

THE WEEK'S NEWS IN REVIEW

2 Religions Plan Church

Catholics and Protestants are building a joint church in the Netherlands town of Swifterbant on part of the Zuyder Zee that has been reclaimed from the clutches of the North Sea.

The same building will serve the Catholic parish, the local congregation of the Dutch Reformed Church and that of the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands.

The architect is Henry T. Oudejans and the Catholic pastor will be Father Bernard G. Eijsink Ourejans and Father Eijsink prefer to call the building a church center, since it is to be used not only for religious services but for all church activities.

New Timetable for Baptism

The Holy See has notified national episcopal conferences that the new rites for the baptism of children, scheduled to have gone into effect Sept. 8, will now become mandatory only as of next Easter, March 29, 1970.

The Congregation of Divine Worship granted the extension. It was also made clear that when the episcopal conferences have prepared the translations in their own languages, they may require use of the new rite even before March 29, 1970.

Knights to Ponder Student Violence

Resolutions calling for legislation to curb violent student demonstrations and particularly to restrict the activities of the Students for a Democratic Society have been placed on the agenda of the 37th meeting of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, in New Haven, Conn., Aug. 19-21.

The resolution will be debated and voted on by the 387 official delegates to the Supreme Council, the topmost legislative body of the 1.2 million-member society of Catholic men, when it meets here in executive session.

The Knights have 5,600 councils in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Guam and Guatemala. In addition to the official delegates from



Three-time recipient of RIAL's Community of the Year Award, Alliance, Ohio, has now entered Religion in American Life's Hall of Fame in recognition of its fourth outstanding Faith-In-Action Program. An important new feature this year is a housing rehabilitation project. Deteriorating homes are around the world, several thousand other visitors are expected to gather for the convention.

Other resolutions being placed before the Supreme Council deal with the questions of public prayer, abortion, birth control, pornography and the crisis of authority and allegiance in the Catholic Church.

Nun Singers to Aid Mission

The Harmonettes, a group of eight Benedictine Sisters from a priory in Watertown, S. Dak., are spending the sum-

mer giving folk concerts in South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Montana and North Dakota.

Proceeds from the concert tour will go to the Sisters' new mission in Guatemala. The Sisters will work in a community center there teaching Christian family life. They will concentrate on teaching health and sanitation methods to the women and literacy and building techniques to the men.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Today is the Feast of all who believe in God." — a Moslem taxi driver in Rome upon return of Pope from Africa.

'Trial' Monks Decide to Stay

Elgin, Scotland — (NC) — The "be-a-monk-for-a-month" experiment at the 13th-century Benedictine priory in Morayshire has produced tangible results. Two of the first participants in the project have decided to enter the monastic life permanently.

Both are 35 years old and decided to become monks for the rest of their lives after undergoing the monastic experience for a month here.

Under the plan, selected persons can live the full life of the community for about a month. Announcement of the plan earlier this summer attracted over 200 inquiries from all over the world.

The community has 17 Benedictine priests and lay Brothers.

Cardinal Hails Brazil Prelate

Utrecht, The Netherlands — (NC) — Bernard Cardinal Alfrink of Utrecht has hailed Archbishop Helder Pessoa Camara of Olinda and Recife, Brazil, as a "fighter for social justice and human rights, who protests against the distress in the world as one inspired by the Gospel."

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Liturgy Renewal Reaches Half-Way Point

By ETHEL GINTOFT (NC News Service) Milwaukee — "The reform and renewal of the liturgy is at about the half-way point."

Father Joseph M. Champlin, associate director of the secretariat of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Liturgy, sees the half-way route still to be traveled as one of implementation

and adaptation of the changes already introduced. But the total overall result will contain, he feels, that which will touch the hearts of all in the Catholic community.

The reform of the Roman rite, worked on since Vatican Council II by experts in liturgy, theology, Sacred Scripture and other disciplines, he

said, is just about completed. "The introduction of an officially authorized flexibility."

Hopefully, he said, the celebrant, congregation and a parish liturgical committee or other similar group will help plan each liturgy with a freedom to select from a fairly extensive list of approved prayers and readings.

Father Champlin said, he feels the future of Church music "is incredibly bright. I see a picture in which liturgy and the music as an integral part of the liturgy forms the core of every parish," he said. "This will mean full-time, well paid professors of music—adequate budgets for music, planning committees for each Mass.

"I anticipate the eventual and rather beautiful blending of the old and new, the classical and contemporary, the choir and the congregation, the organ and the guitar, the voice and the instrument.

"One element in that future day will run through all — a music of quality in which all will participate."

Father Champlin said a young person with talent for music "would do well to enter college and get a degree in music so that in four or five years he will have the extremely versatile talents needed to assume the role of director of music in a forward looking parish. He will have to direct the choir and lead folk combo. He will have to know four-part harmony on the latest thing by Simon and Garfunkle."

The point is, he observed, quality music will touch every heart, and both progressive and conservative, old and young, will respond to a good choir and competent musicians.

Prelate Closes Clinic

-- Costs Too High

Miami — (NC) — "All you can get is an aspirin—that's all I can give you!"

This is the answer which Dr. Ben Sheppard, director of Miami's Catholic Welfare Bureau, is giving to the hundreds of drug addicts he was formerly helping to "kick" the habit. His clinic was a volunteer operation which Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll has been forced to close.

In announcing the end of the clinic, the Archbishop said it was clear that recently released federal guidelines had made the cost of its operation prohibitive. The guidelines call for well-staffed and in-patient facilities, a two-to-three week hospitalization of addicts, and a complete screening of patients, including physical and psychiatric examinations.

Archbishop Carroll said that although the clinic has closed "the obligation in conscience to continue to be concerned and to care for the addicts still prevails. The need continues."

Marriage, he pointed out, probably more than any liturgical rite, is heavily based on the tradition and the accepted cultural patterns of the country. "Quite frankly, I think the new marriage rite does take this into fairly good consideration and should be acceptable for most people. It allows for the celebrant and the couple to adjust the basic rite to the individuals involved."

It is the cultural pattern in the United States, for example, for the bride to "march down the aisle while the groom nervously waits at the rail," he observed. The new rite states that the celebrant may meet the couple at the entrance to the church and lead them up to the altar or he may meet them both at the altar. There is this option.

"This new rite represents a rather radical departure from traditional procedure. It is something to be experimented with."

Asked what would be major changes in worship still ahead, Father Champlin succinctly

Churches to Help Migrants Settle

Harrisburg, Pa. — (RNS) —

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches, headquartered here, will administer an Office of Economic Opportunity program to help seasonal farm workers out of the migrant stream and into stable communities and employment.

At the end of the harvesting season migrants in the Sunbury-Sellsingsgrove area who wish to, may enter the project. It will include general educational improvement, on-the-job training and vocational education. A six-county area will be the initial solicitation area, with seventy-five persons the goal at present.

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