



From the Office of Human Concern

By Father John J. Hempel

The Office of Human Concern was born on July 1st this year, by the merger of the Secular Mission and the Office of Urban Ministry.

The Office of Urban Ministry is a part of the "Joint Office" of Urban Ministry and this consists of the Catholic Church functioning with the Urban Ministry of the Council of Churches.

The Office of Human Concern consists of myself as rector, my personal secretary, Mrs. Phyllis Donahue; the Rev. Mr. Larry Coppard who is our administrative assistant; Sister Grace Miller, representing the north central sector of Rochester, which is essentially the 5th and 7th Wards; Sister Genevieve Glasow who represents the south west sector of Rochester, essentially the 19th Ward; Sister Mary Jane Nelson who functions for communication of the Joint Office Training Program and Sister Mary Kieran who is involved in legislation and the experimental school dialogue.

We are pleased to have with us this year Father Daniel O'Neill, a Carmelite Father as an intern. He is now a part of the staff of the Office of Human Concern. Our headquarters is in St. Monica's old school, Genesee Street, Rochester.

The other part of the Joint Office is the Urban Ministry of the Council of Churches, headed by the Rev. Perry T. Fuller and his personal secretary, Miss June Totten; a communication expert on their staff, Rev. Stephen Richardson who is assisted by Sister Barbara Sienkewich.

A multitude of others contribute much time and effort to implementing the training program for social change. This training program is the main thrust of the Joint Office of Urban Ministry for this year.

In addition our office is attempting to establish additional programs such as central warehousing for the inner city parishes, the possibility of making our inner city schools community oriented to meet the needs of their areas more realistically.

The Secular Mission consists of myself as Director with three priests that are, strictly speaking, most autonomous.

Father Timothy Weider is especially active in Steuben County area and has a most involved poverty center at Perkinsville, consisting of a medical-mental clinic, day care center and nursery. Father has 10 Vista workers under his supervision and has made a great impact especially in the area of migrants. At present he is planning a low-cost help-housing project. He also functions as administrator for Sacred Heart parish in Perkinsville.

Father Robert Buckland has the responsibility for Yates, Seneca and Ontario Counties. He resides at St. Michael's rectory in Penn Yan and the Waterloo-Seneca Falls area. These poverty centers are now community and ecumenical in nature to serve the needs of the disadvantaged in those areas. At present Father Buckland is attempting to program a medical clinic for the disadvantaged in Yates County in cooperation with Yates County Steering Committee.

Father George Gauthier is the third member of the Secular Mission team. At present he is developing the Christian community concept in the area of Candor. He is responsible for Tioga and Tompkins counties. He lives in St. Patrick's rectory in Owego, however he has an office in the town of Candor and in addition to his community commitment also acts

as chaplain to Camp McCormick, a state school for boys. At this time the Secular Mission is making an overture into Wayne County attempting to support low-cost housing and another House of Concern, similar to those already established.

This in outline form is what the Office of Human Concern is all about.

It is our hope each week to keep you abreast of what the office is doing by means of memos to Courier-Journal readers which would normally originate from this Office of Human Concern. Even though the memos will be to individuals, some of whom you may or may not know, these memos will generally involve issues — issues which are important in our time. Some controversial issues will be discussed in longer articles. In any event, I welcome your response to these memos or articles, but especially your constructive criticism.

The Joint Office moved Nov. 1, from 657 Main St. W. to the second floor of St. Monica's old school at 841 Genesee St.

Family Rosary

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

Friday, Nov. 7 — Edward P. Micek of St. Anne's, accompanied by the Kolping Society.

Saturday, Nov. 8 — Mass will be celebrated.

Sunday, Nov. 9 — Edward J. Zasowski of Holy Ghost.

Monday, Nov. 10 — A representative of St. Joseph's Holy Name Society.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 — Dan Porter of St. Augustine's, with the Junior Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Fatima Præsidium.

Deaths

T. A. Busch

Auburn—Theodore A. Busch, 76, a retired major in the New York State National Guard who served this city as parade organizer and marshal for many years, died Oct. 25, 1969. The funeral was last Wednesday at St. Alphonsus Church.

Mr. Busch, a businessman, had been active in veterans' affairs and community enterprises throughout the 25 years he lived in Auburn. He had served as commander of W. Mynderse Rice American Legion Post, and as Cayuga County and Seventh District commander. In 1967-68 he was a state vice commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks and the Holy Name Society.

He was a native of Brooklyn and a Columbia University alumnus. During World War I he served with the Coast Artillery. His home was at 137 E. Genesee.

Survivors include his widow Dorothy Busch, who is principal of East High School; a son, Gilbert Busch, mayor of Hillsdale N.J.; a sister, Mrs. Wilbur Vogt of Fremont; a brother, John, of Largo, Fla.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Hogan

Mrs. Catherine Hogan, aunt and godmother of Bishop-designate Joseph L. Hogan, died Nov. 1, 1969, at her home in Lima. The funeral was Wednesday at St. Rose Church.

