

# 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 the 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 practices 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 relegated to the female and, Father Rahner notes, in some sophisticated places "holiness" 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 maintains.

Women have no natural advantages when it comes to piety.

**Travelogues**

**Set In January**

Four color films are scheduled for the Travelogue Series, to be presented on consecutive nights on Broadway, starting 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—Magic of the Mediterranean, narrated by Thayer Soule; Jan. 14—Tropical Touch of the Dutch, narrated by Lisa Chelering and Jeanne Porterfield; Jan. 21—Here's Hawaii, narrated by Willis Butler; and Jan. 28—New Zealand, narrated by Nicol Smith, 8:15 p.m.

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## 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. 29.

The program will be presented on the "Lamp Unto My Feet" program 10-10:30 a.m. on the CBS television network including WHEC-TV, 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 F. Hyatt, M.M., who helped make the film for the Japanese Good Shepherd Movement, which utilizes films and other modern communication media to bring religious messages to a mass audience in Japan.

## At Our House

### Teen Time

By MARY TINLEY DALY

There's an air of bouncy excitement at our house these days, felt even by aging Magoo who foregoes her lethargic sitting by the radiator for forays into the snow as the did when a young pup at Ginny's heels.

Young people, friends of high school days, come and go, laugh and sing and play records. The smell of fresh popped corn permeates the kitchen and empty soft drink bottles pile up like crazy. I hear of "muds" and "finks" which we presume to translate into terms of "squares" and "nuts" of other years.

A pair of brown loafers is found in the living room. A pair of blue slipper-socks on the steps. A crumpled textbook dropped from a sleepy hand near the couch in front of the TV. Willing corsages in the refrigerator. A mantilla and misal on the piano. All signs of our teenager.

Fogged out of our complacent adult routine: "We start a batch of washing in the basement. Ugh, cold water! Then realize that a luxurious hot bubble bath is going on. An intrate trip upstairs reveals a pink-robbed Ginny, blond hair done up in enormous fat rollers, feet encased in fuzzy red slippers. "It's great to take a long bath. Mom. Just gr-out to be home." Well, perhaps laundry done in cold water won't hurt, for once.

...We search for that last year of new stockings we knew we had. Change phrase, "we knew we had had." Wait! Wait! that young lady comes home. She does, again: "A wonderful time. Mom. Thanks for lending me the stockings."

...We try in vain to get through the line to ask for a pickup at the grocery store. People coming for dinner, so much to do... taxi home to find the house in ship-shape order, silver shined, table set and roast already cooking. Teens, unpredictable as they are we love 'em.

With the last two phrases, we wish our Ginny was home, ready to teen-out this of house.

And how!

**And Telephone**

It was "gr-out, just great" 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 ring 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!")

any indication that Christianity recognizes in woman as much position and rank as it in the bestows on her."

In a two-part article, "Religion and the Man," Father Rahner holds, "It is entirely reasonable and useful to raise one voice and demand 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, work centered, striving for objectivity, more head than heart.

Pious practices urged upon men should not be burdensome the Jesuit suggested. Instead of being intolerant of the "taint" of secularism 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 pounce on some point where 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?"

## 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 (8:00-2:30 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. Norberg, 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 Santangelo, St. Theodore.

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

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

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

Tuesday, Dec. 31—A re-orientation of Better Men's Club.

Wednesday, Jan. 2—Charles Alaimo, St. Francis of Assisi.

Thursday, Jan. 3—Matthew Kuebel, St. Boniface, accompanied by Nocturnal Adoration Society of that parish.

## 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 "Giuseppe" 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.

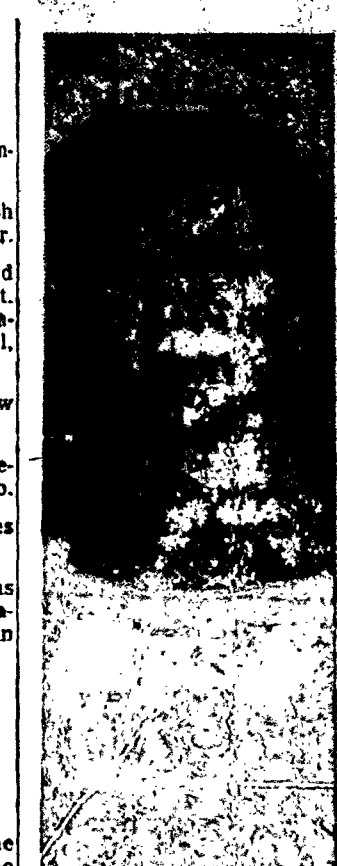
## Centrons Mark Golden Jubilee

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.

## Engagement

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



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## 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 Mrs. Camilla Farrell, were married Nov. 30 at Holy Cross Church, Ovid. The Rev. Thomas J. Florack officiated.

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

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## Films Listed At Museum

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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.

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**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 \$2,500 to \$5,000... Would you like a memorial for a loved one?

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