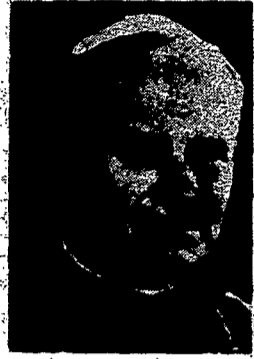


Moslems and Christians Share a Heritage

Following is excerpted from the text of an address prepared by Pope John Paul II for a meeting with Moslem leaders.

All of us, Christians and Moslems, live under the sun of the one merciful God. We both believe in one God who is the creator of man. We acclaim God's sovereignty and we defend man's submission to him. Thus in a true sense we can call one another brothers and sisters in faith in the one God. And we are grateful for this faith, since without God the life of man would be like the heavens without the sun.



Because of this faith that we have in God, Christianity and Islam have many things in common: the privilege of prayer, the duty of justice accompanied by compassion and almsgiving, and above all a sacred respect for the dignity of man, which is at the foundation of the basic rights of every human being, including the right to life of the unborn child.

We Christians have received from Jesus, our Lord and master, the fundamental law of love of God and love of neighbor. I know that this law of love has a profound echo in your hearts, too, for in your sacred book, together with the invitation to faith, you are exhorted to excel in good works.

In the world today there are many dangers which threaten the family, that precious nucleus of society wherein each human life begins and develops. I would assure you that Christians have a special concern for

the family, for its unity, enrichment and protection. I speak of this concern with you because I am confident that you too are aware of the importance of the values of the family and wish to cooperate with Christians in efforts aimed at strengthening and supporting family life.

Permit me to mention some additional areas where Christians and Moslems can cooperate more. We can engage in dialogue in order to understand each other better at both the level of scholars and in person-to-person relationships, in the family and in places of work and play.

We can promote more honesty and discipline in private and public life, greater courage and wisdom in politics, the elimination of political antagonisms, and the removal of discrimination because of a person's race, color, ethnic origin, religion or sex.

Both of us can spearhead the principle and practice of religious freedom, ensuring its application especially in the religious education of children. When the right of each child to worship God is complemented by his or her right to religious education, then all society is enriched and its members are well equipped for life. Religious education takes on increased importance today since certain elements in society seek to forget and even destroy the spiritual aspect of man.

Why do I speak of these issues with you? Because you are Moslems and, as we Christians, you believe in the one God who is the source of all the rights and values of mankind. Furthermore I am convinced that if we join hands in the name of God we can accomplish much good. We can work together for harmony and national unity, in sincerity and greater mutual confidence. We can collaborate in the promotion of

justice, peace and development. It is my earnest hope that our solidarity of brotherhood, under God, will truly enhance the future of Nigeria and all Africa, and add to the good ordering of the world as a universal civilization of love.

May the almighty and merciful God turn his face toward you and bless you. May he guide you. May he fill you with his peace and give joy to your hearts.

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All in the Family

A New Hat Can Also Be A Special Sign

It is 7:30 a.m. and I am already at the typewriter hoping that proximity, if not the muse, will produce an Easter column.

Several ideas have arisen but none capable of totaling more than a few lines.

Perhaps it is my age, but most of the thoughts are concerned with Easter's of long ago, the holidays inextricably linked to the Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward catalogues.

Living as we did some 40 miles from the nearest department store, it did not take long for the spring editions of these wish books to become dog-eared and worn. I knew by heart the pages or sections which thrilled my feminine soul and filled my being with longing.

Patent leather shoes were my first love — Mary Janes with little straps, low-heeled pumps with grosgrain bows. What excitement the year I opened the book and discovered that the black and white had given way to pastel pink, powder blue and mint!

Hats were my next favorite section. Little straw confections banded in ribbon and adorned with tiny nosegays came in a variety of styles. Donning one conferred instant status, the kind that only an eight-year-old could appreciate.

Every second or third year there would be a new spring coat, depending on how much we had grown or what was available in the way of a hand-me-down. Even now the very thought of a white starched collar against the dark blue wool of a spring coat has a magic beyond compare.

Such finery called for white gloves and a pocketbook in patent or straw and I remember feeling sorry for the boys I knew whose Easter elegance was confined to such unimaginative items as shirts and ties and very plain shoes.

Later, when I grew up, the preoccupation with Easter finery seemed silly, and I remember going through a long period of scoffing at those who appeared in pastel, lightweight outfits, especially when Easter morning dawned bitter cold as it all too often did.

But I have come full cycle at last and once again the magic of bright new spring clothes casts its spell. I see such finery now not so much as a matter of vanity but rather a symbol that the dark and dreary months are over.

Greeting the most joyous holiday in the Christian calendar in new new clothes — depending on the weather, of course — is affirmation of new life. A new hat is no longer just a new hat. It says, in its own special way: I believe, I hope, I trust.

Nazareth Women Merit Recognition

The Nazareth College Alumni Association has named Harriet Hoock from the class of '34 and Edith Goff Reidy, class of '47, as Outstanding Alumni for 1982. The awards will be presented at the Saturday, May 1, Homecoming luncheon, according to Katherine Kells, chairman of the Outstanding Alumni Awards committee. The award winners were cited for their exceptional achievements, both personal and professional.

Harriet Hoock, elected to Kappa Gamma Pi while at Nazareth, graduated with a dual degree in English and Latin. She then began a career spanning 44 years with the Rochester public schools. Her service included duties as secretary to the director of guidance, the principal of West High School, and the superintendent of school buildings. For 32 years she served as secretary to the Board of Education and upon her retirement in 1978, she was cited for her dedicated service in that position.

Her involvement in activities of the Church is long standing. She is a founding member of the St. Joseph's House of Hospitality and served on its board. She has also maintained continuous involvement at the Cenacle Retreat House and in the Catholic Women's Club.

Edith Reidy, also elected to Kappa Gamma Pi, graduated from Nazareth with a degree in nursing. Since then she has added two masters degrees to her credentials, an MS in Education from Elmira College in 1970, and an MSN in family practice from the State University at Binghamton. She also holds board certification as a family nurse practitioner.

Mrs. Reidy has been

associated with St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira throughout most of her nursing career. She has served there as assistant director of nursing and is now an instructor in the School of Nursing. She is also presently involved in a private practice which serves the elderly of the Elmira area.

In addition to her nursing she has managed to teach junior high English, physical education and high school CCD. With her friend, Betty Maloney, she established the Southern Tier Chapter of Nazareth College Alumni in 1951.

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