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Father Frederick Helfrich, Deacon James Whitford, and Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, pause for a photograph with this year's Confirmation class at St. Mary's Parish in Dansville. The Oct. 8 rites also included the dedication of a youth center, named in honor of St. John Bosco, patron of youths.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Traveling The Orient

A couple of years ago Margaret Toomey, the glamourous banker at Marine Midland, Auburn, said, "Why don't you go somewhere else besides Ireland?" "Where would you suggest?" "Why not Japan?" Later, Mary Guidone of Port Byron said, "Why don't you take a tour to China? My father was there with the Italian navy for four years during the Boxer Rebellion, and I've always wanted to go there." As a result, on Oct. 16 a group of 12 left for the Orient: seven days in Japan, six days in China, and three days in Hong Kong. It was a fascinating tour, but required stamina.

Of the 12, all but three had been on previous tours with me. Five went to Kenya last October: Ann Ross Davy of St. Patrick's, Savannah; Tom and Ann Buancucci of Assumption, Fairport; Mary Guidone of St. John's, Port Byron; Margaret Toomey of Sacred Heart, Auburn. Three had been with me in Ireland: Claire Connors of St. Ambrose; Elva Geraldine Kenaelley of St. Monica's; and Dorothy Morgan of St. Charles, Liverpool. Ralph and Violet Tessmer of St. Louis, Pittsford, who are so travelled that Columbus seems like a stay-at-home, were new to us; and so was Katherine Wolff of St. Mary's, Waterloo, who is a specialist on the Orient.

We took a Japanese Air Line plane to Tokyo, a distance of over 7,000 miles from Rochester. Japan has a million people squeezed into a country the size of California. Good thing they are small people. On the plane we watched a Japanese movie about a father who refused to let his daughter marry a nice young man she loved. While I couldn't understand the language, I was struck that there was no physical contact among the players, including the lovers. While U.S. movies would have actors hugging and mugging and kissing and bedding, with a bit of violence added, the Japanese bowed constantly to one another as we shake hands. During our stay in Japan I found this non-touching phenomenon everywhere. Even parents did not hug their very huggable children.

We began our tour by staying at an opulant hotel, Century-Hyatt, only three years old. Three huge Italian crystal chandeliers sparkled from a ceiling some 40 feet high in the lobby. Porters' patrons, businessmen bustled about efficiently, bowing to one another in respect. I wish our youth

could cultivate such respect.

Henry, our petite guide, explained that Japan has very little natural resources, and most essential goods have to be imported, including oil, coal, steel, much meat and fruits. Eggs and chicken are plentiful. We asked, "What do you have of your own in order to exist?" Services. Though we are limited in natural resources, our people are rich in services. They must exist through their intelligence. They study and work hard." A curious example: In our hotel rooms, each had a frigidaire with bottles of beer and soft drinks. If you pull out a bottle, it registers in a central computer system on your bill. Waiters, maids, clerks, everyone was courteous and anxious to please. I think this was not just good business but from Japanese culture with its ingrained respect for others.

Thousands of students from 10 to 18 were on a sixday holiday: visiting parks, shrines, historic sites. Students save money throughout the year. They charter buses, live simply and cheaply on the tour, behave well, smile broadly. All students proudly wear the uniform of their school, which includes either a kind of uniform fisherman's hat or a peaked cap. Their selfdiscipline was marvelous. No horsing around. The children would melt your heart.

The agony of wars, nation fighting nation made me meditate: "These young children are the grand-children of Japanese we tried to kill and who tried to kill us. If only leaders of government will listen to Pope John Paul II on arms limitation and peace. It is governments who lead us to war. The ordinary citizens are pretty much the same the world over, concerned about the family, jobs, friends, religion, recreation, with no innate fiatred for any nation or people. Hatred is a cultivated vice."

Next week Religion and Japan.

'Beatitudes' Series Scheduled

The Newman Community of the University of Rochester will sponsor the last two parts of a three-part series on "The Beatitudes and the Contemporary Catholic" at 8 p.m. on Sundays, Nov. 14 and 21, in the Commons Room of the Interfaith Chapel.

