

200 Sisters Hear of Racism Issues

Nearly 200 Sisters came up against white racism last Saturday, left the confrontation no longer asking what the black man's problems were, but what they could do about them.

It was a meeting at St. Agnes High School in a day-long series of lectures and discussions between Sister and black community leaders in the Rochester area.

The program was sponsored

by the Joint Office of Urban Ministry of the Rochester Diocese and the Rochester Area Council of Churches.

"Our cry is to our Sister Grace Miller of the Urban Ministry Office said, 'We are trying to inform her of the link between the city and the suburb; that changing the white racist attitude is the white racist problem; and until we are really dealing

with the attitude problem, we are racist.'

"This does not mean coming into the inner city once or twice a week," she said. "It means facing our own attitudes, our own feelings."

With many other black community leaders, Ron Jones of FIGHT told the Sisters: "We are still suffering the stigma of slavery." He explained that while once the

black man labored under a fiscal slavery, he now carries the burden of mental slavery springing directly from the attitudes of the white community.

Father P. David Finks, vicar of urban ministry, spoke of the two-fold revolution needed to combat white racism. The first aspect of that revolution, he said, was the personal one of recognizing the racist attitudes in

one's self, and experiencing a conversion from them. The second was changing the institutions. "And this takes money," he said.

On making these institutional changes, Sister Grace asked: "Is the white community in the suburbs willing to raise the issues, to tell it like it is to the Town Board meetings? On the issues of housing and busing, am I quiet or do I speak out? Do I really mind if a black man moves into the area, or if a black child sits next to mine in school?"

Father Finks said: "The world and the community need people who are 'something,' people who are willing to try new styles of mission."

For the Sisters at the meeting, Sister Grace indicated, this means "attacking the black man's problems where they lie, in the white community—in its institutions, but especially in its heart."

Engaged Couples Retreat Set

A retreat for engaged couples will be given Dec. 13-15 at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua. It will begin at 9 Friday night and end after lunch Sunday.

Reservations may be made with Father Richard Morn, 315-394-5700.

Indovinos Fifty Years West

Mr. and Mrs. Andrea Indovino of Traver Circle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 16 with a Mass at Annunciation Church and a breakfast party.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS

Santiago, Chile — (RNS)—Delegations from 22 countries are expected to attend the international congress of the Young Christian Workers Dec. 9-17.



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Deaths

J.J. McLaughlin

James J. McLaughlin, a street-car conductor in his working days, died Nov. 21 of injuries suffered when he was struck by a city bus Nov. 4. He was 92 years old.

A requiem was offered by Father Francis Feney Nov. 23 in St. James Church.

Mr. McLaughlin was born in

Family Rosary

The Family Rosary for Peace program is broadcast each evening at 7 p.m. by Rochester radio station WSAV, WMOB-FM in Auburn, television cable companies Channel 5 in Hornell, Channel 8 in Elmira and 88.75 m.c. in Canastota. Those who will lead in recitation of the Rosary this week are:

Friday, Nov. 29—Victor De Simon of Holy Name of Jesus.

Saturday, Nov. 30—Mass will be celebrated.

Sunday, Dec. 1—Joseph Zimmerman of St. Michael's.

Monday, Dec. 2—Patsy Cascano of St. Cecilia's.

Tuesday, Dec. 3—Patrick J. Murphy of St. Augustine's, accompanied by the Knights of Equity, Court 10.

Ukrainian Pastor To Be Honored

Very Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Babak, pastor of St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 11 Ridge Road and Stanton Lane, will be honored Sunday, Dec. 1, on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of ordination.

Members of the parish Holy Name Society will receive corporate Holy Communion at the 9 a.m. Mass and will mark the anniversary at a breakfast in the school cafeteria.

Ireland. He came here in 1902 and worked in the transit yard until his retirement in 1941. He was a member of the Daily Mass League and the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

Surviving are seven daughters: Mrs. William Farrell, Mrs. Kathleen Schultheis, Mrs. Rita McVeigh, Mrs. Neil Johnson, Mrs. Edward Gorall, Mrs. E. Gary Nolan, and Mrs. Kenneth A. Rich; two sons, John and Thomas McLaughlin; two brothers, Mark McLaughlin of Rochester, and Patrick McLaughlin of Ireland; thirty-four grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Sister Keenan

Sister St. Anthony Keenan, a Rochesterian who joined Maryknoll 40 years ago, died Nov. 22 in an Ossining hospital. She had been stationed at the Motherhouse near Ossining since 1963.

Sister Keenan's assignments had been on the west coast except for a tour of duty in Guatemala, 1958-63.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. M.C. Housel of Rochester, Mrs. William Creighton of Monterey, Calif., and Sister Mary St. Dorothy, S.S.J., of Nazareth Academy.

Sr. Mary Ernest

A requiem Mass was offered Nov. 21 in the St. Joseph's Motherhouse for Sister Mary Ernest Singer, a teacher in diocesan schools for nearly half a century. She died Nov. 19.

In the four years of her retirement, she had been an assistant at St. Alphonsus, Auburn, and St. Rose, Lima.

