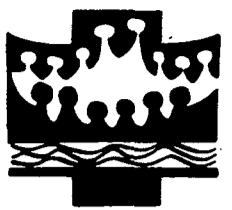


Insights
In Liturgy

By Father Thomas P. Mull

And We
Conclude

For a community which is alive, communal activity flows from the worship experience (which is equally alive). If announcements were not made before Mass began, some time must be set aside within the liturgy for the announcement of events of general concern to all assembled. The Roman Missal's General Instruction tells us that they are to be made following the Prayer After Communion. In Roman liturgies, the announcement of the next Papal Mass was given after Communion and Pope Leo the Great (440-461) always concluded his homilies by announcing times for future services and inviting those present to come to these events. It is apparent that both these times (after Communion and after the homily) became times for the announcements to be made. It seems appropriate, however, that, as we conclude our worship together, we call the people's attention to future events. These announcements, of course, should be short, timely, and of concern to all present.

This completed, the presider addresses the assembly "The Lord be with you." The blessing of God is prayed upon the people. The concept of blessing has long been a part of the human, spiritual experience. In earlier times, the blessing would follow the dismissal of the assembly. The Pope, oftentimes, would bless segments of the people as he moved through the church. Bishops, in time, followed this practice as well. More logically, the blessing now precedes the dismissal. The presider (in solemn or simple form) recognizes a person's dependence upon God and calls upon God

to continue to extend his blessings upon all who have gathered. There seems to be a real sense of oneness for the community. Having shared in the proclamation of God's Word and the breaking of the bread, we have praised God for his goodness and his gifts to us. Now, we celebrate and are missioned to carry these gifts and this goodness to the world. We are blessed that we might bless others.

There seems no sense of selfishness present. We are aware of God's graciousness and, filled with his Spirit, we commit ourselves to His work. It is traditional that the deacon would request that the congregation "bow" their heads. Standing before the Lord, heads bowed in humility, the blessing is prayed.

It is complete. Our worship activity is at an end. There remains only the final activity of dismissal. Dating from the fourth century, the dismissal has been: Ite missa est. It was meant to be an expression of joy: we go forth refreshed in the Lord! The Sacramentary provides three dismissals: "Go in the peace of Christ;" "The Mass is ended, go in peace," "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." The response to all three is "Thanks be to God!"

The mission of the Church has begun. Biblically, we find numerous references made to Christian duty within a society. The Mass can never become a private, single, isolated act. It involves people, nourishes people, sends people to be among people. We conclude our celebration in such a way that it is clear: Eucharist is the beginning point of Christian activity. We are sent forth to preach Christ to all people. Blessed and dismissed, we continue on....

Jesuit Recalls 'Big Lie'
On Ordination Question

By John Dash

It is a joke between Father Pedro Arrupe, once head of all the Jesuits, and Father David Stanley, one of the world's preeminent Bible scholars, that one day the latter's work would be consigned to a footnote in the history of the development of women's roles in the Church.

Father Stanley said last week that that was Father Arrupe's assessment of the brouhaha which erupted in civil and ecclesiastical circles when Father Stanley quit the prestigious Pontifical Biblical Commission five years ago in a dispute with the cardinal chairman over interpretation of the commission's work.

Father Stanley was the speaker for the Otto A. Shults Lectureship on Spirituality at St. Bernard's Institute.

Interviewed the day following his lectures on "Paul: Evolving a Spirituality Through the Letter-form," and "The Marcan Gospel: Creative Ministry for a Church in Crisis," the Jesuit professor of New Testament studies at Toronto's Regis



FATHER STANLEY

College recalled those days of five years ago when the commission reported to the pontiff that it could find nothing, pro or con, in the scriptures regarding the ordination of women.

That was the commission's unanimous assessment, he said.

The commission also reported to the pontiff the majority feeling that women could be ordained without being at odds with scripture.

When the Vatican's Sacred

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued its negative declaration on the question, however, the work of the commission, in Father Stanley's eyes, was misrepresented by the cardinal prefect. "It was the 'big lie,'" Father Stanley said, an example of "chicanery."

