

## Mooney High to Sponsor Model UN Meeting

Twenty-two area high schools will take part in a model UN meeting sponsored by the Junior Council of R.A.U.N. May 3 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Cardinal Mooney High School. Their topic will be the Admittance of Red China.

Paula Greenberg from Benjamin Franklin High School is student chairman. Mooney has selected Joan Smalle and Daniel Geniton as delegates representing Canada.

Foreign Service Officer on a two-year assignment here and is particularly responsible for Arabian Peninsula and Far Eastern affairs.

Members of Mooney's Adh Stevenson Seminar will act as hosts. Robert Nickerson and Doreen Smith are in charge of registration; Patricia Walker and Timothy Klipfel, the Delegates Reception to be held in the library; Gary Sanger and Robert Schaller, parking; Marianne Faulkner and Gary Schneider, stage arrangements; Patricia Decker, decorations; and Bonnie Dossire, programs.

Any interested students may observe the mock assembly from 4 to 6 p.m. Dinner reservations (\$1.25) may be made through Carol Brennan and Ross Amico before April 24.



Gathering data on the United Nations are Cardinal Mooney high school students: Ross Amico, Daniel Geniton, Joan Smalle, Patricia Decker and Patricia...

## New Student Board Elected at St. John Fisher

St. John Fisher College students have elected a new student government and overwhelmingly approved a new student government constitution.

Joseph Kaestner of Huntington Bay, N.Y., who will be a senior next fall, was elected president of the Student Board of Administration in the balloting, which saw 68 per cent of those eligible casting votes.

Timothy Burns of Rome, also a member of the Class of 1968, was unopposed for vice-president.

Kenneth Rief, 1211 Norton Village Lane, Irondequoit, was chosen treasurer, and Robert Bergin of Binghamton, secretary.

In addition to the student of...

Spanish Council  
Gerona - (NC) - A new diocesan administrative council established by Bishop Jubany-Arnau of Gerona is composed of laymen, with priests acting as advisers.

ficers, the following class administrators were elected by their fellow classmates.

Seniors: Garry Mucci of Buffalo and Leonard Scinto of Huntington, Conn.

Juniors: Ronald Hermance of Batavia and Kirk Wiedemer, 251 Renouf Dr., Gates.

Sophomores: William Zielinski, Dansville, and Gary Brown, Watertown.

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## Teutonia Event

"Fashionations for Spring and Summer" is the theme of the fund raising fashion show being held by the Teutonia Liedertafel Ladies Chorus on Friday, April 28 at 8 p.m. in the German Club at 315 Gregory St.

# Satires Prove That God Is Alive... And Laughing

New York—"The things that one chooses to satirize are the things that one cares about. The lack of religious satire today is perhaps a more damning critique of the state of religion than all the talk about atheistic theology."

This was a "New York Times" religion writer concluding a rave review last fall for "St. Fidgeta and Other Parodies," a rare collection of satires on Catholic beliefs, practices and traits, written by John Bellairs, a Catholic. A few weeks ago, the Macmillan Company put the book into its third printing and now Harper & Row has come out with "Games Christians Play," another satire on religion, by two Protestant housewives named Judi Culbertson and Patti Bard.

The Culbertson-Bard book, patterned after the best-selling "Games People Play" by Dr. Eric Berne, is subtitled "An Irreverent Guide to Religion without Tears" and is supposed to help you become holy without really trying. "There is the old, laborious, tried-and-true method of being kind to your neighbor, working like a dog, tithing, witnessing, living peaceably with all men, and so on," the authors admit. "Fortunately, for those who are more impatient, there are certain shortcuts to becoming



"Trophy" converts, as illustrated in "Games Christians Play."

spiritual." These shortcuts are in the form of "Christian games," and if you know how to play, you can "live like the devil and still be a saint." Presented are sure-fire excuses for getting out of volunteer church work ("My pet cat died and we're holding memorial services..."), tips on "what to do when you know more than the minister," featuring the "Obscure Theologian Gambit: 'Isn't it true that the point you made... was also

comple with clues for heresy-hunters ('Is your minister starting to memorize jokes from 'Playboy' magazine?'). Holding the Fort is an excellent game for a small audience which we hope and trust will be used greatly in the service of picking-up-and-discharging the neighborhood children to and from Sunday school." This is much more Christian than: "We bought a new candy-apple red Mustang last Thursday. Wow!"

