

Obituaries

Dr. Hugo Maria Kellner, 84; noted for Church, nuclear defense views

Hugo Maria Kellner, Ph.D., died suddenly February 8, 1986, at St. Ann's Home at the age of 84.

Dr. Kellner liked to tell people that he had been born in a castle in Wuerzburg, Germany. Actually, his father happened to be garrisoned at the castle at the time of his son's birth, August 3, 1901.

Dr. Kellner spent most of his life in the Augsburg area of Bavaria. He received a doctorate in physical chemistry (summa cum laude) from the University of Geissen in Germany and, until his emigration to the United States in 1949, he was involved in the development and production of photographic light filters and optical lenses.

During the Hitler regime, Dr. Kellner was held under close political observation and was jailed for his anti-Nazi sentiments. Fearing a communist takeover of Western Germany in 1949, he brought his wife, M. Magdalena, and his nine children, ranging in age from 18 years to 18 months, to Rochester.

Two aunts, the late Emilie Schaefer and the late Emma Kuhn, sponsored the family. Dr. Kellner obtained citizenship in 1954 and was subsequently invited to Washington to be congratulated by then-President Eisenhower.

Dr. Kellner had a great love of learning and took great pride in the fact that three of his sons obtained doctoral degrees, all nine children completed college and one became a priest.

In 1952, the Kellners moved to Caledonia where Dr. Kellner resided until his recent move to St. Ann's Home. For a time he operated a machine shop, but in later years did translations of scientific articles from German and French to English. He also translated the book *Ronald Knox* by Evelyn Waugh into German.

During the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, the family bomb shelter, built by Dr. Kellner, was featured on worldwide television, the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle and the German magazine *Der Stern*.

An ardent, conservative Catholic, Dr. Kellner wrote more than 80 articles in defense of the traditional Church and even



built his own chapel on his Caledonia property.

Dr. Kellner is survived by his wife of 55 years, the former M. Magdalena Wickert. Five of his nine children are active in ministry within the Diocese of Rochester: Sister Maria, SSJ, is a pastoral care assistant at St. Joseph Convent and Infirmary in Rochester; Sister Magdalena, SSJ, has served as vice principal and is currently a teacher at Nazareth Academy; Father Winfried Kellner is chaplain at Rochester Community Hospital; Mrs. Agnes Gebauer is a teacher at St. John of Rochester School in Perinton; and Mrs. Maria Bors formerly taught in the diocesan school system and is presently organist at Good Counsel parish.

Other surviving children are: Dr. Stephan Kellner of Vermont; Dr. Thomas Kellner of Baltimore; Dr. Norbert Kellner of Dallas; and Dr. Benedikt Kellner of Fishkill, New York.

Dr. Kellner is also survived by three brothers and two sisters in Germany and two sisters in the U.S., as well as 28 grandchildren.

Sister Mary Tolan, 69; teacher in local schools

Sister Mary Tolan, SSJ, who taught in diocesan schools in the Rochester and Syracuse areas for 24 years, died Friday, February 14, 1986, at the St. Joseph Convent Infirmary of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Rochester. She was 69 years old.

Sister Mary Tolan, formerly known as Sister Mary Augusta, was a native of Geneva where she attended St. Francis DeSales School and DeSales High School. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1934.

"She was a very outgoing person. She was an excellent teacher and very much liked by the parents and children," said Sister Mary Paul Geck. "She had a keen sense of humor."

After receiving a teaching degree in 1938 from Nazareth Normal School, Sister Mary

Tolan taught at Blessed Sacrament, Immaculate Conception, Holy Apostles, St. Ambrose, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sacred Heart, and St. Monica. She also taught at St. John the Evangelist in Greece, and St. Paul in Oswego.

She was moved to the St. Joseph Motherhouse Infirmary in 1976 because of failing health.

Sister Mary Tolan is survived by two sisters, Kathleen Sweeney of Geneva, and Anne Sharlow of Watertown.

A memorial mass was celebrated at the SSJ Motherhouse on Tuesday, February 18, by Monsignor William Shannon.

Mendelssohn's "Elijah"

The Assumption Church on High Street in Fairport will be the scene for Mendelssohn's "Elijah" on Sunday, March 16 at 4 p.m. The Perinton Community Chorus and Orchestra, with Virginia Hogan conducting, will provide music for the evening. Tickets are \$4 at the door. Call Ruth Tuttle at (716)423-3406 or 223-8224.

Notre Dame Retreat

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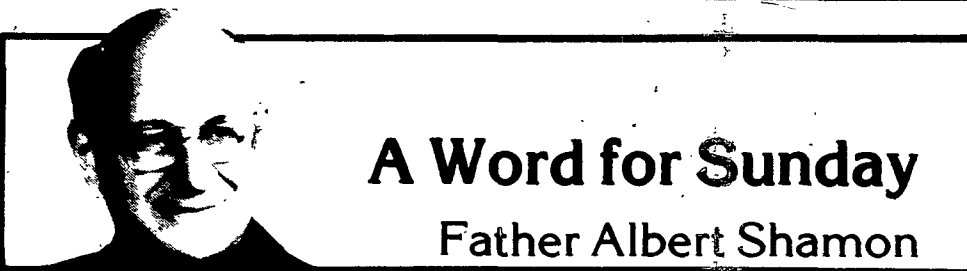
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A Word for Sunday

Father Albert Shamon

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Luke 13:1-9; (R1) Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; (R2) 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12.

