

Brother David's Computer is A Goliath

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Brother David suggests to IBM what kind of problems the computer should be equipped to handle and what "error messages" it might expect to receive from the students. One of the computer's responses—similar to the robot's "This does not compute" on TV's "Lost in Space"—reads: "You have attempted to divide by zero. This is an illegitimate mathematical operation. Please go back and check your input."

"I give the people at IBM the benefit of my background in education," said Brother David, who was an assistant principal at La Salle Academy in Providence, R.I., and now teaches at Mater Christi High School in Astoria, La. "I take care of the environmental controls."

Brother David has inspected computer centers operated by public schools in Chicago, Milwaukee, Palo Alto, Los Angeles and San Francisco (he estimates there are between 200 and 250 computer centers in public schools). The Brooklyn diocese's computer center will be the first in a Catholic school system and was the only Catholic-school representative at the recent Philadelphia convention of the Association of Educational Data Systems.

"The real challenge of education today is to help man find out where he fits," said Brother David of the technological revolution. "One of the major problems is that Man is caught at the crossroads again. For ages, we've assumed that in order to live, you have to work. I often wonder: maybe we won't have to work any more—but just live. Is it really necessary to work to live?"

He will not be surprised, Brother David said, to see "a universal credit system" in the age of the computer, in which everyone will receive "a modicum of comfort" from the state, and anyone wanting more "would, say, put in a few extra hours at a computer center or something."

What is important, he goes on, is that Man learns "how to reconcile himself to a complete upheaval. We've accepted the idea of gainful employment. What does a man do when it's no longer necessary?"

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St. Joseph's Elmira To Graduate 35

Commencement Exercises for St. Joseph's Hospital Schools of Nursing and X-ray Technology, Elmira, will be held in St. Peter and Paul's Church at 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 28.

Bishop James E. Kearney will award the diploma and pin of the school to the twenty-nine graduates of the School of Nursing and diplomas to the six graduates of the School of X-ray Technology.

Monsignor Philip E. McGhan, hospital chaplain, will present the graduates and Bishop will deliver the address. Ceremonies will be culminated with Benediction. Following the ceremonies, a reception for the graduates, their families and friends will be held in the auditorium of the Dunn Memorial Nurses' Residence.

Preceding the graduation exercises, a Mass for the graduates will be celebrated by the Bishop in the Little Flower Chapel of the Nurses' Residence.

Following this, a luncheon for the graduates will be given by the Sisters of St. Joseph in the dining room of the Dunn Memorial. Bishop Kearney, faculty members, and representatives of the Hospital Board of Directors, Medical Staff, and School Advisory Committee will be guests.

Members of the School of Nursing Class of 1966 include: Kathleen Daly, Clare Fillmore, Mary Ellen Kane, and Jean Woodard, Elmira; Elizabeth Nelson, from Corning; Jane Beck, Maryagnes Bustin, and Maureen Hagerty Coleman, Sayre; Rosemary Aresti, Canton, Pa.; Mary Helen Bennardi, Williamsport, Pa.; Marie Signor Arnot, Pa.; Julianne Buono, Angela Gatten, and Jo Ann Van Wallendael, Binghamton.

Joanne Crowley, Endicott; Maria Gianninichie and Dianne



'Generals' in Basilian Army

The only two living former superior generals and the current chief administrator of the Basilian Fathers were among the 125 delegates who attended the Basilian Convention held at St. John Fisher College for the past 10 days.

Archbishop George B. Flahiff, C.S.B. (center) of Washington, Canada, served the post from 1954 to 1961, when he was elevated to the episcopacy. He was succeeded by Very Rev. Joseph C. Wey, C.S.B. (left) the present superior general.

Rev. Edmund C. McCormick, C.S.B. (right) guided the destiny of the congregation from 1942 to 1954. Now assistant to the president for academic affairs at St. John Fisher College, Father McCormick celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as a priest earlier this year.

Archbishop Flahiff has been a priest for 36 years. Father Wey for 30. The purpose of the convention, which brought Basilians to

Rochester from throughout the United States, Canada, France, and Mexico, was to consider problems being faced by the congregation in preparation for next year's Basilian General Chapter.