Father Stanley then quit the commission. And then, not by his own doing he insisted, the press caught the story. Headlines about the affair were written around the world, from Canada to Nairobi.

The upshot of that was that he was dropped from the roster of teachers at Rome's Gregorian University among other theological institutes.

He had been in correspondence with his superior, Father Arrupe during and after the affair, and it was in that correspondence that Father Arrupe, seeking to assure the priest of his fraternal support, "consigned me to a mere footnote."

The two men were later able to laugh about the storm and its consequences, Father Stanley said.

Brother
Beattie
To Be
Priest

Brother John C. Beattie, OSST, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Beattie Jr. of St. Thomas More parish, will be ordained to the priesthood Sunday, June 4, at Holy Redeemer Church in College Park, Md.

Brother John and two other members of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity (Trinitarians) will be ordained by Bishop Eugene Marino, SSJ. Father John will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 12, at St. Thomas More.

The ordinand is a 1974 graduate of McQuaid Jesuit High School and was graduated in 1978 from St. John Fisher College/Becket Hall. He made his solemn profession of vows in September 1982 and was ordained a deacon last January.

This year he received the Master of Divinity degree from the Washington Theological Union. He has been teaching at DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, Md., and has been assisting with the Hispanic community at St. Mark's Church in Adelphi, Md.

Archbishop Blames Apartheid

Durban, South Africa (NC) — The white-minority government's racial segregation system of apartheid is mainly responsible for the escalating violence involving South Africa, according to Archbishop Denis Hurley of Durban, president of the Southern African Bishops' Conference.

The archbishop issued statements after the May 20 bombing of the South African Air Force headquarters in which at least 17 people died and after the May 23 retaliation bombing by South Africa in neighboring Mozambique.

"Essentially the escal-

ation of violence is a response by desperate people to the built-in violence in an apartheid society," he said in a statement issued shortly after the May 20 bombing.

On May 23 the African National Congress, an illegal black guerrilla group known as the ANC, claimed responsibility for the bombing of the Air Force building. On the same day, the Air Force launched a retaliatory attack on neighboring Mozambique.

South African Defense Minister Magnus Malan said the raid destroyed five guerrilla bases and a missile site in Mozambi-

que. But witnesses in Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, said that the planes bombed and strafed civilian targets in the suburbs, killing at least five civilians.

Several foreign journalists who toured the area for four hours unescorted said they saw five people dead, all civilians, including a six-year-old child. They said they saw no evidence of a missile site or any building showing signs of being used as a guerrilla base or office.

State Unit Honors
St. Ann's Home

"In celebration of a century of serving the needs of the elderly, the New York Association of Homes for the Aging proudly salutes St. Ann's Home/The Heritage, 1982-83."

Such is the inscription on the award recently given St. Ann's, 1500 Portland Ave., in recognition of more than a 100 years of serving the elderly. This was the first time for such an award and 23 homes were honored by the state association at its 1983 Spring Educational Institute

in Albany last week.

A permanent plaque with the names of the winners inscribed will remain on display at the association offices in Albany. St. Ann's Home/The Heritage is in its 111th year of service.

Rosary Rally

There will be a pilgrimage to the Auriesville Shrine on Sunday, July 10. For further information call Mary Kelly at 586-1664.

Communications

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establishment of a communications office cannot be made until we have gone further in the planning process, and evaluation of our resources."

"While we still have a long way to go," she said, "we feel we have made a substantial start in the past few years. The ultimate goal, of course, is to develop the communications abilities in the diocese so that we can more effectively proclaim the Church's message."

Besides committee members, those participating in

the planning workshop were Father Gerald J. Appelby, outgoing director of the Division of Special Ministries; Father Peter T. Bayer, director of the Department of Pastoral Planning; Father Charles J. Latus, director of the Division of Personnel, Staffing and Development; Father Charles F. Mulligan, director of the Division of Social Ministry, and Father John M. Mulligan, newly appointed director of the Division of Urban Services. Bishop Matthew H. Clark was keynoter.

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