



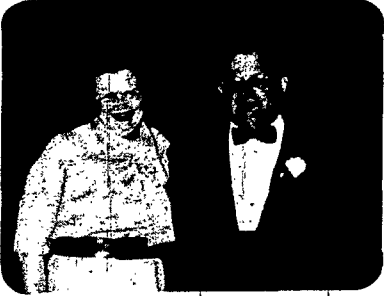
Ted Lum speaks to a discussion group at the unusual three day Sacred Heart Cathedral Conference, held last weekend to determine parish priorities. Lay members of parish groups considered parish needs and a social mission.

Fr. Lawrence Lukas Addresses Parish Council

By JOHN DASH

Rochester—Father Lawrence Lukas, nationally known Harlem based writer and champion of the black experience was the keynote speaker at Immaculate

Anniversaries



THE KESSELS

Mr. and Mrs. August Kessel celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding at an 11 a.m. Mass in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rochester, on Sunday, May 2.

An afternoon of festivities followed at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, May 2, with a party for the other residents of the ninth floor at St. Ann's Home.

Present for the party were their two sons: John and James McDonald and their families. The couple was regaled by 10 grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Ralph and Florence Butler of Victor celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows at St. Patrick's on April 17. Fathers Paul Murrey, Albert Shamon and David Simons concelebrated the Mass at which a congratulatory letter from Bishop Hogan was read. After the ceremony, the Butlers held a reception at home for close friends.

New Edmundite Priest To Say First Mass in Elmira

Elmira—Father Richard M. Myhalyk of the Society of St. Edmund was ordained to the priesthood last Saturday at St. Michael's College, Winooski, Vt. Bishop Robert E. Joyce of Burlington administered the sacrament.

The new priest, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Myhalyk, will celebrate his first Mass this Sunday at St. Mary's, Elmira. He attended local public schools and St. Michael's, which is run by the Edmundites, and finished seminary training last year at St. Basil's, Toronto.

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Conception Church's parish council meeting last Saturday.

The priest discussed integrating the black culture with the predominantly white culture of the Roman Catholic Church.

Father Lukas told the better than 150 persons in the parish hall that "Color blindness is not a virtue," and that "If you are not biased in favor of the poor, the downtrodden, the weak and the oppressed, you fail to read the message" in both the Old and New Testaments.

"The God of Abraham and Moses, and Jesus Christ, were biased in favor of the poor and weak," he said. Such people, he said, are primarily black, in the U.S.

He cautioned the parish against pride in their development of integration. "Be careful of folks who have made it," he said, referring to people who fraternize on a social level yet never deal with the issues that have caused the black community its suffering.

Father Lukas said the two great needs in the black experience are the need for a self-identity and the need for a communal identity and awareness.

"Whites can do very little about these needs," he said, "except encourage and support their development."

Bishop to Offer IFCA Mass

Retired Bishop James E. Kearney will celebrate Mass Saturday noon, May 8, at Corpus Christi for the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae.

The Mass in honor of Mary, the Mother of Mankind, has been a traditional Mothers Day offering of the IFCA since 1928. The public is invited.

Prelate Returns From Indochina

Archbishop John T. Ryan of Anchorage, Alaska, who broke his journey to Indochina with a visit in Rochester two months ago, is back in the United States, unsuccessful in an attempt to enter North Vietnam to see American prisoners of war.

"I think we would have been admitted if they had had time to prepare a showcase for us," the archbishop said.

He was interviewed in Albany, where he formerly served, by the Evangelist, diocesan newspaper.

The Evangelist reported that Archbishop Ryan visited several tribes in Northern Laos, escorted by a Protestant missionary. Asked if the U.S. bombings in Laos had forced people to leave their villages, the archbishop responded that the North Vietnamese "deliberately put guns and ammunition on either side of these villages."

"The displacement of people there is not always due to American bombings, though some of it is," he said. "The people there are fleeing Communist slavery."

"I am firmly convinced," the prelate added, "by talking to people (over here) I give credibility to, that the prisoners must be released before we withdraw our troops totally. If we were to withdraw, they would hold on to prisoners for further bargaining. Human life means nothing to them."

Archbishop Ryan was one of four church leaders who visited five countries in an effort to convince Hanoi diplomats to allow them to inspect prisoner of war camps in North Vietnam. Dr. J.A.O. Prues, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, headed the group. Also participating were Dr. George E. Sweazey, a former moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Nathan Bailey, president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

LOCAL GIRL A QUEEN

Marie Ann Magro of Catalina Drive was Junior Class Queen at a Villanova University dance, April 24. She was escorted by Fredrick J. Lapple, of Avondale Road, Rochester, who is a junior at Villanova and a member of St. Salome's parish. Miss Magro is a junior at Nazareth College and a member of St. Cecelia's parish.

SALAD

Blend bits of finely chopped green pepper and red pimiento into softened cream cheese. Shape into small balls and chill. Drain canned cling peach halves and arrange on lettuce leaves. Fill peaches with cream cheese balls.



FR. R. M. MYHALYK

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CCD Officials Report On National Meeting

The National Conference of Diocesan Directors of CCD met recently in San Diego. During their four-day meeting, NCDD, a voluntary organization of almost 200 diocesan CCD directors, discussed goal setting and evaluation of religious education programs. The group's workshops and seminars will culminate in a set of resolutions which will have an important effect on the future direction of religious education programs in this country.

Father Daniel Holland, director of the diocesan Department of Religious Education—CCD, and Father Gerald Connor, assistant to Father Albert Shamon, vicar of education, attended the conference.

Father Holland commented that his participation convinced him that this diocese is "very much in tune with the best religious education leadership in the country. We are asking the same questions and formulating the same goals," he said.

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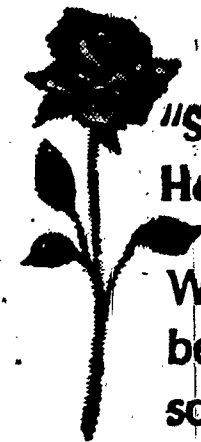
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