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On the Right Side

Visiting Bath Proves Memorable

On Oct. 14, Bishop Dennis Hickey phoned: "Father Richard Torrey, of Bath, brother of Father Dan, is having surgery in Geneva Thursday. He will probably be off the job four weeks. Could you help out weekends?" "I'd be glad to," Father Torrey is one of the most talented priests of our diocese. He has done parish work, a stint in the Navy, chaplaincy at Mercy High and at Cornell University. When Father Atwell was assigned to Avon, Archbishop Sheen tapped him to be the editor of the Courier. He had a radio program over WHAM for years. He was pastor of St. Stephen's parish, Geneva, where I often stopped to see my friend, Father Lane. Then to a seemingly less demanding parish of Bath, succeeding Father O'Malley. While at Bath, he took over much of our Legion of Mary sponsored radio program, "Magnify the Lord," with great success. The surgery indicated chemotherapy, so he is living with Father Tom Cleary at Freeville, taking the chemo at nearby Ithaca. He is now on a three-months treatment and recuperation program. Father Al Ryan is the present administrator of Bath.

When I arrived at 4 p.m., Oct. 19, Charlotte Hill, the cook, greeted me with enthusiasm. Her bee-hive

hairdo was freshly styled, and she had a special welcome since she knows how I admire her cooking. The retired, but truly lively associate, Father James O'Connell, with his left arm in a cast, was in the confessional giving absolution with his right arm. Three weekends gave me a happy insight into a vital parish.

Good church music is a special love for me, so I was thrilled to hear melodies of wonderful hymns buried by musical vulgarians these past 15 years. Mozart's Ave, Verum Corpus; the Solesmes-Gregorian Ave, Maria; Dobici's Soul of My Saviour; Montani-Faber's Jesus: My Lord, My God, My All; and others threading through appropriate parts of the Mass. They were not sung, since our people have been deprived of these for years. With foresight, the organist is preparing the ears and souls of the congregation. I asked him: "Where did you ever get those wonderful hymns?" He replied: "From the 1979 St. Gregory Hymnal. You gave the address in your column, and I sent for it." (The address is: G.I.A. Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60638)

One of the best parts of the Renewal is congregational singing. I am impressed by how many parishes sing well, despite the meager fare. missalettes give Bath is superior. I think part of it is because the organist rolls along with a healthy tempo, and the people respond with zest.

There is great activity in the parish. The parish hall is in constant use. The first Saturday night, there was an anniversary dinner there for Mr. and Mrs. Hank Adamowicz, stalwarts of the parish. The school is booming. Two sisters of Father Ed Zimmer, Sisters Mary Agnes and Barbara Zimmer, direct the growing parish school, K-6, with a fine faculty. It is strong academically. It has no doubts about its Catholic identity. Ushers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors are efficient. There is a fine choir of 25 voices which sings for the 10 a.m. High Mass, which is broadcast from the Bath radio station every Sunday.

One funny incident. Bath has a strong Human Development committee, and has a food pantry for the needy. Once a month, they have a special collection of canned and boxed foods for the pantry, during each Mass. The first Saturday night, the congregation and I were piously seated for the quiet period after Communion. I nearly fell off the chair when I beheld two ushers, each wheeling a grocery cart through the church, receiving cans and boxes from parishioners, especially the children who eagerly popped their offering for the poor into the wire baskets. A wicked temptation entered my mind: "I wonder if they stole the grocery carts from the supermarket!" But the honest faces of the cart-pushers made me conclude the carts were donated or borrowed from the market. Anyway, the donations were generous, the poor assisted, and Bath remains a happy memory in my soul.

For friends of Father Torrey, his address is: Rev. Richard Torrey, c/o Father Cleary, S. George Road, Freeville, N.Y. 13068.

New Windows Shed Light on the Angels

Four new stained glass windows on the south side of Guardian Angels Church boast a fitting tribute to the late Father John Kleintjes, former pastor of the East Henrietta Road parish.

The recently installed panes are the work of Pike Glass Studios and depict the appearance of various angels throughout the history of the Catholic Church as well as a bit of history of Guardian Angels parish.

After Father Kleintjes' death on Nov. 21 last year, a committee was formed to establish a fitting memorial to the parish's founding pastor. Some \$8,000 has been raised thus far toward the cost of the windows according to Father Richard Hart, Guardian Angels pastor.

