

MY PUTATIVE COUSIN AND GOOD FRIEND, JACQUES KELLY, ALWAYS SAYS PUT IN AS MANY NAMES AS YOU CAN; IT MAKES PEOPLE HAPPY. I THINK I'VE DONE THAT.

THIS IS CLEARLY A WORK IN PROCESS. I'M STILL COLLECTING STORIES AS I HAVE SINCE I WAS A KID. AND IT'S FAR FROM COMPREHENSIVE: THIS IS BUT A SAMPLE OF THE MEMORABLE CLERGY OF THIS ARCHDIOCESE.

PERHAPS WE CAN BEGIN WITH THIS BEAUTIFUL PRAYER OF JEAN JACQUES OLIER:

O JESUS, LIVING IN MARY,  
COME AND LIVE IN YOUR SERVANTS,  
IN THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS,  
IN THE FULLNESS OF YOUR POWER,  
IN THE PERFECTION OF YOUR WAYS,  
IN THE TRUTH OF YOUR VIRTUES,  
IN THE COMMUNION OF YOUR MYSTERIES.

OVERCOME EVERY OPPRESSING FORCE, IN YOUR SPIRIT,  
FOR THE GLORY OF THE FATHER. AMEN.

WHEN THE ARCHBISHOP ASKED ME TO GIVE THIS TALK TODAY HE SAID, "PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO INCLUDE SOME ANECDOTES ABOUT THE CLERGY IN BALTIMORE." IN REALITY MOST OF THIS ADDRESS IS GOING TO BE STORIES ABOUT OUR PRIESTS.

THE FIRST ONE EXPLAINS, IN PART, THE TITLE OF MY TALK, "ON THE WHOLE, AN INDEPENDENT LOT." THE LATE BISHOP FRANK MURPHY DELIGHTED IN RECOUNTING THIS ONE. HE WAS ON A CONFIRMATION JAUNT OUT TO HIS BELOVED WESTERN MARYLAND. AFTER HE HAD FINISHED ADMINISTERING THE SACRAMENT AT ST. PETER'S IN HANCOCK, THE PASTOR, FR. GEORGE GLICK, INVITED HIM OVER TO THE HALL FOR PICTURES AND REFRESHMENTS. THE BISHOP SAID TO THE PASTOR, "GEORGE, THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL HALL, I NEVER REMEMBER IT FROM EARLIER VISITS." "OH BISHOP," GEORGE REPLIES, "WE DIDN'T

**WANT TO BOTHER YOU ALL DOWN IN BALTIMORE – WE JUST PUT IT UP!”**

**WHEN FR. GLICK DIED TEN YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK,, THAT STORY WAS INCLUDED IN THE**

**OBITUARY IN THE SUNPAPERS: IT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE OBITUARY IN THE CATHOLIC**

**REVIEW!**

**THE SECOND STORY DATES FROM THE MIDDLE SEVENTIES WHEN I WAS NEWLY ORDAINED. ALL THE PRIESTS HAD BEEN SUMMONED TO A MEETING ON COLLEGIALLY AT**

**ST. CHARLES, CATONSVILLE. AS I DROVE IN, I SAW THE PASTOR OF STS. PHILLIPS AND JAMES**

**ALIGHT FROM A CAB THAT STAYED PARKED AT THE CURB. INSIDE ST. CHARLES I SAW MSGR. JOHN DUGAN SIGN IN, PICK UP HIS INFORMATION PACKET AND SCHEDULE FOR THE**

**DAY THEN WALK RIGHT BACK OUT TO THE WAITING CAB!**

**ABOUT THAT TIME, I ALSO SERVED TWO TERMS ON THE PRIESTS’ SENATE. I’M NOT A REAL COMMITTEE KIND OF GUY BUT THERE WERE SOME MEMORABLE MOMENTS DURING MY TENURE. I CAN STILL SEE IN MY MIND’S EYE, MSGR. BOB PASSARELLI, THE FEARLESS PASTOR OF HAGERSTOWN, A REAL FINANCIAL GENIUS, HOLDING THE CODE OF CANON LAW IN ONE HAND AND WAGGING HIS FINGER AT THE ORDINARY WITH THE OTHER.**

**WHEN I WAS SENT TO MY FIRST PARISH, IN 1971 THE STORY WAS STILL TOLD OF THE**

**FOUNDING PASTOR, WHOSE LAST FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE ARCHDIOCESE STATED THAT**

**THE PARISH WAS IN THE RED SOME \$800,000. THEN MSGR. TOM ZINKAND DIED SUDDENLY**

**IN MARCH. NOT ONLY WAS THERE A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS IN THE PARISH WALK IN SAFE, BUT CLOSE TO A MILLION IN 17 BANK ACCOUNTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

THE MONSIGNOR WAS A MAN OF GREAT PERSONAL POVERTY BUT HE WAS JUST DETERMINED THAT THE ARCHDIOCESE SHOULD NOT GET HIS PEOPLE'S MONEY...THAT IS A BIT OVER THE EDGE, EVEN I WOULD CONCEDE.

SOMEWHAT AKIN WAS THE PASTOR OF HOLY FAMILY, DAVIDSONVILLE. AS HE APPROACHED RETIREMENT, HE TOOK TO RETURNING ALL MAIL UNOPENED TO 320 CATHEDRAL STREET. FR. LEO McGRAIN ALSO REFUSED TO PUT IN AN ALTAR FACING THE PEOPLE AND CONTINUED TO CELEBRATE MASS AT THE HIGH ALTAR. THE CAPUCHINS FROM ST. CONRAD'S FRIARY WHO HELPED OUT EVERY WEEKEND WOULD BRING A PORTABLE ALTAR WITH THEM FOR THEIR MASSES. I LEARNED A LONG TIME AGO IN THIS CHURCH, THERE'S SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR DELIBERATE AMBIGUITY.

. BALTIMORE'S SIXTH CENTURY CATHOLIC PAPER WAS NOT OWNED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE. IT OFTEN TOOK POSITIONS AT VARIANCE WITH THE ARCHBISHOP. IT'S EDITORS WERE SO PRO-CONFEDDERATE THAT THEY WERE JAILED FOR A WHILE AND SPOKE AGAINST THE TEMPORAL POWER OF THE PAPACY WHICH BROUGHT SOME ANNOYANCE FROM ROME. THEY WOULD ALSO PUBLISH LETTERS CRITICAL OF THE ORDINARY AND HIS POLICIES FROM PASTORS IN BALTIMORE. OF COURSE THE PRIESTS USED ASSUMED NAMES. TWO OF THE 'NOMS DE PLUME" WERE IGNOTUS AND SENEX. I BELIEVE THEY MAY HAVE BEEN MATTHEW O'KEEFE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN TOWSON AND THOMAS STANTON IN WESTERN MARYLAND.

NOW INDEED THERE IS A NARROW LINE BETWEEN INDEPENDENCE AND SURLEYNESS. I JUST HEARD A STORY LAST MONTH ABOUT A PARTICULARLY RUSTIC PASTOR WHO CHRONICALLY CHEWED TOBACCO AND, OF COURSE, CONSISTENTLY SPAT. ENCOUNTERING HIS ORDINARY ON THE STREET WITH WHOM HE HAD HAD MANY A BATTLE.

