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Sunshine Luncheon

More than 180 elderly and handicapped attended the fourth annual Sunshine Luncheon last Wednesday at St. Louis School, Pittsford. The event, sponsored by the parish Rosary Guild, attracted guests from the Pittsford area and also numerous rest homes and infirmaries: Fairport Baptist Home, Woodside Nursing Home, Shire at Culverton, Hill Haven Nursing Home, St. Ann's Home, Hurlburt Nursing Home, Crest Manor Nursing Home, Monroe Community Hospital, Blossom Nursing Home, Pinnacle Nursing Home, the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse and the Nazareth Motherhouse. Above, Sister Marguerite Whalen, RSM, of the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, is greeted by an area youngster. Right, Genevieve Solazzo and Tom Hickey entertain guests with their song.



SSJs Welcome Newest Nun

Sister Janet Elizabeth Meeker, SSJ, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meeker of Elmira, will make her final profession of vows in the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, April 26 in the Little Flower Chapel of the Dunn Memorial in Elmira.

Sister Janet is a graduate of St. Mary's School, Southside, and Notre Dame High School.

A graduate of Pauline's School of Beauty Culture in Elmira, Sister Janet owned her own beauty salon prior to entering the religious life in 1974.

Following her novitiate she served at St. Joseph's Hospital where she worked until



SISTER JANET

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The Open Window

Puzzled Catholics

Dear Father Hohman,

I have a question that has not only puzzled me but other Catholic friends. Within the past several months, in two Catholic churches, we have each witnessed the priest celebrate Mass using a glass, or crystal chalice. Is this allowable?

The "Modern Catholic Dictionary" by Father John Hardon, SJ, states that since Vatican II, chalices may be made out of any metallic substances, but that the interior of the chalice must be made of gold (gold plated).

If this be so, then explain why the priests use glass or crystal chalices, please.

Has the Church's position on this changed since 1980, when Father Hardon wrote his book?

If the priests are not supposed to use glass chalices, where do they assume justification for doing so? And if this is wrong, what are we, the laity, to do about it, especially if the priests refuse to listen to our complaints?

This much I can say, we are all disappointed when the glass chalices are used. Vatican II has offered us so

many giant steps that are good; but since when did the Church feel it must do away with so many of our beautiful traditions? How can a traditional chalice be "bad" or "useless," to our worship?

Again, though we have made great strides since Vatican II, we feel that many priests are going overboard, and this is very hard for us to accept silently.

We have been encouraged to speak up in this new age of enlightenment, so we feel that we have the right to do so in regards to this. After all, we help finance the churches. Is it fair for the priests to impose their modernistic Catholicism on us? Not only the old, but the young feel this way also.

(Signed) Confused Catholics

Dear Confused Catholics,

I am going to quote directly from Father Hardon's book under the word chalice:

"The cup shaped vessel or goblet used at Mass to contain the precious blood of Christ. For centuries it was made of precious materials; if it was not of gold the interior of the cup was gold-plated. Since the second Vatican Council, chalices may be made of other material."

If you would ask one of your priests to let you look in the front of the Sacramentary

you will find under sections 289-291 the answer to your question. The chalice must be given a very special dignity, set aside only for that use, and be of a material which is respectful and worthy. There is nothing to say that only gold is worthy. Besides, when we use so many chalices for communion under both species, it would be impossible to have all gold ones.

My greater concern is that you are concentrating on the accidentals to a point where it seems you are looking for trouble. Here you are accusing these priests of disobeying the law, when as a matter of fact you did not know the law.

Also, I would ask you to look with an unbiased eye at the fact that the vast majority of our traditions have been left untouched. It is relatively few of them that have been changed, and those which have been changed merely take us back to a previous age rather than remove us from the flow of tradition altogether. One final word. The vast, vast majority of priests are not going overboard. They are doing their best as flawed human beings to bring the fullness of Christ's saving power to our people. They are doing their best to make worship worthy and beautiful. I have been a priest for 35 years. I have never known a time in that priesthood when reverence and devotion to the Eucharist were at a higher level.

You are indeed encouraged to speak up and I'm glad you did and I hope this dialogue will be taken in a spirit of fraternal correction and not as simply a put-down.

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