



Brazil Missioner

Sister Elaine Hollis, SSJ, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hollis of Rochester, has been serving in Brazil since last August. Sister Elaine studied Portuguese in that country until December when she toured SSJ missions in Brazil and was assigned to Uberlandia, where she and other missionaries were recently visited by Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Learning To Love The Saints

Recently I was invited to take a class of high school students for their weekly religion class. The pastor had said, "They may not be greatly informed, but they are wonderful kids." The class ranged in age from 15 to 18; and they were nice, intelligent youngsters. I like to discuss with the young, but I am frequently saddened by the lacunae in their knowledge of the Faith and of the heroes of the Church. No one can love what he doesn't know. And how can one love the Church, which is Christ working daily in the world, or the heroes of the Church unless he knows something about them? To stimulate the students I made out a simple quiz. It was the time of the release of the hostages, the inauguration of President Reagan and the Super Bowl game.

Each youngster had a copy of the quiz which read: "Who or what are the following? (1) General Haig, (2) Oakland Raiders, (3) Damien the Leper, (4) Cardinal John Henry Newman, (5) REO Speedwagon, (6) Auriesville Shrine, (7) St. Isaac Jogues, (8) Mother Teresa of Calcutta, (9) St. Thomas More, (10) King Henry VIII, (11) Jim Plunkett, (12) St. Ignatius of Loyola, (13) Warren Christopher."

And what was their response? The following: Haig, 4, Secretary of State; Damien the Leper, 1, the heroic Belgian priest who served lepers in Molokai, Hawaii, and died of leprosy; Cardinal John Henry Newman, 0, the great English churchman (1801-1890), convert, theologian, historian, leader of the Oxford Movement; REO Speedwagon, 19, a rock band coming to Rochester, tickets for which appearance are selling at \$11; Auriesville

Shrine, 0, Jesuit Martyrs' shrine, seven miles from Amsterdam, N.Y.; St. Isaac Jogues, 1, one of those martyred at Auriesville; St. Thomas More, 1, Chancellor of England under Henry VIII and beheaded for refusing to acknowledge Henry as the head of the Church of England; Henry VIII, 11, King of England (1491-1547), married six women, (two he divorced, two he beheaded, one who died a natural death and one who outlived him), separated the Church in England from the universal Church, and declared himself as the head of the Church in England; Warren Christopher, 4, American negotiator for the release of the hostages; St. Ignatius Loyola, 1, founder of the Jesuits.

Some answers are curious in expression or conclusion; to wit: Henry VIII, a guy who cut all his wives' heads off; "Damien the Leper, an Old Testament man cured by God;" "Mother Teresa of Calcutta, she saw Mother Mary with two other girls" (probably a confusion with the apparitions at Fatima).

A good answer about More was, "A utopian philosopher who went against Henry VIII." None of them knew Cardinal Newman, nor did I expect them to. Then why put the question? To acquaint them with the name and person of one of the noblest persons in the history of the Catholic Church, one who probably will be canonized by Pope John Paul II.

I give such quizzes to encourage students to broaden their understanding of the Church and her members who so wonderfully imitated Our Lord. And most of the youngsters enjoy the challenge. If teachers in CCD and Catholic schools will instill the knowledge and love of the saints and holy places in the souls of their students, they will do a great good.

Priests Council Hears Courier-Journal Report

By Michael Groden

A new circulation plan for the Courier-Journal was introduced to the Priests Council last week by Anthony J. Costello, publisher and general manager. The plan will aim for an 80 percent coverage of Catholics in the diocese and will remind subscribers to support the newspaper through the parish collection system.

Costello said that increased circulation is in tune with Bishop Matthew H. Clark's desire to use the paper as a teaching tool and is the only logical solution to communicating Catholic news to the 12-county diocese.

The added circulation will also help to keep parish subscription costs at the current level of 15 cents per week. Costello said that the 15-cent figure is actually 1.2 cents less than the actual printing and mailing cost.

He said that the newspaper has been able to offset the cost by providing typesetting and consulting services to outside businesses. The newspaper is committed to keeping the 15-cent figure for at least one year, Costello said.

In the question and answer session which followed the presentation, members queried Costello, Carmen J. Viglucci, editor, and Father Louis Hohman, episcopal advisor.

A written question submitted to the Priests Council asked about the Courier's readability, saying that the newspaper is "never really read anyway." Costello answered by citing a 1974 readership study that showed 93 percent of those who received the Courier read it each week.

Council member Father James Marvin concurred, citing a recent survey done in his own parish, St. Ambrose. He said that over 60 percent of those in his parish read the paper and enjoy it.

Costello added that a new readership survey was now in the works. Discussions with McGraw Hill Co., who perform such studies, are under way.

Carmen Viglucci, responding to a written question, explained the Courier-Journal editorial policies.

Father Kevin Murphy cited concerns voiced by his bloc, saying that the "paper is deteriorating." He asked why

Heart Saver

A "Heart Saver Dinner" will be prepared by members of the Rochester Culinary Club for the benefit of the American Heart Association, Genesee Valley Chapter, starting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23 at the Party House on Beahan Road.

Tickets are \$12 per person and are available from the American Heart Association, Genesee Valley Chapter, 797 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14620.

The Rochester Culinary Club is an organization of professional chefs from area restaurants.

columns, such as Andrew Greeley and Father Joseph Champlin, were dropped even though they "at least stimulated interest (for or against) among the readers."

Father Murphy also asked why some items, such as the recent Father Laurence Tracy controversy, are downplayed. He said that the issue could have been reported upon, without sensationalizing it, "to help readers understand the problems involved in that situation."

Costello replied that since the Greeley column was dropped the newspaper received two letters from the entire readership. He said that he did not think this represented a strong demand by readers to have the column restored.

Carmen Viglucci said that the Greeley column was replaced by Father John Reedy, another syndicated columnist.

Responding to the Tracy story, Costello said that the story did appear in the Courier and that it was well publicized elsewhere.

Father Hohman also responded to the question saying that the paper is "caught between" those who do not want anything bad to appear in the paper, and those who want all stories, whether sensational or not, printed. A balance must be maintained, and that is a difficult task, he said.

Costello completed his report saying that the added

circulation will help the paper in two ways. The plan will allow us to reach more families in the diocese, and the added revenue will allow us to alleviate editorial space shortages and be able to include items and columns we feel should appear, he said.

Most of the revenue will be used for editorial content.

In other council action the fourth of a series of five reports on diocesan divisions was presented by Father William Flynn, director of Support Ministries. Father Flynn reported that the main function of Support Ministries was "to wisely use the time and talents of those working for the Diocese of Rochester."

Support Ministries include the departments of Pastoral Planning and Management, Fund Development, Printing, Maintenance, and is affiliated with the Courier-Journal and the Propagation of the Faith and Missions office.

Future plans being worked on by Support Ministries include supplying demographics and statistics for parishes and other diocesan agencies and studying the possibilities for new parishes. Father Flynn said that the possibilities of a new parish in Hamlin is being looked at.

The Priests Council also passed the rewritten proposal dealing with the establishment of priest sabbaticals and heard reports from the priests personnel policies committee, building amalgamation committee and the Priests Council of New York.



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