**TOM CAULFIELD RESISTED THE TEMPTATION TO SPIT HIS TOBACCO JUICE FROM HIS CHAW AT HIS ECCLESIASTICAL SUPERIOR BUT CONFESSED TO HIS FAMILY, HE HADN'T MISSED THE CARDINAL'S SHOES BY MUCH!**

**PERHAPS A WORD ABOUT BIBLIOGRAPHY – BROTHER TOM SPALDINGS, “PREMIER SEE” HAS TO BE MENTIONED, TRACY ELLIS, “JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS,” AS WELL AS HIS, “CATHOLIC BISHOPS: A MEMOIR,” THE MULTIPLE PARISH HISTORIES, ESPECIALLY THE GREAT ONES, CLARENCE JOERNDT'S, ST. IGNATIUS, HICKORY, MOTHER OF CHURCHES - ST. MARY'S, HAGERSTOWN, BROTHER FABRICIAN'S ST. PAUL'S, ELLICOTT CITY, JACQUES KELLY'S, "VIRTUE AND VICE, POVERTY AND RICHES" STS. PHILIP & JAMES, AND THE MORE RECENT ST. VINCENT'S, FRONT STREET.**

**MY PERSONAL FAVORITE IS THE MARVELOUS 2 VOLUME, “A CENTURY OF GROWTH; THE CHURCH IN WESTERN MARYLAND” BY FR. THOMAS STANTON. HE HAS ALL THE STORIES! HE TELLS THE TALE OF AN ECCENTRIC FRENCH ÉMIGRÉ PRIEST WHO SERVED IN ONE OF THE HAMLETS IN ALLEGHANY COUNTY. THIS ABBE WAS ANNOYED BY THE DAWN CROWING OF THE CHICKENS AND DUCKS AND GEESE IN THE VILLAGE EVERY MORNING, SO ONE DAY FR. BERNARD PIOT BOUGHT UP ALL THE FOWL OF THE VILLAGE AND DISPATCHED THEM ALL BY CHOPPING OFF THEIR HEADS TO THE SOBS OF THE VILLAGE CHILDREN. STORIES LIKE THESE WERE USUALLY RESERVED TO THE ORAL TRADITION, FR. STANTON WROTE THEM DOWN!**

**PROBABLY MY FAVORITE STORY OF HIS CONCERNS A RATHER PROBLEMATIC PASTOR IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY. HE WAS FINALLY CORNERED BY A BEVY OF DISCONTENTED PARISHIONERS WHO WERE BENT ON VOICING THEIR COMPLAINTS. HE SEEMED TO BE TAKING COPIOUS NOTES BUT WHEN THE MEETING CONCLUDED HE**

SHOWED THEM HIS NOTE PAD. IT WAS A MASTERFUL CARICATURE OF HIMSELF AS A LITTLE BABY SURROUNDED BY SCREAMING NANNIES, WHO HAD THE FACES OF THE COMPLAINING PARISHIONERS. NEEDLESS TO SAY, FR. CHARLES O ' REILLY DIDN'T LAST MUCH LONGER IN THAT WESTERNPORT PARISH OR THIS ARCHDIOCESE.

THE ORAL SOURCES WOULD BE COUNTLESS SENIOR PRIESTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE –

BOB BOZEL, JOE BRADLEY, NICK DOHONY, BISHOP AUSTIN MURPHY, HUGHIE PHILLIPS, BOB

REED, TO NAME JUST A FEW AS WELL AS SOME FROM D.C., TRACY ELLIS, TOM DADE, JIM

BEATTY. SOME VENERABLE RELIGIOUS WOMEN OF VARIOUS

COMMUNITIES. COULD ALSO BE CITED. I JUST REMEMBERED A WONDERFUL, IF

FORMIDABLE, SCHOOL SISTER OF NOTRE DAME WHO COMMENTED ON THE COMPLETE

NEW SLATE OF CLERGY WHO HAD BEEN SENT TO HER ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

PARISH. SHE SAID, “REMEMBER HOW THE CATECHSIM ALWAYS TAUGHT US THAT

THERE WERE 3 PERSONS IN ONE GOD: NOW WE HAVE 3 GODS IN ONE PARISH.”

BEFORE I JUMP INTO MORE STORIES LET ME SAY A FEW WORDS IN DEFENSE OF MY THESIS, “ON THE WHOLE AN INDEPENDENT LOT.”

WHENEVER I AM AT A MASS OUTSIDE THE ARCHDIOCESE OR EVEN AT EMMITSBURG,

BACK IN THE SACRISTY AFTERWARDS, THE CELEBRANT WILL OFTEN SAY, “PROSIT.” I NEVER

RESPOND, “OMNIBUS ET SINGULIS,” BUT ALWAYS FIND MYSELF SAYING, “THIS IS NOT OUR

CUSTOM: IT SMACKS OF PHILADELPHIA.”

THERE ARE STILL VESTIGES OF THE OLD, PRE-IMMIGRANT CATHOLICISM, HERE IN THE

BALTIMORE CHURCH, DRAWN, IN THE MAIN, FROM ENGLISH AND FRENCH SOURCES.

THE COLONIAL CLERGY WERE FIERCELY INDEPENDENT, USED TO OPERATING IN A

MISSIONARY CONTEXT WITH THE BISHOP FAR, FAR AWAY. WHEN JOHN CARROLL WAS

**APPOINTED THEIR ORDINARY, MANY DID NOT TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY DESPITE HIS GREAT**

**CREDENTIALS. IN FACT MANY WERE RELATED TO HIM! THESE CRUSTY OLD MISSIONARIES**

**DIDN'T HUNKER DOWN TO THE AUTHORITY OF A NEWLY-MINTED BISHOP WHO WAS YOUNGER THAN ALMOST ALL OF THEM. THEN, IT SEEMS, A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN BISHOPS, ESPECIALLY IN FRANCE AND IRELAND, WERE MORE THAN WILLING TO GIVE THEIR MOST PROBLEMATIIC PRIESTS EXEATS SO THEY COULD GO TO THE UNITED STATES TO WORK IN THAT NEW COUNTRY. JOHN CARROLL FINALLY HAD TO WRITE TO SEVERAL EUROPEAN BISHOPS AND TELL THEM TO KEEP THEIR PROBLEM CLERICS HOME. BUT THROUGH THE TENURE OF ARCHBISHOP CARROLL AND HIS COUSIN AND SUCCESSOR ARCHBISHOP LEONARD NEALE THERE WERE CONSTANT CLERICAL OUTBURSTS, PAMPHLETTING, AND EVEN LAW SUITS AGAINST THE ESPISCOPAL AUTHORITIES IN BALTIMORE. THE EARLY VAGRANT PRIESTS ARE PART OF THE REASON WHY AMERICAN BISHOPS IN COUNCIL WERE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THEIR PREROGATIVES. SO, WE NEVER GOT CHAPTERS OF CANONS IN THE UNITED STATES: CANONS WERE SOMETHING OF A CHECK ON EPISCOPAL POWER. WE GOT MONSIGNORS INSTEAD!**

