

# The New Order of the Mass

This is the seventh in a series of articles on the new Order of the Mass.

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(NC News Service)

When the Jew in the Old Testament prayed, he gave thanks for the wonderful works of God in his behalf. Part of his thanksgiving, after expressing delight, was to recount the marvelous interventions of God he had experienced. He asked God for continued favors, then concluded his prayer with a hymn of praise.

Christian prayer quite naturally arose from Jewish roots.

The Mass is an act of "eucharist" or thanksgiving. It takes its name as Eucharist from the idea of thanksgiving and from the Eucharistic Prayer — that central part of the Mass which extends from the dialogue which introduces the Preface up to the Lord's Prayer.

A year ago three new eucharistic prayers were added to the venerable Roman Canon. These are our four optional prayers of thanksgiving, to be selected in developing a theme.

The chief elements which make up the eucharistic prayer are:

1. The Thanksgiving, expressed especially in the Preface, in which the priest gives thanks for the entire work of salvation but expresses it in a particular way according to the day, feast, or season.

2. The Acclamation, or Sanctus, in which the entire congregation joins.

3. The Epiclesis, or an invocation addressed to the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon the gifts or the assembly, "that we may become one body, one spirit in Christ."

4. The Narration of the institution, or words of consecration, in which the words and actions of Christ at the Last Supper are made present.

5. The Anamnesis, or the memorial of the passion, glorious resurrection and ascension of Christ into heaven. This is the core prayer.

6. The Oblation of the pure host for the needs of the assembly.

7. The Intercession, in which the offering is made with each and every member, living and dead.

8. The final Doxology, or hymn of glory and praise to the Father, through, with and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit — a resume of

the entire prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

Eucharistic Prayer I, or the ancient Roman Canon, is distinguished by solemnity and brevity. It dates from at least the beginning of the fifth century and practically has undergone no change since the beginning of the seventh century. It later became the one and only canon for the entire Church.

This prayer may be used at any time, but is the preferred choice for special feasts which have proper texts to give a special motif to the day. Also it ought to be used on those days in which the saints mentioned in the prayer are celebrated.

The three new eucharistic prayers have the same basic structure, but each has its own spiritual, pastoral and stylistic distinctiveness.

Eucharistic Prayer II is distinguished by brevity and simplicity of concepts and thus can be used with great benefit for ferial Masses and Masses for children, youth or small groups. It is a good starting point in a catechesis of the various elements of a eucharistic prayer. It has its own proper Preface but a suitable substitute may be used.

Eucharistic Prayer III is of moderate length, has clarity

of structure, and one part flows immediately into the next. Its structure and style are designed for use with any of the old or new Roman Prefaces. It could be used alternately with Eucharistic Prayer I for Sundays.

Eucharistic Prayer IV gives a synthesis of salvation history, developed in an orderly fashion before the institution narrative. It should be used, in its entirety with its own Preface.

The Eucharistic Prayer is the "Word" which gives meaning to the sacramental ritual of fraternal peace and Communion. As the very heart-core of the Mass, the Eucharistic Prayer will "either make or break" the progress of liturgical renewal in our times.

In retrospect, every Mass "in memory of Christ" takes its pattern from what Our Lord did at the Last Supper. He took bread (Preparation of the Gifts), gave thanks (The Eucharistic Prayer), broke the bread (the breaking of bread), and gave it to His disciples (the Communion).

This is what the Mass is about.

NEXT WEEK: A closer look at the formula prayers of the Mass: the Glory to God, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.



Mrs. Robert Chrosniak, grand regent of the Catholic Daughters, Court St. Michael, presents contribution to Father Robert Buckland for out-patient clinic.

## Rushville Clinic Gets Financial Support

Rushville — The Catholic Daughters, Court St. Michael, made a \$200 contribution to the Yates County Out-Patient Clinic here marking the first donation the clinic received.

Since that opening contribution gifts have been received from the House of Concern (\$1,000); Secular Mission (\$1,000); Rushville Friendship House (\$500); Next-to-New Toy Sale (\$100) and two anonymous donations amounting to \$250.

The organizing committee for the clinic is headed by Father Robert Buckland, a regional director of the Secular Mission of the Office of Human Concern. The clinic will service low income families in Yates County and portions of Ontario County.

General medical, surgical pre-natal and eye clinics are planned as well as counseling services.

Volunteers are needed for the renovation of the clinic building and in collecting equipment and supplies.

Father Buckland says that committee members are available to describe the clinic to community groups.

