

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

### A Country Parish

In early July, Father Robert Kanka, new pastor of St. James parish in Trumansburg, 10 miles from Ithaca, phoned: "Could you fill in for me Monday, July 14 through Friday the 18th?" "Glad to do so. I was stationed in Ithaca with Msgr. Byrne when Father Kress and I succeeded Fathers John Brill and Gerry Kelly in 1938, and got to love the territory." Father Kanka sent me a key to the back door and at 10 p.m. Sunday, I stumbled into the dark kitchen and felt for a light switch to begin orientation of the new domicile.

It's always the same: to find the switches, to match the keys to the proper doors, to locate the phone. In the country there is rarely a cook, so the research of the kitchen to locate the instant coffee, dishes and icebox was necessary. In old rectories it is a bit eerie to get used to the creaking and crackling of the house in the dark aloneness of the first night. This done, all is set for business, which is pretty much a holding pattern; daily Mass, calls at the hospital, walking the streets to announce to all by the clerical garb that a priest is in their midst to serve them.

A few years ago, I visited Trumansburg when Father Ryan, the pastor, was having a summer religious vacation school. Our own diocesan sisters, under Msgr. George Vogt and Msgr. Schnacky, used to do this important work. For some reason, they dropped it. So

Father Ryan got three Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters to come from Philadelphia. Parents agree that more is accomplished in the annual two-week vacation school than in the whole year of CCD program. Several Trumansburgers said, "We so missed the religion school this summer." Father Kanka has assured them they will have it next year.

With pastoral astuteness, Father Sasso grabbed the IHM Sisters for his Nunda-Groveland parishes, and his people were thrilled. The Trumansburg summer school even produced a religious vocation in the person of Sister Regina Rosarii, who was Ruth McLallen, and was recently pictured in the Courier on the occasion of her taking vows with the Philadelphia IHM's. I wonder if it might not strengthen the morale of our dedicated sisters who continue to teach in our schools if they were reinforced by the IHM's of Philadelphia, who might even bring forth some religious vocations.

Highlights of the Trumansburg charge included: daily Mass, and hospital visitation at Tompkins Memorial Hospital, on the site of the Biggs Memorial grounds. Our one patient was Mortimer Brennan who was thrilled to meet "the priest who writes for the Courier." On Wednesday, we had a get together of over 20 people to discuss trends in the church, with a question period. Afterward, several bought Sheen Rosary cassettes, books, rosary beads and Arch books (Bible stories for children from 2 to 10 years

of age.) These seedlings will bear fruit long after my departure.

Since there was no cook, I became a habitue of the local restaurants. I met many people there and had lunch with a retired Episcopal priest of Lodi, Father Mason and his cheerful wife. Father McFarland was pastor of Trumansburg for five months during Father Bernard Hanna's sickness, so he and Father Kress came down one noon and we lunched in elegance at the "Top of the Tower" of Ithaca College, using secretary Pat Bowers' membership card for admission. The Capuchins of nearby Interlaken invited me for supper. There are eight priests and one brother when all are home at the friary. Brother Dan Brady is a kind of postulator for the canonization of Capuchin Father Solanus Murphy who died in 1959; Brother Dan claims that Father Solanus miraculously cured him of cancer of the jaw bone when he was a novice. Father Carges had me for supper in Ithaca on Wednesday, but before going to the rectory, I went to the cemetery to visit the graves of my classmate, Father John Tressy, and Msgrs. William Byrne and Don Cleary. I spent a thoughtful hour reading on the stones the names of so many I knew from four years in Ithaca: and recited the 15 decades of the rosary for their souls. At the end of supper, Father Peter Clifford came bounding in beaming and hot from an afternoon of berry picking with his Auburn mother.

As I drove away from Trumansburg at 4 p.m. Friday, to stop at Waterloo on Fathers Shamon and Doel, and for supper in Geneva with Fathers Quinn and Fedor, I uttered the prayer: "Lord, unending thanks for the priesthood, and for the health and opportunities to serve Your people. Amen."

## Sacred Heart Theme Of Family Conference

Washington, D.C. — A major conference on family life will be held at the Mayflower Hotel here, Aug. 22-25.

Billed as the "National Sacred Heart Family Life Conference," the event is being hosted by the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington, Va. Organizations listed as collaborators for the event include the International Institute of the Heart of Jesus, Catholics United for the Faith, and the National Sacred Heart Enthronement Center.

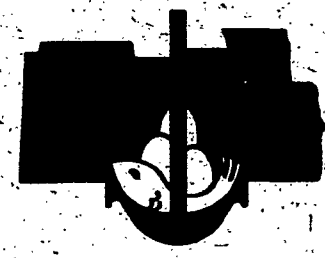
Featured speakers and participants at the event include Bishop Edouard

Gagnon, former head of the Vatican Committee for the Family; Cardinal John Carberry, retired Archbishop of St. Louis; Maria von Trapp, subject of the film "The Sound of Music."

