

Special Visitors

Father William Trott (left), pastor of St. Augustine Church, escorts three priests from Europe (from left), Father Dennis DeBusschere, a Trappist monk from Belgium; Father Bernadine Schellenberger, a Trappist monk of Cologne; and Father Siegfried Franke, a diocesan priest from Muenster. The three are on a tour of American religious institutions. Shortly before this photograph was taken, they had visited the police station which is now located at the St. Monica Church property.

Administration Seeks More \$ for El Salvador

Washington (NC) — The Reagan administration, conceding that civilian deaths are up in El Salvador, still certified that the U.S.-backed government is making enough progress in human rights to qualify for military aid.

The July 20 finding clears the way for continued aid to the Salvadoran army in its battle with leftist guerrillas. House and Senate conferees split their differences July 20 and gave the Reagan administration \$25 million for El Salvador. The House had approved no increase in military aid for El Salvador in its version of the supplemental appropriations bill, and the Senate had approved all \$50 million Reagan requested.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz told Congress the government of El Salvador continues to make human rights progress, but added its record falls short of what the administration had hoped for.

The certification, the fourth and final one required of the administration by legislation passed in 1981, came in spite of a reported increase in the number of civilians killed.

According to figures gathered by the human rights monitoring agency of the Archdiocese of San Salvador, El Salvador, 2,527 civilians were killed in the first six months of 1983 compared to 2,340 during the previous six months.

The U.S. embassy reported 1,054 civilians were killed during the first six months of 1983 compared to 961 during the last half of 1982.

In a letter accompanying the certification, Shultz wrote that "it is evident that the record falls short of the broad and sustained progress which both the Congress and the administration believe is

necessary for the evolution of a just and democratic society in El Salvador."

The report noted the rise in deaths, the government's continuing inability to identify and punish those in the military who abuse human rights and "uneven and disappointing" progress toward solving the murders of four American Catholic

missionaries. But the report said those problems have been counterbalanced by progress in other areas — the establishment of a Peace Commission to work for scheduled elections later this year, an amnesty program which has led to the release of 500 political prisoners and the extension of the land-reform program.

BECKET HALL NOTICE

The Becket Hall Site Search Committee is presently reviewing sites for the relocation of Becket Hall. Property within the City of Rochester or a southern suburb will be considered. Descriptions of property to be considered should be submitted in writing on or before August 1st to:

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Word for Sunday

AT YOUR PARISH ...

Holy Name

"A Week with the Lord Jesus," a renewal mission, will be held Aug. 7-14 at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Among the speakers for the event are Father Robert Werth, "Analyzing Personal Goals;" Denise Mack, "Who Is Jesus;" Sister Barbara Moore, RSM, "Church and Laity Responsibilities;" Father Thomas Green, SJ, "What Is Prayer and the Word;" John and Judy Miller, "Christian Family Life;" Angie Gallo, "Single Parenting;" Marty and Sally Lynch, "Healing Memories;" Father Charles Mulligan, "Living in God's Presence."

Holy Family

A celebration of the 50th anniversary of ordination of Father Charles G. Erb, the Divine Word Missioner, will open with Mass, 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21, at Holy Family Church, 415 Ames St. The Mass will be followed by an informal reception. A dinner will be served in the priest's honor, 7 p.m. that day at the Mapledale Party House. Reservations are required for the dinner of either sirloin of beef or chicken Cordon Bleu. Tickets at \$11 per person are available before Aug. 1 at the church.

St. Bridget

The Bright Clouds of Joy will be featured at the annual Summer Gospel Concert sponsored by St. Bridget's Church and coordinated by the First Community Interfaith Institute, 4 p.m., Sunday, July 31, at St. Bridget. The concert will be dedicated to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the seven black bishops of the United States.

St. Patrick

Mt. Morris — The annual festival for St. Patrick Parish here will begin noon, Aug. 6 in the church parking lot. Features of the event include sausage, hamburgers, hots, chicken wings, fried bread dough, french fries, pizza, beer and pop; a produce stand, a craft booth, an auction, and a baked goods sale.

Love of Money Is the Root Of All Evil

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Lk. 12/13-21. (R1) Eccl. 1/2; 2/21-23. (R2) Col. 3/1-5, 9-11.

A good homily generally begins with an attention-getter. So one day a priest began his homily with a sentence he hoped would arrest everyone's attention. He began thus: "Someday, everyone in this parish will die." A man in the front pew simply smiled.

The priest perplexed thought he had not been heard. So again, in a louder voice, he repeated, "Someday, everyone in this parish will die." Still, no reaction from the man in the front pew. A third time the priest boomed, "Someday, everyone in this parish will die." It elicited only a broader smile.

Afterward, the priest, frustrated, asked the man what he was smiling about. "Father," he answered, "I don't belong to your parish."

Some people live in a fool's paradise, as though death were not for them.

The first and the third readings of Sunday speak of the inevitability of death to help us live in the now. Qoheleth, the teacher of wisdom, says that no matter what we may have amassed in wealth, one day we shall leave it all to another who did not even labor for it. Jesus, a still greater wisdom teacher, counsels us not to work for riches that we must leave to others, but for spiritual riches.

In 1923 a big business meeting was held in the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago. Among those attending were nine of the world's most successful money-makers: What the president of the largest independent steel company; the president of the largest utility; the president of the New York Stock Exchange; a member of the President's cabinet; the greatest investor on Wall Street; the head of the world's greatest monopoly; the president of the Bank of International Settlements.

Here is what happened to these wealthy men. The first,

Charles Schwab, died bankrupt; the second, Samuel Insull, left the country and died penniless. The third, Howard Hopson, went insane. The fourth, Arthur Cotton, died abroad, loaded with debts. The fifth, Richard Whitney, served a long sentence in Sing Sing prison. The sixth, Albert Fall, was released from prison so that he could die at home. The seventh, Jesse Livermore, the eighth, Ivor Krueger, and the ninth, Leon Fraser, all committed suicide.

Here is striking proof of what Jesus tells us in Sunday's gospel: a man who was rich wanted to be richer, but the Lord called him before he could enjoy his riches.

Our Lord does not say that money in itself is evil, but He does tell us, with St. Paul, that the "love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Tm. 6/10).

Money is important but only to buy and do what is more precious than money. It provides food, clothing, education, shelter for our families. It helps spread the gospel. It helps us help our fellowman. It helps us to "grow rich in the sight of God."

When we seek money only for power and pleasure so that we can say, "Relax! Eat heartily, drink well. Enjoy yourself," then it becomes evil.

That is why St. Paul says, "Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth" (R2).

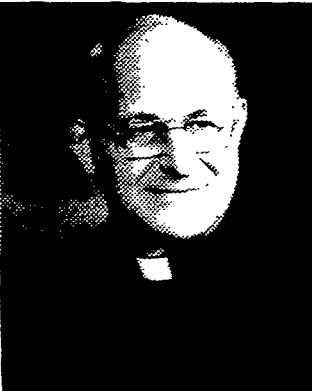
We are not saying, "Woe to the rich and blessed are the poor." Oh no, some poor can be as avaricious as Judas; some rich, as generous as Johnny Appleseed. Usually it is the other way around.

However, look at your own situation. What is your attitude toward money? Here are two concrete tests: What do you give to the Sunday collection? What will you give to the Bishop's Thanks Giving Appeal?

At Mass, Christ gives Himself completely to His Father for all of us. At Holy Communion, He gives Himself completely to each of us. At Sunday Mass ask Him for a like spirit of generosity regarding money.

"Happy are the poor in spirit" — not the poor.

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