

# Feminized Faith? Jesuit Says Yes

St. Meinrad—Has Catholic religious practices become too "feminized?"

The noted Jesuit theologian, Father Karl Rahner, thinks so.

He also thinks "the feminization of Catholicism," as he terms it, is offensive to the virility of the modern male.

Writing in the January issue of "Marriage," a Catholic family monthly, Father Rahner points to some observable facts.

"Women are generally regarded as more 'pious' than men."

"Statistics show they work at it more."

"Religious practice and the religious training given by the Church appear to many as the exclusive province of women."

IN MANY traditionally Christian countries, family religious

practices are almost entirely dominated by the female and, Father Rahner noted, in some sophisticated places "feminism" has come to be regarded as somewhat effeminate.

All this is alienating the male who by nature is inclined to find his gratifications among the measurable values of his secular life, the priest trains faintly.

Women have no natural advantages when it comes to piety.

## Missioners' Film On National TV

New York (NC) — A story filmed by U.S. Maryknoll missionaries in Kyoto, Japan, will be featured on a national television program Dec. 28.

The program will be presented on the "Lamp Unto My Feet" program 10:10-10:30 a.m. on the CBS television network including WHEATV, Channel 10 in Rochester.

Entitled "Six People, Ten Legs," the story tells how a paralyzed Japanese schoolboy comes to be accepted by his classmates.

Guest on the program will be Father James P. Hyatt, M.M., who helped make the film for the Japanese Good Shepherd Movement, which utilizes films and other modern communications media to bring religious messages to a mass audience in Japan.

It would be difficult to find Scripture quotations that give anything essentially feminine about Christianity.

In a two-part article, "Holiness and the Man," Father Rahner holds, "It is entirely reasonable and useful to raise one's voice in objection to a more virile Christianity in the Church."

The quest for a masculine style of religious practice, he said, begins with a better understanding of the male nature — analytical, more concerned with objectivity, more head than heart.

Pious practices urged upon men should not be burdensome, the Jesuit suggested. Instead, being intelligent of the kind of objectivity that is likely to show up in male attitudes today, pastors can ask themselves some realistic questions:

"Do we consider a man's age level? Are we overly prone to distance on some point when a man is not (or not yet) obeying the law of God and of the Church? Do we often fail to give due recognition to other attitudes which are much more important, and are part of the very essence of what is Christian and Catholic?"

## Travelogues Set In January

Four color films are scheduled for the Travelogue Series to be presented on consecutive Tuesday evenings in January at the Eastman Theatre at 8:15 p.m.

Series tickets for the four-part program are available at the Eastman Theatre box office, and cost \$5 each.

The complete schedule is as follows: Jan. 7—Mediterranean, narrated by Thayer Soule; Jan. 14—Tropical Touch of the Dutch, narrated by Lisa Chickering and Jeanne Fortney; Jan. 21—Hawaii, narrated by Willis Butler; and Jan. 28—New Zealand, narrated by Nicol Smith, 8:15 p.m.

## At Our House® Teen Time

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Our house is teeming these days. (Yes, the spelling is correct.) Reason? Ginny is home from college for the holidays.

Metamorphosis from quiet, adult and somewhat stodgy atmosphere around here descended, literally, a week ago when our freshman blew in, complete with enough luggage to last six weeks, plopped the heaviest bag in the front hall.

Home—Again

"Guess who's here?" she called. "It's your long lost!" as we all, including Magoo, came running from basement, upstairs and kitchen to be enveloped in bear hugs from strong young arms with jangling bracelets, pressed against rosy cheeks, everybody talking and laughing at the same time.

Cought an early train, thought I'd surprise you. New curtains? Like 'em.

"Ginny, you've changed your hair."

"How's school?"

And from the Head of the House, "Ginny, what's in this bag? Bricks?"

"No, Daddy. Books. Gotta hit 'em, even in vacation. The Sisters really lay it on. Well, anybody call me? Anybody using the car this afternoon?"

With the last two phrases, we knew our Ginny was home, ready to teen-orient this old house.

And how!

And telephone

It was "grr-est, just grr-est" to be home again, to plunk stuffed animals (one whole suitcase full of them) around her room, to start record player going upstairs, and keep it going with one LP after another, start the radio downstairs, and open upon the telephone.

And telephone, and telephone, and to answer telephone. Matter of fact, that small instrument of communication has been precious little used at our house for the past few months our friends even remarking in surprise that they have been able to reach us on the first call. Not any more. Goodness knows how many busy signals they get these days, how many friends we have lost. Every time that finally gets through brings the inevitable, "Ginny there?"

Ginny is, sometimes, though for the first few days of vacation she had a pre-Christmas job at a florist's, working early, working late ("I'll help a bit with my bills, and Catholic education sure costs!")

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The program will be presented by the Rochester Pops Orchestra, directed by Paul White, with the Songsters, under Paul Allen, and soloists.

