

Knights Prepare Kidney Benefit

The Rochester Knights of Columbus, Council 178, will sponsor its second annual Kidney Fund Festival, 2-10 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 19 at the clubhouse, 670 Thurston Road.

Featured will be Alvin "Big A" Alger, the noted disc jockey, who will serve as master of ceremonies and who will play music for the event. "Nostalgia," a group

which plays music from the 50s to the present, will entertain again this year.

The day's program includes music and dancing, foods, clowns and balloons, and refreshments.

All proceeds will be given to the Kidney Foundation of Upstate New York.

Further information is available by calling the knights at 235-9661.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

A Visit To Hornell

Last May Father Elmer Schmitt, pastor of St. Ann's, Hornell, phoned: "Our people would like you to conduct our annual St. Ann's Triduum, July 24-26. Are you available?" "Available and privileged. Thanks for the invitation."

In 1967, Archbishop Sheen transferred me from Clyde to St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, as chaplain, to succeed Fathers Hickey and Coonan. I spent five happy years there and lived in five different houses. The first chaplain's residence was demolished for parking space. And so was the second. In between I lived at St. Ignatius' rectory with Father Haffey, and at St. Ann's with my classmate, Father Lane; and with Fathers Sturmer, Delmonte, Brady and Magin until the third chaplain's residence was purchased. So between the hospital and the parishes I made many good friends.

When I got to St. Ann's, that shining knight of Orthodoxy, Father Antinarelli had left. But Father Paul Gibbons is there in residence and is retired. A year ago he had a hard bout with cancer; but with tons of prayers, and marvelous nursing and medical care, he is rehabilitated to the point he celebrates daily Mass in the rectory, receives visitors and gives cheer and encouragement to many people.

The Triduum was simple, standard and well attended, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Since the congregation was composed largely of people over 30, I announced: "Let's sing the 'O Salutaris' and 'Tantum Ergo Sacramentum' in Latin." Organist John Bartell pealed out the hymns gloriously, and the congregation belted them out wonderfully. It is strange how Benediction, so beautiful a devotion and so loved by Cardinal Newman and the Oxford converts and by most of the grass roots Catholics, has been put in the closet.

St. Ann's has a long tradition of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. You will rarely go into the church without finding people quietly worshipping the Lord. As usual I

brought many devotional booklets available for purchase, but plugged especially "An Hour with Jesus" at 50 cents a copy. Legionnaires of Mary, Virginia Hussong and journalist Dolores Lamb womanned the booklet tables, collecting the cash, doling out the books. Hornell now is enriched by more spiritual fruit trees.

I had hoped to see many Hornell area friends, but time fled. However, after services the first night there was a fine reception on the rectory lawn for Father Gibbons' 69th birthday, and I met many there; and also after the services in front of the church. Elmira Father Mike Reagan's sister, nurse Rita McCaig, stopped to say: "I have been sharing the Sheen cassettes, and also a set on the Catholic Faith by Father Fox. So many do not understand our religion." Apostolic lay folk are the hope and strength of the Church.

Thursday afternoon I went to the hospital to see Mrs. Ann Candiello who was on our Golden Tour of Europe a decade ago, and met a few patients, nurses -- and Dr. Mario Argentieri, who with Dr. J. McCormack, rejuvenated Father Gibbons. I thought: "What a benign influence Dr. Argentieri has had on the whole Hornell area." I knew his parents, and think that his religious practice began in a home of devotion. His impressive intellectual understanding of the Faith comes from old Georgetown University, where he got sound philosophy and religion, as well as a great medical training. His compassion gives courage to many. We chatted a few minutes on the state of the Church today. He remarked: "I am greatly impressed by the new Archbishop O'Connor of New York. He is clear and unambiguous about where the Church stands. I want to write to him and thank him, but don't know the address." I sent him the address with a note: "The Lord bless you for writing. Archbishop O'Connor will need a lot of backing. He will get it from the grass roots Catholics, but I am afraid he will get less from many influential fence-sitters. Be sure to use your most impressive stationary. It psychologically reinforces the message."

Amnesty International Airs Plea For Haitians Reportedly Arrested

Amnesty International's Urgent Action program has alerted its membership to the cases of two Haitians.

An AI report issued last week stated:

"Amnesty International is concerned about reports of the arrests of (Andre Laviolette and an unnamed man, a chauffeur) in apparently separate incidents in the capital, Port-au-Prince. The arrests, which appear to have been politically motivated, are reported to have resulted in the incommunicado deten-

tion without charge of the two men. Amnesty International fears that they may be tortured or otherwise ill treated while in detention.

"Andre Laviolette, aged 60, is said to have been arrested on June 27, 1984 and taken to the Casernes Dessalines (military barracks) where it is believed he is still being held without charge or access to relatives or legal counsel. He is the administrator of the Centre Haitien D'Investigation en Sciences Sociales, CHISS, (Haitian Center for Social Science Research).

"A second man, a chauffeur whose name is not yet known to Amnesty International is said to have been arrested on July 5, 1984 and is reportedly still in incommunicado detention. No further details about his arrest are known at present.

"Both Andre Laviolette and the second man are said to have close links with Hubert de Ronceray. De Ronceray, director general of CHISS and president of UNESCO's Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, which investigates reports of violations of certain human rights from all over the world, was himself arrested on July 4, 1984 and released three days later. De Ronceray was outspoken in an interview published last month in a Haitian newspaper about social injustices in his country and the population's enforced ignorance of their fundamental human rights. He has reportedly also been critical of the Haitian authorities in another interview which appeared recently in an opposition newspaper published abroad.

Andre Laviolette is said to be a close collaborator and relative of de Ronceray, while the unnamed man is believed to be his chauffeur.

"Amnesty International continues to receive reports of the incommunicado detention without trial, ill-treatment and harassment of suspected opponents of President Duvalier's government.

"The organization is concerned that Andre Laviolette and the man arrested may be ill-treated or tortured while in custody. There is also concern that they have not been brought before a judge within the 48 hours stipulated by article 25 of the Haitian Constitution. Amnesty International knows of a number of political suspects who have been held in unacknowledged detention for

over a year and has repeatedly appealed to the Haitian authorities that they either be charged or released."

The organization recommends that telegrams and airmail letters expressing concern at reports of the arrests, urging the men be immediately brought before a judge and charged or released, and seeking assurances that the men's physical safety will be guaranteed while in detention be sent to: Son Excellence Roger Lafontant, Ministre D'Etat, Ministere de L'Interieur, Palais des Ministres, Port-Au-Prince, Haiti.

At Home Retreat Slated

An "At Home Retreat" will be given for a limited group of married women, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays, starting Sept. 17.

The program is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and consists of 13 weekly, two-hour sessions.

It is given in the homes of the participants.

The unusual program is designed for persons for whom the demands of home and family preclude making retreats away from the home.

Further information is available by calling the Cenacle ministry office, 271-8755; Sister Anna Louise Staub, SSJ, 586-8291; or Mrs. Kathy Murty, 436-1284.

Couples Pray

Canandaigua — A retreat for married couples has been slated noon, August 18 to noon, August 19 at Notre Dame Retreat House. Further information or reservations are available by contacting the retreat house PO Box 342, Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424; (716) 394-5700.

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