The Church: Sign of the Times

The Emerging Laity

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By REV. ALBERT SHAMON of the Laity. Then, this year, lawyers, good writers, good ac-Pope Paul VI implemented this tors - workers who are "tops" Decree by establishing the Coun- in their work. What she does cil on the Laity. The laity is not need are well-meaning persons who do not know what emerging. they are doing. Thus the Coun-

The Christian layman should

and be good. If he makes good

From the very beginning laymen have played an important role in the Church. What a have all heard of the tiny coun hold in high esteem profesblessing to Peter were lay per- try of Laos. The term "laity" sional skill, family and civic sons like Simon the tanner, Dor-comes from the Greek word spirit and the virtues relating cas, Rhoda, and Mary, the laos, which among the ancient to social behavior" (Of the mother of Mark. What a help to Greeks meant "people" as dis Laity, #4).

Paul were Lydia, Priscilla and tinct from their rulers. In the Aquila and all the other men Old Testament it meant the peo-But it is not enough to be and women on whom the first ple of God" as distinct from good at one's work: a lay per-Christian missionaries leaned so their religious leaders and the son must be good personally, Christian missionaries leaned so their rengious reactivition On good in his life. In olden days much. It has a ways been so. Gentiles. The Constitution On good in his life. In olden days the Church defined the term when a lad left home to seek

Even the heart of our own "laity" negatively, as "all the his fortune in the world, moth-New York State was conse-faithful except those in Holy er would say, "Be good." Not crated by donraes, laymen like Orders or those in a religious infrequently, she would now say, Rene Goupil, who served the state sanctioned by the Church"; "Make good. great Jesuit Martyrs of North and positively, as all the bap-

America and made fertile these tized, who because of their baplands to God by the shedding of tism, share in the mission of strive to do both: make good their blood. But only recently the Church (#31).

their blood, but only recently have serious attempts been made to grasp what the real role to make the presence of God tion: God's graces will be adul-

of the layman is in the Church. to make the presence of Gou Hon: Gous glaces while the world; she is to terated, spoiled and weakened easy to see why. Up to the In lieved." This sign consists of dustrial Revolution, society was the people of God: the hier "Being good" does not mean

Advanced education was not er way.

The most the Church could do ment, but especially through The vocation of the Christian was to instruct her children in rule. The hierarchy exercises an layman demands nothing less. the rudiments of the faith and authoritative function in the "You are a letter of Christ" the rutalments of the failt and to urge them to receive the sac-raments frequently. As simple as this task may seem, it con-sumed almost all of the Church's energies. The laity contributed little to the solution of the church's problems; but, life be-ing simpler then, the Church's

trained and educated laity.

ing simpler then, the Church's sign of God's grace among men-problems had Little need of a building of this same sign — One becomes a teacher, a lawgrew; and grew near the coal world. He is born in the world, motive is a perversion of a cis Vandevelde, O.M.I., of Pelly sick. streams that could lives in it, works in it, and dies career. It is precisely by serv- Bay, in an article for Oblate

power machines. Hamlets and in it. If the monk out of the ing others that we bring Christ Missions magazine. fields and villages, with their simple life, cloister is like a fish out of to them. Men will find Christ were depleted; and Goldsmith water (to quote Chaucer), so is more readily in our goodness Lamentod the loss in his the layman out of the world and personal sacrifice than in the be placed in charge of "every "Deserted Village." Life became more complex. Problems mount. and special to laymen" (#31). own football players brought The proper function of the ed — not just economic ones.

but religious orses. laity is the world, is to conse- A young man who went to

Before the Industrial Revolu-tion, people were born, lived it as leaven. As a person, the asked by his parish priest: "Do der the abarre of a district, which would be un miles away. and died in the same parish layman is situated in worldly your fellow-workers konw the The parish priest knew everyone concern; but as a baptized per Gospel?" and everyone knew everyone son, he is charged to bring else. The little evil encounter, the Church into his worldly ed could be met on the local situation. His mission is to intelevel Christianity itself demand grate his worldly life with Christ? ed more: but its demands were his life in Christ, to make

"No, was his reply.

"Do they know about Jesus arv for 30 years, cited the An whom it pioneered mission

even 'exist for them."

"Or the Pope?"

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New Churches

result of the large post-World War II influx of Catholic refu

gees from Iron Curtain couñ-

tries_approximately_\$8_million

has been expended in the con-

struction of new Catholic

"No, Fathery for all practical

to have the honor of making all

low-workers. When they see you.

glican practice of naming Eski-work.)-"I hardly think so: the on



Mass Held in Home at South Lansing

Thirty persons attended the and Anita, of the Mission Help-|quet" which depicts Christ first Mass in a private home, ers of the Sacred Heart also of talking to the people the Mass celebrated Tuesday evening, Ithaca and Rev. Floyd DeFly- as a sacrifice commemorating Until the twentieth century, be "the great sign set up unto as he tries to transmit them to March 7, in the Ludlowville er, pastor of the Lansing Meth- Christ's death on the Cross. the layman's role had never self all who have not yet be through a rusty faucet? The property evaluated. It is been property evaluated. It is been property evaluated in the data who have not yet be through a rusty faucet?

