

AROUND THE COUNTRY



Brother Dan Murphy is one of two Redemptorist Brothers permitted by the Vatican and Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans to distribute Holy Communion. A native of St. Louis, Brother Dan is shown distributing communion at St. Alphonsus church in New Orleans where he is stationed. Brother Benedict Rosse of Omaha, also serving at the Redemptorist parish has also been authorized to give communion at Masses and on sick calls. (RNS)

Church Sets 'Compassion' Week

Indianapolis — (RNS) — The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will give more than 65 per cent of its 1969 "Week of Compassion" offering to combat the causes of hunger in underdeveloped nations.

Goal for the Feb. 16-23 appeal is a record \$340,000. Roland K. Huff, director of promotion, said \$538,000 had been earmarked for programs of feeding, medical aid, refugee resettlement, self-help, disaster relief and child care.

"Priority needs," he said, "are the emergency appeals from the Middle East, Nigeria-Biafra, India, Vietnam and Africa. One of our prime concerns is to increase agriculture production."

NCC See End to 'Stereotypes'

Memphis — (RNS) — American churches are taking the professionalism out of Protestant missionary forces and substituting an interracial, ecumenical flavor, a missions official told the National Council of Churches' General Board.

Dr. David M. Stowe, associate general secretary for Overseas Ministries, said missionary work will have to break "out of the stereotypes of the past."

"The new missionary to an international secular society will have to relate to it on its terms, but with his own underlying spiritual intention," he said.

Dr. Stowe said, "All of these missionaries will need to be ecumenically sensitive, ecumenically oriented and, if possible, ecumenically based and related."

AROUND THE WORLD

Clerics Reject Franco Pay

Barcelona — (RNS) — Forty-three priests of the Archdiocese of Barcelona have rejected their state salaries to dramatize a call for independence from the Franco regime.

The priests received about \$47 a month from the Spanish government. They want either to rely on offerings of the parishioners or to take secular employment to support themselves and their work.

Under the present system, they maintain, the priest "appears to be a civil servant" and his ministry is a "stumblingblock to the faith" identified as a part of the government's program.

Five Priests Face Civil Trial

Florence — (RNS) — Five Catholic priests face trial here on charges of "instigation to delinquency, creating a disturbance during a religious ceremony and use of insulting language" as a result of demonstrations at the parish church of Isolotto.

The demonstrations were held to protest removal of the pastor, Father Enzo Mazzi.

If the priests are convicted, they may face prison sentences of up to 5 years.

Canadians Ponder Lay Action

Toronto, Ont. — (NC) — Delegates from 12 Catholic lay organizations have elected a committee to study the feasibility of a national association.

The committee is to act as a clearing house for information on major projects undertaken by various lay organizations. It has been empowered only to study and recommend.

Good News Department

In this time of divisiveness and discord, three stories from around New York State that week reflect just a portion of the good news there is to report.

Each of them, divergent in nature as well as in location, serves as a reminder of the good will prevalent in the Family of God as brothers work together for the common good.

A Rabbi At Niagara

Washington — (NC) — Rabbi Samuel I. Porath sat back beaming and announced he was "ready to crow" about the Institute of Transportation, Travel and Tourism which he heads at Niagara University.

"We didn't want too much publicity at first, until we got rolling," he said. "But our first semester is completed and everything's going like wildfire, with recognition from the academic and business worlds."

"This is a unique institute and it has an ecumenical angle too, since I'm a rabbi and Niagara is a Catholic university," he stated. The university is conducted by the Vincentian Fathers.

Begun last fall, the institute, or TIT, as Rabbi Porath calls it, offers a curriculum of study to junior and senior college students leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. Students take such courses as freight rates, the marketing of concessions, traffic flow and control, parking terminals, their conversational foreign languages—even guide-book composition.

"Many places study transportation," Rabbi Porath said, "but here is the only place to study travel and tourism, which are so important economically. We look into everything that moves—people, cargo, services, warehousing, storage, pipelines, ocean, air, rail and highway travel, containerization, buses, taxis—even how to get a good hotel clerk."

Asked if TIT is the only institute of its kind in the country, Rabbi Porath replied: "It's the only one in the whole world. It's so new we have to write our own textbooks."

Rabbi Porath is a much-traveled man himself, having visited Japan, Hong Kong, Israel in the past year. He arrived in Niagara Falls 38 years ago to lecture at Temple Beth Israel and stayed to marry a young lady in the

Jew Honored By Fordham

New York — (RNS) — Fordham University, which has educated a sizable number of this city's lawyers, teachers, social workers and businessmen, has opened new facilities to train members of these professions.

