

Sister Corita Reformation Exhibit

East Orange, N.J. — (RNS)—Yellow, pink and orange block letters, raggedly assembled, splatter the message: "Life New Life New Life . . ." across a white sheet under a great, irregular orange ball.

The technique is unmistakable that of Roman Catholic Sister Mary Corita, the "pop artist" who is fast becoming a household celebration of the modern commonplace.

But the message — at least to any Lutheran — is recognizable as the theme of the current 450th anniversary of the Reformation.

The combination is not accidental — the Arts Committee of the Reformation anniversary observance here asked Sister Corita to do the serigraph on the theme, and to collect a group of her other silk screen prints for a traveling exhibit.

Explains Miss Connie Parvey of the Lutheran committee: "She (Sister Corita) was selected not only because she would be an appropriate artist but also because her work expressed an ecumenical and universal spirit that cut across sectarian and institutional boundaries. Her artistic statement is that the world itself is 'THE greatest wonder of the world,' that it is to be celebrated, enjoyed and accepted with ultimate and complete seriousness."

A collection of 31 bold, bright, provocative silk screen prints by the dynamically original nun-artist is making the rounds of Lutheran colleges and parishes during the Reformation's 450th anniversary year.

"I find Sister Mary Corita's work very exciting," said Pastor Ronald Englund, 38, of First Lutheran church, where the exhibit opened Nov. 21 for a two-week period. "I like the affirmation of the joyousness of life, the way in which God's love is seen in very ordinary things of life." He had become familiar with Corita serigraphs when Upsala College showed a group of them here last year.

Pastor Englund added that "it was appealing" to him "to have a Reformation exhibit by a Catholic nun. What we're trying to say in this 450th anniversary is that reformation is a constant process and need in the life of the church. The idea of new life is very important. The newness of God's presence, love and power. God is continually creating anew and we have to be open to this."

"New life is experienced in the ordinary stuff of life, especially in human relations, people



East Orange, N.J. — An exhibit of Sister Mary Corita's silk screen prints at First Lutheran Church, East Orange, N.J., is viewed by the Rev. Ronald Englund, pastor, and his seven-year-old daughter,

Miriam. Capturing their particular interest is a "pop art" treatment of an Advent Psalm. (RNS Photo)

open to communication. The sacraments, with their use of bread and wine and water, are good examples of this use of the ordinary stuff of life.

"And this is what Sister Corita is saying in her work," Pastor Englund said that he had considered mounting the exhibit "right up around the altar." He settled for the rear of the church, however, realizing that Sister Corita's off-beat style might not be the taste of every member of his congregation of 750, and could, with its boldly-lettered advertising slogans and hot colors, prove something of a distraction during services.

The traveling exhibit is a selection of the work of the diminutive, 49-year-old nun who heads the art department at Immaculate Heart College, Los Angeles, run by the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters. Sister Corita was introduced to the general public via her work at the Vatican Pavilion of the

New York World's Fair, and in national magazines and ads. She recently published her first book, a collection of serigraphs and free verse titled "Footnotes and Headlines."

In the collection here is one of her famous "Enriched Bread Wonder" prints, a good example of the preoccupation with food, flavor, nourishment and Eucharist which threads through her work. Other examples of her utilization, for spiritual impact, of familiar advertising slogans include her unique treatments of "Humble research works wonders with oil" and "Put a tiger in your tank."

But finding — and projecting guilelessly — new meaning in commonplaces like a slogan from Madison Avenue or an apple or "cool clear well water" is not the whole story of Sister Corita's style.

As one moves among the profusion of form and color that is the current display, he re-

alizes that her technique of blowing up and distorting words, reversing letters and shapes to mirror images, scribbled messages in a cramped scrawl and sometimes upside down, has a definite purpose: to make the viewer stop and puzzle and think. He might not do this if the message were succinctly stated, like: "Love one another." But he will if it is presented as in her serigraph on Watts . . .

The front page of the Los Angeles Times for Aug. 14, 1965, is reproduced, horizontally, with its chronicle of the violence of that day in the city's Negro ghetto. Beside it, superimposed on a great blot of red, is a message attributed to Selma's Father Maurice Ouellet: "Those who live in the well-ordered, nourished, clean, calm and comfortable middle-class part of Christ's body can easily forget that the Body of Christ, as it now exists is mostly disorganized, devoid of order, concerned with material needs, hun-

dry, dirty, not motivated by reason, fermenting in agonizing uncertainty, and certainly most uncomfortable . . ."

