

Clergy Told

When To Advise Psychiatry Care

St. Louis (RNS)—Clergymen of all faiths who do pastoral counseling were advised by a priest-educator and a psychiatrist on when and how to refer a troubled person for psychiatric treatment.

Speaking at a mental health workshop for clergy held by the St. Louis Mental Health Association were Father Trafford Maher, S.J., director of St. Louis University's Department of Education; and Dr. Donald Bandt, assistant superintendent of St. Louis State (Mental) Hospital.

Dr. Bandt told the clergy to be on the lookout for symptoms of emotional stress and mental illness in persons from 45 to 55 years of age. Persons in that age group often develop depression slowly, he said.

"A DESPONDENCY sets in on an individual whose habit is to act impulsively," he declared. "Members of the clergy should be especially alert to the problem in this age group."

Father Maher defined mental health as "a deep sense of adequacy and security." Mental illness may appear, he said, "when there is too great a distance between what a man really is, and what he thinks he is, or between what he wants to be and what he ought to be." Dr. Bandt noted that clergymen "often are the first persons consulted in an emotional

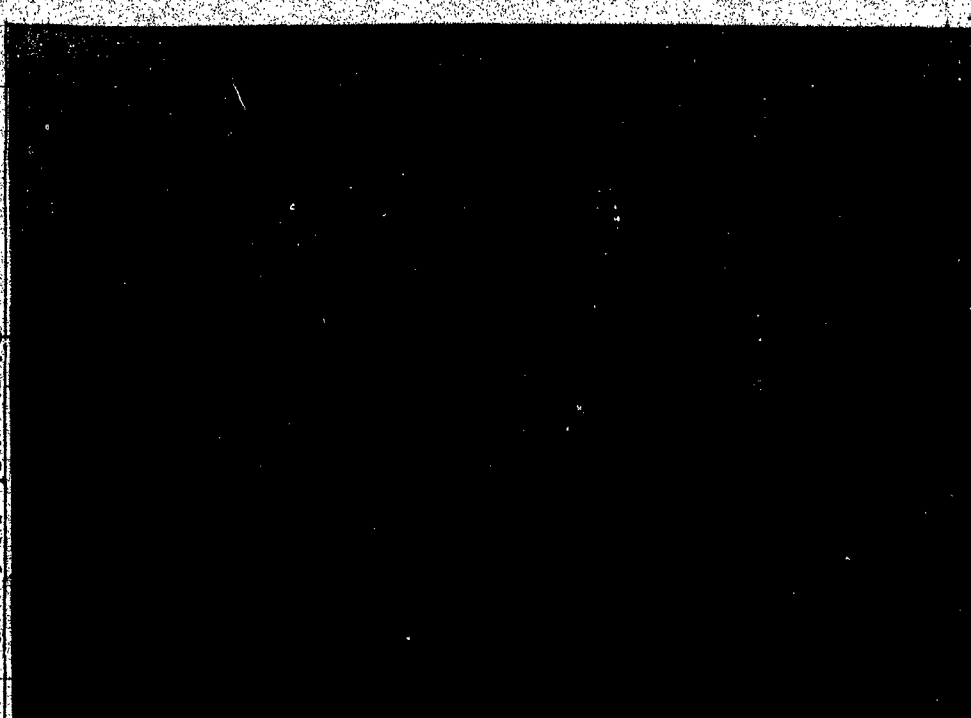
crisis, and are in good position to help the mentally ill to get psychiatric care."

"Religion often is a pillar of strength in a moment of crisis," he said. "However, when natural causes appear, they must be recognized. Any sudden and extreme change in behavior is a cause for alarm."

Motion Picture Institute Planned

Loyola University, in cooperation with Adult Education Centers of Chicago, will offer an institute on the Motion Picture this summer. The Institute, meeting once a week over a period of six weeks, will provide an intensive course on the motion picture for teachers who may wish to establish programs of motion picture education in schools and parishes with greater confidence.

For further information, contact: Henry Busse, Department of Speech and Drama, Loyola University, 820 North Michigan Chicago, Ill.



Scout Troop Re-activated

The re-activated Boy Scout Troop 24 of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Auburn, received their new charter and ceremonies conducted in St. Francis Recreation Hall. Left to right are Rev. Nicholas P. Alletto, assistant pastor as he receives the charter from Frank J. DePaul, institution representative; Robert Rooker, scoutmaster; Anthony Della Stritta, committee chairman; and John Palmear, committeeman.

Catechism Rites At Shrine

Washington (NC)—Three diocesan directors of the confraternity will hold their annual meeting here, at the invitation of Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, to stress the importance attached to the observance.

Father Collins also said that...