Mrs. Hogan, 76, lived all her life in Lima and was town tax collector for many years. Her husband, Edward, died two years ago.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Lewis Davison, Webster; Mrs. Peter Hasenauer and Mrs. Chester Kubus, Rochester; three sons, J. Eugene Hogan, Rochester; Roger F., of Lima; two sisters, the Misses Ethel and Anne Isabel Caragher of Rochester, and several nieces and nephews.

Julia Dash

Julia Dash, mother of two St. Joseph nuns, died Oct. 31, 1969. The requiem Mass was offered last Monday in the chapel at St. Ann's Home.

Mrs. Dash, formerly 87 472 Roxborough Road, was the widow of George Dash. She leaves four daughters, Sister M. Ancilla of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira; Sister Mary George, at Our Mother of Sorrows; Mrs. Joseph Porreca of New Jersey and Mrs. Walter Bull, a son.

George J. Dash, Jr., nine-grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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TEENAGERS WANT TO KNOW

By FATHER MARTIN

Dear Father,
What is the meaning of original sin? How does it affect us when we are born? I remember we got one explanation when we were in grade school; now we seem to be hearing something else. I'm not quite clear anymore on just what original sin is.

Dear Ted,

There are two ways of looking at original sin. First, as the state in which we are all born (we are born, sinners, into a world that has suffered the consequences of sin and evil).

Secondly, original sin can be looked upon as the first, original catastrophe by which this evil entered human history. If you read the Bible carefully, you will see that almost every page refers to the sinfulness of this world. But there are only a few references to the

so-called "original" sin which brought about this evil.

What the sacred writers are clearly saying is this: The world around is full of sin and misery. Who is to blame? Surely not God, who is all good. Who else, then, but man himself?

Under the inspiration of God, the writers of the Old Testament concluded that, from the outset, God must have offered mankind a state of happiness, a state of intimate, loving union with Himself. He made man "in His own image" and so offered him new horizons beyond his own earth-bound existence. This is what we now call grace, or a share in God's own life. But man said, "No, thanks," to these gifts. He rebelled against God, went against God's will, refused to look beyond the narrow confines of his own earthly existence.

How and when this great tragedy took place, we are not certain. But it was recorded for history in the story of Adam

and Eve. (Adam means "man.") The purpose of the story is to stress God's goodness and lay the blame squarely on the shoulders of man himself. With each succeeding generation, this initial refusal of divine love is ratified or consented to by each one's personal sins. As St. Paul put it: Spiritual death or separation from God "has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned" (Rom. V, 12). It is as if the "original" rebellion set off a chain reaction down to our own day, down to you and me and my sins.

Original sin in a person means that the child is born without that Divine Life which God had intended for the child (or adult) and it destroys original sin. Later on, when we reach the use of reason we ratify our Baptism with our acts of faith.

But God wills the salvation of all men. Baptism, then, places the seed of Divine Life in the child (or adult) and it destroys original sin. Later on, when we reach the use of reason we ratify our Baptism with our acts of faith.

Dear Father,

I know that everything that God made is good. Where does sex come in? I know it's good, but sometimes I think it's bad because my parents have never discussed it with me, and I'm already a junior in high school.

The priest in our parish once read an excellent booklet to our class treating the subjects of love, sex, and marriage, but someone who just wasn't enough.

A priest can advise you also. Sex education, as all education, is something that goes on all our life.

My parents do read your column, so maybe you could make them realize their serious obligation in this matter.

JANICE

Dear Janice,

Parents do have a serious obligation to give their children sex education. Some parents do do a good job but others completely neglect the responsibility.

Some times parents are silent on the subject because of shyness even though they are convinced that sex education for their child is very important. Unfortunately, many of today's parents did not receive guidance from their own parents, so they claim they don't really know how to go about explaining it to their own children. It would help if you asked questions or if you would just sit down with your parents and talk about your problems.

Sex is one of God's important gifts to us and, like all of His gifts, it should be understood and valued. As you say, there is only good connected with God's gifts. So there is no reason why parents and children should not talk about this important gift of God's. I hope parents and teenagers who are reading this column will make a firm resolution, right now, to bring the topic up for discussion, if they have not already discussed it adequately.

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Elmira Society 60 Years Old

The Sacred Heart Ladies Society of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, held a 60th anniversary dinner last week, after a Mass of Thanksgiving. Shown above are the new president, Mrs. Virginia Miranda, and the senior past president, Mrs. Congettina Lisi. Father William A. Burns, pastor, conducted a reception ceremony for new members and Mayor Edward T. Lagonegro addressed the group.

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Other interesting religious signs, forms, if any are displayed and the authority and doctrinal stress is falling on a he relates to God—the human realm it.
A quotation from the message Pope Paul VI gave to the Apollo 11 crew of other leaders attributed to King I. naut Edwin Aldrin Apollo 11 telecast to
"When I look at the works of the moon and stars have established
What is man that he should be
of him...
Yet Thou has made God,
And dost crown him and honor.
Thou hast given him the works of Thy hands
And hast put all feet upon him."
It is the question of capabilities, and will—which theological motif be individual and corporate within the space program.
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By J. E
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He returned to t interviewed for the comment, the ge was somewhat mor ing to my standard didn't state this s new. To observe day's Catholics th interested in the falo Bills in imp in their family fr are in the intellect Vatican II."
At first reading to forget to make