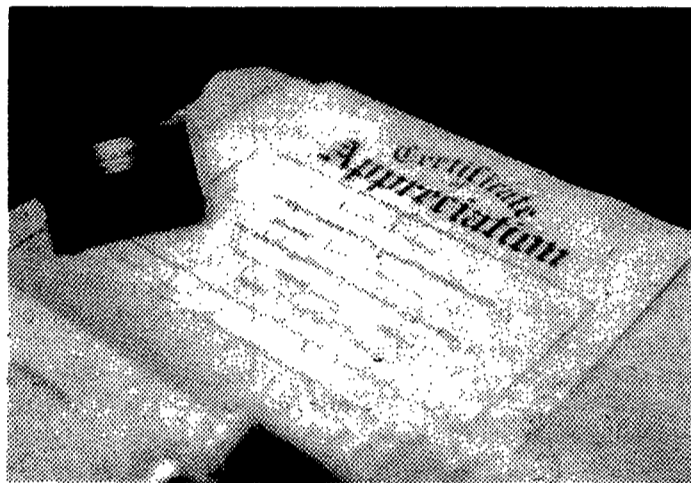




Diocese Honors Retirees

Bishop Matthew H. Clark celebrated a Mass of Appreciation last Friday, June 1, at the Pastoral Center chapel for 15 diocesan school teachers retiring this year. They are Celeste Brinkman; Ann Donner; Sister Agnes Theresa Georger, RSM; Sister Raymond Joseph Griffin, RSM; Ann Hasby; Sister Mary Hermina Knittel, SSND; Rena Lessard; Sister Mary Lucetta Lougen, SSND;



Sister Anne Marie Mathis, RSM; Jean O'Connell; Susan Seidenberg; Stella Siekanowicz; Sister Anna Louise Staub, SSJ; Helen W. Treahy; and Josephine Wallis. Each received a "Certificate of Appreciation" and a jeweled crucifix pin.

Girl's Psychic Powers Seen 'Force' Moving Objects Mysteriously

By NC News Service

A mysterious "force" that drew worldwide attention to a family in Columbus, Ohio -- including comments by a Catholic newspaper editor -- has been identified as psychokinetic energy, or the brain power of a 14-year-old family member.

Some had attributed the events -- such as lights turning on and off, lamps, pictures and candles moving and glasses shattering -- to a poltergeist, a noisy and mischievous ghost. Others claimed the episodes were part of an elaborate hoax.

But after a month of studying and testing the teen-ager, Tina Resch, at the Physical Research Foundation in Chapel Hill, N.C., doctors determined she was "quite psychic" and had certain healing powers, the girl's adoptive mother, Joan Resch, told NC News May 24.

Mrs. Resch said William Roll, director of the foundation, said the mysterious events were the results of recurrent spontaneous psychokinesis, or RSPK.

Jesuit Father Walter Burghardt, theologian-in-residence at Georgetown University in Washington, said May 29 he did not know of any official church position on RSPK.

However, he said, "The better theologians would recognize that the mind has powers far beyond what we have been able to explain."

Attention surrounding the girl grew in March when Fred Shannon, a photographer for the Columbus Dispatch, photographed a telephone flying through the air near Tina. In an interview with Edgar V. Barmann, editor of the Catholic Universe Bulletin, Cleveland diocesan newspaper, Shannon said he witnessed a "force," "third party" or "spirit" doing the destructive work.

Barmann and Shannon once worked together at a newspaper. Shannon is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish in Columbus.

Shannon said he was scared when he first entered the Resch house.

"I feared that it might be a satanic force," Shannon told Barmann. "But in

relying on my strong faith, I felt I had the upper hand."

The photographer described for Barmann what he saw:

"I saw two candlesticks fly through the air. One struck the door, and another made a 90-degree turn and went down the hall. I saw a sofa pivot and scoot toward Tina. A box went swish, flew through the air and landed on a table eight feet away. The dining room was in shambles, the chandelier messed up and long-stem wine glasses broken. I saw the last wine glass break and metal coasters go through the air and make a lot of noise. The 'force' clobbered a picture. A chair chased Tina out of the room."

Barmann said he believed Shannon, who he described as "one of the top news photographers in the nation...a person of unimpeachable character -- conscientious, stable and truthful."

