

**MUSINGS XXI
FEBRUARY TO JUNE 2012**

SHAME ON THE STATE OF INDIANA FOR TAKING AWAY A WORKING MAN'S REPRESENTATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH MANAGEMENT (RIGHT TO WORK STATE.) SHAME ON WISCONSIN ALSO!!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR JIM COGHLAN. HE IS VERY ILL.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CUBS. THEY ARE PRETTY SICK ALSO.

LEO HIGH SCHOOL IS ONE OF THE FEW SCHOOLS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE TO SHOW A SLIGHT GAIN IN ATTENDANCE. JUST RECEIVED 5 STUDENTS FROM ST. GABRIEL'S SCHOOL IN CANARYVILLE.

A SMALL COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE FROM BEVERLY – MT. GREENWOOD ARE ATTEMPTING TO REVIVE THE SOUTHSIDE IRISH PARADE WITH ZERO TOLERANCE OF ALCOHOL. GOOD LUCK!!! NOT BEING SARCASTIC!!! DON'T NEED A NEIGHBORHOOD FULL OF DAYTIME DRUNKS.

I WATCH A LOT OF TV COMMERCIALS. I HAVE NEVER SEEN ONE THAT CLAIMS TO CURE LAZINESS. I AM LOOKING FOR A CURE.

MR. TIGHTWAD. I READ IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT A FAMILY IN TENNESSEE HAD 19 CHILDREN AND DRANK 7 GALLONS OF MILK A WEEK (ONE A DAY). HE OUGHT TO GET A PART-TIME JOB BRINGING IN SHOPPING CARTS SO HE COULD BUY AT LEAST 3 GALLONS A DAY. WHEN ALL OF OUR 12 CHILDREN WERE HOME WE DRANK 22 PER WEEK.

KUDOS TO THE CITY OF CHICAGO. THEY ARE BUYING 500 NEW FORD POLICE CARS THAT ARE BEING MADE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO. BETTER THAN THE 82 TOYOTAS THAT INDIANAPOLIS BOUGHT. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND PATRIOTISM.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE ST. PAT'S PARADE. ALL REPORTS STATE THAT IT WAS AN IRISH PARADE. NOT A DRUNK FEST. HOORAY!!!!

HOW COME WINE GLASSES ARE SO LARGE? WINE IS ONLY Poured INTO THE BOTTOM PART OF THE GLASS.

LEO ALUMNI BANQUET WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS. 640 IN ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING SISTER MARY PAUL McCAUGHEY, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OF THE CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESE. HER FATHER IS A LEO ALUM, CLASS OF '37. I HAD 30 GUESTS OF WHICH 13 WERE FEMALE. IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO SEE PEOPLE OUT OF YOUR PAST. ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE LEO MEN.

THANKS TO ALL OF MY GUESTS FOR ATTENDING AND FOR THE ADS IN THE AD BOOK FOR ME.

PRIOR TO THE BANQUET I SPENT 5 DAYS IN LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL. I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE. NO ARTERY BLOCKAGE. THE NURSE SAID IF I FAITHFULLY TAKE MY 8 PILLS PER DAY I SHOULD LIVE ANOTHER 20 YEARS WHICH SHOULD TAKE ME UP TO 100 YEARS ON TOP OF THE EARTH.

ON JUNE 10TH MONSIGNOR TOM EARNER WILL CELEBRATE HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AS A PRIEST IN NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA. CONGRATULATIONS TOM. TOM WAS ORDAINED IN THURLES, COUNTY TIPPERARY. HE IS FROM OUR HOME BASE OF KNOCKLAHARD, COUNTY GALWAY.

THE EXCITEMENT IN OUR FAMILY IS OUT OF CONTROL WHEN WE HEARD THE KARDASHIAN'S SHOW WAS EXTENDED FOR 3 MORE YEARS.

ANOTHER BIT OF EXCITEMENT CAME WHEN SOUTHWEST AIRLINES ANNOUNCED THAT YOU COULD FLY NON-STOP FROM MIDWAY AIRPORT TO OKLAHOMA CITY.

US POSTAL DEPARTMENT WANTS TO ELIMINATE SATURDAY DELIVERY. GET RID OF THE JUNK MAIL AND YOU WOULD ONLY NEED MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY.

LIFE'S PROBLEMS!! I HAVE AN EIGHT YEAR OLD GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER WHO COMPLAINED THAT SHE COULDN'T WEAR HIGH HEELS FOR HER 1ST COMMUNION.

