

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Letter to Former Assistant

To Father Robert Egan, Scipio Center:

It hardly seems 12 years since we were together shepherding Clyde and Savannah. Sorry I could not accept your invitation to supply at your pastoral empire of Scipio, Genoa and Fleming, April 12-13, but Father Larry Murphy, who does such splendid work, had me scheduled for his Genesee Hospital April 7-17. A bonus in the care of Genesee is living in his

quarters at Old St. Mary's Rectory. It is only five minutes from the hospital, convenient for emergency calls. The pastor is the scholarly Msgr. McAniff and his associate is Fr. Bennett, who also has a downtown apostolate. Eileen Serow and her mother, Kitty, are secretary, housekeeper and cook. They keep an immaculate house, a cheerful table and a cordial welcome. One day each week Fr. Tom Erdle comes. He is not widely known in the diocese because his apostolate is so specialized. He is chaplain to the deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and also teaches courses in the deaf language. I am in awe at his

knowledge and competence, and inspired by his utter priestly dedication.

One noon I went to the Midtown Mall, which is only five minutes from the hospital, to get some notebooks at Scrantom's. Planned Parenthood had a booth in the Mall, raising money by taking family or individual portraits. I am always outraged when I run into that dreadful outfit. I think they are greatly responsible for the sexual corruption among so many of our young, with the concomitant increase in VD - syphilis and gonorrhea - and for their assistance toward abortions. My anger increases meditating on the fact that they get \$242,000 from the Rochester United Fund, while Natural Family Planning is denied a miserable \$34,000 by that same United Fund. Three handsome girls in their 20s were running the portrait stand. I don't know if they

were part of that Planned Parenthood gang or just working for them, but like a fat John the Baptist, in clericals instead of loin cloth, I stalked darkly to the booth, glared at the pretty girls and growled: "You should be ashamed of yourselves, aligned with an outfit which helps in the killing of babies." One shot back: "They do not." "Indeed they do. They give counsel for the death of unborn babies." She retorted: "You Catholics have it all wrong." I don't know what "it" referred to, but I do think that we Catholics too often are pussy-footers when Christ's clear stance is demanded.

Thursday night terminated the hospital assignment, but the CDA (Catholic Daughters of America) had scheduled me for their weekend retreat at Stella Maris Retreat House, Skaneateles, run by the Franciscan Sisters. So on Friday, about 11 a.m., I stopped off en route on Fr.

Gene McFarland at Macedon for half an hour. An hour later, while nearing Newark, I felt drowsy so stopped at St. Michael's to get some shut-eye before landing in a ditch. The rectory has a series of volunteers who get the noon meal. Legionnaire Gladys Thibau, an old friend, was there with a nice chicken casserole. Co-pastors, Fathers Pete Deckman and Gene Sweeney urged me to join them for a bite.

Did you know Mary McPeak is sick in Savannah? I shall always be grateful to her and to so many in Savannah parish who worked so hard with Fr. Joe Gaynor in building that gem of a church there, and helped to develop so strong a parish life. I stopped to see her on the way, and with therapy, her prospects are good. You yourself will always be special to the Savannah people for your great work with them during your Clyde-Savannah days.

Holy Hour

Father Joseph Brennan will lead the Holy Hour sponsored by the Holy Trinity Chapter of the Peoples Eucharistic League at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 12, at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse.

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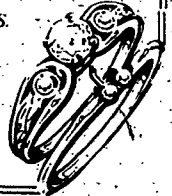
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St. Salome, Irondequoit

Students at St. Salome's parish recently presented a production of Peter Pan for members of the parish and students from the Durand Eastman School.

Holy Family, Rochester

The Rosary Society at Holy Family parish on Ames Street will hold its Installation Dinner on Wednesday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pine Room. The dinner is open to all women in the parish.

Reservations may be obtained by calling Mrs. Anthony Mastrella, 235-2761 or Mrs. Robert Spahn, 235-

3136. Reservation deadline is May 11.

Officers to be seated this year are Mrs. Anthony Mastrella, president; Mrs. Ann Piano, vice president; Sister Jean Bosco, recording secretary; Mrs. Columbia Winkler, financial secretary; and Mrs. Donald Pickering, treasurer.



Father David Simon, director, and Helen Rupert, choreographer, discuss their production of "Memories," a Broadway musical revue.

Holy Name, Greece

Parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus in Greece will perform "Memories," a Broadway musical revue on May 2 to 4 at 8 p.m. More than 80 parishioners make up the cast and crew of this musical, which will be presented at Olympia High School.

Father David Simon, assistant pastor at Holy

Name, is the director. Helen Rupert is the choreographer; she has been the choreographer for seven of Father Simon's eight musical productions.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 years and under. Those interested in further information may call 621-4040.

Guardian Angels, Henrietta

Guardian Angels Parish, 2061 E. Henrietta Rd., has set a "special week of Faith Renewal for May 4 through 10," according to the parish. Father Ernest Hill, of the Trinitarian Fathers, will direct the renewal week and will

speak at Masses during the May 3-4 weekend.

Father Hill will also conduct services each evening of the week. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday services will begin at 7:30 p.m. On Wednesday the service starts at 5:30 p.m.

St. John Of Rochester

The final general Home-School meeting of the year will take at St. John of Rochester parish, 10 Wickford Way, Fairport, on Wednesday, May 7, starting at 8 p.m. in the school hall. The meeting agenda includes election of officers, slides of school activities, a general business meeting and will be followed by a Thank You party for school volunteers.

St. Leo, Hilton

The Confraternity of Christian Women and the Youth Group at St. Leo's parish, Hilton, will sponsor a family communion breakfast on Mothers Day, May 11, after the 9 a.m. Mass. Tickets for the breakfast, held at Pleasure Lanes in Hilton, are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children under 12. For information or reservations those interested may contact Carol Weldon, 392-9252.

Perpetual Help

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 1089 Joseph Ave., has slated a garage sale for Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free babysitting will be provided.

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