## "Nutcracker" Set At Eastman

The glittering and festive holiday ballet, Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker," will be presented in two performances at the Eastman Theatre. The Mercury Ballet, under the direction of Olive McCue and the Rochester Civic Orchestra, have scheduled an evening performance on Friday, Dec. 27 at 8:15 p.m., and a matinee on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 2:30 p.m.

The story of Clara, whose favorite toy, a wooden nutcracker, is broken, and whose adventures stem from a visit to Fairyland, is taken from Hoffmann's tale "The Nutcracker and Mouse King."

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## Vatican Council Report On TV

**DIRECTIONS '64**... A Catholic Perspective, co-produced by The National Council of Catholic Men and the Public Affairs Department of the American Broadcasting Company, will present "A Report on the Second Vatican Council" Sunday, Dec. 29 (2:00-2:30 p.m.) over the ABC-TV network, including WOKR, Channel 13 in Rochester. The participants in the discussion are left Father Gregory Baum, O.S.A., a theological expert at the Council; the Reverend William A. Norgren, Director of Faith and Order Studies of the National Council of Churches and an observer at the Council; and Father Frederick McManus, a consultant to the Commission on Liturgy at the Council.

## Family Rosary Radio Program

Friday, Dec. 27—Louis Sangelolo, St. Theodore.

Saturday, Dec. 28—Joseph Entress, Holy Ghost, Coldwater.

Sunday, Dec. 29—Grand Knight Edmund Stafias, St. Thomas the Apostle, accompanied by Pope Pius XII Council, Knights of Columbus.

Monday, Dec. 30—Andrew Cirincione, St. Monica.

Tuesday, Dec. 31—A representative of Better Men's Club.

Wednesday, Jan. 1—Charles Alaimo, St. Francis of Assisi.

Thursday, Jan. 2—Matthias Kuebel, St. Boniface, accompanied by Nocturnal Adoration Society of that parish.

## Films Listed At Museum

Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences will be closed on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, it is announced by director W. Stephen Thomas.

Regular visiting hours will be resumed on Jan. 2—daily Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Museum Closed! New Year's Day

An enchanting story of the different kinds of people who stop at a rural Italian gas station is told in the film "Oluspepla" featured on the family program at Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on Sunday, Dec. 29, at 2:30 p.m., and again at 3:30 p.m.

Highlights of activities through each season are shown in the second film titled, "Seasons of the Year." Both films are in color and sound.

## Centrons Mark Golden Jubilee

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Centron of 21 Vose St. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a High Mass on Dec. 14 at Holy Redeemer Church. They exchanged rings and were blessed by the Rev. Bernard Kuchman.

Mr. Centron is retired from the New York Central Railroad. They have three daughters and one son and 11 grandchildren.

## Farrell-Cuer Wedding Held

Willard—Miss Donna Helene Cuer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin D. Cuer, and Edward T. Ryan, of Norfolk, Va., son of Mr. Camilla Farrell, were married Nov. 30 at Holy Cross Church, Ovid. The Rev. Thomas J. Florack officiated.

Mrs. Arthur Arclambault Jr. was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Mrs. Duane Buck, Mrs. Paul Pymack and Mrs. Richard Anderson. Sara Jane Corwin and Babette McDonald were flower girls and ringbearer was Dennis Pymack.

William Ryan was best man and ushers were David Howell, Hugh McDonald and William Steen.

## Engagement

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Dorothy Ann L. Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Hughes of Meadowbriar Rd., to David P. Hyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hyatt of Hillton. A September wedding is planned.

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**KIPHANT**

To most Americans, Kiphant means diamonds. Like Epiphany, it comes from the Greek for "showing forth of God."... On the Feast of the Epiphany (Twelfth Night) we remember the THREE WISE MEN (the Magi) who came from the East bringing gifts for the Christ Child... Tradition has it that the WISE MEN came from Persia, present-day IRAN... Do you know that in IRAN today there isn't one Catholic in a thousand? In IRAN, truly a mission country, only one priest in 1,000 is a Catholic... Native priests and Sisters are hard at work in IRAN today, thanks to the members of the Association. Wouldn't you, too, like to be a member? The spiritual benefits you'll receive are incalculable. Membership—\$1 a year for an individual, \$5 a year for a family. If you'd like to be enrolled permanently—that is, forever—the dues are \$20 for an individual, \$100 for a family.

**FROM PETER... TO PAUL**

When Pope Paul VI visits the Holy Land next month (the first time since St. Peter a Pope will have been in the Holy Land) he'll see for himself chapels American Catholics have built there. The chapels, many of them, are memorials—built by grateful sons and daughters in memory of their parents. The chapels are filled on Sunday mornings with poor people who now have a place to worship God... We need more chapels in our mission world—in countries like PALESTINE, IRAN, IRAQ, SYRIA, and INDIA. Construction costs range from \$2,000 to \$6,000... Would you like a memorial for a loved one?

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