

Parish Ecumenism

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It is only quite recently that ecumenism is becoming a way of living for any significant number of Christians. Even now it is unlikely that the vast majority of persons in any one parish have ever been involved in an ecumenical venture more organized than an over the back fence discussion with a neighbor of a different faith.

Another area as yet little explored for ecumenical efforts is the use of mass media. A fine example of this is the non-denominational "Telespots" produced by the Franciscan fathers, and seen on local television channels.

Another ecumenical use of TV is the leadership education TV series sponsored jointly by the Minnesota Catholic and Protestant educators and directed to adult leaders, teachers, and parents.

Ecumenical programs such as those offered in the Greece High School adult education program previously described in this column and the "Changing Church" lectures sponsored by three parishes and held in the Corpus Christi Church hall on alternate Tuesdays are good examples of current local ecumenical ventures to explore the meaning of today's Christianity.

The beginnings of cooperation are evident in these and many other areas. The one level that seems to be most lacking in ecumenical efforts—or possibly simply one of the less publicized, is the parish level. The many ventures mentioned here should suggest similar activities adapted to the parish level. If there are no ecumenical parish activities in your parish start considering the possibility now, especially when planning adult education series or programs for teenagers.

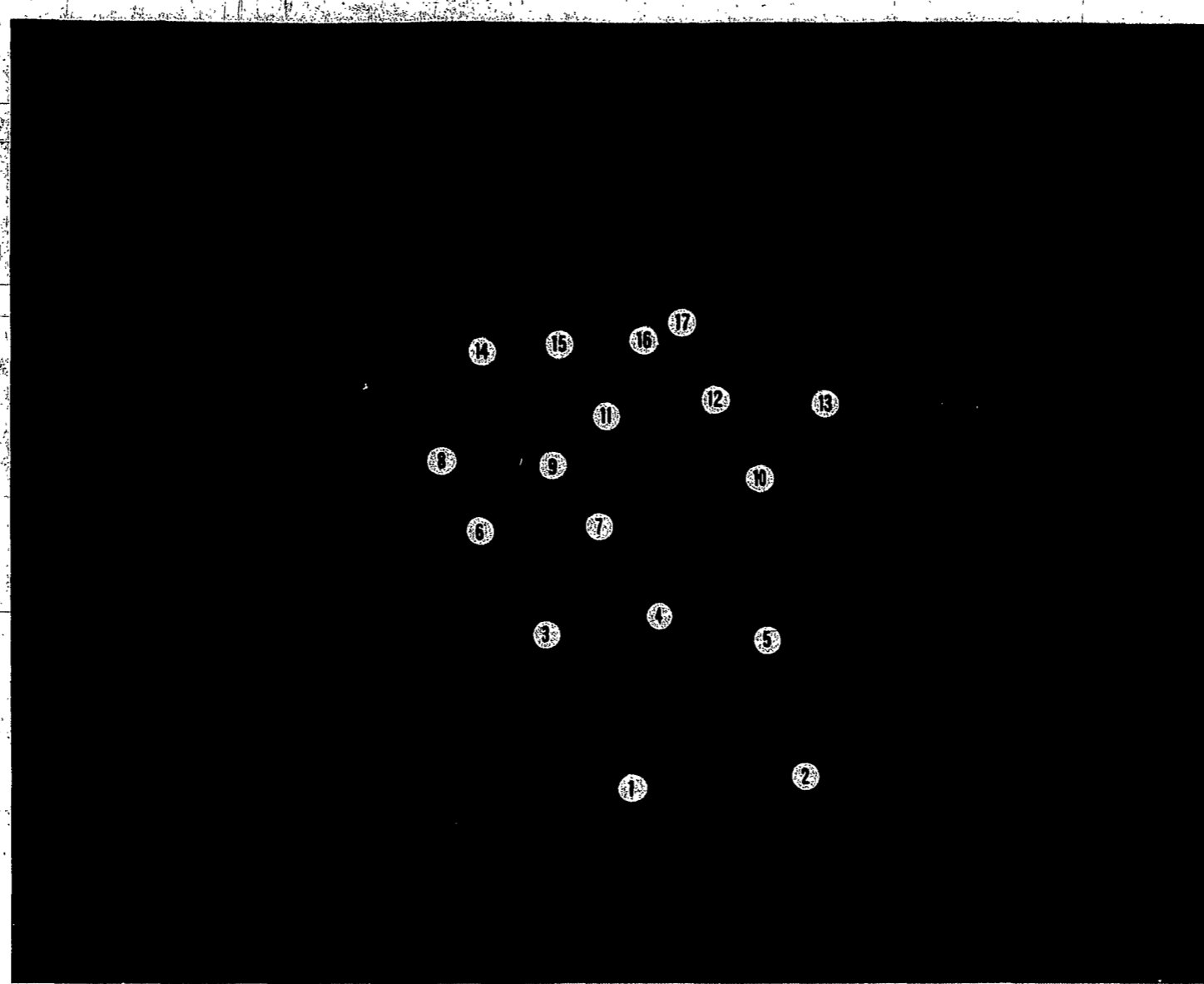
Another example of an outstanding ecumenically sponsored program is the Monday series of lectures sponsored by the Woman's Committee of the Rochester Center for Theological Studies to be held at Colgate Divinity School.

