

William Ferris Listed In Cathedral Recital

William Ferris, newly appointed organist and choir-master of Sacred Heart Cathedral will present his first recital on Sunday night, Nov. 20.

Ferris comes to Rochester from Chicago, where he was organist at Holy Name Cathedral for seven years. His formal training was taken at the DePaul University School of Music, Chicago, where he majored in organ under Dr. Arthur C. Becker, founder and dean of the school.

He pursued his degree work at DePaul University, including orchestration with Alexander Tcherepnine and conducting under Paul Stassevich. With

During the 1964-65 school year Ferris replaced Dr. Arthur Becker as conductor of the DePaul University Chorus.

The new cathedral organist has, to date, written some fifty compositions encompassing many media: symphonic, chamber, choral, vocal, instrumental and numerous works for liturgical functions.

Ferris De Profundis, a choral-orchestral work, highlighted a Kennedy Memorial Concert at the Fordham University Chapel in New York, on Nov. 22, 1964. Ferris conducted members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, the Fordham Symphony Orchestra, and combined University choruses in the first performance of the work.

His Concert Piece for organ and string orchestra is to be premiered this season by Berj Zamkochian, organist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Ferris has been invited to conduct the Boston Symphony Orchestra for the work's first performance. Several of Mr. Ferris' works have already been published.

His recital program is so planned, that while presenting works from the standard organ repertoire, he will also demonstrate the excellence of the recently installed 54 rank, Wicks pipe organ.

The recital will contain works of Pachelbel, Dunstable, Bach, Clerambault, Dupre, Sowerby and Ferris.

The program which is open to the public, free of charge, will begin at 8 p.m.

Monastery For Anglicans

London — (RNS) — A new religious order to be known as the Anglican Cistercian Community has been established in Kent under a monk who has lived virtually a solitary existence for six years in preparing it.

The new community is established at Ewell Monastery. The inauguration service was presided over by Bishop Robert Mortimer of Exeter, bishop-protector of the Society of St. Francis and chairman of the Church of England's Advisory Council for Religious Communities.

First monk in the new Order is Father Alfred, who has been transferred from the Society of St. Francis. Since 1960 the society has permitted him to test his vocation to the monastic life and to prepare for the new foundation along Cistercian lines.

For much of that time he lived a solitary life, though he was allowed to speak to groups about the monastic life for men.

The new community intends to follow the principles of the Cistercian reform of the monastic life in the West. Members' vows provide for stability in the monastery and obedience to the rule of St. Benedict in the common life.



Guild Plans Card Party

MERCY HOSPITAL Flower Guild will hold a John F. Kennedy Memorial Card Party at the K. of C. Home on Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. Members of the committee include Mrs. Katherine Failey, Mrs. John V. Welch, Mrs. Frederick J. Welch and Mrs. William K. Foot. (A. G. Tarby Photo, Auburn.)

God's World

Age and Grace

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

What is more beautiful than the human body? The beautiful face and shapely figure of a young woman can catch the eye of any man and make city driving dangerous when she crosses busy intersections. No man should feel guilty about admiring what God has created and what the cosmetic hairdressing, and clothing industries have perfected.

We catch the beauty of the body in many ways. The ballet is an art form designed to see the beauty of the body in motion whether it is in a ballroom or on skates in an ice follies. Men are more apt to appreciate the beauty of the human body in motion in watching a football player leave his toes to catch a pass with the tips of his fingers, or see a double play at Fenway Park.

If we are young and at the peak of our bodily beauty, or youthful strength, and gracefulness, we are proud, indeed, and thankful that God has graced us with youth that makes us the envy of the youngster and older.

What happens to the trim athlete as he begins to lose the battle of the bulge? Or, the athlete who keeps down his weight, but still seems to lose to the more supple and loose-jointed youth? What happens to women as they approach menopause and lose their sex appeal?

Man's receding hairline, for which druggists can do nothing, may not disturb him in the way a woman can be affected when she fails to attract attention in the way she did a decade previous. A certain kind of spark has gone forever.

Considering the total span of life, the decline of the body begins long before middle life. The loss of bodily powers, as we see it in the aged, seems pitiable to those of us in middle life. We shout to the person with loss of hearing. We know that they are only catching a fraction of the sounds that add so much to life. We see the people in the wheelchairs and imagine how they walked, ran, or danced with grace and vigor.