**THE ETHNIC QUESTION IS ALSO A CONSIDERATION IN THE UNIQUENESS OF OUR PRESBYTERATE: NO ONE GROUP HAS DOMINATED EVEN FROM THE EARLIEST DAYS. OUR CLERGY HAVE NEVER BEEN OVERWHELMINGLY IRISH AS IN BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, OR NEW YORK. INTERESTINGLY LESS THAN ½ OF OUR ARCHBISHOPS HAVE BEEN IRISH, A FAIRLY RARE PHENOMENON FOR EAST –COAST DIOCESES. NOR HAVE THESE ORDINARIES PROVEN TYRANNICAL THOUGH GENERALLY NOT QUITE SO PERMISSIVE AS CARDINAL GIBBONS' STATED METHODOLOGY OF "A MASTERLY INACTIVITY WITH A WATCHFUL EYE".**

**IN HIS HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN SULPICIAN, DR. CHRIS KAUFMANN SPEAKS VERY APTLY OF THEIR “MODERATE GALLICANISM”, STRESSING THE PEROGATIVES OF THE LOCAL CHURCH.**

**KEEP IN MIND THAT ONE OF THE GREAT GALLICAN THEORISTS OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY WAS THE ABBE FELIX DUPONLOUP WHO WAS A CLASSMATE OF THE ABBE ALPHONSE MAGNIEN WHO, IN TURN WAS CARDINAL GIBBON’S VICAR GENERAL PRINCIPAL ADVISOR; SOME WOULD SAY HIS “EMINENCE GRISE.”**

**EVEN IF A PRIEST WERE IN THE MINORITY OF THE CLERGY WHO DID NOT ATTEND ST.MARY’S SEMINARY HE MAY HAVE KNOWN THE SULPICIAN INFLUENCE EARLIER IN FORMATION AT ST. CHARLES COLLEGE, CATONSVILLE OR ELLICOTT CITY.**

**I WOULD ALSO POSIT A REASON FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE BALTIMORE CLERGY BEING THAT THEY HAVE NOT DRAWN THEIR IDENTITY SO MUCH FROM THE CHURCH AS THEY HAVE FROM THEIR CATHOLIC FAMILIES AND EXTENDED FAMILIES. THIS COULD MAKE FOR AN ENTIRE TALK ON ITS OWN. WE HAVE HAD SO MANY VOCATIONS IN FAMILIES; IT’S ASTOUNDING ONCE YOU LOOK INTO IT.**

**LET ME DIGRESS FOR A MOMENT AND EXPLAIN HOW THIS PRIESTS IN FAMILIES STARTED AS AN INTEREST FOR ME. WHEN MY BROTHER TOM AND I WERE IN FORMATION, TOM AT WOODSTOCK AND MYSELF AT ROLAND PARK, MY FATHER SAID; “I CAN’T FIGURE THIS OUT-TWO SONS TO BE ORDAINED WITHIN A YEAR OF EACH; THE ROACHES WEREN’T PRIEST RIDDEN LIKE MOST OF THE IRISH.” THAT WAS ENOUGH TO SET ME OFF. SO, IN LESS THAN A YEAR OF RESEARCH, I FOUND AT LEAST SIX MORE PRIESTS AND ALMOST AS MANY NUNS IN OUR EXTENDED FAMILIES – MOST OF THEM GREAT CHARACTERS, I MIGHT ADD. SR. MARIE MACK, SSND AT BLESSED SACRAMENT WOULD BE AMONG THEM.**

**BUT WE’RE PIKERS COMPARED TO SOME GREAT MARYLAND CATHOLIC FAMILIES. THE MUTHS ARE NEAR THE TOP. WE ALL KNOW JOE AND ST. MATTHEW’S AND MOST**

**CAN RECALL BUCK AT ST. JANE FRANCES BUT THERE WERE ALSO IN THAT CLAN, A JESUIT, A VINCENTIAN, A CHRISTIAN BROTHER, FIVE VISITANDINES, ONE SCHOOL SISTER OF NOTRE DAME AND A MERCY.**

**THE JENKINS FAMILY FOR TWO CENTURIES HAVE KNOWN COUNTLESS VOCATIONS INCLUDING DICK TILLMAN AND TIM KLUNK SERVING THE ARCHDIOCESE TODAY BUT ALSO OLIVER JENKINS S.S., THE FIRST RECTOR OF ST. CHARLES, ELLICOTT MILLS AND THE AUGUSTINIAN SMOKE JENKINS, A NOTED CHEMIST AND GENEALOGIST AS WELL AS A BEVY OF DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY AND VISITATIONS. ALSO RELATED IS ARCHBISHOP MARTIN JOHN SPALDING, WHO IN TURN WAS RELATED TO BISHOP JOHN LANCASTER SPALDING, FR. WILLIAM DENT PARSONS AND MOTHER CATHERINE SPALDING WHO FOUNDED THE NAZARETH CHARITIES IN KENTUCKY. THEN YOU GET INTO THEIR SEMMES COUSINS AND YOU GET SOME JESUITS, VISITANDINES, MERCIES AND NASHVILLE DOMINICANS.**

**LET ME MENTION THE NEALES WHO WERE COUSINS OF THE CARROLLS. BESIDES ARCHBISHOP NEALE THERE WERE SIX OR SEVEN OTHER JESUITS OR EX-JESUITS WHO SERVED FROM ALEXANDRIA TO HARFORD COUNTY. THERE WERE ALSO MULTIPLE CARMELITES, VISITATIONS, AND MERCIES IN THE FAMILY. “PRIEST NEALE’S MASS HOUSE” STILL STANDS UP ON DEER CREEK A BIT SOUTH OF BEL AIR, FROM COLONIAL DAYS.**

**LEST WE THINK THIS WAS LIMITED TO YESTERYEAR, LET ME MENTION MSGR. TOM TEWES WHO HAS A COUSIN A PRIEST INARLINGTON, A DECEASED COUSIN A REDEMPTORIST, A DECEASED COUSIN WHO SERVED IN WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS TWO GEAT UNCLES WHO WERE BISHOPS – JOHN FOLEY OF DETROIT AND THOMAS FOLEY, COADJUTOR OF CHICAGO.**

**TWO OF OUR OLDEST PRIESTS ARE COUSINS, HARRY DUKEHART SS AND GERRY HUESMAN. THEIR UNCLE WAS FR. BART HARTWELL , WHO SENT CARDINAL SHEEHAN TO THE SEMINARY. SISTER PAT HUESMAN SSND, OUT AT CHARLESTOWN, IS A NIECE.**

**FR. PATRICK PEACH WHO'S WITH THE PRIMITIVE CARMELITES NOW IS FROM ONE OF THOSE VOCATION – RICH BALTIMORE FAMILIES. HIS RECENTLY DECEASED COUSIN, FR. LARRY HUNT WAS A BELOVED JESUIT MISSIONARY IN INDIA. HE ALSO HAS A BROTHER A DE LASALLE CHRISTIAN BROTHER, A DECEASED COUSIN A BENEDICTINE MONK AT BELMONT ABBEY AS WELL AS FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE CONVENT- 2 URSULINES, 2 HOLY CROSS, ONE VISITATION, And ONE CARMELITE.**