The field of social action is an excellent, in fact essential, meeting ground for all faiths, so explore opportunities in this area.

Recent articles have also indicated the directions that may be taken in the near future and in some cases are being taken already. Joint Catholic and Jewish retreats, ecumenical approaches to Baptism and marriage laws, Eucharistic intercommunion are important beginnings.

The time is long past when Catholics can sit smugly back, confident that God is on our side and that the Holy Spirit speaks only to us—and then through our official channels. Parish programs and education in this area at the parish level are essential—and the need is now.

The fact that it is still news, however, for two faiths to share a building (note the recent ar-



The Identification Continues

In its July 18 issue the Courier-Journal reproduced a group picture of those who made the second diocesan laymen's retreat in 1916. There were many replies to our request for identification of the individuals in the group. Since there was some disagreement about the identity of some of the men, we print herewith the complete original picture with the name or names thus far reported to us. We would appreciate any corrections of this list, and any identifications of the rest of the men in the

group photograph. 1, Leo Fee; 2, William Wynn; 3, Daniel B. Murphy; 4, Fr. Terence J. Shealy, S.J., retreat master; 5, Michael Cavanaugh, or James C. Connolly, or Philip Yawman; 6, John G. Elbes or Leo Hehir; 7, Msgr. James J. Hartley, Rector, St. Bernard's Seminary; 8, Cuthbert T. Lane; 9, Frank Hahn; 10, Frederick J. Hafner; 11, Bernard J. Shaw; 12, James P. B. Duffy; 13, William T. Farrell; 14, Dr. Vincent F. McNamara; 15, Frank Gottry; 16, Thomas Murphy; 17, Louis Whalen.

Church Has Folk Music... Gregorian Too

Two choirs are making the Sunday liturgy more beautiful and meaningful at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Mt. Read Blvd., this Fall.

A group of 16 young musicians and singers leads the congregation in folk music at the 11 o'clock Mass each Sunday, and a vested sanctuary choir sings Gregorian music for the all-Latin High Mass at 9:30 a.m. on every third Sunday of the month.

Inviting the congregation to Latin High Mass, Father George Wood, pastor, said, "It is not stepping backward to pray and sing in the old Latin. Our monthly Latin Mass is an attempt to preserve the rich traditions of the past by using well-sung Gregorian music."

Mrs. Frank Scalise is the director of the folk music and Mrs. William Bianchi directs the Latin choir.

Chaplain Says Children Need "Death Education"

Charlotte, N.C. — (RNS) — A hospital chaplain told local clergymen here that children need "death education" as much as they need sex education.

Addressing a seminar for ministers on counseling the dying and bereaved, Dr. David W. Wilkinson of Presbyterian Hospital here said that death constitutes a threat for those children not having a philosophy of death.

