

Earth Day!

Don Marquis once had Archie the Cockroach tell him: "It won't be long now it won't be long before the earth is as barren as the moon and sapless as a mumbled bone." This was some years after God created the world and saw that it was good.

The human exploitation and pollution of the natural order have, in the eyes of many, brought the earth to the brink of an evening followed by a dawn over an uninhabitable planet.

Archbishop Phillip Hannan of New Orleans said recently of pollution: "It's basically a theological problem. Is it right, for instance, for a man to drive a 350 horsepower car that he really doesn't need, using up a great deal of fuel provided by nature—and using it for a very limited purpose—a purpose that can be served by much less expenditure of fuel, and therefore with less fumes?"

Environment, and ecology,

the science of man's relationship with the earth and its inhabitants, is emerging as a major concern.

The Catholic college campuses in Rochester, St. John Fisher and Nazareth, are among the institutions celebrating today (April 22) as "Earth Day" as part of a nationwide demonstration involving civic, religious and educational units.

The schools are starting the day picketing at the Emerson Street landfill. The day will be filled with inter-campus TV broadcasts, seminars and panel-discussions on environmental pollution. The highlight of the program is an evening talk by Richard M. Muther, president of Muther Engineering Co., specialists in the manufacture of air and water anti-pollution devices.

Around the nation, besides the campus demonstrations, a number of religious groups are making their bid for planetary health, among them, an ecumenical Faith-Man-Nature

Group exploring pollution from religious ethical and scientific viewpoints. The group recently issued a statement which read, in part: "We confess . . . (the) misuse of nature has corrupted the quality of men's relations with each other and threatens the future of mankind itself."

The ecological movement even has a patron saint: Francis of Assisi. The 13th Century monk preached the equality of all creatures, addressed the sun as his brother and warned

against a super-superior human attitude toward nature.

Significantly, the ecologists have recently been pointing to Vatican II and its stress on "the theological dynamics of community" as a harbinger of issues the movement has taken up.

Churchmen, as in the example of Archbishop Hannan, have even taken up such themes as the morality of operating the automobile, a major source of air pollution. According to a

study appearing in "Traffic Quarterly," for every 1,000 gallons of gasoline the car consumes, 3,200 pounds of carbon monoxide, 200-400 pounds of organic waste and 60-100 pounds of other poisons are made available for the breathing.

The degree to which persons or societies are willing to deny themselves—say, of pollutive devices—for the sake of environment is a religious matter, for it involves community welfare and personal discipline, both historic religious themes.



William Tozer, chairman, Theresa Carapella, James Murphy, Theresa Martuscello helped in display.

Science Panorama

Corning — The work of three Catholic schools was featured in a science display at St. Patrick School here.

Models in the display included dioramas, charts, and demonstrations in science ranging from simple scientific facts from grade one through study of ecology, biology and earth science from junior high.

Sister Helen Therese, SSJ., vice principal of St. Patrick School was in charge and William Tozer of St. Patrick's was chairman. Mrs. Raymond Szupillo of St. Vincent dePaul School and James Hagenback of St. Mary School assisted.

Newman Club Takes Washington Trip

Auburn — Thirty-seven members of the Auburn Community College Newman Club will go to Washington, D.C., this weekend, to visit the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception and the Kennedy Memorial.

Annually, the ACC Newmanites plan a spring trip, combining tourism with a visit to some shrine. Last year they made a three-day trip to St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec.

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Chamber Music Slated

A program of chamber music, composed by Albion Gruber, assistant professor of music at Nazareth College, will be presented at 8 p.m., Sunday, April 26 at the college's Arts Center.

The program will consist of two-piano pieces, a duo for violin and horn, a woodwind quintet, movements for violin and piano, and a trio for violin, clarinet and piano. These compositions were written by Dr. Gruber over the past several years. The trio was just recently completed.

Featured performers will be members of the music department faculty, players from the woodwind section of the Rochester Philharmonic, an advanced student of the college, and the composer's wife.

Admission will be free.

A Missionary Reports

Bishop Hogan in Brazil

Bishop Hogan's visits to three convents of the Rochester Sisters of St. Joseph in south-central Brazil two weeks ago prompted the following reflection by one of the Sisters stationed there.

By SISTER MARIANA PILOT, SSJ.

If anyone wanted a true picture of the Brazilian, he should have been with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan on his visit here in the interior city of Uberlandia. The Brazilian's beautiful simplicity, hospitality and sincerity were very much in evidence.

Everywhere he went, the bishop was invited into their homes, as humble as they are, to sit and "chat". With the help of interpreters, he graciously chatted with them and they were pleased and proud to think a bishop from the United States had been in their homes.

As we went along the dusty streets of our parish, a woman after woman extended an invitation to come in for "cafezinho"; that is, a small cup of strong-sweet coffee. I'm sure if he had accepted every invitation, he would still be here drinking "cafezinho"!

Even when we stopped at a gas station to re-fuel, one of the parishioners who worked there

wanted the bishop to come into the station for coffee. This is typical Brazilian — to put everything aside to take time out just to chat and drink cafezinho with another person. This for me, demonstrates the value the Brazilian places on persons rather than on things.

I remember my first experience of visiting a Brazilian home and how uncomfortable I felt just chatting; I wanted to get right to the point. However, there is an unwritten Brazilian rule that you wait until the cafezinho is served before conducting business. This gives one the opportunity to concentrate on persons.

We Americans are so used to efficiency in dealing with people that we overlook the human element in our daily contacts. It is so easy for us to pick up the phone, call a person, and immediately get to the point without wasting any time on extras. For the Brazilian, the extras come first.

The simplicity and humanness of the Brazilian can be demonstrated in the following incident. One of our married parishioners, Fatima, told us after Mass last night that since Bishop Hogan's visit, she felt more love for humanity.

This is a woman, who besides caring for her husband and seven children, visits the sick in her area, is the backbone of the Mothers' Club, and the organizer of a married couples bi-weekly discussion group under the auspices of the Catho-

lic Family Movement. The day we brought the bishop to her home, unannounced, she was furious that we had not warned her so she could have been ready to receive him. As we were leaving, she had forgotten all about being angry since the bishop had won her over completely.

And she's not alone in her conviction. His enjoyment of our welcome sign, capacity to appreciate people for what they are, personal greeting of peace during Mass, ability to feel, to receive, to discern between essential and superficial, mixture of seriousness and humor, rendition of the Lima school song, are still vivid memories. For us, too, Bishop Hogan's presence has given a new strength and courage.



Dr. Alfonse R. Miele, executive vice president of Loretto Heights College in Denver, has been named president of the College of Saint Rose, Albany. The 48-year-old educator, taking office July 1, will be the first male to head the institution, which recently became co-educational. Dr. Miele, a New Yorker, holds degrees from Fordham and Columbia and has taught languages at Columbia, the U.S. Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy and Loretto Heights. He served in Europe during World War II and was aide-de-camp to the NATO commander, 1952-55.

Parish Society

Fifty Years Old

The St. George Benevolent Society, which was organized April 7, 1920, in St. Andrew's parish, will celebrate its 50th anniversary on May 15, with a banquet at Logan's.

A social hour will start at 7, and dancing will follow dinner.

Msgr. George W. Eckl, a charter member, has been spiritual director of the society through its 50 years.

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