

Legion of Mary Slates Memorial

Members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Presidium and St. Joseph's Presidium of the Legion of Mary will hold a Memorial Mass, 10:45 a.m., June 10 at Blessed Sacrament Church. Father Bruce Ammering, pastor, will preside. Following the Mass, legionnaires will breakfast at Howard Johnson's.

According to Anne Christoff, the event memori-

alizes Fathers William Jamieson and Charles Schenkel, both Redemptorists and Legion of Mary spiritual directors. In addition, all deceased legionnaires and auxiliaries will be remembered.

Further information is available from Miss Christoff, 424-3656; or Mrs. Frank Shaughnessy, 342-0463.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Thank God For Heroic Clergy

From a young priest:

"I have just returned from a week's retreat at the Trappist monastery in Piffard. I really liked it there. While there I listened again to the Bishop Sheen tapes. The last time I listened to them (seven years ago) they led me to think about entering the seminary to become a priest. This time they inspired me to begin a daily Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. I hope I can be as faithful to it as he was."

This young priest is a joy to my soul. I wish he had joined our diocese. I listen to some Catholics who shake their heads: "What gives with these young priests?" Usually they have run into Bultmann-tainted priests who picked up the notion of questioning the supernatural in the Bible.

One of these gave a homily from the Gospel of Christ walking upon the waters. A friend told me: "He said, 'What probably happened was that Jesus was walking in shallow water, and he seemed to be walking on the waters.' My wife nudged me and whispered, 'I wonder why Peter sank.'"

Then there are a few who have a tinge of exaggerated self-esteem, which makes them restive about authority and the Institutional Church, with a dose of anti-John Paul II thrown in. The pope certainly leaves no uncertainty that he is the Supreme Pontiff. He speaks with clarity, authority, orthodoxy and responsibility, as the Vicar of Christ.

How heartened were devoted Catholics when Archbishop John O'Connor gave the homily at his installation in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. He began his talk with the blunt declaration that he was there because Pope John Paul had sent him there.

Many of the young priests I know have a self-confidence and a self-esteem unknown to us older priests in our early priesthood, but they also have great competence and generosity. So let us bless God for them, and give them a chance to mellow in the service of the Lord and His Church.

For an understanding of Bultmannism and such like in the Church, which has to do with a de-supernaturalizing of religion, let me recommend "Crisis of Truth" by Ralph Martin, who is a leader in the charismatic movement, thoroughly orthodox. He spent three years in Belgium under Cardinal Suenens. Another book, difficult perhaps but valuable is "Catholicism and Modernity" by historian James Hitchcock, which deals with secularism infiltrated into the Church. It is a 1979 publication by Seabury Press.

Oh, but aren't you an alarmist?

Of course, as every Catholic priest and bishop must be, in the sense that an alarm is a signal warning of danger. St. Paul certainly was that; and St. Athanasius when the divinity of Christ was under attack; and St. Peter Canisius when the Catholicity of the Church was attacked by the Reformation; and Cardinal Newman and Msgr. Knox and Robert Hugh Benson and G.K. Chesterton and so many loved the Church so greatly they stood up to be counted.

One of the saddest notes I ever received was from a man I never met. He wrote: "It is really kind of depressing to realize that instead of having an active respect for my pastor -- there is not exactly a feeling of disrespect, more perhaps an a-respect, if there is such a word. He reminds me of a jellyfish. If he pokes him anywhere, he just oozes away..."

Our Lord said that a house divided against itself will fall. Thank God for Pope John Paul II and those heroic bishops and priests and brothers and sisters and laity who will not be jellyfish, but bulkwards of defense against a Church under attack.

I think that more effective than any words from tongue or print is the example of Mother Teresa of Calcutta and her Missionaries of Charity in their fidelity to the pope and the Church -- in their evangelical life of poverty, chastity and obedience; in their reverence for the Eucharist, Our Lady, the Sacraments and their understanding of service as great feminism reigns supreme.



A friend of the Mohawk Indians, Sister Mary Christine Taylor, SSJ, greets two children who some day will have a chance for a college education on the St. Regis Indian Reservation because of her help. Above, a senior nutrition center is one of the many services the Sister of St. Joseph has brought to help the Indian elderly and poor meet basic needs.

Ogdensburg Sister Wins Lumen Christi

Chicago (NC) -- Josephite Sister Mary Christine Taylor of Ogdensburg, N.Y. received the Catholic Church Extension Society's 1984 Lumen Christi Award May 8 for her work with Mohawk Indians.