The theme of love is strongest in the exhibit, and Sister Corita uses the words from the Psalmist, from Martin Luther, King, Gabriel Marcel, e. e. cummings, and others. But she also makes use of modernese like "Love is here to stay" and "Anybody who thinks he can manage alone, he's an idiot."

New York Education

New York State, with just over nine per cent of the nation's population, annually grants approximately one-tenth of all the nation's undergraduate and graduate degrees in the physical sciences, engineering and mathematics, the State Commerce Department reports.

Cleavage of Priest's Role

Chicago — (NC) — Father Edward Schillebeeckx, O.P., said here a disastrous division now exists between Church activity and secular activity.

The division "must be bridged," the Dutch theologian told a symposium on "Ministry in the Church."

The symposium, a study of the priest in the modern world, was sponsored by the Association of Chicago priests at the Center for Continuing Education at the University of Chicago.

"Man's relationship with God never exists in a pure state," Father Schillebeeckx said, "because that way it would be out of context."

He explained that "man's relationship to God is nourished by his relationship to his fellow man."

Later, in a discussion group with other theological specialists, Father Schillebeeckx said "there is no dilemma between our attitude toward God and man — only a cleavage."

The Church, he said, "has many ministries" and the priesthood is a "functional ministry."

Questioned about theological training in the seminaries, Father Schillebeeckx said the parish priest "must have vision but he need not be a theologian." He claimed that while some grounding in theology is necessary, priestly studies should stress things such as the humanities and the natural sciences.

"Too much theology and the priest will be speaking in a monologue, and ours must now continue to be a dialogue," Father Schillebeeckx said.

Dr. Colin Williams, a Methodist, said the ministry means "participating in the servant way of Christ."

Dr. Williams, director of the doctor of ministry program at the University of Chicago Divinity School, said the priesthood exists for the benefit of the whole people and "has no meaning in itself."

The Church, he said, "should be a community in which the world sees that its tears are already overcome." Yet today the ministry is in profound difficulties, Dr. Williams said.

One reason for this, he stated, is the excessive time spent in administration. "Sometimes you wonder if you are not just being a secretary to your congregation."

Another factor is "worry about whether you are being a priest or an underpaid psychiatrist," he said. "These things are tearing apart the way we are performing our roles."

Michael Novak, assistant professor of theology at Stanford University, said the present era is a "confusing" one for the priest, but also "the most creative the priesthood or ministry has yet encountered."

The role of the priest is "not

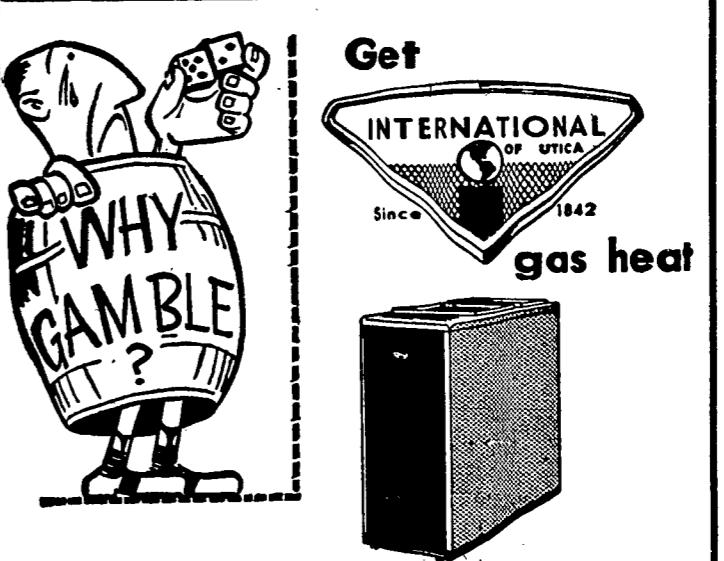
so obvious now," said Novak. This is in contrast to the previous, well defined state of affairs "which led to role playing."

