

Mass Planned in Honor Of Father Beatini

The Casa Italiana of Nazareth College is sponsoring a Memorial Mass for the late Father Joseph Beatini at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, in the Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of St. Joseph on East Avenue.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will concelebrate the Mass. Music will be provided by Il Coro Italiano Choir, directed by Paul Guzzetta.

A luncheon and memorial program will follow in the Otto Shults Center of Nazareth College.

Father Beatini, who died in May 1980, was deeply involved in the Casa Italiana as a member of its Academic Programs Committee, as a generous contributor, and as a firm supporter.

Father Beatini is remembered for his devotion to helping the poor and needy. In 1976, he made a special trip to Italy following the earthquake to deliver to the victims \$25,000 collected in Rochester for the work of Catholic Relief Services.

In 1974, he celebrated his 25th anniversary to the priesthood in Licciana, Italy, his family's home village.

Reservations for the Nov. 14 luncheon may be made calling the Casa Italiana, 586-8744, by Nov. 9. The public is invited to the Mass.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Morris West vs. Greeley

Have you been reading lately?

Yes. Just finished "The Clowns of God" by Morris West. I like West. He is an Australian, born in 1916, and his profile looks like Father John Hempel. He was a Christian Brother for several years, but never took the vows for full membership. He left the order in good standing in 1942, and married a decade later. He carried with him the qualities for which the Christian Brothers are noted: scholarship, discipline, drive, and a virile Catholicity. Although he was well received as a novelist from his first books in the mid-fifties, he really came into prominence in 1960 with his novel, "The Devil's Advocate," which was a best seller.

Remember visiting a non-Catholic in the hospital at the time who was fascinated by the book. I thought that a bit curious because of its completely Catholic overtones. But considering the movement of the story, anyone would enjoy it. It is the story of a quiet, analytical and correct English Monsignor, for years in a dusty office in the Vatican, assigned to investigate, as the devil's advocate, the claims that a defector from the English Army in Italy during WWII was a saint. The defector had stayed in Italy and greatly helped the poor and sick; and developed a deep mystical life. After his death some claimed miracles. There's an expected bit of sex to spice up the story, but it fits in with the movement of the story. I have read the book seven times, and will re-read it again. Morris West's knowledge of Italy and the Church and human nature, of history and the present times makes his writings both relevant and gripping.

What about "The Clowns of God"?

It sells for \$14.95 so I got it from the Webster Public Library. Had to wait some time for it but it was worth waiting for. I spent the next two days just reading it. Couldn't put it down. It is a novel about a future Pope Gregory XVII who claims to

have a vision of the Second Coming of Christ and the end of the world. The Roman Curia is in consternation since the pope had prepared an encyclical telling the world of his vision, and giving warning. The Curia thought it would panic the world, and engineered the pope's abdication. There follows a mixture of scholars, murderers, international manipulators, newspaper men, German youth, CIA and the constant watching of the abdicated pope by international interests and the Roman Curia. I haven't read a book that so gripped me since "Trinity" by Uris.

What about Greeley's "The Cardinal Sins"?

If Greeley hasn't gone bonkers, I think he is an evil man doing an evil work. That he should hate his bishop in his heart is one thing, but to publish a kind of literary brothel, which he has done, is to place the Church and the priesthood open to dirty, unjust suspicions, and defames good people and the Church.

This presentation, chapter after chapter, of fornication and adultery and ruminating about salaciousness is just plain evil. While Morris West validly presents some of the seamy side of the Church in his books, he does it with honesty, understanding and cleanness. It is a curious coincidence that at the end of "The Clowns of God" the enemies of the former pope, like Greeley's book, published a vicious volume entitled "The Fraud", to discredit the former pope. "The Fraud", and Greeley's book are the same type: full of mud, with innuendos suggesting sex, perversion, dishonesty.

Evil men can do that to St. Francis of Assisi or Mother Teresa, and there will always be people who will believe evil even of the best people. Greeley downplays the holiness of the priesthood and the Church and, like a stinking skunk, sprays his stench on the holiness of priests and priesthood and Church. St. Paul constantly uses the admonition, "to edify the Church of God," i.e., to build it up. Greeley, a priest, would destroy confidence in the Church and her priests. Morris West, the layman, despite some odd quirks, consistently edifies with honesty and skill.

EMIGRE SPEAKS

Victor Borovsky, the 24-year-old Soviet emigre and author of "Potsilunok Satany" ("Kiss of Satan"), which deals with Soviet psychiatric institutions, will

give a lecture on the topic at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, in Murphy Hall of St. John Fisher College.

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