

Let Sports Promote Peace

Following is excerpted from an address by Pope John Paul II to young athletes.

Your presence gives me joy not only because of the spectacle of stupendous youth that you offer to my gaze, but also because of the physical and moral values you represent. Sport, in fact, even under the aspect of physical education, finds in the Church support for all its good and wholesome elements. For the Church cannot but encourage everything that serves the harmonious development of the human body, rightly considered the masterpiece of the whole of creation, not only because of its proportion, vigor and beauty, but also and especially because God has made it his dwelling and the instrument of an immortal soul, breathing into it that "breath of life" by which man is made in his image and likeness. If we then consider the supernatural aspect, St. Paul's words are an illuminating admonition: "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? ... Do

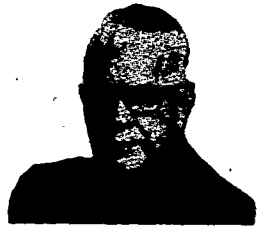


you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? ... So glorify God in your body."

These are, beloved young people, some features of what Revelation teaches us about the greatness and dignity of the human body, created by God and redeemed by Christ. For this reason the Church does not cease to recommend the best use of this marvellous instrument by a suitable physical education which, while it avoids on the one hand the deviations of body worship, on the other hand it trains both body and spirit for effort, courage, balance, sacrifice, nobility, brotherhood, courtesy, and, in a word, fair play. If practiced in this way, sport will help you above all to become citizens who love social order and peace; it will teach you to see in sports competitions, not struggles between rivals, not factors of division, but peaceful sporting events, in which sense of respect for the competitor must never be lacking, even in the rightful effort to achieve victory.

With these thoughts and with these wishes, I very willingly impart to you, to members of your families and to your friends, my special apostolic blessing, as a token of abundant heavenly graces and as a sign of my favor.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Reflections On Recent Kenya Tour

Were you in Africa recently?

Yes. I took a group of 17 to Kenya, Oct. 16-28, from Rochester to Kenya to Rome where we stayed a few hours at Midas Hotel before boarding the plane to Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. It is 9,000 miles and was an arduous preface for a fairly arduous safari: to wonderful wildlife reserves; to beautiful Nairobi and to Nakuru and Kericho; to Kisumu on Lake Victoria where we stayed in a plush hotel overlooking the lake. We saw primitive hut villages; mission churches, schools and clinics; and a dreadful slum on the edge of Nairobi, escorted by Maryknoll Sister Mary Bowes, a cousin of the Auburn Heverins. Sister Mary was public health nurse in Wayne County when I was an assistant to Father Curtin in Clyde in 1936, and we had not met since then. She has been in Africa around 30 years. Our group met with several bishops, priests, Sisters and lay workers, Kenyan and foreign. They were an inspiring lot.

Why did we go to Kenya? It's a fascinating country with a stable government, good climate, African animals, a developing country of the Third World. Of our 17, 11 were especially interested in wild animal life. Five just wanted to travel. And I was interested in the work of the Church.

Who went?

An interesting and diverse group. From Rochester: Marcella Wahl (Queen of Peace Parish), long time secretary of Judge Macken;

John Gottfried (Holy Name, Greece), our Mass server; Rowe (Bernard) Donahue (St. Mark's, Greece), a loyal Aquinas alumnus, and his wife Ann (Greece Reformed Church), both wild animal enthusiasts. From Port Byron: Mary Guidone (St. John's), a clever bargainer, and her grandson, the alert Paul Arena of Fulton. From Savannah: Mrs. Ann Davy (St. Patrick's), who carried up the offertory collection at Nairobi Cathedral. From Webster: Mabel Hill (Holy Trinity), who has also been to China. From Fairport: Tom and Anna Biancucci (Assumption), who run a well-known Mom and Pop store. From Elmira Heights: Dorothy Koenig (St. Charles Borromeo), inveterate traveller and bingo helper; Therese Meriweather, a bird authority; and Alice Fitzgerald (Trinity Episcopal Church, Elmira), who was promoted to the middle of the safari bus; the dynamic Margaret Fling from Phelps. From Silver Springs, Md.: Mary Caulfield, sister of John Gottfried; and from Auburn, the glamorous banker, Margaret Toomey.

