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Full Adult Theology Program Scheduled

Posters and leaflets advertising the Adult Theology Program to begin Sept. 24 will blanket 114 parishes this week soliciting signups for the 12 different courses planned for Auburn, Elmira, Geneva and Rochester by the Diocesan Office of Religious Education.

Some 50,000 folders describing the courses and detailing the hours and place of the lectures will be distributed at all Masses on Sept. 8.

All the Rochester courses will be taught Tuesday evenings from Sept. 24 through Nov. 12. Seven are scheduled at Nazareth

Academy and five at St. Agnes High School.

Elmira-area residents may enroll for courses on Thursday evenings (Sept. 6 to Nov. 14) at Notre Dame High School, Elmira.

Geneva-area courses are set for De Sales High School, Geneva, on Monday evenings, beginning Sept. 23.

The Auburn series will be taught at Mt. Carmel High School on Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 25.

Registration may be made with: Adult Theology, Box 231, Geneva, before Sept. 18.

Fees are: one course, \$8.00; two courses, \$12. For two persons of the same family the rates are: one course, \$10; two courses, \$16.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teachers may receive advanced credit for courses given by the Capuchin Fathers and other theologians.

The courses, teachers and times for Elmira:

"Sex Education," Sex Education staff, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
"The World of Religion," Prof. John H. Martin, Ph.D., of

Corning Community College, 7:30-8:30.
"Religion in the Contemporary Novel," Margaret Miller, M.A., lecturer, 7:30-8:30.

"In the Beginning," Rev. Leopold Protomastro, O.F.M., Cap., co-director of the Adult Theology Program, 7:30-8:30.

"Jesus Christ," Father Protomastro, 9 to 10 p.m.

"The Commandments in Christian Life," Rev. Cyprian Rosen, O.F.M., Cap., co-director of the program.

In Geneva:
"The Gospel Before the Gos-

pels," Rev. Sebastian Falcone, O.F.M., Cap., lecturer in Sacred Scripture, St. Bernard's Seminary, 7:30-8:30.

"Situation Ethics," Father Rosen, 7:30-8:30.

"Jesus Christ," Father Protomastro, 9-10.

In Auburn:
"The Old Testament: God Contacts Man," William McMahon, M.S.T., lay theologian, 7:30-8:30. (C.C.D. credit).

"Christ in the Gospel of Mark," Rev. Brian Murphy, O. Carm., Mt. Carmel High School religion teacher, 7:30 - 8:30. (C.C.D. credit).

"The Commandments in Christian Morality, Part II," Father Rosen, 9-10.
"Jesus Christ," Father Protomastro, 9-10.

Diocesan Board of Education Urged in Vermont

Burlington, Vt.—(NC)—A 10-man task force, studying Catholic education in Vermont for the past year, has recommended that Bishop Robert F. Joyce of Burlington create a diocesan board of education which would have full responsibility for setting educational policy.

The board would integrate, combine, and coordinate all existing programs, including those in religious education and any new ones that might be instituted.

A full-time diocesan superintendent of education would be the executive officer of the board, the task force said, with a sufficient professional staff to administer the board's program effectively.

The recommendations of the Task Force report:

Each parish and each central high school, as well as any independent school, should have its own elected school board to assist the diocesan board.

The diocesan board should initiate a public relations program so that the accomplishments and needs of the school system might be more widely recognized and supported.

In cases where it is necessary to close or curtail a school,

at least two years of warning should be given to officials who must make provision for the continuing education of the children affected.

Close coordination with the curriculum of the public schools should be stressed, especially in locations where all children from a parochial school eventually transfer to the public system.

While basic curriculum and teaching practices compare favorably with those in the public schools, there is a need for innovative programs, and to extend the shared time programs available in many areas.

The task force recommended the budgeting of diocesan funds to supplement the parish assessments and tuition.

It said this support should be made available to all educational programs in the diocese, including Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, adult education, and the Newman apostolate.

The task force suggested that financial aid might be solicited for diocesan educational programs which serve a public purpose.

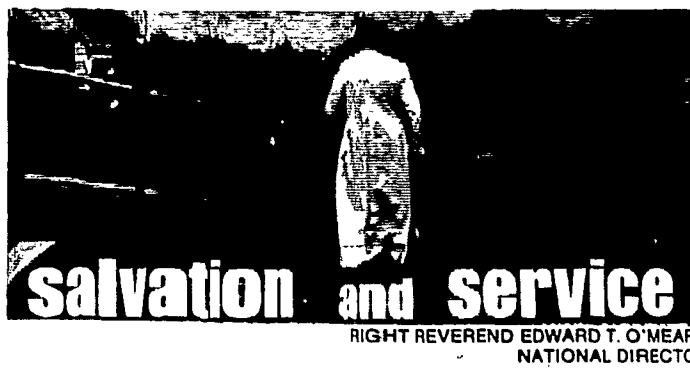


Sister Maria Edwards explains a banner she completed for the inner-city ecumenical parish of St. Mark in Kansas City, Mo., to two youngsters. The parish, which is a joint project of the United Presbyterian, Episcopal, Lutheran and Catholic Churches, is expected to be ready for use in early October. Sister Maria Edwards, who teaches in Bridgeport, Conn., during the school year, learned banner weaving while in Guatemala three years ago doing volunteer mission work. (RNS Photo)

Miami Launches Brotherhood Fund

Miami—A "brotherhood" collection was taken last Sunday throughout the Miami Archdiocese as Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll launched a program to help those "trapped in the vicious and never-ending cycle of poverty."