**THEN THERE ARE THE LONG-GREEN KELLY'S – TOM, WHO FOUNDED ST. THOMAS MORE, JACK, RECENTLY RETIRED BUT WORKING HARDER THAN EVER, JOE O'MEARA, WHO HAS COME UP OUR WAY IN WESTMINSTER. SOMEHOW, FR. FRANK CHILDRESS FITS INTO THIS GROUP.**

**IF YOU'RE A "DO THE MATH" PERSON, I CAN TELL YOU THAT FR. CALVERT BROWN S.J.'S FAMILY GAVE CLOSE TO 500 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CHURCH FROM 3 JESUITS, 3 DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY AND A MADAME OF THE SACRED HEART.**

**OF COURSE THERE'S FR. AUSTIN MURPHY, BISHOP AUSTIN MURPHY AND BISHOP FRAN MALOOLY. THEN THERE WAS THE OLD FR. KERR (CARROLL), THE YOUNG FR. KERR (JOHN, HIS NEPHEW) AND HIS COUSIN THE JESUIT FR. KERR (JOSEPH).**

**FRANCIS CARDINAL STAFFORD IS THE COUSIN OF MSGR. JIM MCGOVERN AND FR BILL RUEHL OF ARLINGTON DIOCESE.**

**THERE WERE 4 FATHER SMYTHS, ALL BROTHER – THREE SECULARS AND ONE PAULIST. IT CAN GET COMPLICATED. BOBBY BOZEL WAS A COUSIN TO WEB ALBERT OVER IN D.C. WHO WAS A COUSIN TO JACK ALBERT WHO WAS THE UNCLE OF BOB AND PETE HILTZ.**

**THERE WERE 3 CZYZ BROTHERS PRIESTS IN BALTIMORE, THREE RUSSELLS – BP. WILLIAM OF CHARLESTON, BP. JOHN OF RICHMOND AND FR. JOYCE OVER AT ST. CATHERINE LABOURE, WHEATON. MSGR. JIM CRONIN HAD TWO BROTHERS , FR. JOHN AND PAUL, BOTH SULPICIAN.**

**THERE WERE FIVE FR. WHELLEER’S AN UNCLE AND 4 NEPHEWS – 3 JESUITS AND ONE SECULAR.**

**THE GREAT IGNATIUS FEELEY AT ST. AGNES, WOODLAWN, WAS ONE OF SIX COUSIN PRIESTS, INCLUDING MSGR. JOE LANE, MY PASTOR AT ST. WILLIAM’S AND BERCHMANS LANAHAN, GREAT JESUIT CLASSICIST. THERE WERE ALSO 2 SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR IN THE FAMILY.**

**I JUST SAW OCTAVIA DUGAN AT NOON MASS. THAT REMINDED ME THAT ON HER MOTHER’S SIDE, HER GREAT UNCLE WAS RICHARD VINCENT WHELAN, BISHOP OF RICHMOND AND LATER OF WHEELING. MSGR. TOM WHELAN, FIRST RECTOR OF THE NEW CATHEDRAL. ON HER MOTHER’S SIDE, HER GREAT UNCLE WAS FRANCIS SILAS CHATARD, ARCHBISHOP OF INDIANAPOLIS AND A PHYSICIAN. HER GREAT AUNTS WERE SR. JULIANNA CHATARD, DAUGHTER OF CHARITY AND SR. MARY CLAIR CHATARD, A VISITANDINE AT PARK AVENUE.**

**ALL OF THIS COULD SOMETIMES LEAD TO CONFUSION. MSGR LOUIE VAETH ALWAYS SWORE THAT THEY HAD SENT THE WRONG FR. TOOLEN TO MOBILE TO BE BISHOP IN THE LATE ‘20’S. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BILL FROM ST. EDWARD’S. INSTEAD THEY SENT TOM FROM ST. BERNARD’S. WHO KNOWS? THERE WERE ALSO 2 FR. JOHN ECKENRODE’S AND 2 BISHOP JOHN KAIN/KEANE’S WE’LL HAVE TWO FATHERS RAPISARDA VERY SOON –FATHER AND SON, MOST UNIQUE.**

**LET ME SAY A WORD ABOUT BISHOPS FROM THE BALTIMORE CLERGY. BUT FIRST A STORY TOLD ME BY ONE OF CHARLES CARROLL’S DECENDANTS, HELEN CARROLL WRIGHT. AS A LITTLE GIRL, SHE GREW UP IN HOWARD COUNTY. THE PASTOR, AT ST.**

**LOUIS CLARKSVILLE WHO TENDED THE FAMILY CHAPEL AT DOUGHEREGAN MANOR WAS HARVARD – EDUCATED FR. HOWARD BISHOP WHO WENT ON TO FOUND GLENMARY MISSION. HE TOLD YOUNG HELEN HE KNEW HE WOULD NEVER BE NAMED TO THE HIERARCHY. WHY, SHE ASKED BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT HE WAS SUCH A GOOD PRIEST. “WELL,” HE SAID, “I DON’T THINK OUR CHURCH HAS QUITE THE SENSE OF HUMOR TO HAVE A BISHOP BISHOP!”**

**WE HAVE HAD MEN WHO HAVE DECLINED THE EPISCOPACY. THE KENNEDY DIRECTORY STILL NOTES UNDER PORTLAND, MAINE THAT THE FIRST BISHOP NOMINATED BY THE HOLY SEE DECLINED THE APPOINTMENT IN 1854. THAT WAS HENRY BENEDICT COSKEY, A COUSIN OF MARTIN JOHN SPALDING. FR. COSKERY SAID IT WAS FAR TOO COLD IN MAINE AND HE WASN’T GOING UP THERE AND FREEZE TO DEATH. HE DID SERVE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF OUR ARCHDIOCESE BETWEEN THE REIGNS OF THREE ARCHBISHOPS AND AS VICAR GENERAL. HE WAS THE FIRST RESIDENT PASTOR OF ST. PAUL’S ELLICOTT CITY AND WAS DESCRIBED IN THEIR ORIGINAL PARISH HISTORY AS “HUMBLE AS A CHILD AND SYMPATHETIC AS A MOTHER”.**

**IRON JOHN MCCAFFREY, LONG REIGNING RECTOR AT MT. ST. MARY’S IN THE NINTH CENTURY, TWICE DECLINED THE EPISCOPACY – ONE WAS LOUISVILLE AND I CAN’T REMEMBER THE OTHER ONE.**

**THE LIST OF BALTIMORE MEN WHO HAVE LED OTHER DIOCESES AS BISHOPS IS WELL OVER 25. I’LL JUST NAME THE SEES: BALTIMORE (THOUGH ONLY 2 OUT OF 15), BRIDGEPORT, CHARLESTON (2), CHICAGO (A COADJUTOR), COLUMBUS, DENVER, DETROIT, DUBUQUE, MEMPHIS, MOBILE-BIRMINGHAM (2), NEW ORLEANS, PORTLAND, OREGON, RALEIGH (3), RICHMOND (4), ST.AUGUSTINE (2), SANTA FE, SAVANNAH (2), SCRANTON, WASHINGTON (2 AUXILIARIES) WHEELING (2), WILMINGTON (4), AS WELL AS MISSION BISHOPS IN BRAZIL, CUBA, HONDURAS AND PARAGUAY.**

THE SOCIOLOGICALLY INCLINED WOULD WANT TO HEAR OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL PATTERN OF VOCATIONS: AT ONE POINT, ST. PATRICK'S, MT. SAVAGE PROVIDED THE MOST. LATER, ST. JOHN'S, THE 10<sup>TH</sup> WARD, LATER ST. MARTIN'S, THEN ST. BERNARDINE'S. IN THE '70'S, ST. URSULA, THEN ST. JOSEPH, TEXAS. TODAY, ST. PETER'S LIBERTYTOWN AND ST. JOHN, WESTMINSTER ARE IN THE LEAD.

