

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

On Ireland, And Fr. Tormey

What of the March tour to Ireland?

It is postponed to May 11. Evidently March wasn't an attractive month. Frankly I am glad because May is a beautiful month with sheep and baby lambs dotting the 40 shades of green all over Ireland; and the beautiful yellow gorse bushes will be in bloom. We expect quite a group in May. Travel is down everywhere because of inflation costs. But I think many have decided: "Well, it never will be any cheaper, and we live only once." The May 11-20 tour covers many highlights of Ireland.

Have you been filling in at any parishes recently?

Yes. Just finished 20 days at Caledonia-Mumford. I was surprised how their music had developed. They have two good choirs and one of the best folk groups in the diocese. In some churches folk music is deleteriously influenced by rock and secular music. So it is a joy to find quality music, and a double joy when a congregation shares it with enthusiasm. There are a lot of fine teenagers there and I am hoping many will make

the Teen Seminar Programs. This would be good for their souls and for the parish.

Did you attend Father Tormey's funeral in Bath?

Yes. I was at Caledonia, 60 miles away. En route I was so preoccupied with my thoughts that I blew into Mt. Morris at 40 miles-an-hour, and was arrested by a local policeman. I had no complaint. He was doing his job; and I was the offender.

I had great regard for Father Tormey. As the tempestuous editor of the Courier-Journal during the revolutionary sixties, Father Henry Atwell had invited me to write the weekly column: "On the Right Side." When he left for Avon, Father Tormey was appointed editor by Archbishop Sheen. He was encouraging and also critical, in a positive way.

When he was pastor of St. Stephen's, Geneva, he was very kind to my classmate, Father Lane. He often said of him, "He brings back more people to the Church, and straightens out more marriages, and he has a special gift with the sick and in the confessional. He is worth three men; and he is a joy in the rectory." I often stopped there en route to Auburn or Corning or Elmira and his cordial welcome was a great lift.

Didn't Father Tormey do some radio work?

Yes, for nearly 12 years he put out "Catholic News and Views" every Sunday from WHAM in Rochester. In 1970 our Hornell Legion of Mary started a weekly program called "Magnify the Lord." We began with WLEA in Hornell and now include stations in Canandaigua, Auburn, Corning, Dundee, Dansville, Newark and Olean. Also in Cattlesburg, Ky., and in Dubuque and Osage, Iowa. We have an estimated 60,000 weekly listeners.

About a year ago Father Tormey agreed to do most of the weekly talks, with some assistance from Fathers John O'Malley of Holy Cross, Joseph Hart of St. Bernard's Seminary, Leo Carpenter of Iowa and occasionally myself.

The last talk Father Tormey gave for our program was on imitations of death, seemingly anticipating his own approaching death. Kevin Doran, manager of WLEA and director of the program, told me at the funeral, "Father Tormey was always good, but his last talk was especially touching. I am going to run it again, and want you to make the introduction." This is a privilege, and we will make a copy for Father Dan Tormey whose life will be different without the brother he so admired and loved, and for the family. Tune in on "Magnify the Lord," and catch Father Tormey's final talk, which will be aired probably some time in March or April.



DR. REUMANN

Lutherans, Catholics Subject of Talks

Dr. John Reumann, president of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, will discuss the topic, "Lutherans and Catholics: Toward a Church Evangelical and Catholic — out progress in dialogue," at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 2 in St. Basil Auditorium, at St. John Fisher College.

The lecture is one of several talks presented during the year by Fisher's department of religious studies. There is no admission fee and the public is invited.

PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Mexico, will depart on March 15 and return on March 23. The Holy Shroud of Turin will also be on display at the Cathedral of Mexico during the pilgrimage. For more information those interested may call 586-1664.

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