Laity Retreats, Like Bar of Soap

Boston—(NC)—An advertising executive predicted a bright future for the Roman lay retreat movement if directors revamp the format to fulfill a contemporary need.

James C. Wickersham of New York, speaking at the 21st biennial convention of the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference in the Sheraton-Boston Hotel here, said the movement should be merchandized like a product in the commercial market.

The conference brought nearly 2,000 Catholic laymen to Boston from more than 200 retreat houses throughout the nation. Fifteen bishops and scores of priests were in attendance.

Referring to the retreat movement as though it were a product and divorced from spiritual contact, Wickersham analyzed it much the way an advertising man would approach a bar of soap or any other marketable product.

There is need for drastic changes in the retreat movement, said the New York executive, who is making a study to point out its deficiencies and

how they can be eliminated. Wickersham stated there has been no serious decline in the laymen's movement but there should be greater gains in the light of an increased national economy, increase in available time for participants and other factors.

The keynote address was delivered by Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh, who said the declaration of purpose of the Second Vatican Council is the declaration of purpose of the laymen's convention—an effort to provide some figure of speech, some image to suggest to those in the Church and to those outside what is the inner nature of the Church.

Alluding to Scripture's references to the Church in terms of sheep and shepherds, the bishop asked: "How many people in Boston have ever seen a sheep? Sheep and shepherds are little to youngsters in housing projects or even in the suburbs."

2nd 'Ecumenism' Talk For First Friday Men

Second speaker in a series on Ecumenism for members of the First Friday Luncheon Club will be Rev. Richard Clay, curate at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Brighton, according to Eugene R. Cusker, chairman of the Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus sponsoring committee.

The Episcopal clergyman will continue the series inaugurated by Monsignor John E. McCafferty, chairman of the Catholic Diocesan Ecumenical Commission.

Father William Donnelly, club moderator and chaplain of Rochester Council K. of C. will introduce Father Clay at the luncheon, in Hotel Sheraton, at 12:10 p.m.

Monsignor McCafferty, pastor of Holy Rosary Church, opened the series at the August meeting with a complete exposition of the Ecumenical movement from the first pronouncement by Pope John XXIII to current activities among the various faiths here in Rochester.

Men who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday are eligible to attend the luncheon whether they belong to the K. of C. or not, cochairman Urban G. Kress said.

Guidelines Given Catholic Dioceses To Join Local Councils of Churches

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working group's cochairmen—Bishop John J. Carberry of Columbus, Ohio, and the Rev. John Coventry Smith, general secretary of the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations, United Presbyterian Church U.S.A.—note that it is not intended as a "final or definite document" but represents current thinking.

"Both the Bishops' Commission and the National Council have received many requests for such information," they say. "It is our hope that this document will serve the purpose of God and the unity of His Church."

The document recommends the following steps as preparation for membership by Catholic bodies in councils of churches:

- "Explore as many areas of common interest as possible."
- "Determine one or more

areas in which the needs of the community and the concerns of the churches indicate that cooperation is desirable."

- "Develop programs or projects in one or two of these areas and carry them out together."
- "Work together for a period of a year or two, perhaps through a joint committee or other working group outside the structure of any existing organization, until the wisdom of closer ties is indicated through basic understanding and mutual commitment."

- "Discuss thoroughly the meaning, privileges, opportunities and responsibilities of membership in a council of churches."
- "After thorough discussion and appreciation of the meaning and promise of such cooperation, join wholeheartedly in membership in a council by official action of all concerned."

The document outlines a number of other possible forms of collaboration between Catholics and members of other denominations. Among these are dialogues among clergy, between clergy and laity, and among laity; the exchange of observers and consultants; and the formation of a joint committee or working group.

One of the functions of a joint committee should be "discussion of what a council of churches is and what membership entails," it says.

It also speaks of "possible new forms of collaboration, saying: 'In a rapidly changing society and in a rapidly developing ecumenical movement, it is to be expected that new forms of cooperative activity supplementing or perhaps even altering the present form of the council of churches may commend themselves.'"

