

"Caesar and Cleopatra" by Bernard Shaw, presented by the play group at St. Ignace High School...

Lucius Septimus will be played by Greg Le... Theatrical season will be Dec. 1-17, on the M... etta and Calkins Rd...

'Life With For The... Theater East will be... Dec. 1-17, on the M... etta and Calkins Rd...

Clarence and John... played by DeVeren... and Jerry Gross... roles will feature M... er, Fred Miller and J... lous. Miss Maille... are new additions to... East's resident com... will remain for the... season.

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Charity La... Slate Mass... For Deced...

Annual Ladies of C... memorial Mass in Elm... deceased member of... ization and for the... Purgatory, will take... Saturday, Nov. 19, a... St. Peter & Paul's Ch... Street.

Mrs. J. Howard... president of the... Charity, has invited... of Charity and all r... friends of deceased... to attend Mass wit... ed by the Rev. Fr. J... assistant pastor of S... Paul's.

Most recently de... bers include Mrs. G... Mrs. David Davies, M... Nolan, Mrs. Margare... and Miss Katherine...

Preparations for... have been made by t... of Lima Committe... Ladies of Charity, M... W. Norton, chairma... John T. Ackeman, c...

The Chi-Rho Club... will hold a dan... Nov. 20, Runda... West Henrietta Roa... p.m. For more info... Lee Amato.

The Notre Dame... Organization is hav... nual fruit cake sal... this year's scholar... campaign for the U... Notre Dame unde... of Mrs. D. Bernard... chairman.

The Harps Clu... The Harps is sp... dance on Nov. 19 at... Club, 115 Buffalo... Father McLoughlin... tive-of-the-Sacred... thers, to whom all p... go. The Desmon... Dancers will perfor...

Nazareth Hall Pa... The Nazareth H... Club will sponsor... Thanksgiving Ball... Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. in... Hotel Ballroom. D... be to the music of... Mr. and Mrs. The... are chairman for th...

Religion Study With a Guitar

(Continued from Page 5) like getting to know all the teachers. "If you hesitate to ask one teacher, you can ask another—and some make you thing of questions you never would have thought about before." "I think it's a good transition to next kind of classes will meet after high school." Each grade level is directed by a coordinator: freshman — Sister Valeria; sophomore — Sister Annette; junior — Sister Adrienne; and senior — Sister Ann Xavier. Rev. Walter Cushing, chairman of the religion department, meets each class group in the first three years once a month, and teaches the unit on marriage to the seniors. Critical study and self-evaluation continues, and with its inherent flexibility the program, it is hoped, will evolve towards an increasingly practical and comprehensive course of study. —Sister Ann de Porres

Jews to Honor U.S. Cardinals

Washington — (RNS) — The American Jewish Committee will present commemorative plaques to the five U.S. cardinals in "heartfelt appreciation" for the American Catholic hierarchy's leadership in behalf of the passage and implementation of the Vatican Council's historic declaration on relations with non-Christians.

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Mission In Homes A Success

(Continued from Page 1) One or more of the Sisters of St. Joseph who staff the parish school also accompanied each priest. In the home, a table or other convenient piece of furniture was set up for the altar and the priest would put on the vestments and explain the meaning of each, as well as the liturgy for the Mass to be said. An average of twenty people then gathered around the table and, using the Mass leaflets from the Church, offered the Mass together, most also receiving Communion.

After the Mass, they shared some simple refreshments and then settled down for discussion until midnight. The topics ranged from the new liturgy, through Catholic education, birth control, the new concepts of authority and personal responsibility, the lack of communication within the Church, and many more. The priests later discussed their experiences with the Sisters and the parish priests, seeking to better their techniques.

The comments of those who took part in even one of these "mission evenings" have been highly commendatory. The Mass — so close and somehow familiar in the home setting; the chance to question the priest and Sisters under such informal and friendly conditions; the learning through listening to one another — all were mentioned as values received.

