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On the Right Side

The Gospel In Practice

There are many cliches which many people snub off because they are cliches, i.e. expressions or phrases that are trite. Yet, like the catechism, many cliches are capsulized truths and suggestions which could change lives for the better, if followed. Archbishop Sheen gave us one: "We have the truth. We do not have the passion!"

I was reminded of this recently when a family of five Vietnamese came to Sunday Mass; shared with the congregation this perfect worship of God which has as its objective, not only to adore God but to make the congregation a local spiritual family. Yet, when these five brothers and sisters in the Lord, disadvantaged by some difficulty in language and no ties of blood or local history, left the church with the outflowing congregation, no one welcomed them or even greeted them.

I thought, with some indignation, "Doesn't our religion get beneath the skin? We have the Faith. We do not have the Passion -- not even enough enthusiasm to welcome strangers and new-comers."

This dreadful inertia, this indifference often spreads out to people whom we meet frequently, and just as frequently ignore. I once asked a friend who for many years was an habitue of a couple local bars -- or "pubs" as they say in Ireland -- "What is the attraction that you spend so much time there?" He replied thoughtfully, "Everyone there is so relaxed and friendly. You just feel to be a part of the crowd."

It's a strange note if the local bar can draw forth more friendliness and cordiality than the Mass, which commemorates the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord, and intends to unite us as a spiritual family in His love. Friendly people lighten the soul. A friend of mine sent me "The Ten Commandments of Human Relationship" which might well be called "The Gospel in Practice":

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown; only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.

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12 Area Parishes Host Blood Drives

Twelve area parishes are hosting blood drives this summer, according to information released by the American Red Cross, Rochester Region.

The region holds a summer blood donor campaign each year to encourage those eligible to give blood, hoping to keep an ample supply on hand to meet patient demands in 45 hospitals within a 15-county area.

St. Lawrence in Greece held their drive on July 5, collecting 60 pints. Blessed

Sacrament's drive was last Tuesday, July 17.

"Over 1,200 units are expected to be collected at church drives this summer," said Tom D'Agostino, co-director of the Red Cross donor resources department.

Other diocesan blood drives scheduled this summer are: at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Friday, July 27; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Monday, July 30; St. Cecilia, Wednesday, Aug. 1; St. Ambrose, Monday, Aug. 6; St. John of Rochester, Fairport, Wednesday, Aug. 15; Holy Cross, Monday, Aug. 20; St. Thomas the Apostle, Tuesday, Aug. 21; St. Pius X, Thursday, Aug. 23; St. Boniface, Thursday, Aug. 30; and Guardian Angels, Friday, Sept. 21.

"To be eligible, a person



Dr. James P. AuBuchon, director of Red Cross Blood Services for the region, donates at the Blessed Sacrament blood drive July 17.

needs to weigh at least 110 pounds, be between the ages of 17 and 66, and be in good health," said Dr. James P. AuBuchon, director of Red Cross Blood Services, Rochester Region.

In addition to the drives listed above, donors can give

blood at the Rochester Red Cross Blood Center, 50 Prince St., on Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call American Red Cross Blood Services, 461-9800, ext. 240.

Hospital 'Triosk' On Display

Elmira -- St. Joseph's Hospital "Triosk" will be on display at the Chemung County Historical Society Museum through August 6.

The "Triosk" is a three-sided display covering the 75-year history of the hospital from its birth in a former finishing school to its present development of a multi-million dollar health care complex.

The display is in the form of a 1908 newspaper. Each side shows the historical accounts of events, people and lifestyles of three 25-year segments in the hospital's history.

The hours are noon-4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; 1-4 p.m. Saturday.

Parade To Honor St. Ann

In honor of St. Ann, the mother of the Virgin Mary, a parade will take place Sunday, July 9 on Stenson Street.

Following the parade, a Mass will be celebrated at 12:25 p.m. at Most Precious Blood Church.

The public is invited to the event. Joan Zepparella is president of the group which sponsors the annual program.

DEATHS

Sister Agnes Leona Connorton

Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Agnes Leona Connorton, SSJ, was celebrated July 11 in the motherhouse chapel. Sister Agnes Leona died July 9, 1984 at the age of 82.

On the day following her death she was to have celebrated the 60th anniversary of her entrance into the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

A native of Avon, Sister Agnes Leona was a graduate of Nazareth Academy and entered the congregation

from St. Monica's Parish. She earned a baccalaureate degree from Nazareth College.

Sister Agnes Leona taught the elementary grades in parochial schools for 45 years.

Her assignments included Blessed Sacrament, Immaculate Conception, St. Monica, Holy Apostles, St. Theodore, all of Rochester; St. Michael, Penn Yan; St. Paul, Oswego;

Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; and St. Alphonsus, Auburn.

She retired from active teaching in 1970.

She is survived by her sister, Cecilia Connorton of Rochester, and several nieces and nephews.

Father Bernard Dollen presided at the funeral Mass, assisted by Msgr. William Shannon.

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

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What is grief?

Grief is a process of feelings and behaviors which follow the loss of someone or something that we love. The entire process of grieving helps us to come to terms with the changes that have taken place in our lives and begin adjustment to them. This is not always easy and often lasts for a year or more. Some of the feelings that accompany grief are anger, guilt, anxiety, shock, jealousy and depression. It is not uncommon to be confused, restless, to have difficulty sleeping or to have a change in appetite. It takes time to accept the reality that someone we love is deceased. It takes longer to recreate a life that can make us happy.

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