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### Teen Coffee House in Victor

# A Psychedelic Happening With the Glow of Religion

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When you take a "Trip with Jesus" at St. Patrick's parish in Victor, you don't exactly go to Niagara Falls. A "Trip with Jesus" is a full-scale, psychedelic, love-happening more commonly known as a Day of Recollection.

That's just one of the features you'll find when you venture into The Boiler Room, the parish teens' coffee house, operating in Victor on Friday and Saturday nights during the summer.

In November 1967 Father David P. Simon, assistant pastor at St. Patrick's, and a group of parish teens decided to start a coffee house.

"Father Shamon, our pastor said 'fine'," Father Simon said, "That's the good part about having a liberal pastor."

It took about two months to convert the old boiler room and coal bin of the church into two rooms complete with ultra-blue lighting and walls covered with newspapers. The work was done by the high school students themselves.

They equipped the new setting with a bar, where soft drinks and snacks are served, a stage for live entertainment, and table and chairs. Several men in the parish provided a juke box.

Management of the Boiler Room is  $\hat{up}$  to the members. They take care

## CYO Drive To Employ New Twist

There'll be a new twist to the Catholic Youth Organization's annual membership campaign this year, due to run Sept. 16 through 30. of everything, from ordering refreshments to collecting admission for a dance, Father Simon said.

"It's their own place. They do need someplace to go. And it's mainly a place of contact for me. I've gotten to know them well."

Young people aren't the only ones who enjoy the Boiler Room. Coffee and donuts are served to the congregation every Sunday after Mass. Adults enjoy it as much as teens. Even though it may be a sunny morning, they insist on the eerie blue lights rather than regular lighting.

"They like to watch themselves glow," Father Simon laughed.

In addition to the regular weekend fare, The Boiler Room is also the scene of Father Simon's "Trips with Jesus."

"I wanted to have a type of Day of Recollection that the kids could relate to," he explained, "so we decided to use the Boiler Room and make it psychedelic. We used all sorts of gimmicks — buttons with slogans and things like bananas with 'Loving You Has Made Me Bananas' printed on them."

The Day begins in the old coal bin, now the Flower Room, where the groups sits casually on the rug-covered floor, listening to one of the Bible tapes prepared by a group of students working with Father Simon.

The tape presents a parable from the Bible which has been adapted to a situation a student might encounter today.

"We use songs, too, from the Beatles and Turtles and other groups," Father Simon said, "afterwards the kids discuss the tape. I don't lead the discussion, they just go on by themselves. I'd rather have it that way, letting them share their own ideas. They get into some good topics."

The second stage is more discussion, this time in the "bar" room, with a panel of high schoolers talking on pertinent subjects. helped the young people to open up. One boy said during a discussion that he had not realized before that nuns and priests are real people.

"I know I have a different relationship now with them than when we first started. The kids are open and frank. They say exactly what they think. I'd much rather have them tell me how they feel—no matter what — than not know what's going on inside them."

Father added: "Since the Boiler Room is ecumenical, it also gives the non-Catholic kids a chance to know me and talk, and vice-versa." Father Shamon, pastor of St. Pat-

rick's, agreed: "It's definitely a help to the youth of the parish, because it's been a means of bringing them to the parish property and getting them involved.

"Father Simon has done a grand job, communicating with them and helping them. He knows their ideas and problems. I think they are more adult because of their involvement with others now."



Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty's new home in West Elmira.

# Bishops Moving into New Homes

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's two auxiliaries will be settling into new homes this month and next.

Bishop Dennis E. Hickey, who works out of the pastoral offices at 50 Chestnut St., is moving from St. Theodore's rectory to 31 Woodbine Ave., Rochester, around the corner from St. Augustine's Church.

Bishop John E. McCafferty, assigned to the Southern Tier, will leave his Holy Rosary pastorate in September and live at 109 Fairmont Road, Elmira.

Bishop Hickey is taking a hand in the wall washing and general cleaning going on at his house. The sevenroom frame structure is about 50 years old, like the rest of the neighborhood. It was bought furnished from the estate of Miss Mary Ward, who lived there alone into her eighties. The house and furniture are in good condition, according to one of the volunteers who are putting the place in order.

Father John Steger, pasto of a new Gates parish, is a temporary resident of Bishop Hickey's home. "A very adequate house," he calls it.

