

God's Work Now Our Own

New York—(RNS)—Religion in American Life has chosen a quotation from President Kennedy's Inaugural Address—"God's work must truly be our own"—as the central theme of its 1966 campaign in November.

The RLAL 18th annual drive promotes spiritual values and encourages attendance at worship services in churches and synagogues.

This year's public service campaign, in newspaper and

magazine advertisements, radio and TV messages, billboards, posters, car cards and other media, is directed also toward some of the country's most challenging problems.

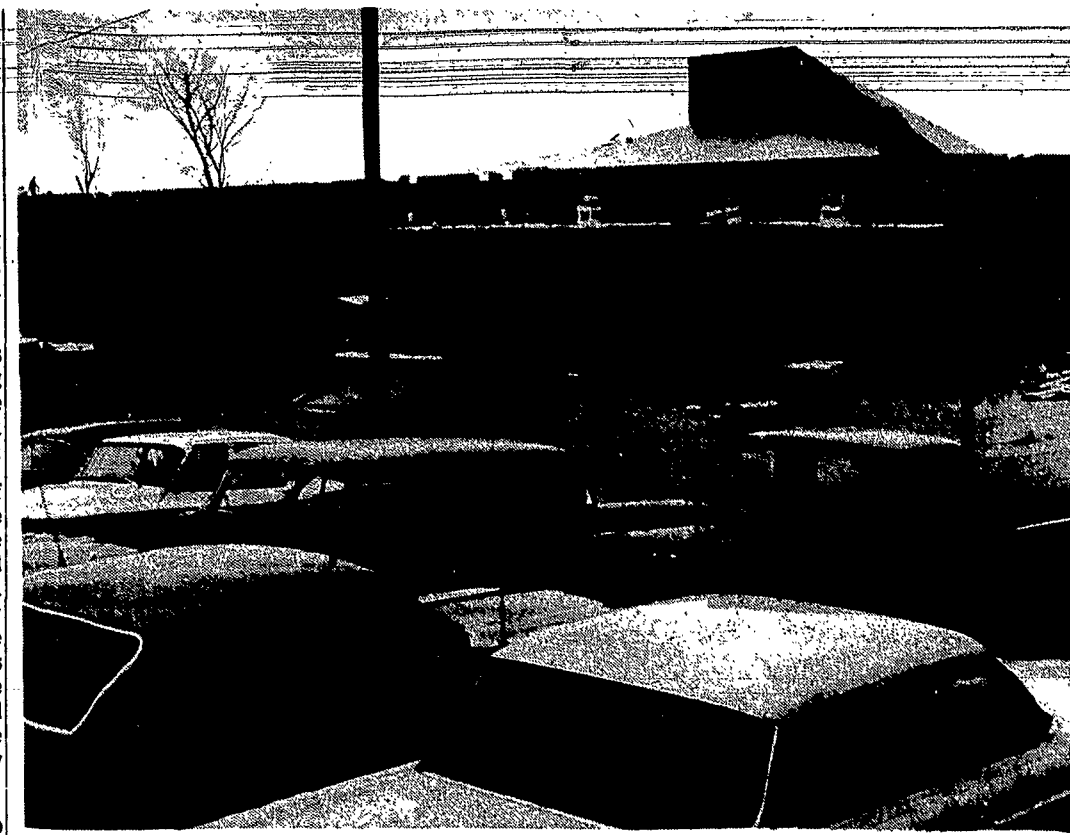
RLAL said that the various advertisements and messages ask some of the questions many church and synagogue affiliated people are raising "about the apparent decline of morality and ethical conduct in our society."

"Because some of the most penetrating questions are being posed by the youth of America," the interreligious organization said, "and because of the growing influence of this expanding segment of our population, many of the ads are directed to this age group."

Theme of the campaign is carried in a poster illustrating various occupations, with the following quote from President Kennedy's Inaugural Address:

"Whether you are citizens of America or citizens of the world, ask of us here the same high standards of strength and sacrifice which we ask of you. With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own."

Another poster shows a Negro family being escorted away from a home by a white woman and is captioned: "Sorry, this house has just been sold." A lawn sign reads: "For Sale."



Becket Hall takes shape on St. John Fisher College campus.

Expectations Exceeded

College, Seminary Projects

Diocesan officials released statistics on the Joint College Fund for the third quarter of the pledge payment period this week.

This report is listed on page 16 of this week's Courier.

The fund drive, held last year, will pay for expansion of facilities at St. John Fisher and Nazareth Colleges and to build new Becket Hall for seminarians attending St. John Fisher College.

Monsignor George Cocuzzi, chancellor of the Diocese, made the following statement about

the projects now under construction:

"Becket Hall is progressing at a most satisfying rate, adhering to the construction schedule very well. It has exceeded all expectations to date. We are confident of completion to allow our collegian-seminarians to be brought together under one roof in September 1967.