The Catholic newspaper editor said Shannon's account was so vivid that he called Father William Padavick at Borromeo College of Ohio in Wickliffe. Father Padavick is one of three priests to whom the Cleveland Diocese refers calls about reported activities of evil spirits.

The priest said he was skeptical about the case, since the activities would not be to the devil's advantage.

"But the universe is rather big," Father Padavick told Barmann, "and there could be a lot of junk around that we don't know about."

In his column, published before the diagnosis of RSPK, Barmann said the events could be a hoax, psychological powers or the work of the devil, "whose power in today's secular society is underestimated, dismissed or scorned."

"In the knowledge explosion which has occurred in the past 50 years, we marvel at cures, inventions, the harnessing of energy and space exploration, but when a telephone, a box of Kleenex or an afghan moves unaided, we are baffled and are reminded how little we really do know," he said.

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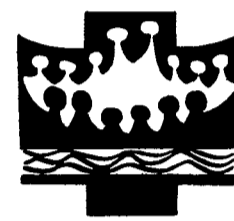


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June 9	5:15 p.m.	St. Patrick's, Victor	Confirmation
10	12:30 p.m.	St. Lawrence, Rochester	Eucharistic Celebration of Feast of Pentecost

Insights In Liturgy



By Father Thomas P. Mull

Renewed Church: Vocations

With this Sunday's celebration of Pentecost, the Lent-Easter season comes to a close. This year we have seen our bishop journey throughout the diocese during the past 14 weeks in a program called Crossroads to Life. This journey has been an example and a challenge. It is an example because it has allowed us to see in very real ways our bishop as he lives out his vocation. Crossroads is a challenge because it calls us to appreciate our vocations and to recognize the fact that we all have a role in the renewal of the human spirit within our community. This mission does not end as Pentecost is celebrated; rather, it becomes even more intense because now that we have begun the renewal, we cannot stop.

Our reflection this week takes us into the area of vocation. There is no other time in our life when our faith becomes more dynamic and real than when we see the workings of God in our chosen way of life. Vocation does not call one away from the world to find God. It challenges one to discover God in one's way of life. There are many vocations in life.

The sacrament of marriage calls two people to discern in their ever-deepening love-relationship the active reality of God. In the instruction for marriage, the Church reminds us that God is an intimate part of married life. To share with one another and to challenge one another to grow is for God to share with each and to be a part of that growth. If a married couple cannot see the presence of God in their life together, in their shared faith, in their mutual support, where will they find God? The Easter season reminds us that it is in the dynamism of a world transformed by

resurrection that Jesus has shared his eternal presence with his chosen ones. Through the community of the chosen, Jesus continues to make his risen presence known, and, through this experience, he abides forever with his people. In the living out of the community's sacrament of marriage, married couples come to know their God.

God is also evidenced in the call to the ordained ministry within the Church. In the liturgies of ordination for deacon, priest, and bishop the call to service of God's people is clear. It is the living out of this service that the ordained come to experience the presence of God. Through sacramental celebrations, enabling people to participate in community, public prayer experiences, and serving the needs of the people that the ordained person comes to publicly identify the fact of God in many different places and times. The joy of a renewed world is evident in the God who visits the people through the ministry of the ordained person. Called to be signs of hope and contradiction, the ordained have a special

role in the plan for global conversion.

One cannot neglect the many people (singles, widowed, divorced, separated, Religious) who are called to a life of Christian commitment which discovers God and reveals that God to others. These people more than any others must face the challenges of our modern day society and christianize that society by their presence. They do so faithfully by living out their baptismal commitment (in the case of Religious vows). These people enrich the hearts of the people with whom they work, play, pray and live. They act as a catalyst to generate an appreciation for God and recognition of God's goodness in a world which seems sorely separate, divisive and frightened.

In light of the Pentecost event we will soon celebrate, it is a time to renew our commitment to "renew the face of the earth" (Ps. 104). God has called us to do this by living our vocational life. The source of our renewal is in the resurrection of Jesus. The members of Christ's Church, drawing upon the power of the Spirit, act as a catalyst to an ever-renewing awareness of God's presence. We are not called because God wants his people to have something to do; rather, we are called because God wants to share what we do.

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