



Lecture Scheduled

Father Vincent J. Donovan, pastor of St. John Church, Oswego, will present an illustrated lecture on "Evangelization and the Shroud of Turin" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, at the Blessed Sacrament School Hall. The program is being sponsored by the Blessed Sacrament Evangelization Committee. On display will be a full-scale photographic reproduction of the Holy Shroud, plus the positive image, front and back, of the Man of the Shroud. The public is invited.



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Sundry Answers

At a recent Day of Renewal at Ithaca, a question period surfaced problems hidden in people's consciousness. Here are a few.

How do you know you are doing the will of God?

I suppose if you are honestly doing what you believe you ought to be doing, you can rest easy that you are doing God's will. When our Lord said: "Be ye perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect." He did not expect us to have the infinite perfection of God, but the perfection peculiar to our own priesthood and talents and state and grace.

Why don't they leave things alone in the church?

Cheer up! Cardinal Newman declared that change is a proof of living. Since Vatican II some tragic things have happened. For example, the burial of much of our glorious church music from the centuries; the frequent contestations the pope and the church, especially by priests and Sisters; the setting aside of grace-filled devotions, including the rosary, and pious prayers and processions which are dear to the people; the ransacking of some churches of ecclesiastical furnishings and statues and pictures.

But there have been wonderful changes. For example, the Mass in the vernacular which most people find profitable; the participation of the people in the sacrifice of the Mass; congregational singing, which is quite good in many parishes; the participation of the laity in many ministries of the church. And of great value is the increasing consciousness of the laity that evangelization — i.e., bringing Christ and His church to others — is part of their religious responsibility. And there are striking means to accomplish this: Cursillo, Teen Seminar, retreats, Marriage Encounter, orthodox charismatic groups. And most women are happy about no hats for church; and the Saturday vigil Mass

seems to be widely accepted. I don't think many want things just "as they used to be."

Are you going to Ireland again?

Yes, May 3-14, with emphasis on the west, as well as the south, and Dublin. And if the weather permits, the Aran Islands, which I have never visited. This is the twelfth time I have conducted a tour to Ireland. Last Sunday, in front of the Ithaca church, Sister Campion Bush, SSJ, the principal, introduced me to a charming Sister Mary Ann O'Connor who is studying at Cornell University. "Where are you from, Sister?" I asked. "Sligo in Ireland," she replied. "The only Sister I know in Ireland is an Ursuline Sister Mary Vianney. We have been pen pals for a dozen years." "Why, she belongs to our community," Sister Mary Ann said. "She is a nurse who is doing fine social work in the Sligo area." I replied, "Well, I expect to meet her at the Shrine of Knock in May, and will bring your greetings." Small world.

How should we go to Confession today? Why don't people go like they used to?

People who have been going to Confession for years should continue to go as they were trained, including the use of the form: last confession time, the specific sins and number of times. I don't know what to say about the young, excepting that few of them know how to make an adequate confession, and perhaps they are uneasy about how to go and what to say. Naturally they hesitate to go. Perhaps Teen Seminar and some of Father David Mura's youth work may help in that regard.

There is a fine album of cassette conferences by Father Bernard Basset, SJ, which clearly presents things our people are concerned about: original sin, the sources of evil, Confession, and the finest talk I have ever heard on charity. I will be glad to loan it to interested person, or to sell it for \$26.50, postage paid. It is called "Each Man Is an Island." It would be splendid for adult education groups.

Medicare Coverage Expanded

Senior citizens in Monroe County carrying Medicare cards may now have expanded coverages.

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County residents with Medicare cards and long-term health needs may qualify. For further information, the telephone number is 325-6640.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Camp

The United Cancer Council is seeking applicants to volunteer for Camp Open Arms 1983 summer session. The camp is for children with cancer and other blood diseases, and their siblings.

The children range from 3 to 16 and the session is scheduled from July 5 to 15 at Cobble School in Penfield.

Volunteers are needed to serve as regular counselors or for special activities and events. Those interested may volunteer for the full two-week session or for part of the time.

Persons interested should call United Cancer Council at 473-8230 or write to United Cancer Council at 1441 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14610.

Volunteers Needed

Literacy Volunteers of Rochester has scheduled a seven-session instructional workshop to train basic reading tutors, to start at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 17, at the organization's office, 75 College Ave.

A workshop to train tutors of English as a second language also will open, at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 14.

Advanced registration is required through Literacy Volunteers of America, 75 College Ave., 473-7197.



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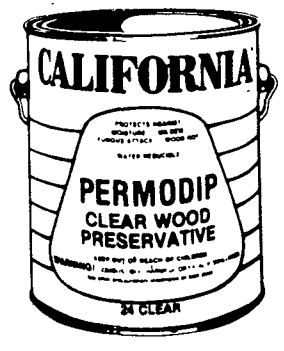


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