

Father Raterman and his art

Theology and Art Become Signs of 'Counter-Culture'

The bizarre and provocative work of Tom Raterman, a Master's degree candidate in Rochester Institute of Technology's School of Art and Design, is the subject of a one-man show through Jan. 22 at RIT's Bevier Gallery.

Tom Raterman is also Father Thomas A. Raterman, a 27-year-old Catholic priest, in the international order, the Society of the Precious Blood. His artistic specialty is the relationship between theology and art.

Father Raterman categorizes his creations as "assemblage," which describes his use of several media—painting, printmaking, sculpture, and mobile—in each piece of his work. He started gaining recognition as an artist during his high school days in the Dayton, Ohio, area, when he did only painting.

With each piece, Father Raterman portrays a segment of a contemporary world view, generally referred to as the "counter-culture." He does so with little regard for the European artistic spirit, which he feels has too many presuppositions about art and how it should be presented.

Deaths

Mr. Kraft

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated in San Diego Dec. 29 for William Andrew Kraft, a native Rochesterian who had lived in California since his retirement from Kodak 12 years ago.

Mr. Kraft was chief engineer in the experimental engineering department of Kodak's apparatus and optical division. His home here was in Genesee Park Boulevard, and he was a founding member of Good Counsel parish. During the past year, he had been helping his son, Father William A. Kraft, in establishing Good Shepherd parish in San Diego.

Survivors include his widow, Elizabeth Armstrong Kraft of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Earl and her son, William Francis of Arcadia, Calif.; and three sisters, Anne and Louise Kraft and Mae Kraft Turner, all of Rochester.

R. M. Bestor

Robert Mark Bestor, former organist at Blessed Sacrament Church, died Dec. 30, 1970, in the Veterans' Hospital in Buffalo, after a long illness.

He was a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Harry M. Bestor. Surviving are two brothers, Paul and H. Clay Bestor.

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CCD Slates Workshops

Workshops for parish and school religious education leaders have been scheduled this month in Rochester and Horseheads by the diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Preparations for First Eucharist, First Penance and Confirmation will be the theme of the sessions. They are slated at 7:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish House in Greece, and on Jan. 19 at St. Mary Our Mother Church in Horseheads.

Conducting the workshops will be Miss Irene Murphy, consultant to Benziger Company; Miss Murphy obtained master's degrees in religious education, humanities and guidance, and has had practical teaching experiences in parochial schools and as an in-service teacher training in methodology.

CCD Training Opens in Diocese

Nine religious education training programs in teaching methods have been scheduled by the diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. The one-week sessions extend over a ten-week period. They include:

Corpus Christi, Rochester — Sundays, Jan. 31 to Apr. 4, from 7:15 to 9:20 p.m.

St. Theodore, Gates, St. Mary's, Canandaigua, and St. Thomas the Apostle, Irondequoit — Mondays, Feb. 1 to Apr. 5, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

St. Monica's, Rochester, and Holy Spirit, Penfield — Tuesdays, Feb. 2 to Apr. 6, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

St. Jerome, East Rochester, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Scottsville — Wednesdays, Feb. 3 to Apr. 7, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Confraternity Office, 50 Chestnut St. — Thursday, Feb. 4 to Apr. 8, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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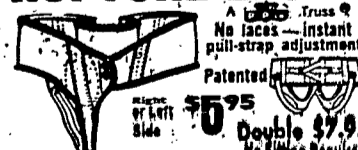
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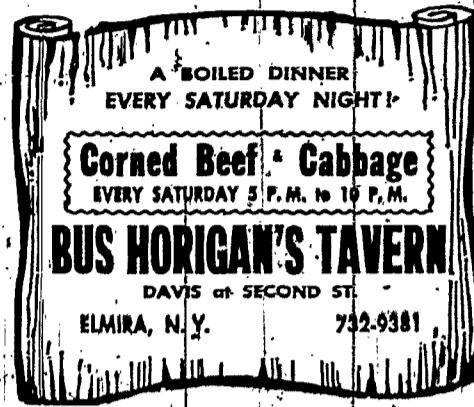
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