## Burke to Be Canisius Aide

Thomas C. Burke, a member of the Lines, Wilkins and Osborn law firm, has been appointed Rochester area representative for Canisius College.

Burke, a 1961 Canisius graduate, will act as liaison between the college and its alumni and friends in the Greater Rochester area. He and his wife, Kirsten live at 25 Castlebar Road.

## 5 from Neighborhood To Become Directors Of Settlement House

In an unusual display of community action, five seats on the board of directors of Genesee Settlement House will be filled in an open neighborhood election tomorrow (Jan. 17).

The present board of 27, which includes two ex officio members, will be expanded to 32 to allow for the election of five neighborhood residents.

The voting age has been set at 18 years and the election will be monitored by the League of Women Voters. There are seven candidates for the five seats. They are Mrs. Angeline Caterino, 152 Pennsylvania Ave.; Frank Glover, 11 Vetter St.; Mrs. Ezekiel Green, 619 Scio St.; Nathan Harris Jr., 108 Garson Ave.; Mrs. Beverly Santos, 25 Pennsylvania Ave.; Miss Joan D. Staffier, 115 High St., and Mrs. Dora Terry, 44 Garson Ave.

Election hours are from noon to 9 p.m. with polling places at St. Francis Xavier Church, Bay Street; Christ Lutheran Church, Fourth Street and Central Park, and 82 Central Park.

The voting age is bounded on the north by Clifford Ave.

## Unity Service Set for Greece

The annual Church Unity service sponsored by the Greece Pastor's Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, in Messiah Lutheran Church, 4301 Mt. Read.

Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM, Cap. of St. Bernard's Seminary, has prepared a slide and sound presentation entitled "Christians Face the Seventies." He will be assisted in the program by the Rev. Ivory Simmons, who, like Father Sebastian, works among the migrants of Wayne County.

## PARENTS INVITED TO NURSES' MEET

TheMa Quicke, a mental health consultant with the Monroe County Health Department, will speak on "Your Teenager and You" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, in Christ the King auditorium, Kings Highway.

The meeting, sponsored by the Irondequoit Council of Nurses, is open to all parents.

## ECUMENICAL SING-IN

A choral group from Guardian Angels Church will participate in an "ecumenical sing-in" sponsored by the Rush-Henrietta League of Churches at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, in Christ View United Methodist Church, 174 Pinnacle Rd.

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Holiday Greetings by Elmira Knights Elmiraans passing Lake Road at Lewis Street noted above reminder sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council there. Pictured from left are Council officers: William McGill, Francis Maloney, Frank Belligotti, F. William Kane; Grand Knight Joseph A. McCluskey; Clement Knuth, Cornelius Sullivan, John Disbrow.

## Social Notes

St. Rita's Society of St. Rita's parish, Webster, will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20. The program will include a jewelry demonstration.

Gordon Vogt of East Rochester will serve a spaghetti supper Saturday night Jan. 24, to his colleagues in the Rochester Catholic Adult Club. Reservations should be made by Jan. 22 with Carmie Petote, 458-5236.

Instead of holding their regular guild meeting, the women of St. Christopher's parish will assemble in the Rochester Gas & Electric Company auditorium at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, for a demonstration on informal entertaining. Mrs. Mary Johnson, 889-4646, will arrange a ride for anyone who needs it.

The Rosary-Altar Society of St. Theodore's invites the entire parish to hear a talk on narcotics at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28. Peter Beck, a State Police investigator, will be the speaker. Church services will precede the meeting, at 8.

Mercy High School alumnae and their friends will give a silver tea next Sunday, Jan. 18, for Mrs. Evelyn Young, who will retire this month from the faculty after 25 years as gym teacher. The tea will be from 3 to 5 p.m. in the gym, under the chairmanship of Eileen Emery Heberle, '45, and Marlene Bieck Gargan, '62.

The Rosary Guild of Christ the King parish will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, for a program on the March of Dimes.

## Unity Service Set In Seneca Falls

Seneca Falls — The people of Seneca Falls are invited to an ecumenical service at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, in St. Patrick's Church. Clergymen of five denominations will take part.

A group of high school students will be directed in folk songs by Sister St. Benedict of St. Patrick's School. Prayers and Gospel readings will be offered by the Rev. Charles H. Marks of the Methodist Church; the Rev. Charles Felber, Baptist; the Rev. LeRoy C. Hertzog, Presbyterian; and Father Leo E. Lynch, St. Patrick's pastor. The Rev. Robert Shackles of the Episcopal Church will preach the sermon.

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