An unpretentious new house in West Elmira will provide living facilities for Bishop McCafferty and one other priest, plus a small chapel and a guest room. A down-town pastoral office in Elmira will probably be established for the Auxiliary Bishop in the near future.

Father Bartholomew J. O'Brien, pastor of the Church of St. Mary Our Mother in Horseheads, who was named Bishop Sheen's Vicar in the southern area of the diocese on Jan. 25, 1967, will retain his title and work with Bishop McCafferty in the counties of Steuben, Schuyler, Chemung, Tompkins and Tioga.

The Bishop's house is about half a block from Our Lady of Lourdes Church, on Fairmount between Church and Water streets. Because the house is well-built and less than a year old, renovation will be at a minimum and maintenance will be low.



Acccording to chairmen Dr. David Springett and Mrs. Donald Bardell, the program will involve three new phases, the first for current members and sponsor "renewals only. Through the use of a computer system all previous sponsors and members will be contacted directly by mail, eliminating the need for personal campaign worker contacts.

Step two will involve new memberships of businessmen, women and young adults working in the downtown area. This phase will acquaint them with new facilities especially for their use: the business lounge for men, sauna baths, new recreation room facilities including a new exercise machine and a jogging track.

The third phase will be an appeal to individuals and organizations to finance needy children's memberships at the CYO.

This new campaign approach will be the first significant change in membership recruitment in the 37 year history of the local CYO. Several eighth grades from area schools have gone on these "Trips", and they benefit from hearing high schoolers talk on problems they may someday encounter, Father Simon feels.

Lunch serves as a time not only for relaxation, but for preparation for Mass. During the meal they sing hymns.

The afternoon program consists of a movie, more discussion, the Liturgy of the Word in the Boiler Room, and finally Mass in the church.

"It's a full, five-to-six-hour day," said Father Simon, "but the time really goes quickly. I guess because it's such an intense program."

There have been about five "Trips with Jesus," conducted last spring, and the assistant hopes to conduct more during the coming school year.

"I think the whole program — the "Trips" and the Boiler Room — has

# PAT ANSWERS

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Q. — Is there any way by which we who love the traditions of the Latin language and Gregorian Music could retain a Sunday Mass in Latin with Gregorian chant? Is there a society in Rochester which is trying to safeguard these respected features of the Church of the past?

-Mrs. J. H., Rochester.

A. The use of English for Sunday (scheduled, parochial) Masses is now mandatory. Latin is not forbidden for private Masses. Any parish is free to have Mass in Latin with Gregorian or other Latin-language music if the pastor can be persuaded to have one at other hours or days. The problem is in providing the organist and singers to perform the Gregorian properly. It's not inconceivable that, as the liturgical renewal settles down, the weekly Sunday Mass schedule might include "something for everyone": a folk-music Mass, a no-music English Mass, a Mass in English with traditional English hymns and Mass in Latin with Latin hymns. These Masshours might be rotated weekly so that the parishioners might by their own choice attend the style of liturgy which was most meaningful for them preservation of Latin. Can any readers enlighten us?

Q.-Bill Cosby's humorous recording of Noah and God discussing the building of the Ark prompts this question: How big was the Ark? -B. N., Ithaca.

A.—The Bible (Book of Genesis, Chapter 6) says Noāh built the wooden vessel 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet deep. Its size would be about the same as a 6.000 ton ship today. No one ever computed the possible number of animals taken aboard, nor does the Bible tell how Noah gathered them.

A.-In the 1700's rationalistic and materialistic enemies of religion revived what had been a pre-Christian and pagan practise of cremation. Their principal reason was to oppose Christian custom and philosophy: It was a practical and imaginative way of attacking the Christian idea of any future life. Cremation symbolizes annihilation and the materialistic idea that all is over at death. The Church opposed the creamation-ists because of the reasons behind their proposal and also to protect the traditions of earth burial. Legislation covering all Catholics in the world has forbidden cremation since about 1886. Canon Law (#1240) states that those who order their bodies to be cremated, unless they retract the order before death, are to be deprived of full ceremonies of church burial.

Q. Can a Catholic be married validly and licitly if there isn't time for making the three church announcements of the banns from the time of deciding the date to the actual wedding day?

J. K., Ontario, N.Y.

A. A dispensation can be granted by the Bishop to skip one or two or all of the three public announcements of a forthcoming wedding, if there are good reasons, like lack of time or if the couple is elderly or if public notice of the marriage would cause embarrassment. The marriage would be valid even if no banns were announced.

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