

# Two Themes of the Cosmos

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light reveals our sinfulness. "The same God Who said: 'Out of darkness let light shine,' has caused the light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation — the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Cor. 4/8)

Love is battling against Sin and Death; Life is waging war against darkness. "The Light has come into the world, but men preferred darkness to light because their deeds are evil. But men all hate the Light and avoid it, for fear their practices will be shown up. The honest man comes to the Light, so that it may be clearly seen that God is in all he does." (John 3/19-21) But in the end, the struggle of Light and darkness will end. The Heavenly "City has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God gave it light . . . and there shall be no night." (Apoc. 21/24, 25; 22/5).

Eros will prevail; there will be no more Thanatos. I see then what scientists call the "expanding uni-

verse", or the gradual pushing away of cavernous cosmic darkness, to be a symbol of the Love of Christ Who by His Death pushes away sin, death and hate, until the Light Day comes when there will be a new heaven and a new earth.

There is more and more light in outer galaxies; there is more and more love on earth; it is our eyes that are blind, our hearts that are dull and earthbound.

Praise to the Lamb of God (Eros) who takes away the sins (Thanatos) of the world!

## Don't Overlook Scripture Workshop

By JOAN ZUMMO

You may be a parent who does not know how to react when your teenager tells you that the Bible is just a lot of Midrash, or a primary grade CCD teacher contending with those inevitable feathery-winged angels and apple-offering serpents, or one of that generation brought up to believe that the Bible was for Protestants and the Baltimore Catechism for Catholics.

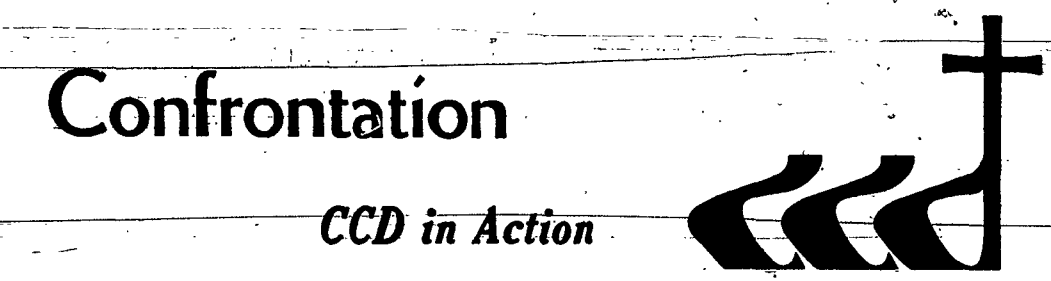
If you are any one of these, or if you are simply interested in making the Bible a more meaningful part of your life, the place for you to be on March 7 and 8 is the Workshop sponsored by the Southern Tier Christian Formation Board.

The workshop has been planned to help you "explore the historical, literary, and theological approaches basic to an understanding of the Bible." The topics covered will be: "Basic Principles in Unlocking Scripture," "A Theological Key to Reading the Old and New Testament," "Genesis — Unraveling the Message," "The Historical Christ." The lecturer will be Very Rev. Sebastian Falcone, O.F.M. Cap., a teacher of Scripture at St. Bernard's Seminary and also a teacher in the Adult Theology program.

The workshop will be at the Watson Homestead, which is halfway between Hornell and Ithaca (maps are available). Registration is Friday evening with the program running through Saturday afternoon. Registration is \$3.50 per person which includes lunch on Saturday, or \$7.50 per person which includes overnight accommodations for Friday and two meals on Saturday. For registration or further information call Mrs. Francis Haber, 1728 Parker Road, Elmira, phone: 732-5480. Deadline for registration is Feb. 12.

Not only does this program promise to be enriching but its success will encourage continuing such programs in the Southern Tier area.

A basic understanding of Scripture is absolutely essen-



ential for a religion teacher and this workshop is highly recommended as a means of approaching that understanding. There are several other adult education opportunities coming up soon. One very important one is the new series of adult theology classes starting in February. Please refer to the article in this paper (Page 7) for details. These classes are not only for the general public, but also for persons who have taken the basic CCD teachers course and would like to increase their understanding of a particular phase of theology. A date to reserve is April 26. This is the date for this year's Lay Catechist's Institute. Any of you who attended this function last year do not need urging to go again. Those of you who missed last year, should take advantage of this day of excellent speakers and displays of catechetical material. There are also many adult theology series sponsored by individual parishes. Watch the Courier-Journal and your parish bulletin for particulars. The variety of offerings in religious education available to adults are excellent Lenten fare and can constitute a very positive approach to that liturgical season.