The first window explains the history of Guardian Angels parish. Depicted in the upper right corner stands the Guardian Angel watching over the church. In the upper left is a lamb, reminiscent of the Good Shepherd and the parish from which Guardian Angels was formed. In the bottom left is the name of St. Michael, the defender of the Church. The name of Father Kleintjes and his years as pastor can be found in the bottom right of the window, along with the coats of arms of Bishops James E. Kearney and Lawrence B. Casey, who were both involved in the founding of the parish.

The second window is of the Annunciation of Mary and the symbol in the left-hand panel is of Gabriel, the Angel of the Annunciation and the one traditionally regarded as the guardian angel of Mary.

The third is of the Nativity and shows the angel telling the shepherds the news of Christ's birth. The left panel shows the name of St. Joseph, the Foster Father of the Church and the Patron of the Universal Church.

The fourth window depicts the angels who came to minister to Jesus after His temptations in the desert. This marked the beginning of His public life and the side panel mentions St. John the Baptist who prepared the people for His coming.



The first of four new stained glass windows at Guardian Angels Church depicts some of the history of the parish.

Two more windows have been designated but have not been executed at this time. When installed, they will depict the angel at the tomb of the Risen Christ and the angel freeing St. Peter from prison.

Ireland Family Planning Act Greeted with Controversy

Dublin, Ireland (RNS) — The Irish Republic's first ever piece of family planning legislation — the Health (Family Planning) Act — became law on Nov. 1 despite opposition from the country's Catholic bishops.

The new legislation permits the importation and sale of contraceptives by licensed pharmacists and regional state-subsidized health board clinics.

Within the terms of the act, however, contraceptives may be sold only to married people on the basis of prescription or authorization by a registered physician.

In addition, five existing private family planning clinics have been granted a license by the minister for health, Dr. Michael Woods, to sell contraceptives, but only on condition that they employ a qualified pharmacist.

St. Bridget's Slates Black Forum

St. Bridget's Church will host a series of Black Church Forums beginning with a talk by John Walker, head of the diocesan Office of Black Ministries, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. in the church.

Dr. Walker will present an "Overview of the Black Catholic Experience and Struggles in the Diocese of Rochester."

This condition is opposed by the Irish Family Planning Association, which operates the private clinics, and association members have said they will go to jail rather than comply with the "ridiculously restrictive nature" of the new legislation.

A number of other private clinics which have been refused licenses, by the minister have said they will stay in business and risk prison. Meanwhile, the Irish Council for Civil Liberties has criticized the requirement that a person must obtain authorization from a doctor to obtain contraceptives.

"This may infringe on the constitutional right to privacy in family matters," said the council. "In addition, many people will have difficulty in obtaining prescriptions because of the conscience

According to Father Daniel O'Shea, pastor of the parish, the forums will include local and national black leaders focusing on Church and community issues.

Other speakers lined up include David Gantt, William Hall, William Crimm, and Prof. Martha Wiggins. Further information on the events, is available by calling St. Bridget's at (716) 454-4236.

clause which allows individual doctors to opt out."

In a statement five days before the act became law, the Catholic bishops welcomed the conscience clause. They said that doctors, pharmacists and health board personnel had a legal and moral right to withhold cooperation from the act.

Reaffirming their earlier statement that enactment of the law "does not alter the morality of contraception," the bishops declared: "Contraceptive intercourse is contrary to God's design for the expression of married love and the transmission of human life. No state legislation can alter this moral teaching."

However, the bishops welcomed the recognition given in the act to "natural" methods of regulating birth. They urged married people to use such methods and warned that the use of the intra-uterine device and some oral contraceptives caused "very early (spontaneous) abortion."

The bishops also said that those who operate the new act had a duty to ensure that it did not make contraceptives more easily available with the passage of time.

Business in Diocese

Jerome Dienstag recently became counsel to the law firm of Mousaw, Vigdor, Reeves, Heilbronner & Kroll whose office is located at First Federal Plaza. Dienstag, 46, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia Law School.

Mildred C. Boylan, former member of the Courier-Journal Editorial Advisory Board, has been elected to the St. John Fisher College Board of Trustees. She has in the past taught courses in speech and communication at the college.

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