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On the Right Side

Irish Tour Cheaper In Fall

What has happened to the July Courier trip to Ireland? It is postponed to Sept. 17-27. An unusual thing happened. There were many requests for information, but only a few actually made reservations, so Wyder Travel, which handles the tours, had to cancel the July tour on May 10, returning the full deposit to all who

had signed up. Strangely, within a few days after cancellation, a fresh influx of enquiries came in to the Courier from people never heard from before. Why so few reservations? My guess is that the inflation and air fares are a primary factor, and the uncertainty about the economy; perhaps the month was not the best for others. The September tour should cost somewhat less, because on Sept. 15 air fares drop for the fall season. Actually, this is a high-class tour, with hotels and

program exceptionally first class, and all meals except one lunch provided. This gives guarantee of superior meals, and companionship of the group.

Do you recommend travel now?

That depends on people's circumstances and wishes. On our 1979 tour we had a beautiful Methodist lady, Mrs. Reha Hammond of Detroit, who joined us through friendship with Mr. and Mrs. Leo O'Halloran of St. Cecilia's, Rochester. Last week she wrote expressing her happiness with the Ireland tour and a special thanks for having Mrs. Christine Di Santo of Lyons as roommate. "Chris was most compatible and considerate, and I would

enjoy sharing a room with her again." Then she commented: "I understand the fare increases are hurting the air business and keeping many people grounded. I feel this is true of younger people, but people my age (young of course) knowing their life is shorter each year, think and feel they may as well spend their money on travel, and I say 'more power to them.'" She herself is a traveller, and enquired if the CJ would have a tour to India.

How do you justify your running around the diocese and the world with a shortage of priests?

Rather than justify, I rejoice in the Lord for being able to serve the tour groups and any place in the diocese.

or out of it. The work of the priesthood is carried on everywhere, whether at Mass or teaching children or peddling Sheen tapes and religious books; or sitting in an Irish pub with curious and interesting Irishmen or walking down the street in Webster, Wolcott or Wayland. Remember the story of St. Francis, who said to a Brother, "Let us go to the village and preach." They walked around the village, but St. Francis gave no sermon. He was just visible. On the return, the Brother said, "I thought you intended to preach." "We did preach. We reminded the people of Jesus Christ and His Church, just by being there." Every visible priest or bishop preaches by his presence.

What pleased you most on

your recent trip to Horsheda? Father Firpo took me by the arm, steered me to his car outside the rectory, pointed to the dashboard of the car and said, "See, I got a cassette deck in the car. It's wonderful. Now when I make the two-hour trip to Rochester, I listen to tapes and know my time is spent well, hearing important lectures and conferences on the way. You suggested the cassette deck, and I am very glad." And I am glad, too, not only to bring the gospel and good ideas to other people, but also to be able to receive the gospel and good ideas from many people — little children, parents, singles, sisters, priests. "Travel is broadening, not only to the mind but also to the middle."

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