

Father Brown Joins CEDAR

By MARRY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — Emphasis on two concepts — "co-ed" education (parent and child learning together) and youngsters living their faith and knowing why, were stressed by Father Lewis Brown, associate pastor at St. Alphonsus Parish, recently named to the five-man CEDAR board (Christian Education Department, Auburn Region). He fills the unexpired term vacated by Father Bernard Carges's transfer to a Rochester parish.

"What is important is religious education," emphasized Father Brown, "and, that means more than CCD and Catholic schools. It includes the whole life of the parish from life to death and can be seen in good liturgy, sacramental instruction, as well as more effective activities by parish organizations.

"With our youth, the religious education program means the training of our youngsters with a certain body of knowledge and way of life. This is done best through a systematic development of curriculum as it assures the whole gamut of material is covered. But, it involves more than just reviewing textbooks, especially in this changing world."

Father Brown gives emphasis to parental responsibility. He sees parental involvement not only in sacramental preparation, Penance, Communion, Confirmation, but also in involvement in parish organizations and liturgical training in the home.

In addition to a knack for creative expression of ideas, Father Brown's experience with the total parish approach to religious education experienced during his thirty-year association with Father Leonard Kelly's "School of Religion" program at Assumption Parish in Fairport, will enrich his contributions to the board.

Father Kelly's program features a building adjacent to the public school property to house formal training utilizing released time. But the key concept involves parental cooperation nurtured through a total parish approach.

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Father Brown's Auburn experience includes working with a team of laymen, at the request of Father John Glogowski, chairman of CEDAR, to review the interparish high school program now in its second year. In light of the "Come To The Father" series used in grades 1 through 6, the committee recommended redevelopment of the seventh grade material to focus on preparation for Confirmation and the eighth grade material as the year of Confirmation.

At the committee's recommendation, the "To Live Is Christ" series has been retained in the ninth and 10th grades. The 11th, and 12th grade programs are evolving towards a more flexible program, eventually permitting students to pursue special interests.

In commenting on the newly evolving emphasis at the high school level, Father feels, "The goals of increased understanding and love for the faith are encouraged at this age level

when the students themselves make choices based on interest and accept responsibility for their work. This is part of the spirit of the age when options are made available and this can be training in making a good choice."

As an example of changing focus based on student comprehension and responsiveness, last year's course covering an abstract study of the letter of St. Paul to the Romans has given way to an emphasis this semester which focuses on why human life should be revered, and what is behind the increasing degradation of life.

Another example pointed out is a course focusing on the need for communication. This considers communication with oneself (through prayer and meditation) with peers, and with those in authority. The course explores avenues to increase these communication channels as well as the flight from communication through the abuse of drugs, sex, and alcohol.



New School Chairmen

Auburn — Sister Mary Faith (center), principal, Holy Family School, past chairman of the Auburn Association of Catholic School Administrators, chats with the newly elected co-chairmen, Sister Francine (left), principal at Sacred Heart, and Sister Dorothy (right), principal at St. Alphonsus. The local

association facilitates cooperation between Catholic schools in Auburn through joint faculty meetings, and the sharing of professional and educational resources. The Auburn association is affiliated with the Diocesan Federation of Administrators Association.

Auburn Area Notes

Cato — Altar and Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church will hold a white elephant and clothing sale at St. Patrick's Hall, Oct. 16, 9-5 p.m.

Auburn — "Audio-Visual Workshop" Session will be held at the Office of Christian Formation, St. Aloysius School Annex, 162 Van Anden St., Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m., and at 7:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Hall in Cato, Thursday, Oct. 14.

Waterloo — Seneca Falls — Ovid — The 2nd in the "Themes for Adult Christians", will be held at St. Mary's in Waterloo, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17. The topic, "Sacrament: Where I Meet Christ."

Savannah — Lyons — Clyde — "Conscience: Where I Meet Myself" is the topic of the 3rd session of the Inter-parish program on "Themes For Adult Christians," Tuesday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Savannah.

Schedule Change

Auburn — The final session of the Teacher Training Series sponsored by the Office of Christian Formation will feature Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM Cap. The session will be held once only on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Office of Christian Formation, St. Aloysius School Annex, 162 Van Anden St. Father Sebastian's topic will be "Word of God — Learning It and Living It Dynamically."

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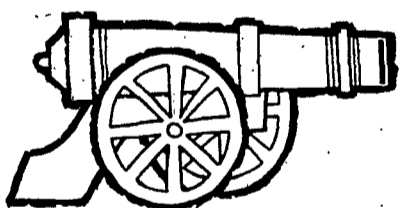
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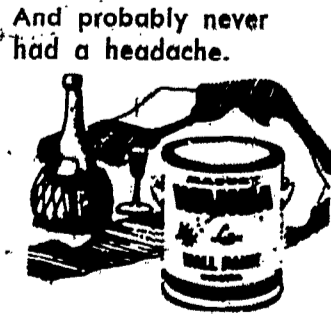


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