

Editorial**Remembering Our War Veterans**

This Monday, we honored our veterans, both living and deceased. The following prayer, provided by the Catholic War Veterans, is in memory of those soldiers killed in battle.

Our Dead**Memorial Verse of CWV**

By Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, PhD
Our dead are not Unknown Soldiers.

We know who they are and whither they seek to go.

We know that they must languish in Purgatory until the last earthly stain is wiped away and until the last earthly injustice is repaired.

We also know that we can speed their passage from a Purgatory of shadow and pain to a Paradise of happiness of light.

We can hasten the dawn of eternal rest and the rays of perpetual light.

Our prayers and Masses and works of charity can become eternal ransom money in the justice of God.

We love our dead.

We can help our dead.

Let us pray for them always.

Flowers wither upon their graves.

A daily garland of prayers is better than an armful of roses.

As we approach the Golden Memorial Hour of the Catholic War Veterans, stand for a moment in silence and let there rise from your heart a prayer beseeching Almighty God, the Father of us all, to grant to the souls of our departed comrades a peace and a glory that is theirs because of the sacrifice they made that other men may live.



Catholic War Veterans Jerry Brennan, Brooklyn; Harry Cooley, Queens; and Nick Woyak, Queens.

and Opinions**Offended by 'Humor' Of Blackfriars' Play****To the Editor:**

We just sat through two one-act plays presented by Blackfriars, Inc., at Xerox Square Auditorium. The first was just dirty and dumb, and not worth dignifying with further comment. The second, "Sister Mary Igantius Explains It All for You," was not just a gentle, humorous spoof of the Catholic schooling that I had expected.

Many are excused because "they know not what they do." It is hard to see that, though, in this case where there are so many direct attacks on things that many practicing Christians believe. What percentage of a Rochester audience might be opposed to homosexuality, what percentage opposed to abortion, and what percentage are real, fervent Christians?

The shocker is not so much that the Blackfriars saw fit to offend these views extensively, but how much the audience found it all so hilarious. How can any thinking person feel that the Crucifixion is a subject for humor?

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A Word for Sunday

with Father Albert Shamon



Sunday's Readings: (R3) Matthew 28:16-20; (R1) Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; (R2) Romans 8:14-17

The great revelation of the Old Testament is monotheism. "Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is one God!"

The great revelation of the New Testament is the Trinity. In this one God there are three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Monotheism frightened the pagans. Judaism had little attraction for them with the exception of its lofty morality. This attracted many pagan women. But in general, pagans ignored Judaism, for to them a one God was an alone God, and an alone God was a lonely God, and a lonely God was an unhappy God — and man was made for happiness.

With the coming of Jesus, the unthinkable thought of God alone like a Buddha contemplating his navel for all eternity was scrapped once and forever with His revelation of Father, Son and Holy Spirit — three Persons in the one God.

Plato once asked the question: "If God has a mind whom did he know; if he has a will whom did he love?" The answer is found in the Trinity. God knowing from all eternity generated a concept of God that has all the reality of God, for God can think only a perfect thought. Yet the thought is distinct from the thinker. So

God's eternal thought is distinct from Himself. But a distinct divine reality is a divine Person. Since we express our thoughts by words, the scripture calls God's eternal thought the Word of God. "In the beginning was the Word. The Word was God." Since the thinker begets his thought, scripture also calls the Thinker "Father" and the Thought "Son."

But God has a will as well as a mind. A love as well as a thought. The Father sees the Son as the perfect image of Himself and so loves Him. The Son sees the Father as the source of all He is and He loves the Father. Into this love, both Father and Son pour all their being — the divine reality — for love gives itself, and divine love gives itself totally! But love is something distinct from both the lover and the beloved. So, in God, there is another distinct divine reality or Person. Scripture calls Him the Spirit of God. For love is not expressed by words, but by signs. "The lover sighing like a furnace," is how Shakespeare described the lover. And the Latin word for sigh is *spiritus*. And since God has no body, His love is not carnal but spiritual — so Holy Spirit.

So the life of God is the life of Three Persons who live by knowing and loving each other for all eternity.

Consider our lives. Are they not hap-

piest when we know and love others? Is not a knowledge that ends in the love and possession of another our highest concept of joy? Do we not end our fairy tales with: "The prince went off with the princess, and they lived happily ever after?"

The Trinity tells us heaven will never be a bore. It is not a glorified church service, plunking harps and singing "Alleluia" — moderns seldom like church services, so heaven holds less attraction for them than a one God did for the pagans.

