

Bishop Dedicates St. Rita's Church

Webster — The new Church of St. Rita was dedicated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark May 22, the feast of the church's patroness.

Parishioners and neighbors filled first the old church and then the new structure as they processed from the one to the

other in preparation for the rite of dedication.

The former structure is familiar to many in the neighboring Irondequoit and Webster areas. It had housed St. Margaret Mary parishioners before it was moved to the West Webster site in

1950.

Father Francis Klechammer, founding pastor, saw St. Rita through several building stages in the 50s and 60s.

In 1979, the parish council voted for a new structure to replace the "temporary" one from St. Margaret Mary.

Architects Cassetti and Klein of Elmira came aboard as did the contracting firm of A.V. Lombard of Rochester.

Last summer construction for the new building began.

The congregation moved into the new facilities for the Easter Vigil celebration this spring.

During the dedication ceremonies the bishop received items of symbolic meaning from parishioners who had key roles in the building process.

Bishop Clark and Father John Reif, pastor, were assisted in the ceremonies by former St. Rita's clergy and many other concelebrants.



At the dedication rites are (left to right) Father Raymond Fleming, Father Louis Vasile, Bishop Clark, Father Reif, and Deacon Richard Mahaney.



The new St. Rita's Church.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

The Trouble: 2 Viewpoints

While flying to Ireland on Aer Lingus, I sat between Mary Louise Garvin and a very intelligent and thoughtful Irishman from Dundaleck, near Belfast. He said, "IRA are evil men. The Protestant militants are evil men. A logical proposal is being presented as 'New Ireland' but the intransigence of militants on both sides makes it impossible to accomplish. Ian Paisley is an evil man who keeps hatreds up."

Quite contrary in mind was our driver and guide, Mike Redmond. He narrated with feeling the horrors of the Great Hunger of the 1840s. He repeated often the historic injustices inflicted on the Irish by the British government: religion forbidden, priests imprisoned for saying Mass, education prohibited, no civil rights or vote, no property, a virtual slavery. He explained the violence of the IRA as the result of violence of the British soliders and Ulster militants and continued injustice against the Catholics.

From Galway, we did Connemara and Mayo; had Mass at the shrine of Our Lady of Knock, lunch at Sligo, lodged at the Golf Club at Vundoran, visited the Beleek factory, which may go out of business -- so hang onto your Beleek. On the fifth day, we entered Dublin and Jury's Hotel. The sixth day, while the group surveyed Dublin by coach (Trinity College, Phoenix Park, O'Connell Street, the Liffey River, etc.), I went to St. Patrick's pro-cathedral for 12:45 Mass. A roly poly priest, about 50, celebrated Mass, read the Gospel, then launched into an eloquent denunciation of the United States and President Reagan regarding the El Salvador policy of our country.

From my journal, I read this: "Much talk in the papers of justice and peace. A lot of Ireland is organized in groups to protest the U.S. El Salvador policy and the coming of our president. There was a march of 2,000 protesters in Dublin -- not a very impressive group for a city of a million. It was shown on TV at night, with a great TV panning of 200 virile

Sisters, picturesque in habit, among several diverse groups, including students and the Communist party. The preacher with confident eloquence denounced the United States 'policy' in El Salvador, leaving the impression that the guerrillas who have contributed to the murders, disruption of civilian facilities, attempted disruption of the country's voting, are a kind of modern St. Francis of Assisi and Franciscans being persecuted by a modern Ghengis Khan. He was silent about the consequences of a Communist government in our hemisphere, with Cuba already involved. I thought to myself: 'Why is that these good justice and peace people have such an acute left ear and seem deaf in their right: When the Communists took over China they called them agricultural reformers, even after they plowed 30 million of their own people to death and destroyed liberty, religion and even disrupted the intimacies of family life. When the shah of Iran was ruling the J and P people screamed against him and did not even show compassion as he was dying of cancer in the United States. With his fall we got Khomeni. And such is the pattern.'"

After Mass I went to the sacristy and expressed my regret to Father O'D about his using the pulpit to excoriate the U.S. government and our president. He was not pleased nor would one expect him to be, so convinced was he that he was preaching justice and peace.

I am sure that most of the justice and peace activists, despite manipulation by leftwing influences are good people who sincerely desire justice and peace. But I wonder how they can remember Uncle Joe Stalin and Uncle Ho Chi Min and China and Iran and Uganda and Vietnam, all given over to injustices and turmoil worse than what preceded them, and consider us who think contra-wise to be warmongers. But a sharp left ear and a deaf right ear -- these are not likely to be objective about genuine justice and genuine peace.

Next week we visit Kennedy Memorial park, Glendalough, Kilkenny and even Ballyporeen, one week before President Reagan's historic visit.

Deadline

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Charismatic Renewal To Meet August 3-5

The 1984 general conference for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Upstate New York, will be held August 3-5 at St. Lawrence University in Canton.

Sponsored by the Charismatic Renewal movement in the five dioceses of Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo and Ogdensburg, the conference draws nearly 1,000 for a weekend of prayer and fellowship.

The theme of the event is "I have come to cast fire on the earth;" and it will focus on the place of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian.

The speaker is Father

Francis Sullivan, SJ, a teacher at Gregorian University in Rome and author of "Charisms and Charismatic Renewal." In addition to Father Sullivan's addresses at general sessions, there will be a series of workshops on various topics, including two that will be presented by people from the Diocese of Rochester.

One will be an introduction to charismatic renewal presented by the prayer group from Bath. The other will be a workshop on healing ministry, presented by Father James Connolly, SJ, diocesan Charismatic Renewal liaison, Sister Carole Proia, SSJ, and a team from the

Rochester area. The cost of the program is \$55, which includes registration, two nights accommodations and five meals. Further information is available from the Charismatic

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