It is a plea to all his people, the recently installed prelate spoke of "malnutrition, inadequate and overcrowded housing and inferior education". He proposed financial assistance to private housing efforts, day-care centers and efforts on behalf of seasonal farm workers and the penniless aged.



"Act Now! Pray Later!"

The nights of darkness have been replaced by days of sunlight, the age of hiding our talents under a bushel due to false humility, or more frequently to lack of courage, has passed into the full emergence of man into the world, the age of prayer and contemplation, of listening to God and seeking Him in solitude have finally been put behind us, and we can breathe, we can move, we can act.

The cry is action! Let's go out and get 48 hours out of 24. The more we do the better off we will be and the better off the Church will be. After all, action is what the Council was all about, wasn't it?

True, there is nothing wrong with action as long as we keep it in its proper perspective. To be sent out into the world by Christ, we have first of all to spend the right amount of time with Him. But, unfortunately many of us, now that we have found our place in the world, tell ourselves the training course has lasted long enough. We are finished with contemplation. This self-conviction can be dangerous. For being an one's way from God to the world can be an authentic Christian vocation, but it can also be a flight from God, fear of the scandal and sacrifice of the cross. Everything has its other side; only Our Lord is absolutely straightforward.

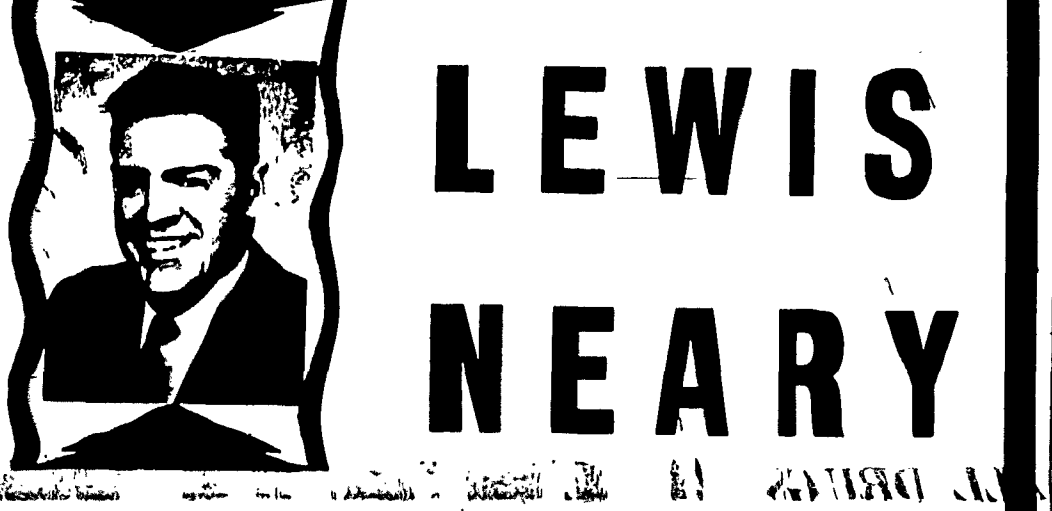
We must then put first things first; pray—then act. For the effect of prayer in our lives is to prepare ourselves, to make us more alert to the subtle nuances of human relationships, to the possibilities for brotherhood we may have been blind to. Prayer helps us to become spontaneous, more realistic and open, more discerning. Unless we go forth armed with prayer and unless we take time to listen to God in the midst of all the hustle and bustle, we may be sadly deceiving ourselves. Prayer is not a mirror in which we look at ourselves. It is a glass through which we look at God and beyond Him to the world and its needs.

The cry of action, more participation, being in the midst of things is not new to our missionaries. They are indeed familiar with what we have labeled "active contemplation." They are aware of the present emphasis on action being the proof of one's maturity as a Christian. But they know too that everything has its other side. Day after day, year in year out, they are not acting. They, more than we, know that in their weaving and often heresive apostolate, the precious moments they can spend with God each day in prayer are the whole life and sustaining strength of their service to others. Even to give an hour a day to prayer and contemplation is for some a longed-for rarity.

Through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, you can help our missionaries the world over. First and foremost by your daily prayers for them and those they serve in their labors! Secondly by your continued sacrifices you can help to lighten those labors. Think about it! Pray! Act!

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Mixed

By Religious News Ser

Mixed marriages remain a major source of difficulty for those who seek to advance ecumenism.

But friction over mixed marriages is not limited to Christians. The president of the (Orthodox) Rabbis Council of America has called the suggestion of Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation that Jews more liberal regulations interfaith marriages.

Perhaps no other ecclesiastical issue strikes the roots of contention in daily life of the religious home. It is the crab in grass roots ecumenism.

Because of special ten in mixed marriages, add the normal difficulties of churches of all faiths discourage such wed from the very start.

In a 1967 study Dr. V. Sarna, associate professor of psychology at New York Yeshiva University, reported that spouses in interfaith marriages have a higher probability than those who marry within their church.

Bishop For Mixed Protest

Superior, Wis.—(RN) Roman Catholic Bishop George A. Hammes of Superior has eased the way for the marriage of Catholic Protestants in Protestant churches.

The prelate's action announced in a letter to priests of his diocese, allowed to be the first general permission for marriages has been given by a member of the American hierarchy.

According to the prelate, the reason for the relaxation of the guidelines was ecumenical.

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