

Cardinal Cody Dies at 74

Chicago — Cardinal John P. Cody, archbishop of the Chicago Roman Catholic Diocese, died Sunday, April

25, 1982, of heart failure.

Officers' Dinner Set May 12

The Rosary Society of Holy Family Parish will hold an installation dinner at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 12, at D'Andrea's Restaurant and Party House, 1713 Lyell Ave. Mrs. Fred White is chairperson.

The cardinal, 74, was stricken at his home in the city's North Side and was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital where he died shortly after midnight.

His diocese, including 2.5 million Roman Catholics, is the largest in the United States.

Cardinal Cody was involved in controversy throughout his hierarchical career. Most recently, he was the center of a federal grand jury investigation into charges by the Chicago Sun-Times that he had diverted up to \$1 million in Church funds to a step-cousin, Helen Dolan Wilson.

Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Joseph Smarsh at 436-0327, and Mrs. Robert Spahn at 235-3136. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 4.

Mrs. Wilson's lawyer, Leonard Ring, said he was sorry that the cardinal died before he could establish his innocence.

Officers to be installed are Mrs. Donald Pickering, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Noto, financial secretary; Sister John Bosco, recording secretary. Retiring officer is Mrs. Columbia Winkler, financial secretary.

A temporary administrator was to be picked Monday to serve until Pope John Paul II named a successor.



Photos by Terrance J. Brennan



Happy Day

Last Sunday was an extremely happy day for Father John Norris and the parishioners of the Church of the Assumption, Fairport. Ground was broken by Bishop Matthew H. Clark, above, for the construction of a new church on a site behind the existing church structure. Right, the pastor beams beneath his hard hat, a gift from the parish council.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Jesus Is The Good Shepherd

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Jn. 10/11-18. (R1) Acts-8-12. (R2) 1 Jn. 3/1-2.

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is so consoling and comforting that it was sculptured on the walls of catacombs in times of persecution. However, this best-known and best-loved image means more than the usual stained-glass picture of a shepherd with a sheep in his arms. Rather, it typifies the profound life-and-death struggle of Jesus and His intimate relationship with His disciples.

Unlike other shepherds, Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not just because He is kindly and gentle, but because "He lays down His life" for His sheep and not in His own defense. And He does this freely — "I lay down My life freely!" But His death saves, for He has power to pick up His life again.

Thus Peter affirms that the crippled man is saved by the name of Jesus (R1). St. John writes that those saved are called the children of God in this life and are destined to be like God in the unrevealed life (R2). And Jesus Himself declares His relationship to His followers to be as intimate as that of a Palestinian shepherd with his sheep.

Most people readily accept the figure of Jesus as Good Shepherd. But I wonder how many have ever really experienced Him as such. This deep experience of God's love is often reserved to a chosen few. Some of these are those who

have gone through dark nights of the soul, like John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila and other mystics. Others could well be those few, like the good thief and Mary Magdalene, who have been totally disillusioned and rejected by the hirelings and wolves — the world. This latter group no doubt is more familiar to us.

Perhaps we might consign to this group one of the bewildering sub-cultures of youth in the last decade, namely the Jesus People. The simplicity of their message and their appearance, youth, background of drugs and permissiveness provoked the cynicism of a sophisticated world. Their placards bore the simple motto "Jesus Saves." What was disconcerting about them was not their message nor their dress, but their irreverence.

Yet it should not surprise us that people like the Jesus People should turn to Jesus. Exploited by pushers, abandoned by society, unnerved by their own inadequacies, it is not surprising that they should "take refuge in the Lord." Because they have known the hired man so well, they can so easily recognize the Shepherd.

Of course, this does not mean we must stray from the fold to find the true Shepherd, or follow the path of the Prodigal Son to find the Father. It does mean that our greatest energies should be spent, not in avoiding rejection of the world, but in earning it by refusing to compromise Christian principles. The world rejects and the lost sheep have only one road to travel: it leads to God. For actually, the world's rejection is simply the Shepherd seeking the sheep.

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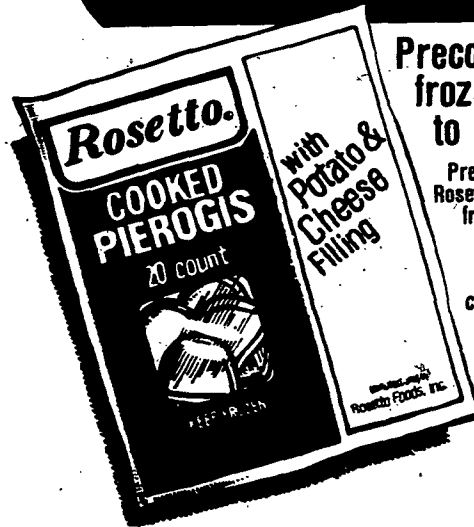
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