The new Leon Lowenstein Center, a 14-story, \$17.5 million, trim, modern edifice is now operating at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

The Jesuit institution was the first sponsor, nearly 14 years ago, to announce its intention to participate in the Lincoln Center project. With the opening of the new building, Fordham is now able to place all of its facilities in Manhattan—Schools of Law, Education, Business, and Social Service—at one location.

Fordham previously had its Manhattan facilities in three locations, including the Woolworth Building in lower Manhattan, a building erected in 1899 by William Waldorf Astor, and a mid-town Manhattan structure. All three have been sold.

The new building at Lincoln Center has been named for Leon Lowenstein, a textile manufacturer who is a Fordham trustee emeritus. He is also extremely active with the work of Jewish agencies and the activities of Roman Catholic and Jewish hospitals here.

He is now Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Israel and says the works "26 hours a day" for the institute.

"I get up an hour earlier in the morning and go to bed an hour later at night," he explained.

Rabbi Porath said he had a hard time selling the TIT project to prospective sponsors. "They all asked me, 'It's such a good idea, how come nobody ever thought of it before?'" he said.

He said he is particularly pleased that officials at Ni-

An Atheist Cares

Buffalo — (NC) — When Father William Donohue, administrator of Sacred Heart parish in Buffalo's inner city, turned to an unusual action to raise funds, he got plenty of assistance from Lew Bronstein, a self-proclaimed atheist.

Bronstein, Buffalo's best-known auctioneer, donated 20 ponies, an assortment of goats, and his services as auctioneer.

Sacred Heart parish grossed some \$28,000 from the auction, Father Donohue said. He reported that the Buffalo diocese, after surveying the financial condition of the parish, informed him that while the diocese would continue to help support it, the parish had to "make every effort to float itself."

In an effort to raise some of the money needed to keep his 154-year-old church and school in operation, Father Donohue contacted some 200 persons and asked them to donate salable goods or their time to a two-day auction in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium.

Some of the donors were Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who gave an autographed inaugural program; Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who donated an autographed book; and Ed Rutkowski of the Buffalo Bills football team, who gave a sweater.

Agara University showed more imagination.

"How ecumenical can one get?" he asked. "The president of Niagara is a Catholic priest and the university is a Catholic institution, the administrative chairman of TIT is a rabbi. The academic director is an Episcopalian. And they all unite to work together for a great cause that will educate young men and women of our nation in the greatest industry that serves mankind, uniting men of all races, creeds, faiths and colors."

Ecumenical Events

Canadian Catholics, Lutherans Meet

Port Credit, Ont. — (RNS) — Roman Catholics and Lutherans, meeting in their first Canadian national consultation, suggested a common format for baptism, counseling by pastors of both faiths in mixed marriages, and a study on joint prayer and action by local congregations.

Twenty-one priests and pastors, a nun and a layman conferred at Queen of the Apostles Retreat House.

While similar dialogues are being conducted in Europe and the U.S. this was the first on a national level in Canada. The Canadians plan to avoid duplication of what has already been done, and concentrate instead on local problems involving local laity and clergy.

The statement recommended:

- That authorities of both Churches approve preparation of a common baptismal rite which, with subsequent approbation, may be used without excluding the use of rites already recognized in each Church.

- That the Churches strive towards joint use of the mass media in promulgating the message of Christ in a relevant way.

- That Catholic and Lutheran speakers be invited to each others' parishes and that a careful study be made of the possible "winning" of congregations for a period of 10 months at the levels of social involvement, common worship, common study and joint charitable action.

U.S. Diaconate Seen Gradual Development

New York — (NC) — The establishment of the diaconate in the United States will be a steady, gradual movement. It will develop when mature laymen become aware of its privileges and the services they can render the Church through it.

That was the prediction of Bishop Ernest L. Unterkoefler of Charleston, S.C., chairman of U.S. Bishops Committee for Diaconates.

The bishop, in a nationwide radio interview, said that the office of permanent deacon (flourished up to the early Middle Ages) "and then abuses crept in and the Church thought it wise to discontinue the office."

"The Second Vatican Council realized that in the renewal and reform of the Church the role of the deacon was going to be an important one."

He added: "It became clear, also, that in missionary areas of the world there were not sufficient numbers of priests, (nor) sufficient numbers of people who could serve the Church as would a deacon in his various responsibilities and functions in carrying on the life of the Church."