This Sunday, Evelio and Lourdes Perez-Albuerne will speak on "Blessed are the poor ... a contemporary Catholic response to poverty." Ms. Perez-Albuerne is coordinator of the International Justice and Peace Commission of the diocese.

On Sunday, Nov. 21, Dr. Marguerite Dynski, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph and a surgeon practicing in the Rochester area will speak on Blessed are the merciful a Catholic reponse to the sick and dying."

The series is part of the Newman Community's continuing education program.

Elderly Symposium Scheduled

The Monroe County Long Term Care Ombudsman Program will sponsor a symposium titled "Behind the Walls: Breaking the Communication Barrier for Institutionalized Hearing Impaired Elderly" from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the Unitarian Church, 220 South Winton Road.

The symposium is designed for professionals and volunteers in 'nursing and adult homes. For preregistration and charge information call the Ombudsman office at 454-3224, Ext. 24.

Art Group Plans Meeting

The Chili Art Group will meet at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Fine Art Studios of Achille Forgione, 1550 Mt. Hope Ave.

The Chili group meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Chili Community Center in North Chili. Membership is open to all artists, and anyone interested in further information should contact Maria Lovett at 865-9116.

The Nov. 11 meeting is open to guests.



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Fear Can Hinder Dialogue

No. 26: "To pretend that these fears, feelings and attitudes do not exist or to judge that they are irrational will not help us as a Church to become 'fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself." (Ephesians 4:13)

> By Sister Joan Sobala, SSJ

What prevents women and men from talking seriously and openly about a new welcome for and understanding of women in our Church? Some would say lack of interest or time is the reason; others might believe that the topic is too big to handle, while still others might judge the issue unimportant. Among the most basic reasons preventing a fruitful dialogue is fear.

What do people fear in this issue? While answers will vary from person to person, two kinds of fear surface most often: fear of loss and fear of change. Each kind of fear flows into and feeds the other tronically, though not unexpectedly, these fears exist in both men and women.

Fear of Loss

Faith, security and status all come into question when women and men begin to talk benestly about women's place in the Church. Is Jesus, the risen Christ, more "for" men than women? What if I think my way out of the Church? What if my new thinking and attitudes find me at variance with my spouse? Will my friends and associates reject me as won over to an extreme position? Will I need to compromise what it means to me to be a man? what it means to be a woman? If I speak up, I will have to set aside some old comforts? Can I face doing

Fear of Change

The long-standing tradition of the Church and personal stability will enter into any discussion of woman's place in the Church. Will I be at home in the Church if it changes and I don't? Will I be at home in the Church if I change and it doesn't? Will men want to serve fully in the Church, if women do? Will our Church, transformed this way, be more or less faithful to Jesus, the risen Christ? Will my life, as I have lived it, continue to be valuable to me?

These are questions I have collected over the last seven years — questions I have heard from women and men throughout our diocese. They are questions which come from believing hearts, and as such, need to be treated tenderly. There are



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unexamined question.

Men and women need to recognize, name and address the destructive fears that lurk in us, if we are to be open to new life in Christ.

are not opponents in a battle

of words. The only real

enemy is the unasked.

In giving us a pastoral letter on women, Bishop Clark calls us to a

recognition that God's Spirit stirs anew in our day. To plumb the depths of this new stirring, open, frank dialogue is necessary. The pastoral will be a museum piece unless we study and implement it together.

"What I hope this pastoral letter will offer us, as the local Church of Rochester, is an opportunity to reflect, pray and act upon many questions in light of the faith that makes us one. In this way, through God's grace, I pray that we may be able to build up the love and unity of our local Church, promote deeper faith in individuals and in the community, and preach the Gospel with fresh vigor."

Sister Joan Sobala, SSJ, is involved in pastoral ministry at old St. Mary's Church, downtown, and is a campus minister at the Eastman School of Music.)

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