Hancharik, by reading from the Mr. and Mrs. John E. Han-Father Stanton told the group, chiefly agricultural. The archy and the laity. As such, merely doing no wrong. "Being charik of 1902 East Shore Drive "How often people have wish-Missalette provided and many Church's laymen were mostly both are duty bound to contril good" means being a real per were the first to be chosen by ed they had lived in Christ's received Communion. peasant farmers. They toiled but to the building up of this son in every way for the sake lot to have Mass in their own time just to be near Him, and Father Stanton plans to confrom dawn to Jong after dusk. sign. But each in his own prop of Christ — being so kind, so home. Neighbors, Catholic and now the Church, since Vatican tinue this practice of Mass in patient, so understanding, so Non-Catholic were invited. Council II, has allowed that private homes, alternating

just, so loyal, so charitable, so weekly between the parishes of Christ in the Mass may actual-In attendance also were Sis- Unrist in the mass may actual- Our Lady of the Lake in King Ferry and All Saints in Lud-Ithaca, Sisters Joseph Marie the filmstrip "The Paschal Ban- Anelia Longo of Ithaca)

Want to be a Deacon?

with the inclustrial Revolu- world. The proper sphere of ac to talk about religion, but as a tion all of this changed. Cities tivity of the lay person is the way to serve others. Any other Arctic regions by Father Fran-struction and praying for the roads — but on foot and by dog team and canoe.

The Oblate said Catholics should not feel like "risk-tak- work of Eskimo deacons com-The Roman Catholic priest ing pioneers" in this field. links. At Pelly Bay he is responsi-

ble for only 130 Eskimos, yet these people were scattered far "Two, three or four such and wide over an area larger deacons would constitute the than the U.S. state of Maryland. basic missionary personnel of His nearest neighbor is 250 Anglican Church of gether with their wives, at a

Canada has reported that it central mission station. Father Vandevelde, 58. Bel ministers to nearly 90 per cent gian-born Arctic areas mission of Canada's Eskimos, among "There are places where the



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Cardinal Wins Die

By KEVIN DONOVAN

In the final game of the 1967 Diocesan Basketball Tourna ment, Eddie Nietopski's Cardinal Mooney team harried Notre Dame of Elmira, while on defense, and "Harrington-ed" the Elmirans offensively, thereby moving to a 45-41 Championship victory.

Senior Jim Harrington was Mooney's man of the moment as he scored 24 of the Cardinal's 45 points, while also snatching 17 all-important rebounds.

Notre Dame had entered the finals by upsetting-McQuaid-72 67 on Friday night. Cardinal Mooney defeated DeSales of Geneva 50.26 in the semi-final round.

Sunday's Diocesan final followed a regular pattern which saw Cardinal Mooney move ahead in sudden scoring streaks. only to see a fighting Notre Dame squad close the gap

The season finale commenced with Cardinal Mooney, Rochester Catholic League Champions, taking first quarter leads of 6-1 and 94. However, before the quarter ended a Tim McGill shot and a three point contribution by Paul Bussell moved Notre Dame within a point at

In the second quarter the Rochester parochials sparked by Harrington and sophomore Dick Felber; moved to 19-9 and 21-11 leads midway through the pe riod. The Harrington - Felber combination scored all of Mooney's second period points.

By the halftime, Notre Dame had cut the Mooney lead by four to 21-15.

When the second-half opened Harrington was sitting on the Mooney bench with four per sonal fouls, and the Crusaders were slowly closing the gap.

Sparked by Tom Russell and Bill Baker, Notre Dame came within a point at 25-24, but was never able to take the scoring command.

Coach Nietopski's crew, playing a controlled, only-take-asure-shot type of ball, was still

Cage Clinic At

The dean of clinic coaches, Terre Haute's Howard L. Sharpe has been booked by McQuaid's Ninth Annual Basketball Coaching Clinic, set April 1st.



not confusing because the world visible the life of grace in his worldly state, to be a light of time they use His name is in which they were to be carried-out-was-relatively-stable the world, to be salt of the swear earth. The laity are to be the

and unchanging. Church's bridge to the world.