We see the newly aged, blind person, who is trying to regain confidence. He has lost one of the greatest sources of security and independence. He does not know where his next step will land. He must be taught again to walk and eat, and dress himself. We see the terminal bed patient's body waste away with each visit to the hospital.

As our body fails, our personhood should be so developed that our new level of maturity is our great strength. Through the struggles of life, we normally come to believe in ourselves. As middle life and old age approach, we should be easing into relationships with people that no longer need a beautiful body to bolster an emerging, shaky, late adolescent ego. If we really grow into old age, rather than decline as persons, the strength and beauty of the younger set will not be a threat to our existence.

If we have grown as persons, as our body loses its shape and grace, we will have the wit and wisdom of the ages as our security. We will be pillars of strength to the fluctuation of the emerging young persons around us.

Sad to say, many old people just never make it as persons. As the body disintegrates with the years, they feel that it has betrayed them. There is no personhood to replace it. They become bitter and wish they did not have a body. They feel the body that attracted people to them is now repelling them.

Priests Ask Celibacy End

Utrecht — (RNS) — A petition urging an end to clerical celibacy has been sent to Rome by more than 90 Dutch Roman Catholic priests.

The signers argued that the Second Vatican Council had indicated that the Church law barring priests from getting married had "neither a theological nor a Biblical foundation."

Among the signers were the Deans of the Breda and Roermond dioceses, the rector and five professors of the Roermond diocesan seminary, several members of the teaching staff of the Theological Institute in Heerlen, teachers at the Catholic University of Nijmegen, and a group of chancery officials in the Groningen and Breda sees.

'Liberty' Jesuit Receives Catholic Book Award

New York — (RNS) — Father John Courtney Murray, S.J., noted author and theologian at Woodstock (Md.) College, received the Catholic Book Club's 1966 Campion Award for "long and eminent service in the cause of Catholic letters."

He was specifically cited for "his writings and eloquence in championing the cause of human and religious liberty (which) have earned him an enduring place in both the sacred and the secular history of our times."

The citation also noted "his acknowledged influence upon the most vexing issues of our society and our age."

Father Murray was a chief architect of the Second Vatican Council's religious liberty declaration, and served as a peritus (expert) at the Council and as consultant to the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity.

He has been editor for 25 years of the scholarly publication, Theological Studies, and is the author of a number of books. His most recent work published in 1965 was The Problem of Religious Freedom.

Ecumenical Rites In Horseheads

Horseheads—An Ecumenical Worship Service and a Folk Song Mass will mark the celebration of Thanksgiving Day in the parish of Saint Mary Our Mother, Horseheads.

The clergy of the village will sponsor a worship service for both the Catholics and the Protestants of the area on the eve of Thanksgiving Day, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church.

Father Thomas F. Nellis of St. Mary Our Mother Church is helping to coordinate the service with the help of the Methodist and Presbyterian ministers.

Mass will be celebrated on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, at 9 a.m. in the chapel of St. Mary Our Mother. Father Nellis explained: "This Mass is especially for the young and the young in heart. It will be a Folk Song Mass with guitar." Local seminarians from Becket Hall will assist with the service.

"Kumbaya" and selections from Father River's compositions together with other popular selections will be sung by the congregation.

Jews to Meet In Rome

London — (RNS) — Detailed plans for two major conferences of Jewish religious and lay leaders in Rome next May were formulated at a three-day meeting of top European Rabbis and representatives from the United States.

The meeting was the annual session of the Standing Committee of the Conference of European Rabbis and Associated Religious Organizations. It was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Israel Brodie, former British Chief Rabbi and President of the Conference which was formed in 1957.

One of the two meetings to be held in Rome next May is the next scheduled session of the Conference proper. But a statement issued after the Standing Committee's meeting here said about the Rome meetings:

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Dr. Leo Sowerby, presently the director of the College of Church Musicians in Washington, D.C., he studied composition privately for five years.

In 1960, he founded the William Ferris Choral, a group of twenty-five mixed voices, which achieved a marked degree of success giving some thirty concerts of sacred and secular works in the Chicago area.

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