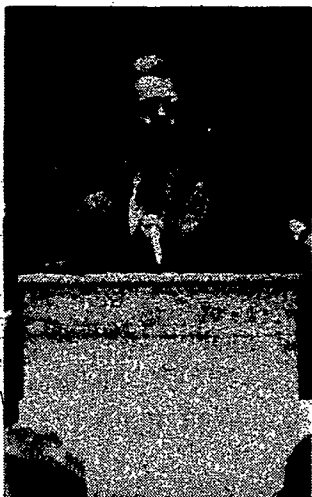


The Altar

"And I heard another voice out of the altar say, even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments." (Revelations 16:7) This finely crafted hardwood altar graces the sanctuary of the Sacred Heart Church in Bluefield, W.Va.

Rivera

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caused some distress among Roman Catholics nationally. The book tells what Rivera claims are his true-life experiences as a Jesuit priest in Spain: beginning with his studies for the priesthood, then training in espionage and sabotage work, working undercover among unsuspecting Protestant congregations in Spain and Latin America, his ordination as a priest and soon after a bishop. Along the way, he claims he had an eye-opening experience, was incarcerated by the Church and subjected to torture, and escaped his captors to dedicate his life to winning souls from the Roman Catholic Church.



Rivera preaches anti-Catholicism to assemblage at Penfield's Southeast Bible Baptist Church.

However, the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights disclosed evidence last year that Rivera was never ordained where he claimed, nor was he ever a member of the Society of Jesus.

Prior to his visit here, Rivera was reported to have said he planned to bring with him documents to show he was indeed a Jesuit priest in the 1960s. But that evidence was not brought forth, nor mentioned at the assembly last Tuesday.

The evening service began under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Raymond Drake, who led the group in several hymns. The pastor then introduced several visiting Baptist pastors, some traveling from as far as New York City.

The pastor then called on

his assembly, "Everybody that used to be Roman Catholic but now is saved, stand up." Approximately one-third of the group stood.

In an effort to comfort those non-Baptists in attendance, Rev. Drake then invited the few to stand so that his deacons could hand them a gift — various passages of Scripture in a frame, suitable for hanging.

The pastor made a reference to the sign outside, stating how he wanted to make Catholics feel welcome in his church and added, "We DO love Roman Catholics

enough to show them the truth." With that, he introduced Rivera.

Rivera began his talk chronologically, from the time he was a child, through the time of his mother's death and his experiences with the Catholic Church.

"As the days go by, my love has increased toward Roman Catholics," but Rivera added that he hates the Roman Catholic institution because it is not Christian, using its doctrines and teachings targets for his feelings.

When Rivera denounced the Roman Catholic way years ago, a priest "threatened to destroy me 'if it weren't for the holy clothes you have on.'"

On hearing this part of Rivera's story, one visiting pastor murmured sarcastically, "Real Christian love." "Real Roman Catholic love," added another.

Rivera also said that Alberto and Double Cross were "very brief testimonies of my life to Jesus Christ," and that a third volume will be available soon.

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Buses Slated To Washington

Diocesan pro-lifers will participate in the annual March for Life in Washington, DC, Jan. 22, the anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision.

Persons wishing to attend the all-day program are advised that two buses have been slated to leave the diocese for the event.

Father Robert Doell of St.

Joseph's in Penfield will lead a bus of demonstrators. The bus will leave St. Joseph's on Jan. 21. Persons interested in attending are asked to call Suzanne Hulme 265-3069, or Nancy Coon, 436-0212 as soon as possible.

For the third year in a row, Geneva Area Right to Life will also sponsor a bus. Persons interested should call (315) 539-8006. The fee for both buses is \$25.

Schedules Program for Singles

"Adventure in Singleness," a weekend retreat for never married persons between 20 and 40, will be conducted by Father Paul Hansen, CSSR, at the Cenacle Renewal Center Feb. 19-21.

The program includes listening, group discussion, prayer, and celebrations of Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Further information is available at the Cenacle Ministry Office, 693 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607; (716) 271-8755.

Courier Wins Two Awards

The Courier-Journal was honored in two categories by Unity '81, Grassroots Pro-Life Education Conference, as part of its 1981 Distinguished Journalism Awards competition.

According to James F. Kappus, Unity '81 press coordinator, "All fields of journalism were represented" in the nationwide competition and "the Judging Committee found the submissions of the Courier-Journal to be 'excellent.'"

Honored were editorials critical of Planned Parenthood and an article on Natural Family Planning, "Dinner Dates and Flowers," by Carmen J. Viglucci.

Diocesans Give Almost \$30,000 To Polish Fund

Late last week, Father Joseph Reinhart, head of the Diocesan Missions Office, reported sending a check to Catholic Relief Services for \$28,407.55. CRS will forward the money to the Polish bishop's conference for distribution in Poland. "Our people have been generous to the point of sacrifice," Father Reinhart said. Contributions to Tribute to Poland are sent to 123 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.

Rosary on the Air

The Family Rosary Network may be heard at 6:30 nightly over the following stations:
WWWG, Rochester (1500AM); WXXY,

Watkins Glen (104FM); WSFW, Seneca Falls (99FM and 1110AM); WOIV, Syracuse (105FM); WYRD, Syracuse (1540 AM), and WXRL, Buffalo (1300AM).

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