He said modern pluralistic society has brought about a diminishing of the priest's authority and the atmosphere of experimentation now current has also changed the priest's role.

"In the past, people needed the Eucharist like they needed air or food — now they don't need it at all for long periods at a time," he said.

"In such things as seminars, social and political action, they get the feelings they should get from the Eucharist. Worship is not that important in their lives."

For these people, Novak said, "secular activities seem to be just as effective as Eucharistic traditions."



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Special Role For Media In Human Relations Work

New York — (RNS) — Communications workers should feel a special responsibility to share in community welfare work, especially in promoting better human relations, a retired Roman Catholic radio executive declared here.

Arthur Hull Hayes, former president of CBS Radio, spoke at the 20th anniversary Communion Dinner of the Catholic Apostolate of Radio, Television and Advertising (CARTA). Highlight of the occasion was the presentation of the 1967 CARTA award to Don McNeill, originator of the radio "Breakfast Club" show in Chicago.

"It is often asked," Mr. Hayes told the more than 300 guests, "why isn't the Church doing more about Harlem and the underprivileged? But who is the Church? It is you and you and you. And how many of you have volunteered to teach the underprivileged or help them in any way?"

Cling what he said was the multiplicity of community needs, the speaker said "there is a great deal to be done by people in government, by educators and many others."

"But," he asked, "who is bet-

tor equipped to make people understand one another — than communicators? When good ideas are developed, who has the expertise and the skills to bring these ideas to all people than you who have spent your lives in the communication of ideas?"

Underscoring his challenge by calling for volunteers to help the less fortunate in all areas of need Mr. Hayes said "there is so much to be done, and right near you, that it would take more money than any single organization or groups of organizations, or, for that matter, any government, could possibly bring forth."

"It can," he added, "be done by generous and devoted volunteers — volunteers who give their time and their special abilities and skills to help others. And in so many cases, volunteers can be so much more effective than paid workers. When you are on the outside volunteer work appears to be a self-sacrificing effort. But after you are in it you find it more as a self-satisfying effort, so much so that you feel you are receiving more than you are giving."



Notre Dame Breakfast
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Nolan, Chairman and Co-chairman, respectively, check over reservations for the Annual Family Communion Breakfast of the Rochester Club of the University of Notre Dame set for Dec. 10 at Cardinal Mooney High School. Father Sughree, the school chaplain, will celebrate Mass at 9:30 a.m. in the school auditorium. A family style breakfast will be served in the cafeteria following the Mass. Royal Hanna, club president, has obtained pictures of the highlights of Notre Dame's 1966 football season to be shown.

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Unless, we as Christians, are by love so united with the whole world of mankind that the sickness of the world is our sickness, the poverty in the world is our poverty, then we are not Christians at all.

Do not think that you have no connection with the leper in Africa. He is your brother. Do not think — "that is the job of the missionary." He is there in your place — able to do for those suffering only what you make possible.

As preparations for a bountiful Christmas get underway, remember how much a little shared by you will do to cure a brother suffering from leprosy. Sulfone cost \$2 per patient per year. This can be enough to arrest the disease. Can you say no?

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St. Thomas Starts Fast in CYO Basketball

St. Thomas the Apostle School won their game in a row by Holy Family this past week under the leadership of Dick Hubbard. In his coaching, his team won 107 games, losing only 10 in the CYO basketball competition. The strongest rivals this year to be Sacred Heart, Rosary. If they can these two teams they headed for an undefeated season.

CYO BASKETBALL STANDINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Northern	St. Thomas the Apostle	107-10
Eastern	St. Cecilia	100-15
Southern	Blessed Sacrament	100-15
Western	Sacred Heart	100-15
White Division	Holy Family	100-15
Green Division	St. Joseph	100-15

Oneonta Matmen Outclass Fishermen

St. John Fishermen opened a 10-match schedule at Oneonta today, losing to the matted Red Dragons. The only point get Cardinals were a pair of Jim Reo of Detroit and Jim Reo of Detroit. The final bout of the season will be on Wednesday.

Illiteracy Attacks Port-au-Prince

Port-au-Prince, Haiti — Archbishop Francis Ligonde of Port-au-Prince issued a pastoral letter calling for a major Church campaign against illiteracy in Haiti, which current highest illiteracy rate in the Western Hemisphere.