

# Canonization Campaigns Gain Momentum

Two campaigns are gathering support in the diocese, one promoting the canonization cause of Juan Diego, the Mexican peasant

who launched devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe; and the other for the Italian monk and confessor, Padre Pio.

## Forum Slated For Feb. 22

The second in a series of community forums sponsored by the Office of Black Ministries will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at St. Bridget Church.

This forum will address "Health Care and the Black Family" and will feature four panelists from the Rochester health community: Richard Williams, nutritionist; Dr. Joyce Broadus-Lewis, M.D.; Dr. Rodney O'Connor, D.D.S.; and Jean Pryor of Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

These forums, designed specifically to address aspects of black family life, are free and open to the public. Further information may be obtained by calling the Office of Black Ministries at 328-3210.

Word was received recently that Pope John Paul II will officially open the cause of Padre Pio in ceremonies next month.

The cause of canonizing Juan Diego, and having him proclaimed special patron of the laity, received a large boost Jan. 22 when 26,000 signatures of people from the United States were given to Msgr. Enrique Salazar, postulator of the Diego cause in Mexico City.

The signatures were gathered by two organizations, the Franciscans for the Cause of Juan Diego, and the Queen of the Americas Guild.

Further information on the Juan Diego campaign is available by writing P.O. Box 29055, Washington, D.C. 20017. The Padre Pio campaign may be contacted by writing Mrs. Vera Calandra, 11 N. Whitehall Road, Norristown, Pa. 19403.

## Sarah Child



All in the Family

## Who Said Turnabout Is Fair Play?

It is one of nature's immutable laws that a child may pull a joke on a parent but the process reversed always backfires.

I was reminded of this the other day when I spotted a certain blue serving bowl.

We had bought it as joke for our son who could never seem to get enough cereal in him.

We presented it to him with a flourish, certain he would laugh and hand it back. It easily held a half box of Wheaties and a quart of milk.

"Gee, thanks," he said, and proceeded to use it when no one was around to insist on his eating from a normal size dish.

This same child shamed us dreadfully on his fourth birthday. We were on the Maine coast over the Labor Day weekend, which coincided with his celebration.

The beach picnic we planned was rained out so we ended up on a blanket on the motel room floor and had baked beans and drumsticks from Chicken Charlies and a chocolate layer birthday cake from the Golden Rod in York Beach.

Earlier that day, we had been to a linen outlet in Kennebunk and I had picked up a dozen washcloths.

Don't ask me why, but when it came time to give him his presents, which were all wrapped and tied with bright bows, I handed him the paper bag which he had been curious about earlier.

He opened it cautiously and drew out several of the olive-colored terrycloth

squares. But instead of laughing and demanding his real presents, he said, "Oh, gee — washclothes," and gave such a good imitation of a thoroughly grateful little boy that the rest of us were dumbfounded.

Feeling like a monster, I grabbed the bag and gave him his toy truck and other gifts.

"Oh," he said politely, "There's more?" as if to say who could want anything else after such a magnanimous gesture on our part.

The youngest, who is crazy about Chinese restaurants, doesn't like my jokes either. One holiday she asked what we were having for Christmas dinner. I told her Moo Goo Gai Pan. She sulked the rest of the day after catching sight of the roast turkey and cranberry sauce and said we could at least have stuck some fortunes in the pumpkin pie.

It took me years to learn not to kid with the oldest. Upon getting her driver's permit she immediately asked if she could do the Thruway driving for an impending trip to Albany where we would meet her father.

"Sure," I said, "and when we get there we'll keep on going to New York City so you can learn to handle Manhattan traffic."

I can't remember having a lapse of memory but somehow I found myself spending the four longest hours of my life wrapped in two seatbelts and hanging on to the overhead strap. At the end of the trip, where her unbelieving father greeted us, I vowed to have my head examined, or at least change my brand of humor.

## Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

## Acknowledge Worthy Programming

To Bishop Dennis W. Hickey:

We note with thanks that at confirmations you always speak of vocations to the priesthood. I have often thought: "The bishop is like a farmer with good seed, but the ground is poor." These youngsters know about sports, which is healthy. But they also have a lop-sided knowledge of sex as it pours out from TV, classrooms, magazines, porno shops. Lust is a mighty passion to be combatted by a passion for chastity. Up to a generation ago, chastity was considered a desirable and expected virtue. The youngsters today are swayed against this by the madness of rock and roll, in beat and sound and text. They are bombarded by Planned Parenthood which evangelizes for the acceptance of fornication. Father Tom Valenti roams the diocese to seek candidates for the priesthood, and to succour those who hesitate on the road. But we quite need the soil into which the seeds of idealism and holiness can take root and flourish.

This meditation occurred to me recently after watching the TV presentation of "The Scarlet and the Black" over CBS stations Feb. 2. Here was a section of gripping history, the clandestine work of an Irish monsignor, Hugh O'Flaherty, during the Nazi occupation of Rome in 1943-44. The priest worked in the Vatican, but, with the invasion of Rome by the Nazi troops, he made a vocation of rescuing and hiding allies and Roman Jews from the Nazis. Dramatists would delight in Gregory Peck and Christopher Plummer. Those who would blacken the memory of Pius XII and the Church as ineffective regarding the Jews could learn from Sir John Gielgud's portrayal of the pope. It does seem to me that such programs spiritually enrich the poor soil of the contemporary scene. From such soil and seed may come vocations to the priesthood from men who are virtuous, virile, idealistic and ready to serve Our Lord in this special way.

The pity of it is that while many did see "The Scarlet and the Black," many did not. And that is a loss. The Church would benefit were we able to advertise ahead of time about programs which inspire and uplift. The trouble is that no one, even at the Pastoral Office or at the Courier-Journal, both important sources of communication, can recommend a program ahead of time without first having a reliable report, since what seems commendable often is not.

In times past we have had inspiring pictures: "Keys of the Kingdom," "Song of Bernadette," Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer's

beautiful "Sound of Music," which is one of the few American films shown in Communist China. Heart-tuggers like "Going My Way," "The Bells of St. Mary's" and "Boys' Town" are still attractive.

From this meditation may I share with you these conclusions? 1. When there is a good program, we should know it, appreciate it and advertise it. 2. We should write to the producers asking for a rerun. 3. We should send a note of thanks to the station and the broadcasting companies. They want to hear. And I did write a thanks to CBS the next day after "The Scarlet and the Black" presentation.

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