What is Kenya like?

Well, put a map of North America over the map of Africa, and Kenya is located on the east coast about where the Carolinas are. It is nearly the size of Texas. The population is about 17 million; about 25 percent are Catholics, three percent are Muslims, and about 35 percent are Protestant Christians of many denominations. Polygamy is common among non-Christians. Literacy is 40 percent. Education is not mandatory, but over 50 percent of the children do go to primary schools. Tourism is the number one industry, with agriculture next: crops of coffee, tea, cereals, sisal and cotton.

A few years ago I met two Sisters of Mercy in Dublin and invited them to coffee at Cleary's Department Store, like Rochester's McCurdy's. Expectantly I asked, "How goes the Church in Ireland?" "We don't know, Father. We've been in Africa for 20 years and just returned for retreat with our community." While they were optimistic about the Church in Africa, both agreed: "The great curse in Africa is tribalism. And no one knows how to overcome it." In Kenya alone there are 41 different tribes, each with its own language and traditions, and each fiercely jealous of them. "Tribes" are ethnic groups, like Europe's nationalities: Poles, French, Italians, Germans, Lithuanians, Ukrainians, Slavs, etc. There are two official languages: English, from colonial days, and Swahili, which is the *lingua franca* of much of East Africa. Both languages are used in the schools. The climate is semi-tropical, pleasant and productive. To our surprise, even though the equator goes through Kenya, the altitude is so high the temperature is moderate, much like our own better October weather. Next Week: The Rochester-Kenya connection.

St. Bernard's Sets Book Sale One More Day

More than 20,000 volumes in the former St. Bernard's Seminary Library will be offered to the public for sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the site of the old library, 2260 Lake Ave.

The date will mark the final time the volumes will be available for sale, according to sale coordinator Fran Santuzzo.

DEAN'S LIST

Three Rochester area students have been named to the Dean's List at Trinity College in Washington, D.C. — Dorothy Kenning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Kenning of Pittsford; Anne Hammele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hammele of Penfield, and Kathryn Curran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald R. Curran also of Penfield.



Scholarship Winners

Gregory Duch, second from left, 28, of Rochester, and Marianne Antczak, 22, of Irondequoit, have been awarded scholarships for study in Poland by the Krakow-Rochester Sister Cities Committee. Presenting the awards were John T. Skalny, left, chairman-emeritus of the committee, and John B. Stenclik, right, current committee chairman. The scholarships cover tuition, room and board for a six-week session next summer at Krakow's Jagiellonian University. Duch is an employee of Gannett Company, Inc., and Ms. Antczak is a teacher at Bishop Kearney High School.

A Sunday Treat For the Whole Family

Spring is a long way off, but when planning to take 100 students plus parents and friends on a swing through Ireland, March looms on the horizon. The Bishop Kearney Marching Kings are scheduled to participate in St. Patrick Day competitions, and fundraising efforts for the trip are in full swing.

Band parents are hosting a spaghetti dinner, 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15, in the school. Charing the event is Margo Vinot and overseeing the kitchen will be Don Sharpstene. Decorations will

be handled by Sheila Prinzing, coordinating publicity is Rosemary Blickweide, with Anne Bonsignore heading the work committee. Telephone workers are Barbara Schicker and Marge Sharpstene. Band members will also be involved in the festivities. Music will be provided by Terry Kaleta, David Haller, Joe Micka and Greg Rueter.

Dan Burke, band moderator, is handling ticket sales. They are \$3 per person and can be purchased from any band member or at the door.

Charismatic Mass Set

Elmira — The Charismatic Prayer Groups of Elmira are sponsoring a monthly Mass at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 13, in St. Patrick's Church, Elmira.

Father Joseph McCaffrey, St. Patrick's associate pastor, will be the celebrant.



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—(Pope John Paul II)



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