



"HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED WHAT HAPPENS TO THE AIR POLLUTION WHEN IT GETS OVER THE MONASTERY?"

**Loretta Lynn to Head Cast**

Loretta Lynn, often called the first lady of country music, will be one of the stars on the Arthritis Foundation's national telethon May 31. It will be carried live on the Satellite Program Network. The seven-hour show will be televised from noon to 7 p.m. from the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville and also will feature Brenda Lee and Bobby Goldsboro.

American Cablevision of Rochester and Webster will carry the show.

**Sister Mary Ellen Campbell, SSJ**



Viewpoint: Sisters Reflect

**Dancing In the Eyes Of the Lord**

"What? Dance at Mass! Why, that's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard of!" Yes, I can remember myself responding that way the first time I was approached to dance at a liturgy. I was a high school senior, and there was nothing in my upbringing of Catholic education that had prepared me for this. It never surprises or bothers me when I hear others having the same reaction. I, too, was carefully trained to sit quietly or stand or kneel at the proper time during Mass. I believed that this was reverence.

When I first began dancing at liturgies I still wasn't sure that it was proper. The gestures were so simple, reverent, and prayerful, so carefully choreographed to be part of the worship so as not to be a distraction, but I was really nervous about upsetting people. Truthfully, I can say that the experience of danced prayer has been very positive and integrating. Time and time again people have voiced what I gradually began to feel in my own heart: "I never expected it to be so prayerful." "I was sure I was going to hate this, but it's the most meaningful prayer I've ever experienced!" "Sister, it really surprised me. I want to see it again and again." "I was deeply moved." "It really helped to focus the liturgy for me."

I am a dancer. I am also a prayer. Dance and prayer are both essential aspects of my life and I have come to see many correlations between the two. Dance has helped me to pray, and praying has taught me to dance.

Dance is a form of communication. It is an art which uses the body as its main instrument. I share myself, my ideas, my spirit, my soul when I dance. I experience the world around me and I dance that experience. There is a daily discipline necessary for dancing. Every day I spend hours warming up, stretching and practicing. Some days I have boundless energy and focus to do the necessary routine. Other times, though, it takes a real discipline to do the work.

Prayer is communication. It is speaking and listening. Thomas Merton's definition of prayer is "consciousness of one's union with God or an awareness of one's inner self." Daily prayer, a necessity for every Christian, is something we must discipline ourselves to. Sometimes I approach prayer gratefully. I feel the Lord's presence. Communication is easy.

At other times, though, I am distracted. Perhaps I'm tired or I don't feel God's presence. At these times a certain discipline is necessary.

This gift of faith brings freedom, a freedom which allows me to struggle through darkness and doubt. It is a freedom that allows me to open myself to the possibility of relationship with God. It is God who offers this gift, but it is never forced on us. We must be open and ready to receive it, and anything that we can use to help us be open — be it a symbol, remembrance, gesture, posture, or music — is important to use.

Sister Mary Ellen Campbell, SSJ, is a music and creative dance teacher.

**Fr. Paul J. Cuddy**



On the Right Side

**Resurrecting Chesterton**

Recently I asked a nice church secretary, "Do you know anything about G.K. Chesterton?" With some diffidence she replied, "Well, I've heard of him, and all that I've heard is good; but I've never read any of his books." This capable secretary is typical of most Catholics who are younger than 40. Yet Chesterton probably was the greatest apologist and teacher of the Faith for the English speaking world, both in England and the States, even before his conversion to the Faith in 1922, and even after his death in 1936 — up to the 50s. Unfortunately he is little known by the latest generation.

Chesterton was born in England in 1874. To picture him, he was an immense man about 6-2 and weighed more than 300 pounds. Father Bernard Basset, SJ, mentions that he was so huge he could hardly get into the confessional. He was an author, journalist, literary critic, artist, poet, devoted husband, lecturer, humorist, a master of paradox. He had so cheerful a temperament and great heart that he was a good friend of such enemies of the Church as H.G. Wells and G.B. Shaw.

If only the Church had such a man since the turmoil after Vatican II: learned, literate, funny, militantly devoted. From what harm the Church would have been spared.

But we had none of his spiritual or humane stature. If you want to know about this great man, go to the library and get the "Biography of Gilbert Keith Chesterton" by Masie Ward. She was the famous wife of the famous

author and publisher, Frank Sheed. Her biography is considered the definitive work on Chesterton.

Rochester's St. John Fisher College has one of the greatest Chesterton authorities in the world in the person of Basilian Father Leo Hetzler. But perhaps the most enthusiastic Chestertonian is Robert Knille of Rochester, president of the Chesterton Society which will meet at Nazareth College May 27. It is a small group of Chesterton enthusiasts, but all are welcome to the meetings which are held twice a year.

Knille sent me some Chesterton quotes which indicate the heart of this great man:

"If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing badly."

"We do not want, as the newspapers say, a Church that will move with the world. We want a Church that will move the world."

"I believe in preaching to the converted, for I have generally found that the converted do not understand their own religion."

"There is less difference than many suppose between the ideal Socialistic system, in which big businesses are run by the State, and the present Capitalistic system, in which the State is run by the big businesses."

"The whole aim of marriage is to fight through and survive the instant when incompatibility becomes unquestionable. For a man and a woman, as such, are incompatible."

"The honest poor can sometimes forget poverty. The honest rich can never forget it."



**PLAY** — Off-Monroe Players will present free performances of "Pirates of Penzance" at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, May 21-22, and at 2 p.m., Sunday May 23, at the New Life Community Church, 243 Rosedale St.

**GALLERY EVENTS** — A Spotlight Tour by Trudi Beyer, 2 p.m., Sunday, May 23, Art Gallery, free to members; free to non-members with gallery admission; violin recital featuring Ruthanne Wiley, 3 p.m., Sunday, May 23, in the Gallery auditorium. Free: The Monroe Community College Chamber singers, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 25 in the Gallery's Fountain Court.

**FORUM** — On Justice, sponsored by Judicial Process Commission, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 22, at the First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South. \$6 fee includes lunch and all programs.

**CHILDREN'S FILMS** — 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 20, Henrietta Public Library; "Boogie Doodle," 1 p.m., Saturday, May 22, Greece Public Library; "Heart of the Golden West," 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 22, Lowden Point Branch Library.

**NFP SESSIONS** — Sponsored by the Natural Family Education, 7:30-9 p.m., Friday, May 21, Wood Library, 134 No. Main St., Canandaigua.

**SENIOR MATINEE** — "A Song to Remember," starring Cornel Wilde and Merle Oberon, 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 20, George Eastman House.

**SPRING** — Show and Sale, sponsored by the Webster Art Club during library hours, Saturday, May 22, through Thursday, May 27, at the Webster Public Library, 1000 Ridge Road. Public is invited.

**COMMUNITY NEEDS** — To be discussed at the Fairport-Perinton Council meeting, 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 24, in the Fairport Public Library's meeting room located in the Village Landing Mall. Those needing transportation call 223-2563.

**Charismatics**

Father William Heffron, pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, will celebrate a

charismatic Mass 7-15 p.m., Thursday, May 20, at his church. The event occurs every third Thursday.

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