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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

Recently, I attended a talk by the Czech President poet Václav Havel on the spiritual crisis of our age. He suggests that the modern age has ended. We are in a transitional period where something is on the way out and something else is painfully being born. Havel pointed out that periods of history when values undergo a fundamental shift are not unprecedented. He instanced the Hellenistic period, when from the ruins of the classical world the Middle Ages were gradually born. It happened during the Renaissance, which opened the way to the modern era. The distinguishing features of such transitional periods are a mixing and blending of cultures, and a plurality of intellectual and spiritual worlds. New meaning is gradually born from the intersection of many different elements. As a symbol of our age Havel took the Bedouin mounted on a camel and clad in traditional robes under which he is wearing jeans, with a transistor radio in his hands and an ad for Coca-Cola on the camel's back.

He went on to say that today we find ourselves in a paradoxical situation. We enjoy all the achievements of modern civilization yet we do not know exactly to do with ourselves. The world of our experience seems confusing. There appear to be no integrating forces, no unified meaning, no inner understanding. We live in a time when everything is possible but almost nothing is certain.

What made Havel particularly interesting and worth sharing was his vision. He believes the only real hope of people today is a renewal of our certainty that we are rooted in the earth. This awareness endows us with the capacity for self-transcendence and openness to God. In today's multicultural world, according to Havel, the truly reliable path to coexistence must start from what is at the root of all culture and what lies infinitely deeper in human hearts and minds than political opinion, convictions, or sympathies: it must be rooted in transcendence as a deeply and joyously experienced need to be in harmony even with what we ourselves are not, what we do not understand, what seems distant from us in time and space, but with which we are nevertheless mysteriously linked. God as the only real alternative to extinction.

Havel finished with a telling note. The Declaration of Independence, adopted in

America over 200 years ago, states that the Creator gave the human the right to liberty. It seems the human being can realize that liberty only if humanity does not forget the One who endowed the human with it in the first place.

Fr John

Take heart;

it is I;

have no

fear.

MATTHEW 14:27

Dear Editor,

For once my letter expresses total enthusiasm for an item in the Bulletin! I must confess I thoroughly enjoyed in No.427 the article: More of "These New Sins". Is it a new series?

It seems to me a wonderful pastime and a highly useful one to investigate the possibilities for new ways of sinning afforded to us in our time. It is so very often true that we don't even know we are offending until someone tells us about it. I suppose it is only then, if we don't take note and attempt remedy, that we really begin to sin?...

Anyway it is great fun to discover the new ways of sinning our neighbours have found! Because of course the built-in plank in my eye has prevented me from recognising myself so far! But I am full of hope that thanks to a future article that plank will be dislodged, my blind spot removed and I will see my "other sins"!

I surely won't like it if, or rather when, I do! But I know so well how beneficial it will be for me that I can hardly wait!

Thanks again for a genuinely thrilling series.

Yours sincerely,
Madelaine MacNamara

16 Tara Court

P.S. Patience is a virtue that I will definitely have to cultivate. Two days after writing this and before the Bulletin's next issue, I was informed loud and clear and in no uncertain terms that I had offended someone. As foreseen, not much fun at first! Then I wondered hadn't the Holy Spirit of Wisdom come to the rescue of my impatience with Her perfect timing and Her keen sense of

Dear Editor,

It was my great privilege to attend the Mass commemorating the Bi-Centenary of the founding of Maynooth College on Sunday last.

Along with Bishop Buckley and Fr. Noel O'Sullivan, President of Farranferris, Lynda Irwin of the Family Ministry Team at Paul Street, and myself represented the laity of the Dioceses of Cork and Ross.

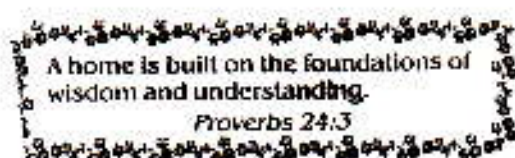
It was a memorable experience, comprising a sung Mass with choir, organ and orchestra. From Cardinal Cahal Daly's welcome and introduction to the singing and playing of Mozart's Laudate Dominum at the close, it was liturgy at its best and most moving.

Perhaps the Founding Fathers all those years ago never anticipated such a gathering. But the whole People of God were there, from all our varying backgrounds, female and male, giving glory to God in prayer and in song. And it was good.

Afterwards we were invited to lunch in the College and later we participated in the planting of an Irish Yew tree by Cardinal Daly. We toured the grounds and gardens, admiring especially the unusual (new) Biblical Garden, specially commissioned for the Bi-Centenary.

