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How CCD Changed Her Life

By JOAN ZUMMO

Rosalie Reinhardt gets as excited telling you about the good news of salvation as many women get when telling you the news of a neighbor's latest indiscretion or acquisition.

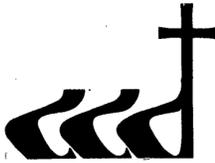
Not at all what you might picture as the missionary type, this hearty-voiced, vivacious Spencerport housewife and mother of five is a living example of the meaning of Christ in today's world.

Until a few years ago Rosalie had a typical suburban existence — comfortable and busy, but somehow rather empty and inconspicuous. Friends chided her when she said that she should do more. After all, she had a home, husband, and children to care for.

A rather vague sense of dissatisfaction and lack of fulfillment continued to haunt her, however, and finally brought about a confrontation with herself which led to her joining the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). The result is what Rosalie calls a new life.

It is a life that is an answer to the call to fulfill our

Confrontation



selves by filling ourselves with Christ. It is a life of real joy — not giggly, laughing mirth, but a deeply satisfying and filling kind of happiness that has not only made being a wife and mother more meaningful, but has caused her to become involved in a number of ecumenical and catechetical activities.

Her methods of communicating are varied — living room dialogues, speaking engagements, teaching, studying — but her message is a single one — Christ, Who He is and What He means to today's world.

Rosalie's story is most significant in a column about CCD, for it is the kind of happening that CCD is supposed to bring about. The whole purpose of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine can be summarized in two words — confrontation and conversion.

It is the aim of those in catechetics to bring their face to face with themselves, with other people, and ultimately with Christ, and through these confrontations to convert them to a Christ-centered and Christ-like way of life. This column is an attempt to precipitate these encounters and to lay open and explore their meanings. It will tell the stories of people going about this awesome business of being Christ in the world.

"Confrontation" is directed first to teachers of CCD. It is intended to provide a channel through which the CCD office may keep you informed of current activities

related to CCD, may acquaint and advise you as to films, texts, audio-visual, and other teaching aids that are available in general, make the services of the office more known and available to you.

"Confrontation" is directed to parents. What is your child learning in CCD classes? Who is teaching him and how is he being taught? Hopefully, it will make you more aware of and involved in your task of guiding the Christian development of your children.

"Confrontation" is addressed to any of you who are interested in knowing more about CCD and what it does. Next week we will take a look at CCD as an organization — specifically in the Diocese of Rochester.

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CCD Schedules Program On Audio-Visual Instruction

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine has begun a program of in-service training for teachers in use of the latest audio-visual devices.

A "film fest," designed to acquaint teachers with the use of movies in the teaching of religion to teen-agers, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 27, between 2 and 6 p.m. at both Mt. Carmel High School, Auburn, and the Church of St. Mary Our Mother in Horseheads.

The program will begin with Eastman Kodak's presentation on the value of using visual aids in the classroom and will conclude with a number of

short films which can be used effectively to communicate Christ to the young adult.

For teachers of children in the primary grades a "creative arts and music workshop" will be given the what, why and how of using music and art in the classroom.

The program will be held first at Kearney High School on Sunday, Nov. 3, between 2 and 6 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 10, at the same time, the program will be given at the Church of St. Mary Our Mother in Horseheads. The workshop will last be presented at Mt. Carmel High School, Auburn, on Sunday, Nov. 17, again between 2 and 6 p.m.

Those wishing to attend are requested to notify the CCD Office at 50 Chestnut St.

Books Worth Reading

CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUALITY
Edited by Fr. Robert Gleason, S.J.
1968 — Macmillan
324 pages — \$8.95

Twenty essays by twenty different Catholic scholars on current problems in the religious life, such as Hope, Obedience, Poverty, Liberty, Law, Prayer, Contemplation, Emotional Maturity, etc. Sample ideas follow:

Gustave Montoilet:
"Virginity's value does not lie in its refusal of the human love that is born of desire, but in its preference for Christ's call to love Him without division. It sacrifices those things of the flesh which remove it from exclusively belonging to Christ. Virginity freely accepts what death imposes on all men and anticipates through love the spiritual plenitude of the resurrection which will be free of carnal forces. Without being dispensed from death—the virgin consecrated to Christ dies as do all human beings—virginity consecrated in one stroke (and this is the excellence it seeks) frees a person from having a heart and a life divided with respect to Christ. But since it is united to Him

without division, it finally rejoins Him, and this with joy. This is why tradition, especially the liturgy, depicts the virgin as being able to follow in the steps of the Bridegroom at whatever hour of the night He may come.

"This total openness of love with regard to the coming of Christ in a death not by martyrdom but by nature is a perfect summary of the unexcelled eschatological value of virginity. It also explains why virginity is directly connected with the mystery of the Church which forms and constitutes us."

William Lawson:
"The moment of our coming into the world is not of our choice; but as soon as we arrive we have the exact time in which we must make history which is pleasing to God. Nowadays the voices of the young are sometimes heard raised in protest at the chaos and terror into which they have been born—problems of hunger and disease on a world scale, racialism, the head-on collision of ideologies, nuclear warfare. If they think there ever was a golden age into which to be born they cannot have read their history.

"In any case, their task is no different from Our Lord's, to live and die for the will of God, and so to achieve their purpose and happiness and to help to recover happiness for the world. Die they must. What is important is to die doing God's will, whether they die worn out with charity or crushed by Mammon for opposing him. "Blessed are those who suffer persecution in the cause of right, the kingdom of heaven is theirs." As God's ministers, we must do everything to make ourselves acceptable. We have to show great patience, in times of affliction, of need, of difficulty; under the lash, in prison, in the midst of tumult; when we are tired out, sleepless, and fasting."

Barnabas Ahearn, C.P.:
"No wonder our Lady permits her children to relieve this dolor. She knows well what the suffering of loss achieved in her own life, and so she yearns to share this experience with all who are ready for it, especially with those who live in dependence upon her. St. Louis de Montfort states this clearly: "He who has found Mary by a true devotion will not be exempt from crosses and sufferings. Far from it; he is more besieged by them than others are, because Mary gives to all her children portions of the Tree of Life, which is the cross of Jesus."

"But to this warning the Saint adds a word of consolation: "If for a while her children feel the bitterness of the cup which one must needs drink in order to be the friend of God, the consolation and joy which this good mother sends after the trial encourage them exceedingly to carry still heavier and more painful crosses. Yes the work of loss and gain is a lifelong process."

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