

Teenagers' Interfaith Program Endorsed by Ithaca Parish

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Ithaca — An interdenominational religious education program for high school students was endorsed unanimously by the Immaculate Conception Parish Council at a special meeting last week.

The program, being developed in detail by ministers of several faiths and lay persons active in religious education, will offer all Ithaca area high schoolers a variety of theological, social, and general interest topics for study and discussion.

Mike Stanley, religious education director at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, will conduct a course focusing on current moral and ethical questions, and attempting to find guidance to solutions to the problems in scriptural texts forming the common heritage of participating faiths.

A concentrated course in theology will be offered by Father David Gramke of Immaculate Conception.

Father David Mura, also of Immaculate Conception, will headline a survey of Christianity throughout the world. His

aim will be to create a greater sense of community among people of different faiths through mutual understanding of some of the tenets basic to each religion.

Christ and the New Testament will be the topic of another study group.

Sandy Scherer, rector of the Congregational Church, will examine human sexuality. People, a study of human relationships and associated areas such as dating, will be undertaken by a group headed by Jack Logomarsino, a Cornell University professor. Offering a different approach toward development as a Christian will be courses in situational role playing, film making, and life through the movies.

Religious worship services will be developed by the students. Time will be available each week for consideration of special topics, matters which may have arisen in school or in the community, to the particular concern of the group. Flexibility will be maintained in the hope that the frequent criticism of past programs, that they were too structured and too much like school, can be avoided.

After an initial meeting of students at their home parishes Sept. 26, the program will be conducted each Sunday evening at the "Tin Can" in Stewart Park, commencing at 7 p.m.

Courses and discussions will be open to all high schoolers from every faith.

JOHN DOSER Scholastic Notebook



When St. John Fisher jumps into its football togs next month, it'll do it in a big way.

Where most comparable college club grid teams go slowly by scheduling college freshmen teams, St. John Fisher is going varsity and has already an ambitious six-game slate.

Fisher head coach Frank Petrus wouldn't predict an all-winning season but he did make some promises.

"We have a tough schedule, we expect a difficult year, and we'll find out two things — whether we can play football and whether our coaches can coach."

"Our offense will be flamboyant and theatrical. The people who watch us will like us," he predicted.

The Cards open Saturday, Oct. 2, at home (Aquinas Stadium) against Manlius-Pebble Hill from the Syracuse area. Game time is 7:30 p.m. under the Aquinas lamps. (All Fisher home games are night contests at Aquinas Stadium).

On Friday, Oct. 8, the Cards play Canisius of Buffalo at A.Q. 7:30 p.m.; travel to Loudonville, Saturday, Oct. 16, to meet Siena, 2 p.m.; face Niagara, Sat-

urday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m., at Niagara; oppose Scranton U., Saturday, Oct. 30, 2 p.m., at Scranton, Pa.; and meet RIT in their "biggie," 7:30 p.m., under the Aquinas lights, Friday, Nov. 5.

THE KIDS started the ball rolling two years ago at Fisher for club football. Petrus started last fall.

The school threw some tough requirements at the student organizers and all were met or exceeded.

Although all home games are scheduled for Aquinas Stadium, the fact remains Petrus doesn't know who he'll be negotiating with since the ownership of the ball park is still up in the air.

"We have every reason to believe that we'll be playing at the stadium," Petrus said. He admitted there are no alternate plans for playing the games anywhere else.

PETRUS PLAYED his high school ball at Lyons Central and later at C. W. Post College. He was a center.

He coached under Nick Der Cola at Clyde Central for four years before agreeing to come to Fisher as head coach this fall.



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Ithaca Area Notes

Ithaca — A special religious education meeting for the parents of students in Immaculate Conception Parish in Grades 9-12 will be held in the parish school on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 8 p.m.

Stanley — Volunteers from among the women of St. Theresa's are needed to assist with some light cleaning in the church. The work will be undertaken early in September after carpet cleaning has been completed. Those available to assist should contact the rectory.

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