"This new seminary program, which is being utilized in more and more dioceses throughout the nation, has a unique pioneering feature here in Rochester. Here the young seminarians

are able to pursue an educational program which is best suited for their special abilities.

"The Joint College Fund, which has made this step forward possible, is progressing quite well. Nearly four million dollars has been paid against 10.6 million pledged total, for which the Diocese, as well as St. John Fisher and Nazareth College, is forever indebted to the donor. This has resulted from the leadership of our priests who have put forth every effort to achieve the expected norm of 44 per cent by September, 1966.

"We beg that all our friends and benefactors, who by their pledges, encouraged us to proceed, will watchfully support this appeal through the crucial months remaining in the pledge payment period."

Press Conferences Listed

At U.S. Bishops Meeting

Washington—(RNS)—Press conferences will be held during the week-long annual meeting of the U.S. Roman Catholic bishops here, Nov. 14-18, according to the National Catholic Welfare Conference's Bureau of Information.

Such news conferences have never been held before in connection with the annual meetings of the hierarchy.

The announcement said the decision was made Oct. 5 at a meeting of the administrative board of the NCWC and a bishops' committee on reorganization. The reorganization unit has met several times during the year in preparatory work for the annual meeting.

The press conferences will be arranged by the Bureau of Information and invitations will be issued to a limited number of members of the general press," according to the announcement. Bishops who are members of various commissions will be on hand to meet with the press, it said.

Possible topics for discussion at the bishops' meeting, it said, will be the Friday abstinence regulation, the establishment of a theological and canonical commission, and the implementation of the Vatican Council's documents on the Church, the Pastoral Office of Bishops, liturgy, ecumenism, and seminary training.

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Suspended

Los Angeles—(RNS)—Father Brendan Nagle, secretary-treasurer of the newly formed American Federation of Priests, said that he has been suspended from duties as assistant of St. Gregory Nazianzen parish here.

According to Father Nagle, James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, suspended him because he had accepted the appointment as an officer in the union launched by Father William H. DuBay.

The Los Angeles archdiocese chancery office said that Father Nagle has been suspended because of a letter sent to the chancery office.

God's World

Our Scapegoat

By DENNIS J. GEANEY, O.S.A.

I am sure that the fact that Christ has a body is a shock to some people, a reality they would prefer not to think about. Throughout history people have always tried to explain away the body.

They saw it as something which they had to endure and find ways to keep it from impeding their flight to God. They thought, interfered with a soul-to-soul relationship with the Spirit. The Manicheans saw the spiritual as the principal of good and the body or the material as the principal of evil, like two warring gods.

This heresy has persisted through the ages and will continue because the body seems to be a pretty visible scapegoat for our inability to come to terms with the human condition. Jansenism was the seventeenth century French Catholic version of Manichaeism and Puritanism was the English and American Protestant counterpart. Jansenistic Catholics and Puritanical Protestants had a contempt for the body and sex.

Since we cannot get rid of the body and our sexuality, the only other course for them was to repress all emotional responses. Maybe that is why we think of a New England Yankee, like Calvin Coolidge, as a cold potato. We admire such people for their integrity and fidelity to duty, but we find it hard to love them. Today, we have rejected Puritanism and give a new importance to the body, but somehow we do not seem to give the body and sexuality their real worth. The visual or graphic arts just as photography are giving us a new appreciation of the beauty of the human body.

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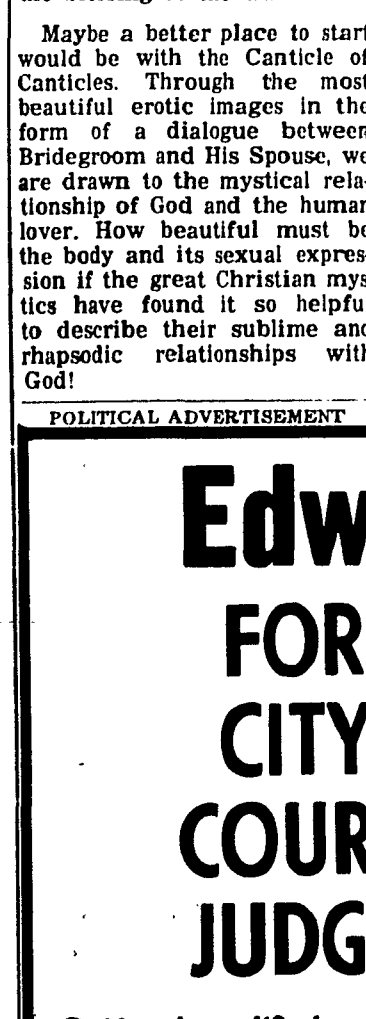
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