

Judge Wagner Speaks At Finale of CFM Series

"Your children are not your children; they are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself."

With these words by Kahlil Gibran, Judge Robert H. Wagner concluded his lecture "Children Caught in Between," and also the three-part series on "Marriage Today," sponsored by the Christian Family Movement of St. Christopher's parish.

Speaking before nearly 100 people Judge Wagner, administrative Family Court judge of Monroe County, stressed the need for a strong family life in the development of children.

According to Judge Wagner, each child needs: (1) to be wanted, which was easier in an agricultural society than in today's industrial society where he is often viewed as an economic burden and (2) to be

loved, but not indulged, with consideration for only his material needs.

Citing the heavy caseload of Family Court as a reflection of the weakness of society, Judge Wagner deplored the fact that many people are reluctant to use facilities for mental health and personal family counseling until the problems are so severe they must come to a less than satisfactory solution in a court.

He sees the many custody suits that come before him as an extension of the problems that led to the divorce with children too often pawns.

If it is impossible for the family to stay together, the separation must be handled in such a way that the children know they are not to blame for the failure of the marriage, he stressed.

100 Confirmed In Hornell

Hornell — "There will be more kindness and unselfishness in your homes, in Hornell, and in the world if you respond to the gifts you are receiving tonight," Bishop Hogan told a Confirmation class of approximately 100 eighth graders and adults Nov. 13.

"If you use these spiritual gifts, you will think less of yourself and more of others; you will become peacemakers and builders as befits God's children," the bishop added.

He administered the sacrament at a Mass in St. Ann's Church. Concelebrating with him were Fathers Robert MacNamara, pastor of St. Ann's; Paul J. Cuddy, chaplain of St. James Mercy Hospital; Otto Vogt, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Rexville and St. Joachim's Church in Canisteo, and James Cosgrove, pastor of Nunda and Groveland churches.

Liturgical banners, made by Confirmation class members from Arkport and Hornell, were hung in the sanctuary, and massive bouquets of red carnations decorated the altar.

Auburn Newman Aids Community Projects

Auburn — Newman Apostolate members at Auburn Community College recently gave contributions to two community projects.

A check for \$250 was donated to the Cultural Enrichment Program. The money represents

proceeds from an Oct. 25 spaghetti supper.

Under the program, ACC students and area residents volunteer their services at least once weekly on a one-to-one basis to aid children who need academic help or emotional support. The program is federally funded under the Cayuga County Action Program.

Newmanites also contributed to the community's Muscular Dystrophy Committee the sum of \$36.35, representing a collection taken at the club's weekly Folk Mass Nov. 8. They also plan to assist the committee's MD Tag Day on Sunday, Nov. 29.

Father Atwell Thanksgiving Speaker

Livonia — Father Henry A. Atwell, pastor of St. Agnes Church, Avon, will be principal speaker at the fourth annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service sponsored by the Livonia Area Council of Churches, at 8 tonight, Nov. 25, in the Lakeville United Church of Christ here.

Father Atwell, former editor of the Courier-Journal, was in Rome twice to attend sessions of Vatican Council II, and was an observer at recent meetings of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. He also has visited the Holy Land twice.

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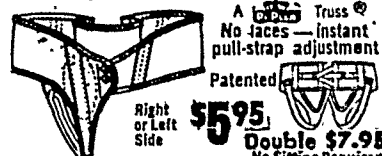
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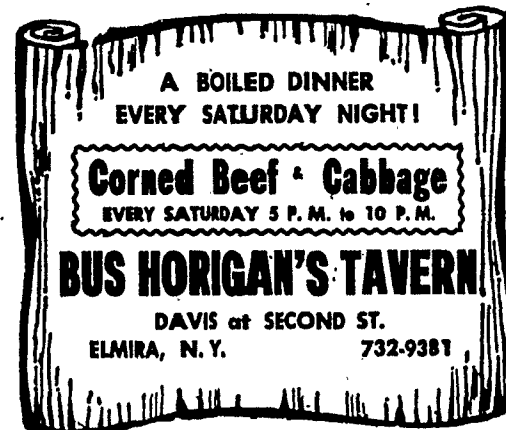
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Me, Suffer In Advent?

"Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons . . . if you were not getting this training then you would not be sons but bastards." Hebrews: 12:7

I call the above passage from Scripture an Advent Meditation because Advent, like Lent, is a penitential season. We may lose sight of a disposition towards sacrifice and suffering for, unlike Lent, we are readily caught up in the exuberating hustle-bustle of weeks and days before Christmas.

Yet what other season of the year are we more aware of our blessings . . . the spirit of families together . . . and the joyous feeling of good will among people, even the "Scrooges" we all know.

What other time of the year do we open our hearts and our pocketbooks more to the poor, the sick, the orphan, and the loved one away from home? When else do we make such a special effort to wish others mirth and happiness?

We may not even realize the sacrifices — time, money, and energy — we make in the advent of Christmas: cards, gifts, wrappings, decorations, and food. These sacrifices are not thought of as "suffering" because they are done in a spirit of joy and genuine giving. Even if we may sigh with relief on Dec. 26th, we are happy to have "suffered through it."

Advent, then, could be called the "training period" for our celebration of the Son of God and the celebration of our lives as sons of God. For isn't that what the anticipation, sacrifices, and the joyous spirit of Christmas are all about?

And it is in this Advent spirit of sacrifice that I beg you to share with your brothers and sisters in mission countries who do not know the happiness we know . . . who do not have enough food, clothes, or medicine . . . who do not know the joys of education, work, health, and warm homes . . . in short, who do not know relief from the poverty they must suffer all year 'round.

Your Advent remembrance for them will go immediately to Christ's missionaries bringing to the world's suffering-poor the joy, the hope, and the reality of Christmas. Your gift for them this Advent tells the world that Christ has come; He does live today; and we truly are brothers to one another — Sons of God!

Please let "Giving to the Missions" be your special Advent Sacrifice with the prayer that you and your family and friends will have a most blessed holiday season.

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