Bishop Unterkoefler said the council gave the deacon these roles:

To assist the bishop and the priests, liturgically, in his proper role as one who would assist in the sacrifice of the Mass; to be the custodian of the Holy Eucharist; to preach, baptize; to be given the privilege of being the official witness at marriages; to be permitted to bury the dead outside of the

Fairfield to go co-ed — Fairfield, Conn. — (NC) — Fairfield University here will admit women to its undergraduate college of arts and sciences beginning in the fall of 1970.

CAPITOL HILL ROUND-UP

This column will be prepared weekly during the legislative session with the cooperation of the New York State Catholic Committee in Albany. If you have any questions or comments about your state legislature or government, write to Capitol Hill Round-Up, in care of the Courier-Journal. A selection of representative questions will be answered in the column.

Albany — The newly elected and Republican-dominated legislature is now in its fourth week of work. As of this writing, only one bill has passed both Assembly and Senate and been sent to the governor for his approving signature or veto.

The bill has to do with tax collections in Suffolk County and doesn't affect the rest of the state. This is one of the numerous examples of what legislators call "local bills."

Mainly the talk in the first few weeks has been:

- Education and Welfare: The two top expenditures (over 60%) in the record \$6.4 billion budget (covering state activities from April 1, 1969 to March 31, 1970).

- Taxes: Gov. Rockefeller's plan to increase the state sales tax by 50% (boosting it from 2 to 3 per cent of the cost of shoes, clothes, furniture, automobiles, etc.).

- Cutsback: Gov. Rockefeller's suggestion that his budget be reduced 5 per cent to help make it balance.

Another area getting a lot of newspaper attention is the attempt to loosen up the abortion laws.

There are now five different abortion bills in the legislature. They range from just dropping all restrictions (making it a matter of individual choice with no legal restraint) to permitting aborting a woman up to her fifth month (i.e. 20 weeks) if her child might be born defective; if the child might cause her to become mentally ill; or if she was mentally or physically incapable of caring for her child.

The Senate Public Health Committee under the chairmanship of Sen. N. Lent (R-Nassau) is going to hold three public hearings in February.

It is expected that testimony will be given by people from Colorado and California (both of whom have easy abortion statutes) and the representatives will be questioned as to how the new laws are working; whether the amount of illegal abortions has dropped; what citizens think about the change.

One thing is certain. The legislators will hear statistics compiled at the first International Conference on Abortion held in Washington, D.C. in late 1967 and co-sponsored by the Harvard-Divinity School and the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation.

A book entitled *The Terrible Choice: The Abortion Dilemma* based on the reports given at that conference is available from Bantam Books for 95 cents (Bantam Paperback number N3843). Anyone interested in the medical, psychiatric, social, ethical,

legal and statistical perspective on the issue should read the book.

Among some more startling facts it points out that the high figures often quoted as "deaths from abortion in the U.S." are highly inflated. Actual reports from every state in the U.S. show the 1965 figures of deaths by abortion (legal and illegal) in the entire country stand at 235. Even doubled twice to allow for hidden deaths and wrong diagnosis, that's way below the thousands figure often quoted by the pro-abortionists.

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This week's question:

Q: I've been told that lawyers, in particular, have a special problem in connection with the easy abortion laws. Can you explain what it is?

A: Yes. The Easy Abortion law introduces into our code the concept that the state has the power to prefer the health and happiness of some (mother and/or father) over others (the unborn child).

It represents a grave change in the law since at no time and under no circumstances in the past has Anglo-American law ever sanctioned the destruction of one human being—however useless and unwanted the person would be—for the purpose of securing or increasing the health or happiness of other individuals. Permitting the legal destruction of the child to make the mother happy, they feel, perverts the whole purpose of law to provide equal protection for all.

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Rio de Janeiro — Four Assumptionists of Belo Horizonte signed on charges of subversion have been sentenced to 10 years in prison (Feb. 6).

The Assumptionists three French priests Michel Le Ven, Huguenec and Xavier, and Brother Jose G. Cruz, a Brazilian deacon, were to have been sentenced to 10 years in prison (Dec. 20).

Bishop M

Vatican City — Pope Paul VI has named Bishop Marcos G. C.S.C. to be archbishop of Panama, to succeed op Tomas A. Clave whose resignation was announced Dec. 30.

Archbishop McGovern returns to the archdiocese served as auxiliary from October 1961-1964, when he was head of the diocese of Veraguas.

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