

A Homily on Marriage

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Church. I have yet to meet one who has survived the damage and the hurt that family instability has bequeathed him. That is why I have insisted that vocation directors become well acquainted with the families of those who aspire to the priesthood. How often, too, have we seen that the children who are the products of fractured or broken homes enter into marriages that repeat the pattern of their parental homes. The vicious cycle seems to perpetuate itself.

The Gospel reading recalls the day in Cana of Galilee when Christ and His Mother honored a young couple by their presence at their wedding and by the first recorded miracle of the Son of God who showed Himself a Son of Mary by obedience to her request. There are spiritual lessons of great value for our recollection in this story of Cana. The six stone waterpots were much less than the 7 which Jewish custom considered a representative of the absolute, complete, and perfect. In fact, 6 was equivalent to the unfinished, imperfect and incomplete.

St. John, in his narration of this event, had much more to say than that Jesus was replacing the imperfections of Jewish Law with the new wine of the Gospel of grace. He was really telling us what Jesus will ever accomplish. Whenever He enters our life, there enters with Him a new quality which turns the weak water of our giving into the heady wine of joy. Without Him, life is dull, stale, and flat. With Him, it is vivid and sparkling. That is why the Church urged you to invite Him to your wedding years ago. The promises you made were naturally hopeless "for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health — until death". The supply of new-found wine at Cana was so great that no wedding could exhaust it. Hence, the Church could assure you then as now — the grace of Christ is more than sufficient for your every

need — even when uttering seemingly rash promises.

Our second reading of this Mass recalls the great dignity of the vocation of marriage, likened to the union of Christ and His Church — His Bride. The Church was born from the pierced side of Christ just as every marriage is born of and sustained by sacrificial love. Love and sacrifice are synonymous terms.

When sacrifice is alien to one's life, love becomes a stranger. Children who have been trained to know only the pronoun "I" are incapable of entering a mutually shared life where the "we" of community can be the only subject for living and decision. Pride, that bold assertion of self, makes marriage and all community impossible. St. Paul addressed himself to a society where men

prayed each morning: "Thank God I am not a Gentile, slave, or woman." How unique for his world to hear a man speak of fidelity, of a union of man and woman as permanent as Christ's union with His Bride the Church — a union that would be deathless for His Spirit would, He with Her unto the end of time — even if the gates of Hell should threaten the permanency of the union.

God taught His people long years ago how to celebrate anniversaries. For He knew we could fail to remember His blessings. Your presence today at this Jubilee Mass gladdens my heart. It is always a joy to be with people who remember — and who take time to say "thanks" for blessings received. It is the greatest assurance of future blessings — which I wish you in abundance.

Pope Paul Saddened By Cosmonaut Deaths

Vatican City—(RNS) — Pope Paul VI expressed sadness at what he called the "unexpected and tragic epilogue to the Soviet space mission which ended in the death of the three-man crew of the Salyut laboratory that had set a world endurance record in orbiting the earth.

The "sad end" of the undertaking, which, he said, "has aroused so much admiration," shows even more "the risk and heroism of the brave men who carried it out."

News of the tragedy was given to the Pope during his inau-

gural Wednesday general audience in the massive new audience hall near the Basilica of St. Peter.

The pontiff told the crowd gathered in the new air-conditioned hall that he had just learned "the sad news of the death of three Soviet cosmonauts on the Soyuz 11 spaceship, who for many days held the world's attention, and ours, through their most bold and highly prepared exploratory and scientific journey around the world."

"We express our sadness," the pontiff went on, "at the unexpected and tragic epilogue to their undertaking, which has aroused so much admiration and whose sad end shows even more the risk and heroism of the brave men who carried it out." Pope Paul said he extended his sympathy to the cosmonauts' families, to their country and to the scientific world.

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Diocese Donates Land

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plex of apartments and townhouses.

Announcement of the offer was made last Wednesday evening when representatives of the diocese and the council met in a closed session with Henrietta town leaders at Good Shepherd parish hall.

Father Moynihan described the diocesan gift as gesture "to express our Christian concern for the families trapped in the housing crisis of this country. We have made the free offer of our land to the Council's Development Corporation because we believe it can produce an effective and very much needed service for lower income families."

The gift of diocesan land for new living quarters parallels the generosity of St. Theodore's parish in Gates which in June, 1970, offered 10 acres of its land to the New York State Division of Housing for a high rise apartment building for 150 living units for the elderly of the township.

State housing officials welcomed the offer and made preliminary surveys of the site but no architectural concepts nor construction plans have been produced yet.

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The Stone Road property in Henrietta is zoned AA residential which permits only single-family detached residential dwellings and specifically prohibits multi-residential development.

The purpose of the meeting was "informational," according to James Dobson, president of the I-C Development board. The next step will be to make application for permission to build. The Henrietta Town Board will have to rezone the land to A-residential which permits multi-residential housing if a special permit is granted by the Henrietta Zoning Board of Appeals.

Robert T. Coles, Buffalo architect, who will design the future complex, said that, theoretically, a Residential A or B zoning permit for 10 acres would accommodate 175 units, "but we will not plan for that many."

The architect's firm is gathering information on the site and will begin a feasibility study leading to a conceptual design. No architectural designs have been started, he said.

"We want to look at the total complex," he said, "arranging the housing with an eye to the possible placement of the future parish church in the same land-area. One consideration, for example, will be an intention to use the church's parking lot for multiple purposes serving the housing-community as well."

The Henrietta development, which would include units for families and for married couples without children, would be an integrated project financed

with a grant from the Federal Housing Administration.

The Catholic Interracial Council is currently sponsoring construction of a development on Troup and Ford streets in Rochester where 254 units for low and moderate income families will be ready in 1972.

The \$5.7 million construction, pictured and described in last week's Courier-Journal centerfold, will have town-house units for 150 families and a high rise of 104 apartments, designed for elderly couples, young childless couples and single.

Rents at the Troup Street project—which may serve as a model for the council's suburban development—will be \$90 monthly for efficiency apartments for couples and up to \$190 monthly for 4-bedroom townhouses for families with children.

Besides Dobson, an accountant associated with N.Y. State Department of Taxation, other board members of the Council's development corporation are: Willie Bryant, manager of FIGHT Square; Gregory Doyle, president of Doyle Detective Bureau; John Holmes, Xerox; Millard Rutherford; Dr. Alfred Robinson; Larry Huns, attorney; Philip Callan; Rev. John Cato, professor Colgate-Rochester; Mrs. Alma Green; Ari Williams, and Fathers Robert Kreckel and Paul Brennan of Immaculate Conception Church.

Although the Catholic Interracial Council has had a long history of service in inner city Rochester the development corporation was set up by CIC to handle funding for the Troup Street building project.

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Not Buying It

With a marquee of one of their targets — sex movie houses — above them, youngsters from the Salvation Army Corps Cadets parade against pornography in New York's Times Square. The teenagers carried signs saying "Pornography Poisons . . . Filth Isn't Fun" as they silently marched past peep show windows. More than 1,000 cadets from 11 Eastern states took part in the march. (RNS)

Bowlers Elect Officers

Joseph A. Piehler has been elected president of the Rochester Bowling Association at the annual meeting of the Council of Delegates at the Moose Club.

Piehler succeeds Alvin Chapas, who was made a lifetime member. Milton Alt was elected secretary for a three-year term. Elmer Seidel was elected treasurer to serve a three-year term.

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