Soviets To Attend Christian Meeting

Florence (RNS)—The Soviet Union and other countries of the East will be represented for the first time when the Congress for Peace and Christian Civilization opens its seventh annual sessions here June 18.

This was announced by Sicilian-born Mayor Giorgio La Pira of Florence, who originated the annual events.

He said the forthcoming conference, which will be in session for a week, will have as its major theme "To Build the City of Peace." Previous conferences have been attended by representatives of over 30 countries.

Students Noted In Art Display

Six girls from Sister Mary John's art classes at St. Agnes High School had their work on display at the Sibley's Scholastic Art Exhibition earlier this month for their achievement in creative art.

Anna Ledoux, 308, a second year art student, won two gold keys and an honorable mention for her work in fashion designing.

Karal Marling, 309, won a gold key for her work in mixed media. Her painting was judged for the National High School Art Exhibition. Karal takes art at the Rochester Memorial Art Gallery.

AN AWARD OF honorable mention was received by Dorothy Munch for her silk screened Christmas card.

Mary Martha Proust, 308, Marie Ingre, 108, Pat O'Callan, 301, Elsie Strobery, 301, and Cathy Windheim, 307, were honored by having work on display.



The Bell Tower

Diplomat: A fellow who can be charming even though his country isn't.

Each year on her birthday, an elderly lady was given presents for her home. Her 80th birthday was approaching and a friend asked her what kind of gifts she would like.

"Anything at all," she replied with a weary smile, "as long as I don't have to dust it."

Glimpsed in a New York restaurant two pessimists meeting to shake heads.

During a trial in an Arkansas courtroom, the prosecuting attorney was questioning a witness. The man was perfectly cooperative, but he kept addressing his answers to the attorney himself. The prosecutor instructed him to "speak to the jury."

The witness looked over the jurors one by one, and nodded affirmatively.

"Howdy!" he said to each one.

Eiffel Tower: The Empire State Building after taxes.

A serene and lovely woman at a party surprised another guest by mentioning that she was the mother of seven children. Two of the children, each about 12, joined the group. The guest asked if they were twins.

"Not at all," replied the mother. "We adopted Jeanie two years ago."

"Good heavens!" the guest burst out. "Didn't you already have enough of your own?"

"Yes, of course," the mother replied. "But Jeanie had no one at all."

Sexton: A man who hides his keys and pews.

A man was driving from coast-to-coast. The back seat was occupied by his wife and his mother-in-law, and the poor fellow was subjected to a constant stream of advice and criticism.

On the third day he couldn't take anymore. He stopped the car, whiled around toward his wife, and demanded: "Once and for all, who's driving this car — you or your mother?"

Cana Priest Dies At 62

St. Louis (RNS)—Father Edward Dowling, S.J., founder of the Cana movement, was buried here (April 8).

The 62-year-old internationally known priest died (April 3) in his sleep at Memphis, Tenn.

Although badly crippled by arthritis for nearly 40 years, Father Dowling did not let the disease keep him from giving Cana conferences.

He originated the Cana movement in St. Louis in the early 1900s as a means of giving engaged couples and young married couples an opportunity to practice spiritual principles in their married life.

SERMONETTE

GOD IS WHERE YOU LOOK FOR HIM

by the Rev. James D. Moriarty

It happened in Chicago. A crowd had gathered about one of those side-walk astronomers as they invariably will. He had one of the customary telescopes mounted on a tripod and was offering a close up look at the stars for a small fee.

Along came a lively four year old boy restrained only by the firm grip of his father. The lad was not big enough to see by himself so the father put him on his shoulder. He watched attentively as one after another took a look into the long tube aimed at the heavens.

"What are they doing, daddy?" he asked.

"Why, son, they are looking at the stars," his father replied.

"Oh," the child remarked with evident disappointment. "I thought they were looking for God up there."

Over the centuries there are men of astronomy who have found God up there and brought Him into their own lives. Overwhelmed by the great galaxy of heavenly bodies, the tremendous distances between them, the orderliness of their course, they could only admit that some intelligent being must be directing the heavens.

Other men of science have found God inside the earth, down deep in the depths of a diamond mine. The perfect formation of a tiny hunk of carbon into a beautiful and brilliant stone which captivates the eyes indicates that there must be some intelligent Director.

Another has found the traces of God's intelligence in a simple bug. The intricacies discovered in the make-up of an insect sets a biologist off to pondering the why behind the beauty of structure. And the more questions he asks the more he is forced to admit that only intelligence could have done this.

Strange, isn't it, that the creature of God in which He is often hard to see is man. And man in the only creature on earth made in His image and likeness of God. Maybe we need a telescope. Or maybe we should adjust our sights. After all, we usually find what we are looking for.

It's a good question to ask. "Have we seen God's image lately?"

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Livingston DCCW Meets

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