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IN THE OLD DAYS IF YOU WERE OF AN ACADEMIC BENT, YOU WERE TOLD TO GO TO THE SULPICIAN. WE HAVE SENT VERY FEW MEN TO POST-GRADUATE WORK EXCEPT FOR CANON LAW. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME EXCEPTIONS BUT NOT MANY! I THINK OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED EDDIE BAYER WHO DID EARN HIS DOCTORATE IN MORAL THEOLOGY ALTHOUGH BY A MOST CIRCUITOUS ROUTE!

INDEED JOHN MCCAFFREY WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL AUTHORS OF THE BALTIMORE CATECHISM AND BALTIMORE RITUAL IN THE 1880'S. THE HISTORIAN THOMAS STANTON ALSO AUTHORED A FEW OTHER WORKS. THE GENTLE PASTOR OF ST. WILLIAM OF YORK, FR. THOMAS WILLIAMS, WAS A PUBLISHED AUTHOR. BISHOP CHARLES WARREN CURRIER WROTE THE CLASSIC, "CARMEL IN AMERICA". THERE WAS A GREAT XIXTH CENTURY PRIEST FROM ANNAPOLIS, CHARLES CONSTANTINE PISE. IT IS SAID HE WAS THE HANDSOMEST PRIEST IN AMERICA. HIS POEM, THE AMERICAN FLAG WAS WIDELY KNOWN IN THAT DAY. IT BEGAN:

*THEY SAY I DO NOT LOVE THEE  
FLAG OF MY NATIVE LAND  
WHOSE METEOR FOLDS ABOVE ME  
TO THE FREE BREEZE EXPAND  
THY BROAD STRIPES PROUDLY STREAMING  
AND THE STARS SO BRIGHTLY GLEAMING*

*THEY SAY I WOULD FORSAKE THEEE  
SHOULD SOME DARK CRISIS LOWER  
THAT RECREANT I SHOULD MAKE THEE  
CROUCH TO A FOREIGN POWER  
SEDUCED BY LICENSE AMPLE  
ON THEE, BLESSED FLAG TO TRAMPLE*

IT GOES ON FOR MANY MORE VERSES AND IS A GREAT APOLOGIA FOR THE PATRIOTISM OF AMERICAN CATHOLICS. FR. PISE WOUND UP AS A PASTOR IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

IN THE FIELD OF SCHOLARSHIP, WE COULD MENTION MSGR. JOHN K. CARTWRIGHT, MSGR. KAILER DUNN, FATHER JOE KAISER, MSGR. LEO MANZETTI, MSGR. LEO MCCORMACK, FR. JOHN SINNOTT MARTIN, FR. CAS PUGEVICIUS, FR. PETER TARRO, FR. JOSEPH THORNING, MSGR. PORTER WHITE AND MSGR. CARROLL SATTERFIELD, THE CENSOR LIBRORUM. FR. JOE CONNOLLY WAS PRESIDENT OF THE LITURGICAL CONFERENCE IN THE '60'S.

THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY SCHOLARS, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF BALTIMORE PRIESTS WHO WERE PASSIONATELY DEVOTED TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE LAITY AND ESPECIALLY THE WOMEN RELIGIOUS. IN ARCHBISHOP CURLEY'S FIRST DECADE HERE THE NUMBER OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE THEN INCLUDING WASHINGTON REACHED 141. CARDINAL SHEEHAN GAVE HIS ENTIRE RETIREMENT BURSE TO SUPPORT INNER-CITY R.C.SCHOOLS.

WHEN FR. TOM KENNY DIED IN THE GREAT FLU EPIDEMIC OF 1918, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE RECTORY HAD ACCRUED A MILK BILL OF OVER \$300, A COLLOSSAL AMOUNT BUT EVERY PENNY OF PARISH INCOME HAD GONE INTO BUILDING

THE NEW SCHOOL FOR ST.PETER'S. IN A LATER DAY, I THINK OF BUCK QUINN, FOOTsie FORTENBAUGH, JOE LEARY, LOUIE VAETH AND SOAPIE ZORBACH AS REAL CHAMPIONS OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS. LET ME INCLUDE IN THIS LIST, DICK LAWRENCE TODAY. I'D MENTION THERE WERE EVEN PRIESTS WHO WOULD DRIVE THE SCHOOL BUS THEMSELVES. THREE WHO COME TO MIND ARE IGNATIUS FEELEY, PAUL DOLAN AND GERARD STEFFNER. FR. FEELEY, I AM TOLD NEVER FULLY STOPPED, HE ONLY SLOWED DOWN! YOU HAD TO RUN AND JUMP.

ALL OF THIS REMINDS ME OF A GREAT JOHN TRACY ELLIS STORY. ON THE MORNING AFTER ONE OF THE SESSIONS OF THE THIRD PLENARY COUNCIL, THE JESUIT PROVINCIAL ARRIVED AT THE ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE, HAT IN HAND. HE HAD COME TO APOLOGIZE FOR ONE OF HIS SUBJECTS WHO HAD PONTIFICATED AT THE PREVIOUS DAY'S DISCUSSION ON A POSSIBLE CATHOLIC UNIVERISTY: "WHY WOULD HE EVER NEED A UNIVERSITY TO TRAIN PRIESTS? EVERYONE KNOWS THE PARISH CLERGY ARE ONLY TO BE THE HAULERS OF WATER AND THE HEWERS OF WOOD?"

BACK IN THAT LITANY OF NAMES OF THOSE PRIESTS SO DEVOTED TO THE SCHOOLS YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED A NUMBER OF NICKNAMES. FOR SOME REASON THEY WERE VERY POPULAR AMONG THE CLERGY. JUST OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, I REMEMBER "TEE-HEE " CERNEY, "SMOKEY" DALTON, "PICKLES" FENLON, "FOOTSIE" FORTENBAUGH," "TWO SHIRT" HEMMELT, BUDDY" HERMANN, "SUGAR " KEANE, "SPEED" KENNEY, "FRITZI" MANNS, "SKIDS" MCCRORY, "BUCK" MUTH, "SHORTY "MONTGOMERY, "SLIM" O'DWYER, "BUCK "QUINN, "GABBIE SEBASTIAN", "SLIM" SLEEMAN, "PETE" STALLINGS, "SOAPIE" ZORBACH. I DON'T KNOW THE ETYMOLOGIES OF ALL EXCEPT FOR FOOTsie FORTENBAUGH, WHO WAS A VERY ADROIT SOCCER PLAYER. AND PETE STALLINGS WHO WORSHIPPED PETE IRETON FROM HIS STUDENT DAYS AT ST. GREGORY THE GREAT. BISHOP IRETON DOWN IN RICHMOND WAS ALWAYS