Another form of collaboration recommended by the document is "working together in common tasks." These include dialogues; ecumenical prayer and observances; and cooperation on such community prob-

lems as "race, poverty, urban renewal and relocation, education, delinquency, problems of aging, migrant workers, and national and world issues."

Also suggested are ecumenical open house programs; interdenominational religious censuses; joint film, theatrical, art and music festivals; joint pastoral training institutes in marriage counseling; joint sponsorship of television and radio programs; and cooperative efforts to foster understanding of the ecumenical movement through the communications media.

Join Ministers Priests Told

New York — (RNS) — There's no reason a Roman Catholic priest shouldn't belong to the Ministerial Association in his community and a lot of reasons why he should, according to one priest who tried it.

He is Father Eugene E. Ryan, a member of the Glenmary Home Missioners of Cincinnati. Writing in the Aug. 13 issue of America magazine, the national Catholic weekly published here, he recounted some of his experiences and observations growing out of his participation in traditional Protestant clergy associations in Virginia and Kentucky, where he served as pastor.

According to Father Ryan, priests have generally avoided ministerial associations because they fear "that to attend meetings of a ministerial society would lead to involvement in 'false worship' or become an occasion of religious indifference."

Catholic fears about indifference may be the result of "the Roman Catholic habit of lumping together all non-Roman and non-Orthodox Christians in a category labeled 'Protestant'." Father Ryan pointed out. "Actually, the differences between non-Catholic groups are more considerable than Catholics realize. Often enough, Catholics stand doctrinally closer to any two Protestant sects than the same sects stand to each other."

"The fact is that in accepting membership in a ministerial association, the ministers themselves do not dream of doctrinal compromise or theological indifference. They maintain their sectarian differences—sometimes very rigidly. Now, if membership does not involve indifference for them, it need not for Catholic members either."

The fear of becoming involved in "false worship," he continued, has been eliminated by the Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism and by the guidelines issued by the American Bishops' Commission for Ecumenical Affairs. "These guidelines provide bishops with a basis for encouraging their priests and people to take part in the very type of service the associations usually sponsor."

Membership in a ministerial association offers the Catholic priest access to community service organizations—such as child welfare units and similar groups—in which the clergy organization usually holds membership. The priest "can give proof of his own interest and that of his church through joining the ministerial association," Father Ryan said.

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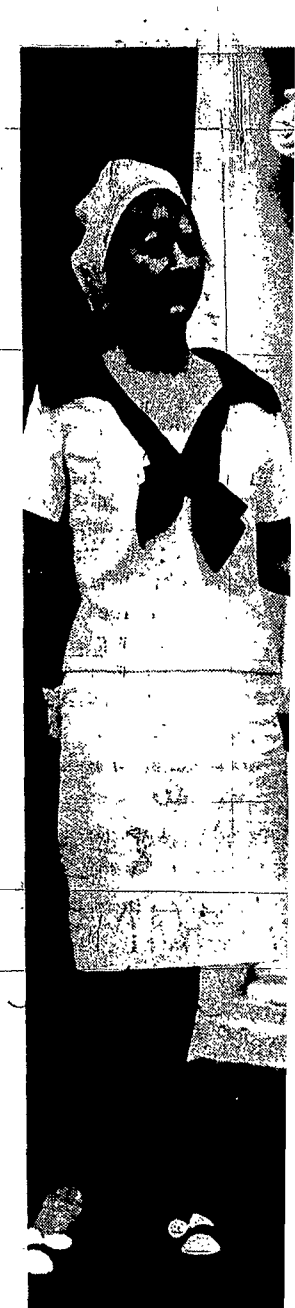
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Blessing at the gra Sepulchre Cemetery by Father Richard N rangements by Josep phy Funeral Home.

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11 McQuaid studen the Georgetown Univ mer debate worksho ington from July 11 a field of 150 team Quaid combination Combs and Kevin placed third in the vision. Novice deb Lucas and John ished second in th and were judged b five team. A thir team of James Welc ard Keelby advan octafinals before t nated.