Stars and stripes and service pins representing more than 43,000 hours of work were handed out Saturday at the annual awards luncheon for St. Mary's Hospital volunteers. Mrs. Albert Held, second from the right, took top honors — a 25-year pin. Also shown are, from the left, Mrs. Forest Doyle and Mrs. Charles Chase, who received 10-year pins; Mrs. Emmett McCorry, director of volunteer services, and Mrs. John T. O'Hara, chairman of the service committee. Fifteen year-pins went to Mrs. Emmett Brennan, Mrs. Charles Glatz, Mrs. Clarence Nelson and Mrs. Edith Swan. Mrs. Thomas Hernan and Mrs. Annetta Schmidt received 10-year awards.

### Catholic Vets Name 'Men of the Year'

Donald J. Quinn, football and wrestling coach at East Rochester High School, and physical education director for the district, has been designated "Layman of the Year" by the Monroe County Catholic War Veterans.

Mr. Quinn, of 110 William St., East Rochester, will be honored at a communion breakfast not yet scheduled. Previous recipients of the veterans' annual award include: Public Safety Commissioner Mark Tuohy, Supreme Court Justice Joseph G. Fritsch and Harold "Hunk" Vadas, former Aquinas Institute football coach.

During their recent county convention, the CWV also selected from among their own members a "Man of the Year." Joseph J. Korbel of 47 Wheatstone Circle, Perinton. Mr. Korbel has served the CWV as a national aide, as county commander of Patchen Briga Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and is a member of the Joint Veterans' Council. A parishioner at Sacred Heart Cathedral, he is active in the Nocturnal Adoration Society, the Men's Retreat League and the Boy Scout movement.

### Diocesan Teachers To Meet Feb. 10

The annual Educational Conference Day for teachers in diocesan schools will be Monday, Feb. 10. The program will begin at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium Theater and end with Mass at 3:15 p.m. in Corpus Christi Church.

Speakers will be Father Robert L. Farley, S.J., of Catholic University of America, and V. Alan Davitt, executive secretary of the New York State Council of Catholic School Superintendents.

### Regina Medal For Lois Lenski

Lois Lenski, author and illustrator of children's books, has been chosen to receive the Regina Medal during the association's convention in New Orleans.

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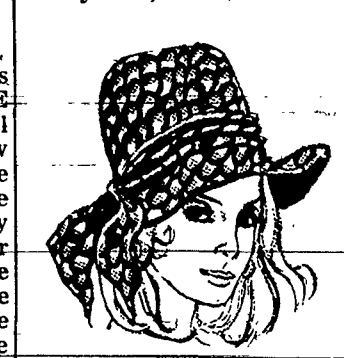
### SHOPPORTUNITY CONTEST

Thankyou — thankyou for all those entries. Contest is being extended for another week till Wednesday, Feb. 5, so the rest of you get busy now and get in on the fun. There are many words contained in the word SHOPPORTUNITY. If it's in the dictionary, it's acceptable. List them and send them in to get in on the \$5 prize. Runners-up will be awarded consolation prize.



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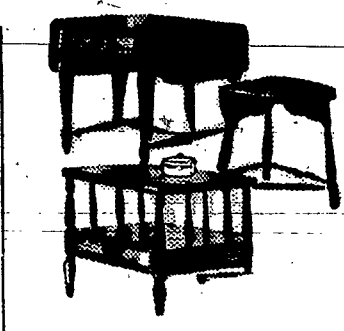


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### ERMA BOMBECK

For those of you who are fans of this gal columnist with the witty quips, some remarks about her visit to Rochester last week. She spoke here before a benefit of the National Council of Jewish Women. She herself is a Roman Catholic. The mother of three, she told how the third youngster was having the benefit of orthodontics since the family budget was now in better condition. "The two older ones are developing their personality." Referring to the orthodontist, Bombeck's quote, "Put your money where your mouth is." The shelf paper in her cup-



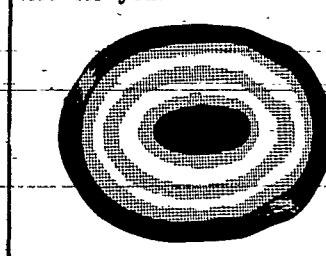
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