Jesus always likened heaven to a wedding feast. Now who does not like a wedding feast? Heaven is being wedded to three Persons: God the Father who is eternal life; God the Son who is eternal truth; and God the Holy Spirit who is eternal love. And isn't that what we all want: life, truth, love? And we will never get it here — for all earthly life ends, all earthly truth is shadowed with mysteries, all earthly love is finite. Our hearts were made for eternity, and we have time on our hands. So nothing less than the triune God will satisfy us. The heart is triangular, the earth is round — it will not fill the corners of the human heart. Only the triune God can. "For thyself Thou hast created us, O God, and our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee."

DEATHS**Sister Francis Leona, SSJ, Local Teacher**

Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Francis Leona of the Sisters of St. Joseph was celebrated in the Motherhouse Chapel Friday, May 17, 1985. The principal celebrant was Father John Hempel, a cousin of Sister Francis of Leona, who was assisted by Father Roy Kiggins, also a cousin, and Monsignor William Shannon.

Sister Francis Leona was a native of Rochester and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Francis Xavier Parish in 1927. She was a graduate of Nazareth College and attended the University of Buffalo and St. Bonaventure University.

Sister Francis Leona taught in the schools of the Rochester diocese for a period of 43 years. She taught in the following elementary schools: St. Agnes, Avon; St. Mary, Waterloo; Our Lady of Victory, Rochester; and Corpus Christi,

Rochester. In 1945, she began teaching in the high schools — for eight years at De Sales High School, Geneva; three years at Aquinas Institute; and 16 years at Nazareth Academy.

In 1972, Sister was forced to retire from the active work of the schools because of her failing health. She remained at Nazareth Academy for four more years, giving assistance wherever possible for her. In 1976, she retired to the infirmary of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Sister Francis Leona is survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law: Richard and Vera Wilhelm of Rochester and Herbert and Shirley Wilhelm of Lompoc, Cal., as well as several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in the sisters' section of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Saturday, May 18, at 9:30 a.m.

Genevieve Kelly, Waterloo Resident, at 82

Genevieve Reagan Kelly of Waterloo, age 82, died in her home on Saturday, May 11, 1985. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Corning, on Wednesday, May 15, with interment at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mrs. Kelly is a former resident of Elmira and Corning. She was a member of St. Patrick's Church, Corning, and of the Retired Teachers of Corning. She was a 1922 graduate of Corning Free Academy and a 1927 graduate of Fredonia Normal School. She had been a music teacher from 1928 to 1940 in the Webster High School and had also taught in the parochial and public schools of Elmira.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Joseph G. and Pat Murray Kelly of Rochester; daughter and son-in-law, Colleen (Kelly) and F. Mack Spelley of Waterloo; brother, Gerald F. Reagan of Painted Post; three sisters, Catherine R. Monahan of Corning, Dolores R. Nitsche of Corning, and Alice R. Calkins of Painted Post; several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Kelly's late husband, Joseph E. Kelly, was a longtime Elmira police officer.

Those wishing may make contributions to the Geneva Area Right to Life, 17 Huff St., Waterloo, 13165.

Diocesan Roundup**Annual Luncheon**

The diocesan employees' annual June luncheon will be Monday, June 24, at the Mapledale Party House. Those attending should meet at 11 a.m. in the Pastoral Center for the Personnel Annual Report. Lunch is planned at noon, with a choice of sirlain tips or baked lasagna.

Reservations and lunch preference are needed by Friday, June 17. Call Arlene Jones at the Pastoral Center.

Sister Angela To Be Honored

Sister Angela, SSJ, will be honored as the Senior Citizen of the Year at the Seniorama of 1985 at Mt. Morris Central School. The program, sponsored by the Livingston

County Office of the Aging, will take place at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 25.

Sr. Angela, who came to Mt. Morris as a teacher at St. Patrick's School, was chosen to represent the "Best Seniors by a Dam Site" for her many years of service to the people of Mt. Morris.

Buy-a-Board Campaign

Parents, students and friends of St. John's School, 2376 Ridge Rd. W., Greece, will be building a creative play area under the

direction of Robert Leathers of Ithaca on May 29 and 30 and June 1 and 2.

Two years of fund raising has raised the \$12,000 needed to build the play area and now St. John's is looking for volunteers to help with building. Needed are "skilled" and "unskilled" labor and people to help with food and security. Also needed are donations of lumber, stones, tires, concrete, etc. For further information, contact John Rohr, 56 Durkar La., or Sr. Marilyn Reeves at St. John's School.