Earlier, she had taught at St. Stanislaus, Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Blessed Sacrament, St. Augustine's and Christ the King, Rochester, and St. Mary's, Canandaigua. She had been principal at Holy Trinity, Webster, and St. Peter and Paul, Elmira.

Among the nieces and nephews who are her survivors is Sister Teresa of Holy Trinity.

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The Nazareth College Guild will give its annual Christmas card party from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday in the college gymnasium.

High-schoolers and collegians are invited to a holiday dance Friday night at Brighton Presbyterian Church by the Teen Twirlers Square Dance Club.

At 1 p.m. Wednesday the Prince-Alexander Senior Citizens' Club will meet in Corpus Christi School to make tray favors for Beechwood Sanitarium.

Children from the Mercy Sisters' Joseph Avenue settlement will entertain the St. James Rosary Society Monday night.

Tomorrow night the Rochester Catholic Adult Club will assemble at 8:30 for a dinner-dance at the Moose Club.

On Wednesday night at 8, the Pioneer Society will show a film and have a social hour, open to the public, at St. Joseph's Commercial School.

The Liederkranz Choir will entertain at the St. Anne's Rosary Society Christmas supper, Thursday at 6 in the school.

The Ladies Auxiliary, K. of C., will meet at 8:30 p.m. Thursday for initiation.

Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at McQuaid for the Loyola Jesuit Council. A family dinner party and a mission film will follow. For reservations: Mrs. Herman Lower, 473-9429, and Mrs. Louis Drons, 473-4951.

Canned foods for the needy will be collected at the St. Anthony's Altar-Rosary Society Christmas party, at 8:30 Monday night in the school.

The Rosary Society of Our Lady of Mercy, Greece, will have its Christmas party at 8 p.m. Monday.

In Phelps: A Christmas bazaar, by the St. Francis Women's Society, noon until 8 p.m. Dec. 7 in the church hall.

In Livonia: Rosary-Altar Christmas party following 7:45 p.m. Benediction at St. Joseph's.

Father Bruce Ammering, chaplain at the County Home and Community Hospital, will address the Catholic Widowed Parents Club at 8 p.m. Dec. 6 in St. Theodore's school hall.

A Scandinavian menu and program will be features of the Rosary Society Christmas meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes, Brighton, at 8:30 Monday night.

At Mother of Sorrows, Greece, this weekend: a Christmas fair, from noon until 8 p.m. Saturday, and 9-4 Sunday.

At St. Jerome's, East Rochester, the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Society will have a Christmas party Wednesday, at 6 p.m.

Women from Parkminster Church will be guests Tuesday night at the St. Plus X Rosary Guild party.

The Archconfraternity of the Holy Family at St. Joseph's will receive communion at 9 a.m. Sunday and have breakfast in the school.

The Sweet Adelines will entertain in the Corpus Christi Rosary Society Monday night after 7:30 church services.

The 13th Seton Group will lunch Tuesday noon at the Treadway.

The Christian Mothers Club of St. Andrew's will meet for Mass at 6 p.m. Monday and have a Christmas dinner afterward.

St. Helen's Society Christmas party is slated for 8:30 p.m. Dec. 7, in the school hall.

Family Prayer Day At Sacred Heart

A three-hour prayer service Sunday afternoon at Sacred Heart Cathedral culminated in a Mass celebrated by the four priests of the parish and 10 others who formerly served there.

It was announced as a "family day of prayer," and consisted of Scripture readings, meditation periods and brief homilies by six different priests, at half-hour intervals.

The rector, Very Rev. John S. Hayes, said that similar rituals would be arranged for the first Sunday in Lent and Sacred Heart Sunday, in June, to take the place of the traditional Forty Hours devotions.

The liturgy Sunday evening presented the ancient rites of

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By Father P. David Finks

This seems to be an age for the unthinkable. The tradition of the city of Rochester talking seriously of taxing church properties, Lay and groups from Los Angeles to Lynn are quietly but persistently making diocesan finances the public scrutiny like any other.

The National Catholic Register (Nov. 20, 1968) spoke of a discussion among the Archbishops at their recent Washington meeting about the Church tax exemptions and fore undisclosed assets.

The actual fact is that the city of large and medium American cities are in difficult straits and some like New York (Time, Nov. 1, 1968) are on the verge of bankruptcy. Can church private educational institutions expect total tax exemption when they are engaged in so fit-making endeavors with boundaries of our beleaguered cities?

The answer to these and connected questions about Church's obligation to its city are extremely complicated and involve intricate matters of statutory law. The other side of re-evaluating Church exemption is the perennially question of state and federal aid for private and Church-ed educational efforts.

It could be suggested that with the issue of taxing income, Church property, the Council should seriously consider a personal income surtax within the city limits. The surtax should also receive realistic share of the country tax.

Perhaps a "package" of measures could be put together which would be both politically feasible and sufficiently broad to meet the needs of the city population.

Congregations could be tax all new buildings except space used for worship. This encourages the building of multi-purpose ecclesial buildings. Furthermore, it that any new church costing more than \$500,000 should be taxed.

The Lit

By PINCEr LEAVEN

There is little doubt in my mind that Marshall McLuhan has more to promote liturgical mess in this country than any other man.

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