**KNOWN AS “UNCLE PETE”. I BELIEVE THE DECLINE OF THE CARITATIVES MARKS THE DECLINE OF OUR CULTURE!**

**I’VE MENTIONED SOME PRIESTS WHO BELONGED TO THIS DIOCESE BEFORE WASHINGTON WAS CUT OFF IN 1947. ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS PRIESTS IN THE COUNTRY BELONGED TO THIS DIOCESE BEFORE PHILADELPHIA WAS CREATED IN 1808. THAT WOULD BE THE “APOSTLE OF THE ALLEGHENIES”, THE SERVANT OF GOD, DEMETRIUS AUGUSTINE GALLITZIN. PRINCE GALLITZIN WAS THE FIRST PRIEST WHO RECEIVED ALL HIS MINOR AND MAJOR ORDERS IN THIS COUNTRY AT ST. MARY’S IN IT’S FIRST DECADE OF EXISTENCE. UPON HIS ORDINATION HE SERVED AT ST. JOSEPH’S TANEYTOWN AND SACRED HEART, CONEWAGO, JUST OVER THE MASON-DIXON LINE. HIS LIFE’S WORK OF COURSE WAS AT THE CATHOLIC COLONY OF LORETTO, A HUNDRED MILES FURTHER WEST.**

**THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE HAS ALWAYS ATTRACTED A GOOD NUMBER OF CONVERTS TO THE PRIESTHOOD. WE WILL BEGIN AT THE TOP WITH MOTHER SETON’S NEPHEW, JAMES ROOSEVELT BAYLEY, OUR EIGHTH ARCHBISHOP. LIKE HIS AUNT HE ENTERED INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AFTER BEING RAISED EPISCOPALIAN. IN FACT, ABP. BAYLEY SERVED AS AN ANGLICAN MINISTER BEFORE HE FELL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN AND THE OXFORD MOVEMENT.**

**BY THE WAY, IT WAS SAID THAT JAMES ROOSEVELT BAILEY DID NOT LIKE BALTIMORE AND BALTIMORE DIDN’T LIKE HIM! HE MADE A POINT TO DIE OUT OF TOWN AND TO BE BURIED OUT OF TOWN.**

**FR. ALFRED CURTIS, WHO WAS SERVING AT MT. CALVARY ON EUTAW STREET MADE A PERSONAL TRIP TO ENGLAND TO SEE NEWMAN AT THE BIRMINGHAM ORATORY. LATER, ALFRED CURTIS SERVED AS BISHOP OF WILMINGTON THEN RETURNED TO BALTIMORE TO SERVE AS QUASI-AUXILIARY TO CARDINAL GIBBONS.**

I WAS SO DELIGHTED WHEN THE ALL SAINTS SISTERS OF THE POOR OUT IN CATONSVILLE, ENTERED INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH US LAST YEAR. MANY HAD MADE THAT JOURNEY BEFORE THEM FROM THE BEAUTIFUL ANGLO-CATHOLIC TRADITION. FRANCIS ASBURY BAKER HAD BEEN A CURATE AT ST. LUKE'S ON CAREY STREET BEFORE ENTERING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND BECOMING ONE OF THE FOUNDING PAULIST FATHERS. OTHER CONVERTS FROM THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOULD INCLUDE FR. JOHN BANNISTER TABB (THE VICTORIAN POET),FR. EDWARD SOUTHGATE, FR. THEODORE MEADE AND FR. DWIGHT LYMAN THOUGH FR. LYMAN WOULD NOTE THAT THE GREAT SOCIAL REFORMER AND CONVERT, CARDINAL MANNING WAS MORE OF AN INFLUENCE ON HIS JOURNEY THAN CARDINAL NEWMAN.FR. ALFRED LEESON, ANOTHER CURATE AT MT. CALVARY, CAME VIA CDL. MANNING'S INFLUENCE AND SERVED AT ST. MONICA'S. MSGR. WILLIAM STARR OF CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH CAME FROM A PRESBYTERIAN BACKGROUND.

LEST WE THINK THAT ALL OF THIS IS A THING OF THE PAST, LET ME REMIND YOU TODAY, WE HAVE IN OURPRIESTLY RANKS MANY WHO ARE CONVERTS; JOE BARR, TY HOLLINGER, BOB MOREY, COLIN POSTIN, STEVE SUTTON, TYSON WOOD AND THE ONE VOCATION FROM ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S IN 140 YEARS, FR. JIMMY PROFFITT, WHO HAD BEEN A BAPTIST BEFORE HE RAN INTO THE GOOD JOHN KELMARTIN.

BISHOP EDWARD HERMANN WAS ACONVERT AS A TENN-AGER IN ST. BERNARD'S, WAVERLY. MOST UNUSUALLY, THE PASTOR WHO RECEIVED HIM INTO THE CHURCH, FR. TOM TOOLLEN, LATER ABP OF MOBILE SERVED AS ONE OF HIS CONSECRATORS WHEN HERMANN WAS RAISED TO THE EPISCOPACY.

ONE OF THE MOST STORIED CONVERTS WAS MSGR. SIGORNEY FAY, MENTOR AND GREAT FRIEND OF AUTHOR F. SCOTT FITZGERALD. HE SERVED AS THE MODEL FOR THE PRIEST IN ON OF FITZGERALD'S NOVELS. MSGR. FAY RAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS FOR CARDINAL GIBBONS. FRIENDS SAID THAT MSGR. FAY, A VERY LARGE MAN, WHO WAS AN

**ALBINO WHEN DRESSED UP IN HIS MONSIGNORIAL FINERY, REMINDED THEM AS NOTHING SO MUCH AS A SWAYING PEONIE IN FULL BLOOM!**

**I'D LIKE TO SAY A WORD ABOUT PREACHING BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU IN MY YOUTH, I HEARD VERY FEW SERMONS; THEY JUST WEREN'T GIVEN! LATER ON, I REMEMBER HERBIE JORDAN AT ST. EDWARD'S – DYNAMIC BORDERING ON THE OUTRAGEOUS AND, OF COURSE, THE SULPICIAN, FR. JOE MARTIN. HE HELD CONGREGATIONS IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND. WHEN HE DIED, THE SUNPAPER QUOTED A HIGHLY PLACED GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO SAID; "I'VE MET PRESIDENTS, PRIME MINISTERS, CARDINALS BUT JOE MARTIN WAS THE MOST POWERFUL MAN I EVER MET; HE CHANGED LIVES!" QUITE A GUY!**

**THERE WAS A FAMOUS PASTOR AT ST. MARY, STAR OF THE SEA IN SOUTH BALTIMORE, MSGR. MOSE WHELAN WHO WAS QUITE A BARNBURNER AS A PREACHER. IN FACT, H.L. MENCKEN USED TO SNEAK IN THE BACK OF CHURCH JUST TO HEAR MOSE WHELAN RAIL AGAINST JACK FLOOD'S SPEAK-EASY DOWN ON THE FERRY BRANCH OF THE PATAPSCO.**

