

Father Reinhart

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smile and said, "Don't we have wonderful people?" After about two hours, a woman who had been waiting in line the entire two hours, rushed right past me and exclaimed to Joe, "Father Reinhart!"

"Some of our people are more wonderful than others," Joe said to me."

Bishop Clark also described his former missions director as "a great teacher of Church... bringing the reality of Church to the minds and hearts of many, many in our diocese and far beyond."

Father Reinhart had had dinner at the home of missions colleague Luis Carlos de Oliveira last Thursday night.

He returned to his residence at St. Andrew's rectory. About 10:30 p.m., Father John Hempel, St. Andrew's pastor and a seminary classmate of Father Reinhart, heard a thud and went to Father Reinhart's room to investigate. He found him on the floor. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital and received the last rites from his longtime friend, Father John V. Rosse, hospital chaplain. A second attack then claimed his life.

Father Reinhart was chosen by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen to head the diocesan Propagation of the Faith in 1969. Since then he had been a highly successful administrator and fund raiser.

He coordinated two drives

yearly — in May for our Latin American missions and in October for those around the world.

In addition, the affable priest coordinated such ad hoc campaigns as the Polish Tribute to aid the people of Poland suffering under martial law. He filled a similar role for the Cuban Haitian Emergency Refugee Committee.

He also was coordinator of the weekly Mass for shut-ins aired Sundays over WHEC-TV, Channel 10.

In his most recent campaign, in May for our diocesan missions in Latin America, Father Reinhart said, "May the world of our time receive the Good News not from Christians who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious but from men and women of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervor..."

Father Reinhart practiced what he preached: he was as joyful a missionary as he was a capable administrator.

A native of Rochester, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reinhart Sr., he attended St. Margaret Mary's parish school and Aquinas Institute. After studies at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, he was ordained in 1954 by Bishop James E. Kearney, with whom he maintained a close friendship until the bishop's death in 1977.

His first assignment was at Holy Family in Rochester and he also served assistant pastorships at St. Gabriel's, Hammondport, and St. Patrick's, Prattsburg; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester; St. Margaret Mary's, Rochester; St. Monica's, Rochester, and as chaplain at Notre Dame High School, Elmira, and the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.

He served on the U.S. Catholic Missions Council and as executive secretary and treasurer of the St. Bernard's Seminary Alumni Association.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Henry (Jean) Yeoman; his aunt, Mrs. Hazel Miller; a niece, Mrs. Robert (Marjorie) Mellor; two grandnephews and several cousins.

Labor Day

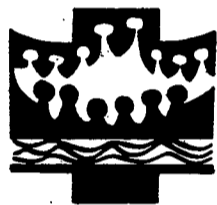
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which tolerates massive unemployment is clearly unacceptable. It violates the most basic principle of the dignity and the priority of human labor," Krietemeyer said.

He added, "If, as the pope argues, the priority of labor is to be preserved, then systematic planning must be initiated to insure that the changes which confront us will produce job security rather than unemployment, steady growth rather than stagflation, and social solidarity rather than national upheaval.

"The unencumbered workings of the market will not suffice. We need instead a new commitment to use the government as a tool for promoting the common good. We must forge a new and positive role for the public planning as a vehicle for a just and equitable economy."

Insights In Liturgy

By Pam Schaeffer



Baptism: Sponsorship Of Assembly

The preceding weeks have brought statements by the various writers of our column that point to a very important facet of our celebration of the sacrament of Baptism: the community. In fact, so important that they reveal, from several points of view (priest, parents, candidate), a good basis for understanding the primacy of the celebrating community (the assembly, the People of God) at Baptism.

And these observations are well supported by Church documents!

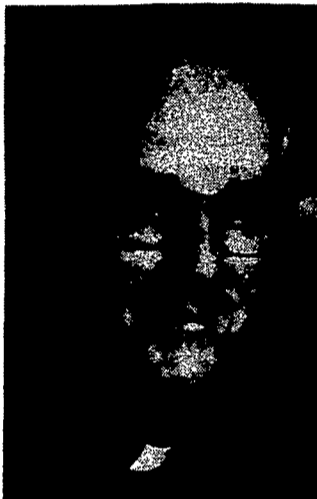
In the General Introduction to the rites of Christian initiation, the first paragraph under "Offices and Ministries of Baptism" says this: "Christian initiation and the preparation for baptism are a vital concern of God's people, the Church, which hands on and nourishes the faith it has received from the Apostles. Through the ministry of the Church, adults are called by the Holy Spirit to the gospel, and infants are baptized and brought up in the faith. In the actual celebration, the people of God (represented not only by the parents, godparents, and relatives, but also, as far as possible, by friends, neighbors and some members of the local church) should take an active part. Thus they show their common faith and express their joy as the newly baptized are received into the community of the Church." (No. 7).

The first liturgical ministry mentioned is that of the people, the assembly.

And in the introduction the Rite of Baptism for Children, the first paragraph, under "Ministries and Roles in the in the celebration of Baptism" reads: "The people of God, that is the Church, made present in the local community, has an important part to play in the baptism of both the children and adults. Before and after the celebration of the sacrament, the child has a right to the love and help of the community. During the rite... the community exercises its duty when it expresses its assent together with the celebrant after the profession of faith by the parents and godparents. In this way it is clear that the faith in which the children are baptized is not the private possession of the individual family but is the common treasure of the whole Church of Christ." (No. 4)

So, before there is discussion of parents, godparents, or the presider, there is the ministry of the local church, the assembly. The assembly is the central ministry whenever the church gathers to pray; it is the source from which all the ministerial and presidential roles are called.

The active presence of the assembly at baptism proclaims their sponsorship and reminds us that baptism is a community sacrament, the sign by which individuals enter into the community. The assembly's sponsorship of those to be initiated is a sign of their acceptance of the new members and their pledge to assist them in their faith formation. Baptism gives birth to the community; it gives the community new life.



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Bishop Names Coordinators

New Regional Coordinators were named last week by Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

Father James Boyle, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Elmira, has been named coordinator of the Chemung-Schuylter Region.

Father Robert Miller, rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, has been named coordinator of the Northwest region.

Father Eugene Sweeney, pastor of St. Pius V Church in Cohocton, has been named coordinator of the Steuben Region.

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