

Look at 'New' Catholic Lacks Cohesiveness

By Pat Costa
The New American Catholic. Is there one and if so what does he look like? According to an hour NBC-TV documentary produced by Stuart Schulberg and shown this past week on Channel 8 there is definitely a new breed of Catholic in this country.

Pointing out that many of the changes now coming about in the Church stem directly from the Second Vatican Council which called for the examination of the needs of the people where "humanity is hurting", Bishop Shannon noted that among extremists on both sides of the question it appears to be a matter of "any change is bad, versus any change is good."

Among others seen and heard: Rev. John McKenzie, S.J., of Notre Dame University discussing authority within the Church; Rev. James Groppi, the militant priest from Milwaukee, former priest Robert Duggan and Father William Nerin, who is the "hired priest" for the Community of John XXIII.

Church population. Among the clergy at least it would seem that the odds doctor had stacked the odds in favor of those seeking changes. Interesting, however, was that Father Nerin seen in his role as the revolutionary "hired priest" could not go along with marriage for those in the priesthood.

Liturgist Offers Views Against Intercommunion

Detroit—(NC) — A leading Catholic liturgist told a national interfaith audience here that Holy Communion is the primary sign of the acceptance of Church authority, and is therefore not to be extended to Protestants except under exceptional conditions.

In what was considered by many Catholic and Protestant ecumenists in the audience to be a highly conservative position, Father Geoffrey Dickmann, O.S.B., told the fifth National Workshop for Christian Unity that even intercommunion with the Eastern Orthodox cannot be practiced without "satisfactory consultations with competent authorities" on both sides.

Protestants themselves are split widely on the question, he said, and study papers prepared for the coming general assembly of the World Council of Churches, Sweden, present similar differences of opinion among the Protestant-Orthodox churches.

The Catholic church, he went on, "has been convinced that the Eucharist is meant to be first of all the most important sacrament (or sign) of a unity already achieved among her communicants; a unity not only of faith in the presence of it under the appearances of bread and wine, but a unity of fully belonging to this visible Church, of accepting this visible Church as the authoritative teacher of faith, of accepting the authority and leadership of her duly constituted and ordained ministers."

He said unfortunately "we seem to be back to where we were prior to Vatican II, except for prayer in common."



Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau 'The Odd Couple' doing their things.

'Odd Couple' Satire On Married Life

—(UP) — The "Odd Couple" is taken to be just another in a growing line of films about unnatural relationships, the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures has recommended it as "a first-class satire on the ways of married people."

divorced and the other about to be—who decide to share an apartment, only to discover that they cannot stand one another, for the same reasons that their wives left them.

"The Odd Couple," based on the Broadway comedy of Neil Simon, is about two men—one

Movies

Here is a list of motion pictures currently playing in Rochester area theaters and the ratings given them by the National Office of Motion Pictures:

- Paramount — "Chubasco" (no rating available); "Kona Coast" (Objectable in part for all); "Bandero" (no rating available)
Regent — "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" (Adults and adolescents)
Cinema — "Rosemary's Baby" (Condemned)
Little — "Elvira Madigan" (Adults)
Monroe — "Benjamin" (Condemned)
Coronet — "In Cold Blood" (Adults)
Riviera — "Dr. Doolittle" (Family)
Studio 2 — "The Graduate" (Adults, with reservations)
Loew's — "The Detective" (Objectable in part for all)
Stoneridge — "The Thomas Crown Affair" (Objectable in part for all)
Stutson — "Private Navy of Sgt. Farrell" (Adults, adolescents)
Panorama — "The Odd Couple" (Adults)
Fine Arts — "The Female" (Rating unavailable)
Towne — "Yours, Mine and Ours" (Family)
Lyell — "The Fox" (Condemned); "The Family Way" (Adults, with reservations)
Stutson — "The One and Only Original Genuine Family Band" (Family)

Ads for the film show Lemmon in apron, with a duster and soup ladle, and on the cover of its latest "Catholic Film Newsletter," NCOMIP featured a scene from the film showing Lemmon diligently vacuuming the rug while Matthau — incensed at Lemmon's tidiness— stomps all over the furniture.

"The film takes this refreshingly offbeat domestic situation," said NCOMIP, "and makes of it a first-class satire on the ways of married people. The habits of the 'odd couple' are exaggerated, but underlying the deceptively simple story line is the point that while marriages may be prefabricated in heaven, they are certainly assembled and maintained on earth."

"Though the comedy is on an adult level," added NCOMIP, which classified it A-3, "the film might be enjoyed by some older adolescents because it succeeds bravely without resorting to sensationalism. Adults, of course, may look forward to a rollicking good time."

TV Movie Ratings

Friday, June 28 - Thursday, July 4

Ratings are those given by the former Legion of Decency, now the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures, when films were originally shown. A-1: morally objectionable for general patronage; A-2: morally objectionable for adults and adolescents; A-3: morally objectionable for adults; A-4: morally objectionable for adults, with reservations; B: morally objectionable in part for all; C: condemned. No Rating: film has not been reviewed by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures (formerly the Legion of Decency). N.B. Before A-3 classification was established, A-2 indicated morally objectionable for adults.

Movie listings supplied through the courtesy of TV Guide Magazine

Table with columns: Time, Channel, Movie, Rating. Lists TV programs for Friday, June 28, Saturday, June 29, Sunday, June 30, Monday, July 1, Tuesday, July 2, Wednesday, July 3, and Thursday, July 4.

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