**FR. MAURICE ALEXANDER WAS PASTOR DOWN IN SOLOMAN'S ISLAND, CALVERT COUNTY. HE WASN'T TERRIBLY ARTICULATE IN HIS DELIVERY. IN FACT, ON ONE OCCASION HIS CONGREGANTS WERE PUZZLED AS TO WHY HE WAS PREACHING AGAINST INSECTS; ACTUALLY, HE HAD BEEN SPEAKING AGAINST INCEST!**

**MY CAPUCHIN CONFESSOR ONCE TOLD ME, "MICHAEL, YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH OPINIONS!" SO, I'LL VENTURE ONE: THOUGH I'VE STUCK MANINLY TO OUR DEPARTED CLERGY, I WOULD CLAIM THAT SOME OF THE BEST PREACHERS TODAY IN THE DIOCESE ARE STEVE SUTTON, CHRIS WHATLEY AND TIMOTHY FELL.**

**LET ME SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE GREAT GENEROSITY OF THE BALTIMORE CLERGY: J .ALPHONSE FREDERICK AND HIS SISTERS PAID FOR ST. MARGARET'S IN BEL AIR, WHICH THEY NAMED FOR THEIR MOTHER. MSGR. HUGH MONAGHAN'S FAMILY**

**PICKED UP THE TAB FOR THE SPLENDID ST. AMBROSE IN PARK HEIGHTS. IT WAS OFTEN CALLED, “HUGH MONAGHAN’S CATHEDRAL”.**

**ST. AUGUSTIN’S ELKRIDGE, WAS A GIFT OF THE KENNEY FAMILY IN MEMORY OF THEIR SON, A REDEMPTORIST SEMINARIAN WHO WAS KILLED IN A BOATING ACCIDENT IN ANNAPOLIS.” OLIVER JENKINS, SS, PAID FOR THE CHAPEL AT ST.CHARLES, ELLICOTT MILLS, MODELED AFTER THE SAINTE CHAPELLE IN PARIS.**

**ST. PIUS X, RODGERS FORGE, WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MSGR.EDWARD MCOLGAN BY A CANTAKEROUS NEPHEW. MSGR. WILLIAM SAUER OF ST. MICHAEL’S OVERLEA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CATHOLIC STUDENTS TO COLLEGE THROUGH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.**

**THAT GENEROSITY CONTINUES TO THIS VERY DAY TO VARIOUS CATHOLIC INSTITUTIONS FROM OUR PRIESTS, LIKE MSGR. DAN MCGRATH, MSGR. BOB PASSARELLI, FR. CHRIS CARNEY, FR. CHARLIE RIEPE AND MSGR. DENNY TINDER. AN OUTSTANDING GENEROSITY, REALLY...**

**JUST A FEW MORE STORIES. I GOT A LETTER FROM CARDINAL STAFFORD RECENTLY. HE MENTIONED THE LATE PASTOR OF ST. VINCENT’S FRONT STREET, JOHN SINNOTT MARTIN. WHAT A GREAT FIGURE HE WAS! HE WAS EDITOR OF THE CATHOLIC REVIEW FOR A BRIEF STINT. MY FATHER ALWAYS REMEMBERED A GREAT SPOOF JOHN SINNOTT MARTIN HAD DONE IN THE PAPER CALLED “LETTERS FROM ST. EVE’S ON THE SEVERN.” HIS TENURE WAS SHORT-LIVED: HE WAS A BIT TOO URBANE FOR ANY DIOCESAN ORGAN. THIS STORY IS FROM MY MOTHER, I THINK. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, JOHN SINNOTT MARTIN PICKED UP THE PHONE AND IT WAS A REQUEST FOR AN EMERGENCY SICK CALL. FR. MARTIN SAID, “OF COURSE, I’LL COME BUT I DON’T RECOGNIZE YOUR NAME.” “OH”, THEY SAID, “WE GO TO ST. IGNATIUS BUT WE WOULDN’T DREAM OF CALLING THE JESUITS AT THIS HOUR!”**

**BALTIMORE NATIVE, FR. AL HUGHES, WAS THE PRIEST AT ST. JAMES, MT. RANIER, WHO WAS INITIALLY CONTACTED BY VERY DISTRESSED PARENTS WHOSE CHILD WAS EXHIBITING HIGHLY BIZARRE BEHAVIOR AND TURNED OUT TO BE THE CHILD FEATURED IN THE NOVEL AND THE MOVIE, “THE EXORCIST”. THE CASE WAS TURNED OVER TO THE JESUITS, BUT FR. HUGHES SPENT ALL OF HIS PRIESTLY LIFE AT THAT SAME PARISH. HE WAS VERY DISCREET OF SPEAKING OF THE CASE. ALL HE SAID TO A STUDENT OF MINE FROM HIS PARISH WAS “I OPENED THE FRONT DOOR OF THE RECTORY IN 1947 AND MY LIFE WAS NEVER THE SAME AGAIN.” HE’S BURIED IN BONNIE BRAE .**

**EUGENE PATRICK O’GRADY IN 1944 – SURVIVED NORMANDY TO DIE HEROICALLY IN GERMANY. HE HAD TURNED DOWN A PROMOTION IN ORDER TO STAY WITH HIS MEN IN THE 29<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION.**

**SINCE THE SPLIT OF BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON BACK IN THE ‘40’S THERE HASN’T BEEN ANY ANTIPATHY OR RIVALRY BUT THE CLERGY REFLECTS THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE CITIES THEMSELVES A BIT CRITICAL. TWO STORIES, THEN. NICK DOHONY WHEN STATIONED AT ST. PATRICK’S, D.C. SAID HIS PASTOR WENT TO UNION STATION EVERY MORNING- WHY? . MOST LIKELY TO SEE HIS BOOKIE, IT WOULD SEEM!**

**BOB REED TOLD ME THAT THE PASTOR AT HOLY COMFORTER ON EAST CAPITOL STREET WAS SO FAMOUSLY INDOLENT THAT IF HE WAS CALLED DOWNSTAIRS TO BLESS A MEDAL THAT MONSIGNOR WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A NAP FOR THE REST OF THE DAY!**

**THE STRANGEST STORY OF ALL WAS TOLD ME BY FR. JOE BRADLEY, WHO WAS THEN A CURATE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, 8<sup>TH</sup> AND I STREETS. HE WAWS WALKING TH E WARDS AT GALLINGER, THE OLD D.C. GENERAL. OUT OF THE CORNER OF HIS EYES, HE SAW A DESSICATED FIGURE HE THOUGHT HE RECOGNIZED IN THE BACK ROW OF BEDS. IT WAS A PRIEST OF THE ARCHDIOCESE WHO HAD A BATTLE WITH THE ORDINARY OVER GOING OFF TO STUDY SCRIPTURE. WHEN HE WAS DENIED PERMISSION, HE LEFT**

**AND BECAME A HOMELESS PERSON LIVING IN THE MAUSOLEUMS AT MT. OLIVET, WHERE HE WAS DISCOVERED IN VERY BAD CONDITION. JOE BRADLEY SHRIVED HIM, ANNOINTED HIM, GAVE HIM VIATICUM, AND THE RESTORED PRIEST DIED THE NEXT DAY!**