A major subject for the conference will be the devotion of "enthroning" the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the

home. Workshops on the subject will be held in both Spanish and English during the event.

Information and reservations are available by contacting the Family Life Bureau, Department NCFEC, 200 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, Va. 22203; (703) 841-2250.



### New Ministry

Margaret Carosio designed this logo for the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry. The cross symbolizes Christ; the anchor, the hope He offers through each of us, and the loaves and fish symbolize the call to be broken as bread for each other. It is placed over an outline of the five counties the office will serve.

### Father Conroy To Get New Family Post

Washington, D.C. — Father Donald B. Conroy, for the past five years family life representative at the U.S. Catholic Conference, will become director of the new National Institute for the Family on Oct. 1.

The institute will cooperate with the USCC Commission on Marriage and Family Life in promoting the American bishops' plan of pastoral action for family ministry during the 1980-90 Decade of the Family.

Father Conroy is a priest of the Greensburg, Pa., diocese.

## 'Friendship Fair' Needs Volunteers

Phelps — The Newark Developmental Center will hold its annual Friendship Fair on Sunday, Sept. 7, according to a notice published with the St. Francis of Assisi Parish bulletin.

The fair "is meant to provide a very special day of sun, music, parades, and friendship for all of the handicapped residents at

Newark Developmental Center," the bulletin insert stated.

"Our main goal is to have one or more volunteers — friends — to escort each resident to the carnival activities," the announcement read.

Fair organizers are asking for volunteers to be part of

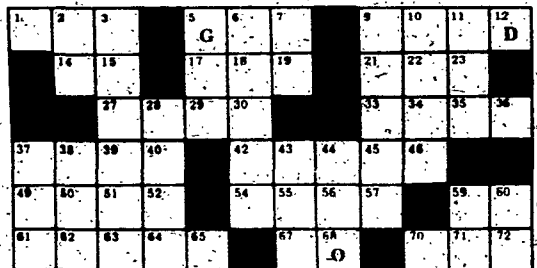
marching groups and bands, sponsors for booths, sponsors and workers at food concessions, entertainers, and about 1,000 escorts.

Further information on the fair is available by contacting Father P.J. Ryan at the Newark Developmental Center, 703 E. Maple Ave., Newark, N.Y. 14513; (315) 331-1700, ext. 398.

## Sunday Scripture Quiz

I. Gospel Reading: Lk 12, 13-21 — The rich man was a fool.

Below is a key passage from Scripture. 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.



- 1. Our creator: G O D (5 6 8 12)
2. Craving for wealth: 65 52 70 38 7
3. Buys things: 19 62 42 57 49
4. Our belief: 27 10 18 46 17
5. Unwise person: 56 28 6 54
6. Young person: 21 15 51 3 45

Following are key passages from 2 scripture readings. Fill in the missing words.

II. First Reading: Eccl 1, 2: 21-23 — Self centered human effort is sheer vanity.

Phrase: For what \_\_\_\_\_ comes to a \_\_\_\_\_ from all the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ with which he has labored under the \_\_\_\_\_? All his days \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are his occupation; even at \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ is not at rest. This also is vanity.

III. Second Reading: Col 3, 1-5, 9-11 — Put aside evil passions and desires.

Phrase: Since \_\_\_\_\_ have been set up in \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ on what pertains to higher \_\_\_\_\_ where Christ is seated at God's \_\_\_\_\_ hand. Be intent on things \_\_\_\_\_ rather than on things \_\_\_\_\_ After all, you have \_\_\_\_\_

Answers on Page 4

- Passage I words: booty, faith, sin, God, suit, money, youth, rigid, fool, living, greed, south.
Passage II words: sorrow, man, night, grief, toil, profit, mind, anxiety, heart, sun.
Passage III words: Christ, earth, raised, died, you, above, right, company, heart, realms.

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER
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You may have recently suffered the death of your wife or husband and, if most of your friends were other couples, you may find yourself socially isolated now that you are a widow or widower. This another adjustment you must make to death — and a lot depends on you. You can continue to have just as many friends and social contacts as you had before — and your relationships can be just as meaningful. You may well find, in fact, that your new friends fill more of your own personal needs than those you shared as a couple.
It is difficult, at first, to seek out new friends — or even to accept friendship when it is offered. But you will be well-rewarded for the effort you make — and as you form new relationships, will soon find your life taking on greater meaning and purpose.
We can furnish suggested reading, and information that can help you in adjustment. Please call.
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