



RETIRING PASTOR of St. Joseph's, the Rev. J. J. Gillen expresses his thanks to parishioners at a reception at the church Sunday. Aldo Braida made a presentation and reviewed Father Gillen's contributions to the church during his two years here.

The Clergy speak out

By Rev. Leonard E. F. Ewing
Most of us have grown up hearing some version or other of the old saying that "the pastures are always greener on the other side of the fence." How many children have heard this from some adult chiding them for wishing they were someone else? Yet, often we adults overlook our version of "greener pastures" (thinking And one area of life we do indulge at times in this sort of thinking is in labour-management relations.

To many managers, life on the union side looks just great. They see unions striving to obtain and to protect job securities for their members who do a fair day's work. Unions fight for—and get—progressively better wages, increased pensions, more holidays, more extensive health care coverage.

Compared to this, a manager can feel that no one else will protect his needs and interests, that his pay and benefits are subject to the whims of his superiors, and that he can easily be fired on the spur of the moment without cause and without recourse to any assistance to fight that decision. Large numbers of managers feel forced onto the defensive in face of union pressures—it looks to them as if unions get all of the attention and sympathy from the media, governments, and the general public. As proof of the favouritism which they feel that unions enjoy, managers point to what they see as ever increasing union power both in law and in day-to-day reality. Union pastures can look very green indeed.

But from the union side, it appears that managers are the fortunate men and women in industry. Unionists point to the higher pay and better pensions which a number of management can enjoy. For most workers, there is a strong feeling that a manager has some say—and a far

greater one than any worker or union—in his own destiny within the company and indeed, in the destiny and direction of the workplace itself. Management personnel appear to have jobs which are more secure in the face of increasing changes dictated by the increased use of technological know-how in both the plant and the office.

The labour movement feels that workers get all the blame and companies get all the sympathy whenever the news media focuses public and government attention on union-management negotiations, particularly in strike situations. For unions, the proof of their position of general disavow is the periodic discussions of banning strikes and imposing compulsory arbitration for contract settlements. Managers seem to have all the good grass.

To an outside observer each of the feelings catalogued in the previous paragraphs has some basis in fact. But often neither side has all of the facts—an obvious outcome of the adversary style used in labour-management relations. It's very easy to appreciate the benefits the "other

side" holds. But, when there are no shop stewards sitting in management circles and no general managers participating in labour councils, it is difficult to appreciate the problems plaguing the "opposition".

Each side has less than a pasture of plenty to live in. When a person is caught up in his own situation, he or she often sees only his own problems and only the benefits of someone else's position. Under any circumstances, this natural "blindness" can impair a person's ability to function effectively. But, the blockages to effectiveness can be even greater for individuals involved in an adversary system of relationships. It is understanding, not constant agreement, which is the key to many inter-group problems. What would be the effects on union-management relations if managers and workers understood what it feels like to do the other's jobs? Perhaps the greatest gain would be a more human and a more humane treatment of the "other side"—a gain which both sides have always longed to achieve from the other.

Thieves make off with hotel linen

Sneak thieves invaded the Dominion Hotel on Main St. through the night of September 10, and the early hours of September 11, when robbers made off with a large quantity of linen.

The thieves have enough of the stuff to open a small hotel, but not before they do a load of laundry. Twenty-three sheets, 23 pillow cases, 26 turkish towels and eight hand towels, all dirty, were removed from their respective laundry baskets. The same amount of each item was taken from the stock of clean linen.

The matter is under investigation by the Acton Provincial Police.

Police busy

Police were busy this past week with several incidents involving the intake of liquor and its results.

There were three liquor seizures, two people drunk in a public place, one impaired driver and one drinking when on the interdicted list. Three minors were also found consuming liquor under the legal age.

Presentation Sunday to Father J.J. Gillen

A reception and presentation took place Sunday morning after 11 o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's church, since the Rev. J. J. Gillen is retiring and moving to Mississauga.

A crowd of parishioners listened and applauded as Aldo Braida paid tribute to Father Gillen for his leadership in redecoration of the church hall by member of the parish and improvements to the body of the church during his two year stay here. "Father Gillen has shared not only our joys and successes but also our sorrows and losses. We as parishioners, appreciate his faithfulness very much," Mr. Braida said.

Mr. Braida presented him with a purse on behalf of the members of the congregation.

Father Gillen came here in September, 1972, following the long tenure of the Rev. V. J. Morgan. Before coming here he was pastor in Florida. The Catholic Women's League catered for lunch in the church hall following the 11 a.m. Mass.

Among those attending the reception were Father Elliott S. J., rector at Erin; Father Lloyd Ryan, rector, Church of Our Lady, Guelph; Father Day, rector, Sacred Heart, Guelph; Father Gillen's sister, Sister Elaine, with

Sister Eileen and Sister Joyce of St. Catharines. The Rev. Smye of St. Eugene's church, Hamilton, replaces Father Gillen Sept. 18.

Father Gillen introduced the oldest man in the parish, Eugene Braida, who is 87.

At their first meeting of the season Tuesday of last week, members of the C.W.L. gave a farewell gift to Father Gillen. President Pauline Gordon made the presentation of an engraved table lighter.

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