We left Maynooth feeling uplifted by the whole experience. We wondered, too, what form the Commemoration will take in another hundred years!!

Yours sincerely,
Pat Lemasney





Point
to
Ponder

These Other Sins

There is a lot of discussion about new sins, or sins of the modern age. As an old missionary priest once said, "Despite the spread of the gospel and the true faith, the Ten Commandments are written on everybody's chest." So, regarding sin, there is nothing new, and if one lives according to the commandments, one can feel happy and contented with oneself. However, it is no harm to mention "sins" which one tends to ignore or is content to live with.

In all walks of life, workers who tend to confuse activity with real work, or to put it more bluntly, tend not to work at all, are guilty of sin. They are wasting their employers time and resources. Employers who do not provide proper resources for their workers, or adequate surroundings and facilities, training opportunities and, of course, a just and economic remuneration, are also guilty of the "new" sin.

Then there are firms who supply and market sub-standard goods and hype up the "value" of their products without a proper right or basis to do so - they also sin. And the state, semi-state bodies and local authorities who have control of the people's finances and do not carry out their functions in a worthwhile manner - they also sin.

And finally, the exorbitant charges by various professional bodies - this is a sin which requires much thought.

A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Don't going to reveal to you a secret of sanctity and happiness. For five minutes every day quieten your imagination, close your eyes to everything visible and your ears to all external sounds and withdraw into the sanctuary of your baptised soul which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. There, speak to the Holy Spirit and say:

O Holy Spirit,
soul of my soul
I adore you.

**Enlighten,
guide.**

strengthen and console me.

**Tell me what I ought to do
and command me to do it.**

**I promise to submit to everything
that you ask of me
and to accept all**

that you allow to happen to me.
Just show me what is your will.

If you do this your life will be happy and serene. Even in the midst of troubles you will experience great consolation, for grace will be given to strengthen and help you to cope with every difficulty. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity.

(Cardinal Mercier)

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TEN REASONS FOR HEARING MASS

The Man is the best machine we have

1. To render God the highest adoration.
2. To thank Him for all His blessings.
3. To obtain all the favours you desire.
4. To shorten your own purgatory and that of others.
5. To preserve you from all dangers to soul and body.
6. To increase your store of sanctifying grace.
7. At the hour of death the Masses you have heard will be your greatest consolation.
8. Every Mass heard will go with you to judgment to plead for pardon for you.
9. One Mass heard during life will do you more good than many heard for you after death.
10. Nothing is more powerful for bringing down God's blessing on you for the day than to hear Mass; therefore try to hear Mass every day or as often as possible, and twice on Sundays.



What's On

Irish Summer Camp July 10-21st

Contact: An Runai, Colaiste
Sambraídh na Dige, Corcaigh. Tel.
274110 after 8 p.m. Monday -
Thursday.

All Irish Pre-School

In Bishopstown GAA Club. Enrol
now for September next. A small
intimate pre-school where all
aspects of early educational
development are catered for while
acquiring Irish easily. Monday-
Thursday 10.00-12.30. Enquiries
to Marian O Murchu, 961222
evenings or 902665 recorded
message.

Charity Gala Bridge Night

In aid of the South
Infirmary/Victoria Hospital
Breast Cancer Project. Venue -
SMA Parish Centre, at 7.30 p.m.
on Sunday June 18th. Your
support would be greatly
appreciated. For further details
contact Noelle at 544979.

Sunday Mass at Community School

Please note - no Mass in
Community School during months of
July and August.

Pastoral Council

Meeting on this Monday, 19th
June, at 8.00 p.m. in C.P.
Centre.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to LIMA LAWN
Residents' Association on winning
1st Prize in the 1994 Tidy
Districts Competition.

Peters Pence Collection

The annual collection will take
place at all Masses next weekend.

IN SYMPATHY

Patrick O'Leary, Farranlea Park, died
unexpectedly at home. Having struggled
with failing health in recent years, he
continued to attend daily Mass and
always had a kind word or a telling
observation. He was particularly fond of
religious conundrums that kept you
thinking for days. He was buried in
Mallow where he spent most of his
working life. Our sincere sympathy to his
daughter, Mary, and family.

Rita Fleming, 'Massabielle',
Wilton Road, died on Tuesday 6th
June after a long illness. A
lady of quiet and gentle
disposition she was loved by
relatives and neighbours alike.

We extend sympathy to her
sister, Mrs. Horgan, her
brothers, nieces and nephews and
all who miss her.

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