

Prayers for Peace Scheduled at Cathedral

The faculty and students of St. Bernard's Seminary will hold a prayer service for peace in Sacred Heart Cathedral at 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14.

According to Rev. Mr. Edward Zandy, a deacon at St. Bernard's, this prayer service was an outgrowth of seminars conducted by faculty members on such topics as Christian pacifism and the just war, developing countries, and political change and the draft.

The coincidence of the prayer vigil with the national "moratorium days" scheduled for December, prompted the Courier-Journal to request the following statement from the faculty and students.

Peace is not just a political issue. We believe we should

start with prayer, and that though prayer without work is empty, prayer for peace is not irrelevant or merely a gesture.

We are concerned that many people in our present national situation too easily attribute insensitivity to others with views differing from theirs. We are concerned that because we as a nation have had to be involved in war so many times in the past, that we may come, unconsciously, to look upon war as a natural part of our dealings with the world.

We are concerned that between 60 million and 100 million people have been killed through warfare so far this century. We do not say that our nation should not have fought, but that as Christians we cannot accept such catastrophe as something which always has happen-

ed and always will happen. Any man sensitive to the worth of a human life is shocked by the horror of such loss of life.

We believe in peace. The greatest deterrent to world peace is the feeling on the part of so many of us (let's be practical, we say) that world peace is not really possible.

Our own American bishops witness the growing Christian concern about world peace in their statement "Human Life in our Day."

"We earnestly appeal to our own government and all governments to give the elimination of the present international war system a priority consistent with the damaging effect of massive armament programs on all the objectives of the good society to which enlightened governments give priorities: education, public health, a true sense of security, prosperity, maximum liberty. . . . We deplore the lack of a stable persevering national concern for the promotion of the international common good."

Yet we also fear that the difference between our belief and our action is enormous and intolerable.

The community at St. Bernard's, together with others, is searching for peace. We believe the Church shares responsibility for what goes on at home and abroad, war overseas and violence in our country. If the movements for peace as well as the conducting of war have been contrary to Christian principles, we have no one to blame but ourselves. Our voice has been silent; our action missing.

We join in prayer not to prove any one politically partisan position right or wrong, but to reflect on what our faith has to say about our problems today.

Because we are preparing for

priestly ministry in this world and sense this is as the gravest problem of our age, we believe theological education and spiritual formation cannot treat this question as a merely peripheral issue.

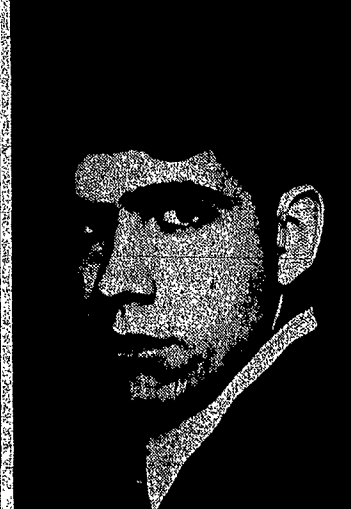
We are forming no program or campaign. Yet we do feel that we have theological and spiritual resources here and would hope that priests and laity, in sermons, discussion groups and talks, might feel free to avail themselves of these.

Glee Club Sets Yule Concert

The St. John Fisher College Glee Club, under the direction of H. Wendell Howard, will culminate a week of singing in the Rochester area on Sunday, Dec. 14, in Kearney Auditorium when they present their annual Christmas concert.

The concert, beginning at 4 p.m. and open to the public, will feature such numbers as "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella," "Deck the Halls," "Jingle Bells" and other songs done with special arrangement. The Barbershop Quartet will sing two songs and John Chiazza will be featured in a solo.

The Glee Club also will present a half-hour program on Christmas Eve at 11:30 p.m. on WROC-TV.



JOHN P. DEBERNARDO
Diocesan Student Elected at Fisher

A man from the Diocese of Rochester has been elected to the Student Board Association at St. John Fisher College.

The Student Board is the governing body for the students at the private, independent, liberal arts college for men.

John P. DeBernardo, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic DeBernardo of 73 Tartarian Circle, Greece, is a graduate of Aquinas Institute where he participated in football, the French Club and was a member of the Student Council. He is a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church.

DeBernardo is a pre-law student.

Party Slated For Children of St. Bridget's

"A whole tableful of goodies," to quote Santa Claus' helper, will be spread out Thursday for the children of St. Bridget's. Their friends downtown foot the bill.

Neil Trama of Heath Drugs, a 1942 graduate of the St. Bridget school who now lives in East Rochester, has been getting up such parties for seven years, and every Christmas tops the last one in contributions, he says.

After the Christmas party, there is money left for little treats through the year, Trama added.

Cusker to Head County Bar

Eugene R. Cusker, active Catholic layman, will be 1971 president of the Monroe County Bar Association.

He was elected last week as first vice president for 1970. This officer automatically becomes president in the following year.

Cusker, with Dr. Thomas R. Sweeney, was selected early this year as cochairman of the diocesan Right To Life Committee, formed to alert the laity about attempts to liberalize the state's abortion law.

Cusker, active in the Knights of Columbus and other organizations for many years, is a partner with his son, Thomas J., in the law firm of Cusker & Cusker. He is a graduate of Fordham Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1934.

Eastman Musicians Schedule Concerts

Eastman School musicians will perform next week in three concerts that are open to the public without charge.

Violinist Carroll Glenn, cellist Alan Harris and conductor Jonathan Sternberg, all of the faculty, will join 13 students in a Vivaldi program Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14, at 3 at Memorial Art Gallery.

On Monday evening, at 8, the Eastman Polyphonic Choir will sing "Charpentier's Christmas Midnight Mass and 'Magnificat in G'" at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word, East Avenue at Goodman. M. Alfred Bichsel will direct the choir in its 10th annual Christmas program.

The Eastman Wind Ensemble, conducted by Donald Hunsberger, will present five contemporary American works in a program at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Eastman Theatre.

The school's Opera Theatre will present "Pelleas and Melisande" at the Carnegie at 8:15 tonight and tomorrow night, Dec. 12-13, in the Eastman Theatre. For tickets and information, 275-3037.

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