

Obituaries

Edward E. Powers, 56, St. Bernard parishioner

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated for Edward E. Powers by Father Robert J. Downs, pastor, Father Robert Egan and Father William Spilly, on Tuesday, February 24, at St. Bernard Church in Scipio Center. Mr. Powers died suddenly on Saturday, February 21. He was 56 years old.

Mr. Powers was an active member of the parish in Scipio Center, where he was a member of the Holy Name Society, a lector and an usher, among many other activities.

Mr. Powers was employed as a journeyman plumber, associated with Hares and Weeks of Auburn.

His pallbearers were Kim Hares, Lew Hares, Frank DeJoy, Mark Klipple, Gordon McCormick and Howard Lacey.

Mr. Powers is survived by his wife, Loretta Petrucci Powers, and seven children, Mrs. Daniel (Jackie) Carman of Decatur, Ill.; Thomas J. Powers of Rush; Peter Powers of Liverpool; Gerard Powers of Loch Sheldrake; Tracy R. Powers of Scipio Center; four grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Claude (Joan) Mann of Genoa; Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Driscoll of Scipio Center; and Mrs. Norman (Jeannie) Cook of Concord, Calif.; a brother, William Powers of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

Monsignor Edward A. Buckley, 70, in Puerto Rico

Monsignor Edward A. Buckley, who attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries in Rochester, and Holy Angels Seminary in Buffalo, died on Friday, March 6, in Santurce, Puerto Rico. He was 70 years old.

Monsignor Buckley was ordained a priest in Camden, New Jersey, on May 22, 1948.

While serving at Holy Savior Parish in Westmont, New Jersey, in the 1950s, he initiated the Diocesan Office of Radio and TV, and was named its first director in 1958. From 1961 to 1966, he served as director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the Camden diocese. He was pastor of St. Agnes Church in Blackwood, New Jersey, from June

1961, thru January, 1985, when he retired and moved to Santurce, Puerto Rico. Monsignor Buckley had been named a papal chamberlain in 1964.

He was laid in state at St. Agnes Church in Blackwood, New Jersey, on Monday, March 9, and a Mass of Christ the High Priest was offered on Tuesday morning, March 10. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Rochester, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Monsignor Buckley is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Arthur and Edith Buckley; his sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Paul Yaeger; his brother-in-law, John Carroll; and several nieces and nephews.

Priest reflects

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the freedom of the embryo to be an embryo."

Yet the document does not convince Father Temple that in-vitro fertilization within marriage necessarily violates the dignity of the embryo or the dignity of the marriage.

"For better or worse, we've come to expect that our bodies can be healed by human hands," he said. "In medicine, radical interventions to achieve good ends are considered good moral actions. Are we creating a second category of human activity concerning reproductive acts?"

"I would like more explanation about how medical cooperation in achieving (conception) is necessarily a case of unjustifiable human domination rather than a case of human cooperation with God's plan," he added.

Father Temple also questions why the document fails to define what it means by the term "person." All of the document's conclusions are based on the treatment of the embryo as a person with rights that are inviolable, he noted. Without a standard definition of "person," each reader must rely on his or her intuitive idea of what a person is, which may or may not be

applicable to an embryo.

"I do think the writers had a clear idea of 'person' in composing the document," he said. "It would have helped if they had included it explicitly."

The document's pastoral approach is also somewhat undermined by its language, which is somewhat unapproachable and relies heavily on such words as "forbids" and "condemns."

One point Father Temple fears may be obscured by such heavy-handed language is the document's "incredibly optimistic" view of the human body.

During previous centuries, papal pronouncements concerning the human body were disciplinary in tone. In contrast, Father Temple noted, the bioethics document adopts a view of the human body as intrinsically good.

"Pope Paul VI brought the Church back to the wisdom of the fathers by championing creation in general and the body in particular," he noted. "This document retrieves the element of our Catholic tradition that celebrates the body."

Overall, Father Temple believes that the document succeeds as a model for dialogue between religion and science.

"It is not theological opinion handed down in an abstract vacuum," he said. "It is saying that one is to be a Catholic in the 1980s by facing the world head-on, by getting information and reflecting on that information in the light of scripture and tradition."

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