Many parishioners had been opposed to the idea at first, not just because it was different but because they felt their beautiful new church should be used. Now, most of them feel that the intensity of the religious experience as well as the large number of parishioners reached directly through it — over 2,000 men and women — made it most worthwhile. Several expressed the hope that the practice could somehow be prolonged, so Msgr. Rattigan was happy to be able to announce last week that he had received permission for one of their own parish priests to go out once a week and have the same type of evening Mass and discussion in various homes from now until the spring. This unique mission will be concluded at 5 p.m. in the church this coming Sunday with a concelebrated Mass offered by Monsignor Rattigan, the four parish priests, and the three parish assistants, Fathers James T. Lehey, David Callan and James Doyle.

Ten Centuries of Art Ruined by Flood

(Continued from Page 1) He and his sister live in a second-floor apartment above the sacristy. Because of their age, neighbors were concerned for their safety as waters rose to the level of the rectory floor. Agostino Cappelli, a young workman, cut through iron bars on a second-floor window and brought them to safety. Then he climbed down a bell rope into the flooded church and removed the Blessed Sacrament as waters rose around the altar.

Although it was now a week later, the pastor, who has spent 40 years in the parish, was still in a state of near shock over the destruction of his church, which looked more like an unused warehouse filled with debris. He still could not step out his front door without high boots because of the several inches of mud. Parishioners with boots were climbing the stairs to his rooms for food, clothing and medicine. Cardinal Florit could not say enough good about the "long haired, yeye generation," as they are often referred to in Italy.

"The youth of every organization have shown themselves ready and willing for every kind of service, especially the humblest and dirtiest work in cleaning out the houses of the poor and the tiny shops of the hardest hit areas," he said. "They have helped their elders in every way possible." Msgr. Del Perugia was no less emphatic: "They are the ones who have worked the hardest and shown the greatest dedication — more than I could ever have imagined. This is for me one of the few bright things to come out of the flood. These kids have demonstrated an idealism which is unbelievable."

Much hard work was still ahead a week after the flood. The Italian interior ministry estimated that at least 450,000 tons of trash had been accumulated in the streets of Florence, which it would take 1,000 trucks 20 days without stopping to remove. Thousands of military and volunteers with trucks, tractors and shovels were pouring into the city to help.

But even when the mud is gone tragedy will remain. It takes six to seven years to mature a vineyard, and much of the destroyed area is famous for its wine. Italy does not have many cattle, but what it had were mostly concentrated in these areas. Four days after the flood, 8,800 carcasses had already been buried in Tuscany. The town of Laiana near Venice used to have 1,000 head. During the flood it lost 1,000.

The government has begun to take measures to cushion the effect on Italy's economy, raising taxes on gas, cigarettes and luxury items. But officials predict the country cannot avoid a recurrence of the recession from which it has so recently emerged. As for the artistic heritage in these areas, among the richest in the world and predominantly Christian in its inspiration, the prognosis is perhaps even dimmer. Some priceless treasures, such as the wooden crucifix of Cimabue in Florence's Santa Croce church, seem to have been damaged beyond repair. The same is true of hundreds of rare books and illuminated manuscripts in the Florentine national museum. Experts from all over the world have been arriving to help in the restoration of those masterpieces which still can be saved. But Dr. Ugo Procacci, superintendent of the Florence art galleries, estimated that "to restore everything restorable will take at least 20 years."

If it were only the water, there would have been more hope. But Florence and the other cities hit have been converting to oil heating in recent years, and the force of the flooding waters burst many of the oil tanks in private and public buildings in which had already been filled for winter use. It was this oil which has caused much of the permanent damage, corroding bodies of automobiles beyond repair, clinging to paints and books and staining stones of the buildings.

In all dioceses of Italy a special collection was taken up Nov. 13 during Sunday Masses. In a telegram to Cardinal Florit the previous day, the Pope promised the prayers of all to "strengthen victims in Christian fortitude supported by faith and confidence in God."