**THEN THERE WERE THE PRIESTS WHO HAD SERVED IN BOTH CITIES. ONE WAS JOHN BAPTIST MANLEY, WHO FOUNDED FIVE PARISHES IN BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON, AND EMMITSBURG. HE WAS A SHORT IRISHMAN FROM COUNTY MAYO BUT QUITE UNFORGETTABLE.**

**WHEN ARCHBISHOP CURLEY TOLD HIM NOT TO DARE BUILD A PARISH DOWN ON THAT SWAMP ON HERRING RUN, BY THE TIME THE ABP RETURNED FROM HIS SUMMER VACATION IN IRELAND, CONSTRUCTION HAD BEGUN ON ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH. HE ALSO NAMED ST. DOMINIC AFTER HIS BROTHER, A MILL HILL MISSIONARY AND ST. URSULA FOR HIS SISTER. FR. MANLEY IN HIS FINAL DAYS AT ST. DOMINIC'S WOULD GO DOOR TO DOOR IN HAMILTON TO SEE LITERALLY WHAT WAS COOKING THEN HE'D INVITE HIMSELF TO SUPPER – CATHOLIC OR PROTESTANT HOUSEHOLD, IT DIDN'T MATTER TO HIM!**

**A PROFESSOR OF GREAT LEARNING AT ROCK HALL COLLEGE, ELLICOTT CITY, BROTHER FABRICIAN, WROTE OF “THE CLERGY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE AS THE MOST EDIFYING BODY OF CLERICS IN AMERICA.”**

**BISHOP AUSTIN MURPHY CLAIMED THAT AN OLD SULPICIAN HAD SAID THAT BLATIMORE HAD A GREAT CLERGY FOR 3 CHIEF REASONS: 1) GENERALLY, THEY DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF MONEY. 2) MANY STILL HAD THE SAME CONFESSORS AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS THEY HAD WHEN THEY WERE IN THE SEMINARY AND 3) THEY HAD AN ARCHBISHOP WHO WOULD LISTEN TO THEM.**

**AND, I TRULY BELIEVE, THAT MANY OF THE GREATEST WERE OBSCURE, UNSUNG MEN WHO BROUGHT CHRIST TO THE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE TO CHRIST.**

**JUST A FEW STORIES TO CLOSE:**

**I WAS DELIGHTED TO HEAR MSGR. PAUL COOK WHEN REFLECTING ON HIS OWN 50 YEARS IN THE PRIESTHOOD MENTION FR. JIM FAY, WHOM HE HAD KNOWN AT ST. BERNARDINE. JIMMY FAY DIED VERY YOUNG AND I HAD THOUGHT WAS LARGELY FORGOTTEN. HE WAS KINDNESS ITSELF AND GREAT TO THE KIDS. HE HAD ONE OF THE TOUGHEST PASTORS IN THE DIOCESE AT ST. BERNARDINE, THE FABLED LOUIE VAETH. TO GET SOME TIME OFF, FR. FAY WOULD PUT ON HIS CASSOCK OVER HIS GOLF TOGS AND TELL THE PASTOR HE WAS GOING ON STILL MORE COMMUNION CALLS. HIS CLUBS WERE IN THE TRUNK ALREADY! WHEN HE DIED OVER AT ST. AGNES HOSPITAL, EVEN THE HARD –BITTEN MONSIGNOR VAETH SAID THAT WE HAVE BEEN SERVED BY A SAINT.**

**NOW, HENRY HUGHES WAS A BIT TOUGH HIMSELF- A NEW YORKER, A TRADER ON WALL STREET. HIS PRIESTLY LIFE WAS WITHIN THE AMBIT OF THE WEST END-ST. MARK'S , ST. AGNES, ST. WILLIAMS, MT. DESALES. HE WAS CHAPLAIN AT SPRING GROVE FOR DECADES. EVEN IN THE '50'S, HE WAS INTERESTED IN THE INTERRACIAL APOSTOLATE AND SAW THAT AFRICAN AMERICANS FROM THE OLD FREE- TOWN ON WINTERS LANE WERE WELCOMED AT ST. MARK, EVEN PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION HIMSELF ON OCCASION. BALTIMORE WAS NOTORIOUSLY BACKWARD IN INTEGRATION, EVEN, ECCLESIASTICALLY. HENRY HUGHES WAS ONE OF THE FEW EARLY LIGHTS. THANK GOD FOR THE JOSEPHITES! I REMEMBER WHEN HE DIED, THE NOTICE FROM THE CHANCERY SIMPLY LISTED HIS ASSIGNMENTS. HIS FUNERAL MASS AT ST. AGNES WAS STANDING-ROOM ONLY. HIS OBITUARY IN THE SUNPAPERS – FOUR COLUMNS WIDE.**

**YOU COULDN'T SPEAK OF GOD'S POOR WITHOUT SPEAKING OF PAT COYNE. RAISED IN ONE OF FR. JAMES DOLAN'S ORPHANAGES, HE NEVER PUT MUCH STOCK IN RICHES. HE COULD BE ACIDIC, INDEED, BUT THR POOR HAD NO BETTER FRIEND. WHEN HE DIED, MY SECRETARY, WHO IS A METHODIST, SAID TO ME; "WHEN I WAS A KID AND**

HAD NOTHING AT CHRISTMAS, THAT PRIEST SHOWED UP AT OUR HOUSE WITH A DOLL FOR THE LITTLE ONE. I NEVER FORGOT THAT PRIEST.”

AND FINALLY, ONE OF MY PREDECESSORS AT ST. PETER THE APOSTLE WAS MSGR. ANTHONY DUBINSKAS. THOUGH ROMAN EDUCATED, HE SPENT MOST OF HIS PRIESTLY LIFE AMONG THE POOR IN WEST BALTIMORE. HE LIVED ON HIS TWO DOLLAR MASS STIPENDS AT ST. PETER’S RATHER THAN TAKE A SALARY. HIS TOUGH OLD HOUSEKEEPER, SARAH CRANFORD, TOLD ME THIS STORY:” IT WAS ABOUT THE 12<sup>TH</sup> TIME THE DOOR BELL RANG THAT DAY. I WENT OUT AND ONCE AGAIN, IT WAS SOME BUM DOWN ON HIS LUCK, LOOKING FOR A HANDOUT. I WAS ABOUT TO SLAM THE DOOR ON THE GUY, WHEN I HEARD MSGR. DUBINSKAS BEHIND ME AND HE SAID;” SARAH, EVERYONE WHO COMES TO THIS DOOR IS CHRIST; EVERYONE WHO COMES TO THIS DOOR IS CHRIST. WE ALWAYS HAVE TIME FOR THEM!”

I THINK IT IS FOR THE HUMBLE, UNSUNG SERVANT-PRIESTS IN PARTICULAR THAT HAGERSTOWN –BORN FR. ABRAM RYAN PENNED THESE LINES:

*“TIS FAME ENOUGH FOR THEE TO BEAR HIS NAME  
THOU COULD NOT ASK FOR MORE;  
THOU ART THE JEWEL OF THY FATHER’S FAME  
HE WAITETH ON THE BRIGHT AND GOLDEN SHORE:  
HE PRAYETH IN THE GREAT ETERNITY  
BESIDE GOD’S THRONE FOR THEE.”*

**MAY GOD BE PRAISED!**

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