This Sunday's liturgy celebrates the call of Moses — a call to liberate Israel and the Jews. The phenomenon of the bush burning without being consumed symbolizes God's people being burned through oppression without being consumed.

Fire is also a metaphor for suffering. Man is purified by suffering as gold is tried by fire. So the fires of suffering purify, but do not destroy God's people.

God's people had come to like it in Egypt. Even after being liberated from years of cruel slavery, they yearned for the fleshpots of Egypt. God, therefore, permitted their enslavement to wean them away from this love for an idolatrous land so that they would yearn for the land He had promised their forefathers.

God intended for the fire of slavery to purify their hearts. It did. His people began to pray for release, to cry out in complaint against their slave drivers. God heard their prayers immediately, for He saved the baby boy Moses from death.

But it took another 80 years to answer their prayers, for God had to prepare Moses for the job. For 40 years, Moses trained as an Egyptian prince, in all the culture of the greatest civilization of the then-known world. Then, for 40 more years, God had Moses trained as a shepherd, in order that he learn how to survive in the fierce deserts of Sinai. Only after so long a tutelage did God speak to Moses from a burning bush, calling him to go down to Egypt to free His people.

What a lesson this story teaches about prayer! So often God's seeming delay in "answering" prayer is only because it takes time to fit not only the instrument needed to answer the prayers, but to fit the hearts of those who pray so that they might respond to God's answer — in this instance, to follow Moses out of Egypt.

What a beautiful revelation, also, does this story unfold about God

Himself? Our God is a God who cares. He is a God who loves. He is a God who abhors the enslavement of one people by another. But, above all, He is a God who is always with us, to guide us, to help us, to liberate us from the slavery of our sins. For when Moses asked Him who He is, God answered, "I am!"

If someone asked me who I am, I'd answer, "I am a priest." But when I say that, I am limiting myself to one vocation. It is the same with anyone else who says, "I am a teacher," or "I am a lawyer," or "I am a doctor," and so on. God said to Moses simply, "I am," period. There is no limit here to what God can do, nor to whom He is.

Furthermore, "I am" is the present tense of the verb *to be*. God was saying, in effect, "I am the One who always is — the Being *par excellence*. I am all that is, whereas you are all that is not. Who am I? I am who I am, unlike pagan gods who are nothing. And because I am, I am present to all times and to all peoples. I was with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I am with my people now. And I shall ever be with them!" And what is the conclusion? Fear not, therefore, for if God be with us, who can be against us?

God's call is always to service and to greatness. But that means sacrifice. That means things can never be the same after God calls. So Moses tried to avoid the call with all kinds of excuses. And God's people poorly responded to that call so that, as Paul said, they were struck down in the desert.

Now we have passed through the sea of baptism, and we are fed by the bread from heaven, the Eucharist. And God calls us to service and, like Moses, to liberate others from the slavery of sin and error. As with the fig tree, God expects results from us. We, the unproductive fig tree, are given a reprieve, not based on our merits, but on God's mercy. The tree is manured — the door is left open for a change. That is what the ashes of Lent are — the manure — another chance given us to lead productive lives by doing God's will and responding to His calls.

Program Series

The American Cancer Society and St. Mary's Hospital will be conducting a series of programs to be held on the second Wednesday of each month through June.

The programs are from 7 to 9 p.m. at the American Cancer Society, 1400 N. Winton Road. Call the American Cancer Society

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SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given to the (alleged) (biological) (adjudicated) father of the above-named minor child, whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Department of Welfare of Allen County, Indiana, has filed its petition, on January 17, 1986, which is a proceeding whereby the petitioner is asking that the parent-child relationship, and the parental rights of the person to whom this notice is given, be permanently terminated and that said child be made available for possible adoption which said adoption proceedings may not be contested by the person to whom this notice is given if such person to whom this notice is given fails to act within the time and in the manner hereinafter set forth.

Notice is further given that the attorney representing The Department of Public Welfare of Allen County, Indiana, is Philip H. Larmore of the law firm of Adair, Perry, Beers, Matlers, & Larmore, whose address is 2200 Fort Wayne National Bank Building, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46802

That said person to whom this notice is directed must respond to the petition of The Department of Public Welfare of Allen County, Indiana, by appearing in person or by attorney within ten (10) days after the last publication of this notice, and in case such person fails to do so, judgment by default may be entered against that person for the relief demanded in the petitioner's petition, filed January 17, 1986.

Patricia Conrad
Clerk of Allen County