'Subtle Shifts' on Birth Control

New York — (RNS) — America, the national Catholic weekly, in an editorial on Pope Paul VI's recent comment on birth control, warned Catholics not to look "to the pontiff only for ratification of positions they themselves pre-empted." Such a "fait accompli" is what the Holy Father is trying to avoid, the editorial in the Jesuit magazine reasoned. THE EDITORIAL, in analyzing the talk the Pope gave on Oct. 29 to the national congress of the Italian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, listed two conclusions: 1. "This address was not meant to be the Pope's definitive utterance on the anguishing problem of birth regulation. Though obvious enough from the restricted character of the audience, the fact was made explicit by the Pope's own words." The pontiff told the gathering of doctors: "We know that people are waiting for us to give a decisive pronouncement regarding the thought of the Church on this question. But obviously we cannot make such a pronouncement in this particular instance." 2. "It is evident that his definitive utterance is going to be put off for some time because of the great complexity and what the Holy Father referred to as the 'enormous implications' of the problem. In other respects, the editorial termed the pontiff's talk as "puzzling" and "baffling." IN HIS TALK, Pope Paul said: "The norm until now taught by the Church cannot be considered not binding, as if the magisterium (or teaching authority) of the Church were in a state of doubt at the present time." The America magazine editorial argued that since 1964 "no small number" of bishops and theologians have questioned the traditional norms on birth control laid down by Popes Pius XI and Pius XII. "It can even be surmised," the editorial continued, "from Pope Paul's wording (grave implications) in the sphere of doctrine and in the pastoral and social spheres) that his own commission recommended some form of modification of traditional teaching. "It is no secret that many confessors and guides are already acting on their conviction that there is a doubt in the Church on this point, the sort of doubt that results in freedom of conscience for the individual couple. Thus, the situation has become confusing and fluid." "That the doubt is genuine and legitimate can be challenged, of course, though it has become increasingly difficult to do so. Yet, in the face of this, Pope Paul asserts that what couples should do, here and now, is clear. It is the source of this clarity that represents the puzzling aspect of this statement. For it seems that the only type of statement capable of resolving a genuine doubt has been sedulously postponed to allow for greater study. In a nutshell, it is hard to see how a doubt about doctrine—if it is a genuine doubt—can be dissipated without the explicitly doctrinal type of statement that as a good example. Pope said he was not making one Oct. 29. The editorial also pointed to what it calls "subtle shifts" in the contemporary concepts of the teaching authority of the Church. "Formerly, consultation was rather limited and closed, and decisions were voiced authoritatively without much further ado." Recently, the editorial maintained, the Church has relied on advisory groups and it listed the commission on birth control as a good example.

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Nun Artist

Sister Mary Corita, head of the art department at Immaculate Heart College, Los Angeles, has become widely known for her gay, family-orientated, colorful, and whimsical drawings—color prints of silk screens or cloth. She has had about 200 "one-man" shows in galleries, museums and universities in this country and abroad and has received more than 50 awards in national and international competitions. Feature articles have been written about her—with illustrations of her work—in such national publications as Look, Life, Time, New Yorker and Saturday Evening Post. She also has appeared in such specialized journals as Print, the graphic design magazine, and the Alumni Review of the University of California. Her philosophy which shows through her work is, "Be Aware, Be Curious, Be Joyous."

French Take Unity Step

Colmar — (RNS) — A significant step toward greater Protestant unity in France was taken here as the 12th General Assembly of the French Protestant Federation voted £262 to "encourage" the four major Protestant bodies to continue merging negotiations. A move promoted by the Assembly coordination group and taking place in the closing moments of the three-day meeting, the action urged acceleration of union efforts among the French Reformed Church, the Reformed Church of Alsace Lorraine, the French Lutheran Church and the Church of the Augsburg Confession of Alsace and Lorraine (Lutheran). The latter of the four bodies with some 600,000 members represents about three-fourth of French Protestants. While moving toward Protestant unity, the Assembly at the same time turned down a proposed "Confession of Faith" which would have been applicable to all Christians, including Roman Catholics.

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