talked with High Schoolers?

Yes. And to the kindergartners through the fourth grade at St. Vincent's; and the upper grades at St. Mary's; both fine schools and ably administered. After the Saturday 7:30 services I invited two husky high school boys who were altar servers to go with me to Sambo's. They are 17 and athletes. We talked for an hour which helped me get the feel of the local youthful minds. We had many confessions each night, and daily Mass attendance was impressive. On Tuesday, Mrs. Riviello and her second graders were in church waiting for Father Hogan to show them the confessionals. I had a bundle of blessed colorful rosary beads, and gave one for each child. A few days later a package of Thank You folders, made on art paper by the children, came to me. Each folder had a crayoned cross on the front, surrounded by crayoned clouds or flowers. Here are typical notes on the inside. "I want to thank you for the beautiful rosary. Please pray for my class and me so we will always be close to Jesus and His Mother." And another. "I love the rosary beads. I will pray for you and I love you. I hope you get back home safe. I am seven years old. Your friend..."

'We Belong' at the Passover Seder

Growing numbers of Catholics are participating in the Passover seder because they "acknowledge common Biblical roots with Jews" and to find "a deep and honest and strong expression of our own faith," said Gabe Huck, director of the Liturgy Training Program of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Huck wrote an introduction to "The Passover Celebration: A Haggadah for the Seder," published jointly by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago. The book was edited by Rabbi Leon Klenicki, codirector of ADL's Department of Interfaith Affairs.

"We come to the seder just as it is celebrated by Jews. We who are Christians need to be at home with it, getting to know its sounds and smells and tastes, its gestures and dances and silences. Eventually, we will certainly find that we belong" at the Passover table, Huck said.

For more than 3,000 years the Jewish people have observed Passover, a festival which lasts for eight days. This year Passover begins on Tuesday, April 1. The festival celebrates the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt and the barley season, symbolizing Israel's relationship with the land.

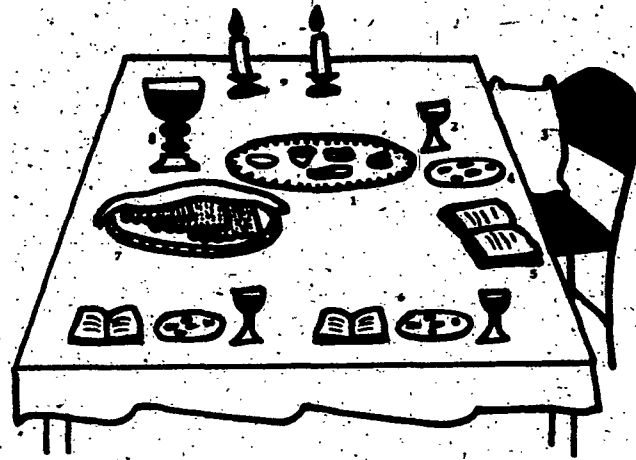
On the first Passover, the Israelites sprinkled lamb's blood on their doors, so the Lord would pass over their homes when He slew the first-born in Egypt. "You shall observe this as a perpetual ordinance for yourselves and your descendants. Thus, you must also observe this rite when you have entered the land which the Lord will give you as he promised." (Exodus 12:24-25)

The day before the

Rare Book Given To U. of R.

Rush Rhees Jr., whose father was president of the U. of R. from 1900 to 1935, has given a rare edition of the Dialogues of Pope Gregory to the University of Rochester.

The Dialogues, printed in 1475, are studies of theological issues written by Pope Gregory I, who became St. Gregory and was often called "The Great." The book was printed about 25 years after Johannes Gutenberg



An illustration of a seder table from "The Passover Celebration: A Haggadah for the Seder." (RNS)

Passover the Jewish people remove all hametz, leavened products, from their homes. They eat matza, a dough without yeast, during the festival because the Israelites ate matza in the desert after leaving Egypt.

The seder is celebrated the evening before the first day of Passover. It consists of words, the Passover meal, and song. It is very symbolic:

•Each participant drinks four cups of wine or grape juice to symbolize the four stages of deliverance from slavery. "Therefore say to the children of Israel, I am the Lord. I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from their bondage. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of chastisement. I will take you as my people and I will be your God." (Exodus 6:6-7)

•The dish with the three matzo, unleavened bread, represents the three patriarchs — Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

perfecto moveable type and established his first printing press in Germany.

Copies of the edition given to the University are extremely scarce, according to Judy Gardner, rare book librarian at Rush Rhees Library. Only six other libraries in the United States are known to have copies, according to lists in Frederick Goff's "Incunabula in American Libraries."

Passover a drop of wine is spilt for each plague; to express compassion for the suffering of the Egyptians.

At the seder Jews read from the Haggadah, a book which relates Jewish history beginning with enslavement in Egypt.

"At the heart of things, Jews and Christians find not temples and cathedrals, schools and libraries, laws and titles, but something as simple as sharing a piece of bread and as delightful as sharing a cup of wine. It is sharing with gestures of praise and thanks to God," Gabe Huck said.

"The Passover Celebration" is available for \$1.90 from ADL's National Program Division, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, or any of the agency's regional offices. Quantity discounts are offered with purchases of more than ten.

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Sunday Scripture Quiz

I. Gospel Reading:
John 8:1-11 — The author of moral values protects a sinful woman.

Below is a key passage from Sunday's Gospel reading. You can determine what this passage is by finding the answers to the questions below the puzzle and then putting the letters in their appropriate box. The first one is done for you.

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1. Religious person: S C R I B E
14 49 7 23 45 68

2. Led Israelites: 32 20 41 11 28

3. Jesus was this: 1 47 15 4 39 6 69

4. Joy expression: 66 50 65 52 10

5. Gives warmth: 53 48 83 25

6. Concealed self: 26 16 17

7. Part of a fork: 19 58 34 2

8. To desire: 30 3 48 54

9. A plaything: 67 31 70

10. Light color: 9 33 59

11. Hot, sticky: 22 51 24 27 64

12. Legume crop: 5 40 12

Answers on Page 19

Passage I words: Moses, scribe, heat, hay, teacher, tan, time, toy, humid, laugh, hid, want.

Passage II words: announce, rivers, drink, formed, water, praise, desert, people.

Passage III words: God, Christ, prize, thought, finish, behind, life, on.