

# A Word for Sunday

with Father Albert Shamon



Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mark 4:35-41; (R1) Job 38:1, 8-11; (R2) 2 Corinthians 5:14-17.

In the first reading this coming Sunday, Job made the big mistake of challenging God. True, he had been given a bitter pill to swallow — losing wealth, health and family — but he challenged God about this. And out of a whirlwind, God put question upon question to Job until Job confessed his presumption. "Where were you when the world was created?" "When I shut up the sea and said to the proud waves you shall come no farther?" "When I made the clouds?" "The light and the darkness?" And so on and on.

Still, today people often in various ways challenge God and the universe. God lets it go on for a while — His patience is meant to lead to repentance. When it does not, and when the cup of iniquity is filled, God says: "Thus far shall you come but no farther."

In the time of our Lord, the Romans conquered the world. Even Jesus felt the iron rule of the caesars. But Rome, the captor, became the captive to forces that eventually caused its downfall. It challenged God and the universe, but like many another civilization, ultimately lost. The historian Gibbon enumerates the specific reasons for "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." They are especially instructive for our society today:

1. The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society.
- 2). Higher and higher taxes; spending of public moneys for bread and circuses.

3). The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.

4). The building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy is within: the decadence of the people.

5). The decay of religion; faith fading into a mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to guide the people.

We even challenge God on the beautiful gift of human sexuality. We think we can go from one person to another without intimacy or responsibility. But we are slowly learning that we are losing this challenge, as well. God gives us what we choose. If we choose to wreck life and others with drink and drugs and irresponsible sex, God sustains us in our choices. And a wrecked life is His response to our challenge.

In his book, "White Corpuscles in Europe," Allen Hunter tells of interviewing a man whom Hitler had driven from Nazi Germany because the man had spoken out against the dictator's policies. The interview took place while Hitler was still in power, while he was still winning battles and the control of more and more territory. Hunter reports that the man he interviewed was remarkably calm. Asked if he were not worried, if Hitler's successes did not frighten him, the man said that, of course, he was concerned, and that he was doing all he could to stop it, but he added: "There is God, and I can wait."

The Germans have an old adage: "The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine," and in the end the books are balanced.

### Nazareth Reaccredited

The Middle States Association of Secondary Schools has voted to renew Nazareth Academy's accreditation for the next 10 years according to an announcement Wednesday, June 5. The result of a two-year process of evaluation, accreditation means that the school more than satisfies the

already rigid minimum requirements for public schools in New York State.

During the first year, the entire faculty was assigned to committees which examined the school's curriculum, building, student services and community relations. A new philosophy was written and adopted

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"I did very well with choreography because I didn't know a lot of cliché movement," Sister Mary Ellen points out. "Garth Fagan said, 'Your dance is always fresh.' I got a lot of encouragement from him."

She applies her choreographic training both to her own solo and ensemble work and to periodic student performances. Sister Mary Ellen has performed on several occasions for nuclear disarmament workshops sponsored by such local pacifist groups as the Peace and Justice Commission; one such performance was held last summer at the University of Rochester's Interfaith Chapel on the 39th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima.

In May, Sister Mary Ellen danced for the commencement exercises at St. Bernard's Institute. "It was an unusual thing," she comments. "They felt there's so much of the spoken word at a graduation, they wanted something visual — and historically, graduations have frequently been danced."

The close of the 1984/85 school year at

Nazareth Academy bore out her theory, though at perhaps a less sublime level. Sister Mary Ellen's students choreographed "The Neutron Dance" by the Pointer Sisters for one performance, as part of their final exams, and every student participated.

"At Nazareth, every kid takes dance," says Sister Carol Cimino. "We don't tout ourselves as a school of the arts. It's just part of the program. We're the only Catholic high school to have a dance program. And we're the only high school in Rochester to have such a comprehensive dance program."

Such an emphasis is directly in line with the academy's stated philosophy: to encourage women to go into the so-called non-traditional fields. "There's no reason why a girl can't do math and physics and computer technology — and dance at the same time," Sister Carol concludes. "That's a truly holistic education."

If any doubt remains in the minds of Sister Mary Ellen Campbell's young pupils, they have only to look to the head of the class for the inspiration to keep on pirouetting.

### Follies Thanked

Members of the Cardinal Mooney Follies were honored with a plaque by the National Kidney Foundation of Upstate New York. The plaque recognized volunteer entertainment provided for the foundation's annual holiday dinners in 1983 and 1984.

The award was donated by Angelo DiCataldo, who attended the dinners with a close friend who is on dialysis, and believe the group deserved recognition.

### Library Presents Stories

Jackie Torrence, nationally acclaimed tale-teller, will entertain story lovers of all ages, but especially school-age children, with stories from the Black tradition on Wednesday, June 26. "Back In The Days When The Animals Could Talk ..." will be presented at the Wheatley Community Library on Bronson Avenue at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (716)235-3682.

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