~~OBAMA SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF HIMSELF BY MAKING A STATEMENT ABOUT "GAY MARRIAGE." THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A "GAY MARRIAGE."~~

~~THERE IS NOTHING MORE DISTURBING THAN SEEING A "GAY MARRIAGE" PERFORMED ON TV. SICKENING TO SEE TWO MEN LOCKING LIPS.~~

I FEEL SORRY FOR MIKE WINSTON FOR THE MELEE AT HIS RESTAURANT (ASHFORD HOUSE) LAST WEEK. AFTER MIKE KNOCKED ONE SCREWBALL DOWN, MIKE GOT KICKED IN THE HEAD BY A FEW OTHER SCREWBALLS. I WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN THERE TO HELP HIM. I STILL CARRY A BILLY CLUB IN THE FRONT SEAT OF MY CAR.

I BELIEVE THIS CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE I HAVE WILL RESTRICT ME FROM CLIMBING THE 60 STAIRS TO GET TO OUR SEATS FOR THE NORTHWESTERN GAMES. I REALLY ENJOYED GOING TO THE GAMES BUT I THINK I'LL HAVE TO SIT AT HOME AND WATCH THE GAMES ON TV IN MY RECLINER CHAIR. I'LL PROBABLY END UP AS ORVILLE REDENBACHER'S BEST CUSTOMER. ↗

I STILL HAVE TO CHECK WITH DR. FARRELL ON THIS.
TRIVIA QUESTION: IN WHAT YEAR DID "THE HOLY GHOST" CHANGE ITS NAME TO "THE HOLY SPIRIT"?

HEY VATICAN, QUIT TRYING TO BELITTLE THE NUNS. THEY AREN'T CALLED "RELIGIOUS" FOR NOTHING.

DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE MONTH. I MISSED SEEING VENUS CROSS IN FRONT OF THE SUN. TOO BUSY TAKING A NAP.

THE "CELTIC THUNDER" IS COMING TO THE VICK THEATRE ON CHICAGO'S NORTH SIDE IN OCTOBER. THEY ARE A GROUP OF MEN ENTERTAINERS FROM IRELAND. A LOT OF CLANCY BROTHERS SONGS. SURE WOULD LIKE TO GO.

5 THINGS I DON'T HANDLE VERY WELL ARE PAIN, AGGRAVATION, SURPRISES, SEAT BELTS AND ADULT BIRTHDAY PARTIES. I CAN HANDLE DISAPPOINTMENT BETTER THAN THE ABOVE.

A THOUGHT OCCURRED TO ME TODAY. WE HAD OUR WEDDING RECEPTION IN AN AMERICAN LEGION HALL IN BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS. IF THE CURRENT GENERATION DOESN'T SCALE BACK ON THEIR WEDDING RECEPTIONS, SOME OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND VFW HALLS MAY BE OUT OF BUSINESS.

VERY JEALOUS OF THAT GUY FROM THE WALLEENDA FAMILY THAT'S GOING TO WALK ACROSS NIAGRA FALLS ON A TIGHT ROPE.

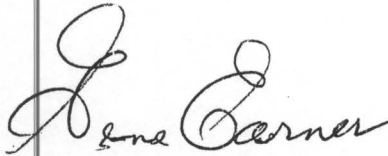
WHILE UMPIRING SECOND BASE THE UMPIRE SHOULD STAND IN BACK OF SECOND BASE INSTEAD OF IN FRONT OF IT. TV REPLAYS WILL PROVE THAT STATEMENT IS CORRECT.

THE SONG I HAVE CHOSEN FOR THIS LETTER IS A TRIBUTE AND TO REMINISCE ABOUT MY FOREBEARERS FROM GALWAY. I HAVE RELATIVES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF GALWAY IN THE VILLAGE OF EYRECOURT. I STILL HAVE RELATIVES NEAR HEADFORD (KNOCKLAHARD) WHICH IS ON "THE BORDER OF GALWAY AND MAYO." MY DAUGHTER PATTI AND SOME OF HER FAMILY ARE GOING TO IRELAND IN OCTOBER. GOOD TO KEEP OUR PRESENCE ALIVE IN GALWAY.

THAT'S ABOUT IT FOR NOW. I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS THE SUMMER AND ARE ENLIGHTENED BY ALL THE GREAT NEWS.

GOD BLESS,

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GENE EARNER



10/89

Cottage on the Borderline of Galway and Mayo

I have roamed this wide world over
And I've sailed the seven seas
I've got no chains around me
I just wander where I please

Now I met a girl that I can't forget
She just won't leave my mind
And where she lives or where she's gone
I guess I'll never find

She wore a silver locket
With a picture of her home
Just a lovely little cottage
On a hillside all alone

And I wondered where that cottage was
But all she'd let me know
That it was somewhere on the borderline of Galway and Mayo

It's a long, long way from Denver To the west of Ireland
It would justify my journey just to see that lovely land
From the Colorado mountains and their singin' whip-poor-wills
To the green, green grass of Ireland and the lovely mud-turf hills

And if I ever find her How happy I would be
With the vision of her beauty that haunts my memory
Still my heart takes me a searchin' To a land I do not know
To the cottage on the borderline of Galway and Mayo

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