"Children," he said, "need to be prepared to accept and understand and expect death in order to be able to handle it. Education would help people to overcome the fear of their own or loved ones' death."

Miami Youths Back Astronauts On Bible Reading

Miami — Catholic Youth Organization members in the archdiocese of Miami observed Oct. 5 as "Freedom Sunday" and circulated petitions supporting the right of astronauts to read from the Bible while in orbit.

In an effort to counteract criticism by Mrs. Madalyn Murray O'Hair widely publicized atheist, of astronauts for their reading from Genesis during their orbit of the moon, the petition stated:

"We appreciate and wholeheartedly support the recent decision of the astronauts to read from the Bible as they orbited the moon.

Table with columns: Mission Sunday, Missionary Plan, Holy Childhood, Total. Lists contributions for various parishes in Rochester, Auburn, and other areas.

Report of 1968 Parish Contributions to Papal Mission Societies

Large table with columns: Mission Sunday, Missionary Plan, Holy Childhood, Total. Lists contributions for various parishes across multiple dioceses including Avon, Corning, Elmira, Fairport, Geneva, Ithaca, Penfield, Webster, and others.

Business in Diocese

George M. Seelman has been elected president of Aloys G. Fischer, Inc. Seelman has been associated with Aloys G. Fischer, Inc., and its predecessor for more than 30 years. He is a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Greece and is a graduate of Aquinas Institute.

Robert A. Antinarelli of 193 Wahl Road, Irondequoit, has joined Hutchins Advertising Co., Inc. as an assistant account executive in the Public Relations Group. Antinarelli, 26, was graduated from Ricker College in 1964 with a B.A. degree in business administration, and has done graduate work in business administration at the University of Maryland.

'Preservation' of Churches Cited by Visitor to U.S.S.R.

Santa Fe, N.M. — (RNS) — Soviet restoration of historic Russian churches impressed a Santa Fe architect who recently visited the U.S.S.R. for a Soviet-American symposium on interior design.

John J. Conron wrote in the current issue of the "New Mexico Architect" that preserving such historic churches—as the wooden Church of the Transfiguration in Suzdal "provides the visual means of acquainting the people with the nation's heritage."

"However," the Santa Fe architect wrote, "the opportunity for capturing an increasing share of foreign tourist travel is undoubtedly the major factor in this massive preservation effort."

"Evidence of the new emphasis upon historic preservation could be seen from our windows in the Hotel Rossiya in Moscow," he noted. "Three small Orthodox cathedrals have become a part of the entrance landscape.

"Currently undergoing extensive restoration, the long abandoned churches separate the hotel from the street and form a beautiful foil of history as you are driven past them."

Mr. Conron also described extensive restoration work done on several cathedrals inside the Kremlin walls.

The architect noted that the church restorations are purely for "education and recreation," as his Russian architect hosts described it, and that for the Russians "Red Square is the cathedral, the St. Peter's of the Communist religion... and the main shrine of reverence — Lenin's tomb."

BISHOP McCAFFERTY RETREAT SPEAKER

Caranaguana — Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty will speak at a 2 p.m. Mass Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Caranaguana Retreat House. The day has been set aside as "Family Day" for retreatants and their relatives.

AUTO BLESSING AT FATIMA SHRINE

Cars will be individually blessed at our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Youngstown, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, during a motorcade Rosary procession.

An intention has been given to each decade of the Rosary as follows: 1. For the people driving every day to and from their place of work; 2. For the drivers of school buses; 3. For the drivers for the families' needs, vacation purposes, chartered buses and trucks during the winter months; 4. For teen-ager drivers; 5. For the repose of the souls of the deceased because of a car accident.



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Table with columns: RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Lists financial details for the Propagation of Faith Society and Association of Holy Childhood.

Table titled 'CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT DIOCESAN OFFICE' listing various contributions and their amounts.

Table titled 'Institutions and Groups' listing various organizations and their financial contributions.