Sister Taylor was honored for the educational, spiritual and social advances she has accomplished in the 12 years she has worked with the Mohawks on St. Regis Indian Reservation, which straddles the U.S.-Canadian border.

The award, which consists

of an illuminated sculpture of Christ and \$1,000, has been given annually since 1978 to a person judged to be an outstanding home missionary.

Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana of Ogdensburg, who nominated Sister Taylor, received a \$25,000 companion award to be used for mission activities in his diocese.

"Many Mohawks have obtained skills, higher education, employment and a sense of achievement because of her," Bishop Brzana said.

Sister Taylor's work with the Mohawks began in 1972.

An academic dean at Mater Dei Catholic College in Ogdensburg, she established the first college extension to an American Indian reservation in response to what she saw as an educational gap.

The Extension Society, established 79 years ago, has awarded \$100 million in assistance to dioceses with poor, rural isolated missions. President is Father Edward J. Slattery.

State Bishops Pledge Continued Efforts Against Abortion after Defeat of Marchi Bill

Albany -- "We will continue our efforts to convince legislators that government health funds to aid the needy sick should not be used to destroy the unborn," said J. Alan Davitt, executive director of the New York State Catholic Conference following the narrow defeat of a bill by Sen. John Marchi to restrict Medicaid funding of abortions.

Nearly \$15 million in state funds will be paid for the performance of abortions in the coming year, according to state budget figures.

The state Catholic conference had supported the efforts of Marchi, Assemblyman Dennis Butler and others to insure Medicaid funding would not be used to destroy the unborn.

Although the bills were different, both aimed to limit abortion funding to what could be described as "emergency cases" only, the conference said.

Marchi's bill was defeated 28-27.

"That shows a strong concern in the Senate for the protection of life," Davitt said.

Butler's bill was defeated 81-64. "We are encouraged that a change of only nine assemblymen's views would have passed the bill," Davitt added.

Last month the bishops, meeting in Rochester, issued a statement on government officials and the support of human life in which they praised "those officials who have stood up for human life," and cited "legalized permissive abortion" as a "tragedy of immense proportions."

GAMM to Sponsor Handbell Workshop

Genesee Area Music Ministries (GAMM) will sponsor a hands-on Handbell Workshop at their last meeting of the year, 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 22 at Holy Spirit Church, Plank and Hatch roads in Webster.

The workshop will be led by Cam Bunting, clinician for Schulermerich Carillons of Sellersville, Pa. Mrs. Wanda Callahan is the firm's local representative. Also demonstrated that evening will be Schulermerich Hand Chimes, smaller than traditional handbells, and in the words of a GAMM release,

"excellent for use with elementary school children."

The program will close with Night Prayer featuring the Holy Spirit Chancel Choir under the direction of Vincent Parks III, and St. Paul's Senior Bell Choir of Hamilton under the direction of Mrs. Callahan.

The program is free and open to the public.

GAMM was formed a year ago by interested area church musicians to provide a support group for those working in pastoral music. The group is ecumenical and meets five times a year.

Basketball Camp Planned for Summer

Directors of the Mercy Basketball Camp, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of Rochester, have slated two summer sessions in Rochester and one in Elmira. The Rochester full session will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., June 25-29. The fee is \$35.

A Rochester mini-session is scheduled from 3:30-6:30 p.m., July 9-13. Fee is \$25. Both sessions will be held at Mercy High School 1437 Blossom Road and are open to girls entering 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

The Elmira session will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., July 16-20 and the fee is \$35. It is open to girls entering 7th, 8th and 9th grades.

The camps are intended to help new players acquire basic basketball skills and enable players with previous limited experience to improve on these skills. Registrations, limited to 30 girls per week, are due by June 8 by contacting Sister Mary Ann Kosakowski or Sister Sheila Stevenson, 605 Edgewood Avenue, Rochester, N. Y. 14618 (phone 716-244-2175).

Program Change

Notice of a program change in the party being planned by St. Rita's parish-ioners for Msgr. Francis Burns was received last week. The celebration will begin with Mass, 6:30 p.m., June 15 at Bishop Kearney High School. Tickets at \$10 are obtained by calling Mary and Joe Schirmer, 671-2378; or the rectory, 671-1100 before June 4.

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