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On the Right Side

Books For Youth

A few months ago I asked a friend whose spiritual perceptiveness and literary acumen I greatly regard: "Would you please list ten books which you would especially recommend?" He wrote: "Father Al Bartlett, SJ, told me that young men read only living authors. My list may be a reaction against that. It certainly does not pretend to inform on what is going on in the Church today. I suppose it's entertainment that I found helpful, too." Here is his list with his brief comments.

1. "The Habit of Being — Letters of Flannery O'Connor" — Her stories concern the action of grace received and grace rejected. They may be grotesque if read on the human plane. She is clearly a Catholic author: "I write the way I do because (not though) I am a Catholic. The only thing that makes the Church endurable is that it is somehow the body of Christ and on this we are fed."

2. "Chartres and Mt. St. Michel," by Henry Adams — It's reissued now in paperback. For a non-believer, there's a wonderful chapter on the Blessed Virgin Mary. Go and read it.

3. "Memoirs: Cardinal Mindszenty" — It's not written but you do get a sense of living with a giant and it's an uneasy reminder of heroes in the Church.

4. "Edmund Campion," by Evelyn Waugh — Of course, you've read it, but read it again and try to persuade younger men to read it. It's not Waugh's best but that doesn't matter. It speaks to the question of "waste" that Judas brought up over the perfume, and should help anyone to appreciate the faith.

5. "Grandmother and the Priests," by Taylor Caldwell — It's a novel that has a lot of touching things to say to and about priests. Quotes: "Some sheep do not like their shepherds, but the shepherds will guard them from the storm for all o'that." "Every Irishman is a priest at heart, and God help his pastor if he doesn't come up to his expectations."

6. "Trial of Joan of Arc" — There are endless books about Joan but read the document of the trial which is quite a study of "Church," and gives the real Joan. I'm surprised in this day when jeans and "following conscience" are so big that Joan of Arc is not a greater patroness for our young people. To the Bishop of Beauvais: "You say you are my judge. I do not know whether you are. But I warn you not to judge me wrongfully, for you would put yourself in great danger. But I warn

you that if Our Lord punish you for it, I shall have done my duty in so warning you."

7. "Man for All Seasons," by Robert Bolt — You above all should reread this, since you refer to those with tender conscience as "legalists." Most have seen the movie, but have not read this Bolt version. The great book on More, however, is by Raymond W. Chambers.

8. "Illustrissimi," by Albino Luciani (John Paul I) — It's worth it to read Cardinal Wright's introduction. These are imaginary letters to saints and literary figures that present a nice spirituality of John Paul I.

9. "Silence," by Shusaku Endo — The faith and priesthood in Japan. Again, an appreciation of the priesthood. It's a novel and can be seen either as hopeful or dark, but in the East they read it as hopeful. We are inclined to see the priest as a failure in the book. It's provocative.

10. "The Pope's Divisions," by Peter Nichols — This is a current analysis of the Church by a non-Catholic reporter on sabbatical from the London Times. He narrated the TV show on John Paul II this Easter.

Penfield's Holy Spirit Unveils Computer Organ

"Computers in Church?" Vincent S. Parks III asked recently. "Most people associate computers with banks, businesses, data processing and video games," he said, "but with church music?"

Indeed so, and to prove it one of the nation's outstanding organists will demonstrate both his skills and the abilities of the Allen Digital Computer Organ at a special concert, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 8, at Holy Spirit Church in Penfield.

Parks, music director and organist at the parish, said that virtuoso organist Carlo Curley will perform the dedicatory concert for the parish's new instrument.

Curley's program, Parks said, will include works of Bach, Mozart and Widor, as



CURLEY

well as other composers. "They will be heard on an organ that is played like a traditional instrument and produces exquisite sound — but by computer."

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Blue Army

Father William Leone will celebrate the opening 9 p.m. Mass for the monthly vigil of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, Friday, May 6 at Holy Rosary Church. Other priests leading the evening of devotions are Fathers James Hewes and Dennis Bonsignore.

DEAN'S LIST

CLYDE - Karen Bach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Bach of Clyde has been named to the Dean's List at Utica College of Syracuse University. She is a junior majoring in Occupational Therapy.

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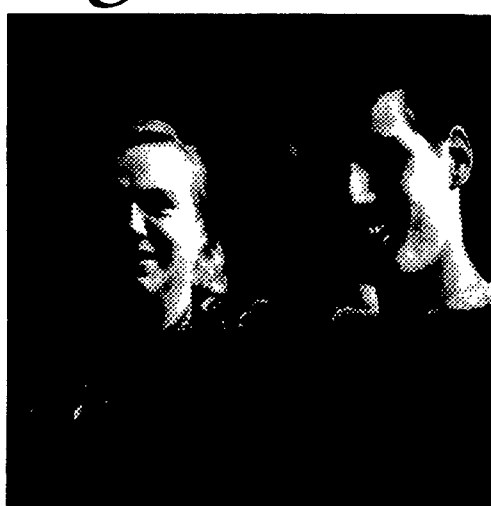
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"Beyond the 50-stop specification, the organist can program additional voices into the instrument by means of computer punch cards and a card reader which is built into the instrument," Parks said.

Curley's reputation as an outstanding performer was developed through numerous concerts in England, Japan, Sweden, Canada, Denmark and across the United States. Curley's recording credits include the last ever made at historic Alexandra Palace in London, and the first made on the Aeolian-Skinner organ at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Parks expressed his en-

thusiasm about the new organ at Holy Spirit. He said that he slips into the church at odd hours more often than ever to play for enjoyment. He encouraged other organists who may wish to try the instrument to contact him.


Installation of the new organ was made possibly by a bequest from the estate of Margaret and Harry Nolan, two of Holy Spirit's founding parishioners. The bequest was used to purchase the organ and also to make some changes in the appearance of the sanctuary.

The public is invited to the concert. A reception with the organist will follow.

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When a pet dies what can I do for my child?

A child may be quite upset when a pet dies. One way you can help is to plan a ceremony with the child for saying goodbye. A pet funeral gives the child a feeling of being in control and allows him to express some feelings about the loss. Finding a box to place the pet in, digging a grave, and holding a ceremony also satisfies a child's natural curiosity about the physical aspects of death. When a pet dies a child may continue to be sad for several days then, as a rule, they turn their attention to other matters. Listen to your child when he expresses his feelings and be available to answer any questions your child might have.

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