For Christians concerned about "creeping liberalism," there is a chapter titled "Holding the Fort Against Heresy,"

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Finally, a glossary is provided to assist the modern Christian: "Witnessing: Does not mean 'buttonholing'—but at present there is quite a debate over what it does mean. If in doubt, play it safe and don't do anything."

"Hell: 'Each man makes his own hell.' Or, 'The people who are going to hell wouldn't be happy in heaven anyway.' Or, 'Hell is still a rather potent myth.'— Depending in what company you are."

"Exemplary Christian: Well-bred, prosperous, charming and handsome individual who never breaks the rules of the established church. Eliminate Francis of Assisi, Blaise Pascal, John Wesley, Martin Luther, St. Paul, Jesus Christ, et al."

But for the harried parents of teenagers, the book contains nothing more valuable than the "Perfect Christian Response," as in this dialogue: "Just where do you think you're going tonight?" "Out. To a movie."

"What movie?" "Mondo Came. It's an art film."

"I don't like the sound of that."

"Do you speak Italian? You don't even know what it's about."

"Okay, just answer me one question and I'll be satisfied."

"What's that?" "Can you take Jesus with you to see it?"

Although "Games Christians Play" can be appreciated by a wide, ecumenical audience, "St. Fidgeta and Other Parodies" will get the most laughs from Catholics, since there is much word-play on devotions to

## From Here to Eternity

# Quotes from Parish Bulletins

By MARCELLA ENNIS

We offer a long-overdue tribute to the hundreds of anonymous editors who compose the weekly church bulletin. Whether this is the pastor himself, his assistant, the church secretary or a volunteer from the parish, he (or she) deserves our gratitude and our sympathy.

Too often his efforts are filed unread in some wastebasket or tossed indiscriminately under the pews. But let him say something controversial or make a mistake in an announcement, and the repercussions will be loud.

Although we now take it for granted, the church bulletin is a relative newcomer on the parish scene. Up until a few years ago, most pastors made announcements of parish activities, of Mass intentions, from the pulpit. With the increase in church membership resulting in more activities, more scheduled Masses, pulpit announcements became too time-consuming. In addition, they often went unheard causing endless phone calls to the rectory.

Generally speaking, the church bulletin offers not only a good indication of the spiritual and material health of the parish, but it also shows the competence and interest of its composer. Just as parishes differ—in church architecture, in administration, in the spirit of good will between pulpit and pew—so too do church bulletins exhibit remarkable variety.

Some are highly professional—in printing, make-up and writing. In others, especially among the mimeographed, material often seems thrown together with not too much regard for clarity or aesthetic appeal.

Sometimes too, essential information is either omitted entirely or is so buried in unnecessary detail that its impact is lost.

Art work plays a part in making certain bulletins attractive. For example, in some we find fine drawings, cartoons or photographs used to point up a special event. Christ the King and Church of the Annunciation bulletins have these features. And at St. Ambrose, a church located at a busy intersection, this scrolled caption accompanies the picture of the church: "Crossroads of the Kingdom of Heaven."

A few bulletins are miniature Wall Street Journals, with heavy emphasis on collections coming and collections gone. Noteworthy too is the interesting paradox that the less prosperous parish often publishes a most attractive bulletin and vice-versa.

In addition to the customary listing of Masses etc. we may also find vignettes of humor, messages of inspiration, and lately ecumenical announcements. One parish had a rather unusual regular feature—a recap in brief of the Sunday sermon. Mentioning the names of deceased and ill parishioners is another regular feature of some bulletins such as St. Margaret Mary's, Holy Cross, St. Francis Xavier and St. John's of Greece. Giving thanks for church collections is fairly common, but in only a few, as in Holy Name of Jesus, is appreciation expressed for specific services rendered by parishioners.

A large majority of parishes today use a standardized cover sheet within which their own news is enclosed. This cover, published by a national Catholic

distributor such as the Catechetical Guild, contains information on the Church's history, institutions or sacramental life. Hopefully, these messages will be read and absorbed by those who bypass other spiritual fare. Whether or not they serve this purpose, they do "dress up" the parish news package.