After the Revolution, the situ- to bring her to the office, to ation drastically changed. In- the factory, to the hospital, the dustry's demand for highly law courts, the halls of govern purposes the Church does not trilled workers eventually pro-ment, to television, radio, and ducid...a system of universal edu-the theater, to the university. cation in many countries of the books and publisher — to every West. Life has become so mo-single place where man is to be bile that today a Catholic may found and where decisions are be baptized in one parish, go to to be made that profoundly afschool in another, be married fect the life of man. "The laity in a third, and begin to raise a are called in a special way to these things known to your felfamily in a four rth. make the Church present and

operative in those places and they must learn something More than one half of the circumstances where about this Christianity of which More than one half of the circumstances about this christianty of adults of a parish and often most of its teenagers spend a come the salt of the earth" (On to radiate the Gospel." large part of their day outside the Church, #33). their parishes. Often the parish

itself is so large that the parish priest can know only a few well there are not enough of them, Add to this all the powerful di they lack the necessary skills. visive social forces such as tele. Even if they did not, they do vision, unemployment, racial not belong in most of those discrimination, the cold and hot places. Who will bring Christ to wars and you have problems these places? Either the Catho body of truths to be taught; it with which the parish priest lie laity will bring Him or He is the revelation of a Person alone cannot cope and to change will not be there at all! which the paris it self is usual-

ly powerless

Vatican-II tested the methods job, his fellow workers will not the Church and re'deployed look up to him. If he is not good her forces — especially that of at his work, how can he prethe laity. A's one layman put it: vent the conclusion being "The lay a post olate has been drawn that he will not be good simmering on the 'back burner' in anything else? The Church of the Church's apostolic life needs good teachers, good for nearly two thousand years.

and finally the Fathers of this Council moved it up to the 'front burners' and turned the **Bishops Fire** heat up all th€ way." To see that it will "comme to a boil" the

chapter of the document on the Lay Editors Council devoted the fourth Church to the laity, and then

Madrid — (RNS) supplemented this with a separate decree **0ra** the Apostolate sion between Spanish Catholie bishops and Catholic Action

lay leaders increased with the dismissal of the entire editorial Prince, staff of Signo, a publication of the major Catholic Action Youth Organization. that nice The ousters, reportedly made because of "political" activity, New England came on the heels of a week-long meeting of the Spanish hierarchy which discussed guidelines for the future ac-tivities of Catholic Action. family found It was reported that the disthis recipe missals stemmed from an editorial in Signo commenting favorably on declarations made Rome. by the secretary general of the Spanish Communist Party, Santiago Carillo, printed in Communist newspapers of Italy and France The Signo editorial discussed S SHOTTE D OUNE OF ME he possibility of collaboration between Spanish Catholics and Communists 'and the responsibility of Catholics in contribu-Meatless ting to the "building up of democracy" in Spain. Sauce Paderborn - (NC) - As

Prince Mutless Sauce traditionally Italian. Bursting with rich plum tomatoes. Perfect Prince spigietti.

U.S. Bible Scholars "Do they know about the Church?' **Report Progress**

wrote.

New York - (RNS)-Meth- in the Bible: interest in archaeods of research in biblical stud. ological studies, and a concenies have become so refined tration on the relation of biblical thinking to other forms of since World War II that thought in the world. scholars today can be "much "Then, listen; you are going

He cited one paper by Ed-ward F. Campbell, Jr., describmore sure" of their findings than they were previously. ing the probable discovery of the Samaritan temple mention-This is the view of Father ed in Chapter 4 of the Gospel John L. McKenzie, S.J., of the of St. John near Nablus, in University of Notre Dame, out Jordan.

going president of the Society What a sad indictment to The discovery, in the past The clergy cannot do this hear someone exclaim upon the of Biblical Literature, which atvear, was made by a 35-memdeath of a fellow-worker: "Why, tracted some 400 Bible scholars ber team from McCormick The-Father, I never knew he was a to the campus of Union Theological Seminary, Drew Uni-Catholic versity and Harvard. The deological Seminary here for its scription of how the archaeolo-

said an Eskimo deacon should

second mission station."

The Gospel is not merely a annual sessions. gists discovered it while excavating the ancient Old Testa-Father McKenzie, first Cath-

who is the image of the Father, olic to head the interreligious ment city of Shechem was a It is a life to be lived — and professional group, said that good example of new methods And how is the layman to by the layman, to be lived in some 45 papers presented at used to uncover biblical sites. bring Christ to these places? the world' "Let your light shine the three-day gathering showed Father McKenzie took, part

In the last fifty years the Not by preaching. Not by high before men, in order that they a number of directions of hibling in archaeology expeditions to In the last fifty years the Not by preaching, Not by may before men, in order that they a number of uncertains of directions of







No Obligation

Sharpe, whose teams in the Indiana court hotbed have won over 475 games and captured 47 different championships, has appeared at hundreds of clinics across the country and is rated a master at imparting his knowledge of the sport.

Highlights of his talks will be sessions devoted to 1) psychological approach to player



Two Winners d

Joe Crozier, right, coach an Rochester Amerks hockey stick to a lucky young ma ish's Sports Breakfast last a winner — of the Louis presented yearly by the M





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