



**Celebration**

Father Louis J. Hohman had a lot to celebrate — his 60th birthday, 35 years as a priest, 15 years as pastor of St. Vincent's in Churchville, 10 years as episcopal adviser to the Courier-Journal — so Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, left, and 500 others helped him do it at Gitsis Party House, Friday, Aug. 28.

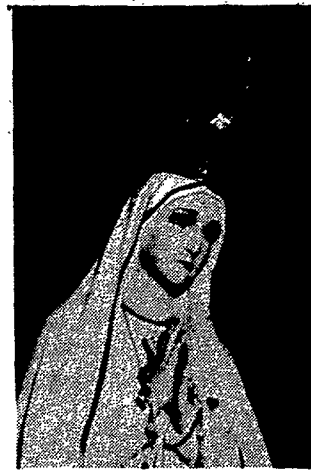
**Top Stars on List For MDA Telethon**

Pearl Bailey, Tony Bennett, Johnny Cash, Bill Cosby, Crystal Gayle, Smokey Robinson, Nancy Wilson and Wayland Flowers and Madame are but a few of the entertainers that will appear on the 16th annual Labor Day Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

association sponsors nine research and clinical centers in the United States and one in England. In addition, it funds more than 750 individual research projects throughout the world and supports 235 free outpatient clinics in this country where patients receive medical care and orthopedic aids free of charge.

The telethon will open at 10 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 6, and will run for 21 and a half hours on WHEC-TV, Channel 10.

Money raised by the telethon supports MDA's medical and research programs covering 40 neuromuscular diseases. The



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Mother of God. One was even muddling about whether God exists or not. In contrast to these uncertain trumpets, we can see the attraction of the daily TV evangelical 700 Club, run by the effervescent Pat Robertson and Ben Kinchlo. As narrow as the program is, and as restrictive as it is in presenting Catholic Christianity, it certainly comes through clearly and ardently for the Lordship of Jesus Christ, with an enthusiasm to share faith and love, and obedience to Jesus, Our Lord.

While I am disappointed at the Spencer Trappist presentation, I know that our own Trappists at Piffard, near Geneseo, go on day by day, giving praise and glory to God without over-concern about their own ego. Recently I was at the Piffard Abbey when a group of devout Methodist pastors from Ohio were on retreat. I had supper with them and rejoiced that these good men were bringing back to their flocks the gospel of emptying self of self, to be filled with the spirit of Jesus the Lord. Have you read "The Culture of Narcissism" by Christopher Lasch, a professor at the University of Rochester? I wonder if the Spencer young monks might not profit by this book.

Well, let us cheer up. There were two saving graces in the Spencer presentation. Some beautiful old monks firm in their traditions; and a meat-and-potatoes group of firemen from Worcester, I think, whose outlook seemed to me more spiritually noble than that of the young monks. And in our own diocese we have fine movements: retreats, cursillos, parish renewals, marriage encounters, teen seminars, prayer groups — as well as socials and parish dinners and carnivals. And we do have many sound Catholic families who carry on the traditions. So let us bless God and one another.

Cody in particular. I have followed his philandering with doctrines opposed to the Church, and his mean-spirited attacks against Pope John Paul's guidance. But this novel seems wallowing on a dunghill of sex and corruption — to what purpose? To think this man has been a teacher by his syndicated column in Catholic weeklies for years! Now to add to the dilemma in the Church's soul, did you see the Aug. 20 TV documentary on the Trappists at Spencer, Mass., entitled "The Monastery?" It was 90 minutes on prime time, and beautifully photographed. But the text from the dialogue was weird. Spencer is reputed to have the finest church music and to be the most flourishing monastery in the states, with a waiting list of applicants up to 100. If the TV documentary is even nearly accurate, I don't know why. The program was mostly dialogue, and mostly with some 30 monks from 40 years and younger. These youngish monks seem to be obsessed with themselves for a self-realization, rather than obsessed with the conviction of the redemptive Lordship of Jesus Christ, with His Church, and with the

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

**Message To an Old Friend**

Old friend:

We both have seen over 70 years pass by, and we have experienced the glorious days of the Church and its present depreciation. Last week I listened to a cassette dialogue between Frank Sheed and Philip Schaffer which has some jewels. Sheed recalls the Catholic Intellectual Revival of the late 20s and 30s, when he and Masie Ward were publishing. Graham Greene, Evelyn Waugh, Arnold Lunn, Chesterton and Belloc, Ronald Knox, Mauriac, Bloy, Claudel, Father Martindale SJ, Hugh Benson, Cardinal Newman, Dorothy Day, Peter Maurin. During the intellectual 30s, the Church was respected by her enemies, admired by the civilized, and revered by her children. Yesterday I read some reviews of Andrew Greeley's flight into novel-making. If the reviews have even approximate objectivity, I wonder if he hasn't gone bananas. We know his hatred for bishops generally, and for Cardinal

**Deaths**

**Marie C. Gendreau**

Honeoye — Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Church here for Marie C. Gendreau Aug. 21.

Mrs. Gendreau, widow of Oswald J. Gendreau, a 50-year resident of Doncaster Road in Brighton, died at the Honeoye home of her son, Robert O. Gendreau, Aug. 17, 1981.

Born in Canandaigua in 1895, she moved as a child to Rochester's 19th Ward, attending St. Monica's School and West High School. She worked as a buyer of leather goods for Duffy Powers Department Store and later at B. Forman Company.

Following their marriage in 1920, the Gendreaus moved into St. Anne's Parish where they helped the late Msgr. George Schmitt construct the Church at Brighton Park. Mrs. Gendreau made altar drapes and curtains to

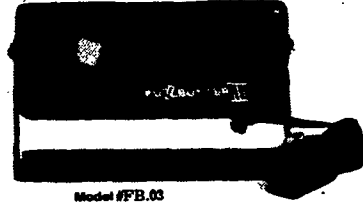
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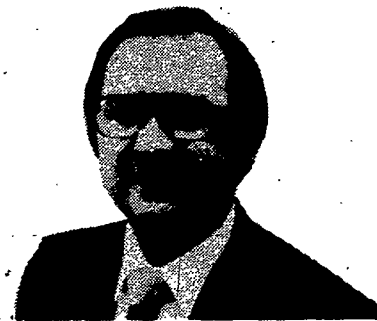
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