As an example of a bulletin which combines the practical and the inspirational, we nominate St. Andrew's Parish Digest (Rochester). It's attractively designed, neat and to the point, gives all "standing" church data on the cover, and for convenience carries a separate enclosure sheet listing the week's Masses, etc. Adequate space is given to pastoral notes, and a personal element is maintained through the publishing of parishioners' special needs.

We don't have access to every church bulletin published in the diocese, nor do we hope to quote from all. However, here's a sampling of quotes which illustrate some of the points mentioned.

**Friendliness:** "Today in the church hall after the 9:15 Mass everyone is invited to have breakfast with the other families of the parish. No charge, no collection... It's all on the house. Just come and eat and meet the other people of the parish." — St. Patrick's, Rochester.

**Political Announcement:** "Auburn desperately needs a new High School. Vote Feb. 28 on the bond issue. We hope the vote will be yes." — St. Mary's, Auburn.

**Progress Report:** "Our new incinerator has been installed and is working perfectly... Despite rumors to the contrary in certain weekly newspapers, we have not burned a single heretic in it (It's a little small for that!)" — St. Leo's, Hilton.

**Want Ad For Free:** "A baby sitter is needed by a young mother who has to work... If interested call Father Marvin... St. Andrew's, Rochester.

**Condolence:** "We extend our

sympathy to the family and friends of Leo Gramo and Michael Willig. — St. Margaret Mary, Rochester.

**Ecumenical Note:** "Rosary Society Card Party Wed., Jan. 11. Try to bring one or more friends from another church to be at your table." — St. Joseph, Livonia.

**Elucidation:** "Occasionally your pastor is thoroughly misunderstood because he speaks Irish English, which means that the Irish frequently tense and joke, using reverse English to express opposite ideas. A good illustration is the parish letter of Mar. 1. Four of our best young men were needed about 'unusual tendencies' which is translated: 'Here are four of our nicest young men whom I esteem so much that they are worthy of a special teasing. Far from being anti-social, they are more social than most.' — St. John, Clyde.

**Thank You:** "...to our custodian, Mr. Lyle Bossard, who worked all day Saturday on into the early morning hours, clearing the snow from the parking lot, etc. so that Mass could be attended as usual." — Christ the King, Rochester.

**Reassurance:** "My dear Parishioners... Religion is changing, and this is disturbing to many people. What is changing in religion is not religion itself. The Church is essentially the same and will always remain so. But the Church must adapt herself to the times if she is to serve the people as Christ would have her do. Her message must be relevant; her apostolate must be effective. The very fact that the Church can change and yet remain the same, is not merely evidence of her stability. It shows that she is inherently indestructible: that she will last as Christ founded her, until the end of time." — St. Mark, Greece.

**Overall Coverage:** "Faith, Sex, and Love Program — for Junior High School Students... at the Presbyterian Church... Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport.

## 3066 Total Takes Lead In Holy Name Tourney

The 32nd annual Holy Name five-man handicap tournament got underway Saturday, April 15 at Marasco Bowl, 2121 Goodman St. North, with the De Angelis Painting team from Buffalo, New York, taking the lead this week with its 3066 handicap total and 2979 scratch total, according to Fred Enders, tournament manager.

Moses Realtor of Geneva and Gallotti and Sons of Rochester are both tied for second place with their 3036 score and the Brunette Five of Rochester, took third with 3034.

The Brunette Five registered 1024 for high single game scratch, while the Beechwood No. 1 Post-Office, leads in the high team single game division with its 1100 handicap total.

Daniel Marinola, Harts Service team of Buffalo, leads the high individual scratch series with a three-game high of 750 and single game score of 265.

The tourney, which is sponsored by the Catholic Men's Bowling Association of the Rochester Diocese, will continue daily through Sunday, May 7, 1967, with the heaviest action concentrated on weekends, according to James McKeon, president.

**Sentiment Exaggerated**  
Sydney — (NC) — Anti-celibacy sentiment among priests is grossly exaggerated in current newspaper reports. No man, Cardinal Gilroy of Sydney has declared.

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