



The Tooth of the Matter

Jean Marie DiLiberto, a second grader at St. Augustine's School, uses the tooth she has just lost as the object of show and tell session. St. Augustine's, like many nonpublic schools, will feel the pinch if no state help is forthcoming. Courier-Journal photographer Laurence E. Keeffe offers his show and tell on the school in this week's centerfold.

Cannot Conform Gospel to Fit Times, Declares Pope Paul

Vatican City — (RNS)—Pope Paul said during a weekly audience here that the Catholic Church can be called "conservative and intransigent" in its role as custodian and interpreter of the Gospels, adding that the transmission of revelation by the Church must sometimes be controlled by a "decisive and infallible authority."

He noted that a strict guardianship of revelation is necessary in light of the raft of modern-day errors that threaten the Christian way of life.

"To those who ask for it (the Gospel message) to be made easier, more relative to the taste of changing mentalities of the times," he said, the answer is that of the Apostles — "we cannot."

The Pope said the most im-

portant issue facing the religious man today "is contact with God" through revelation, which he described as a "unique and definitive moment in history from which we must always nourish ourselves while recognizing its essential and unalterable content."

But he warned against errors which have flourished and circulated until now in the Western culture and which could "completely ruin our Christian conception of life and history."

He referred specifically to "modernism" as representative of "the characteristic expression of these errors" and said that "under other names it is still an actuality."

Pope Paul recalled that these

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Father Atwell to Head Ecumenical Group

Father Henry A. Atwell, pastor of St. Agnes Church, Avon, and Courier-Journal columnist, will become the executive director of the Genesee Ecumenical Ministries (GEM), March 1.

Father Atwell was unanimously elected to the full-time post Jan. 20 by the organization's board of directors.

He will remain as pastor of the Avon parish.

GEM is composed of eight area religious organizations including the Diocese of Rochester. The diocesan Priests' Senate voted last year to join GEM, a few months after the Rochester Area Council of Churches was dissolved to form the ecumenical group.

GEM is organized by denominations rather than by churches

and has committed itself to a "common Christian mission beyond parish ministries and responsibilities."

Father Atwell replaces Rev. Marvin Chandler, who has held the post of interim director of the group since November 1970. Father Atwell's salary has been set at \$20,215 a year and fringe benefits.

Father Atwell said he expects to remain in his new post for five years and return to full-time work as a pastor "if the organization is a going concern;" if, after that time, GEM is not a going concern, he said he would move to scrap the unit.

Among other activities, GEM presents "Today with the Book," a five-minute early morning television broadcast.

New Features Coming in the Courier-Journal

Four new features, covering a wide range of subjects, will greet Courier-Journal readers in next week's issue.

Perhaps most timely will be "Who Speaks for the Unborn Child?", a column prepared by Women for the Unborn which

aims to inform the people of New York State on the dangers of liberalized abortion in hopes that an informed public will reject the 1970 law.

Written by Alice McCormack, the articles will reflect the insight that only a woman can have into the problems of those frightened by pregnancies. The columns will be directed toward such difficult questions as pregnancy resulting from rape, the deformed child, etc.

Another new regular feature, "Mental Health Commentary," will be prepared by the staff at the DePaul Clinic, Dr. Albert W. Sullivan, MD, director. Weekly it will answer a question regarding children's mental health. Readers will be invited to send along their particular queries.

To reflect the lighter side of life, the Courier is adding "Quirp," a little cartoon lass who will humorously interpret biblical sayings.

With much of the diocesan spotlight on parish activities what with the formation of councils throughout the diocese, the Courier is adding "One Parish." Each week one parish and its successful project will be explained in the hope that it may prove of value to all parishes in the diocese. The first article next week will describe a fund-raising idea that not only accomplished its pri-

mary objective but brought members of the parish together.

In the same vein, Bernard Lyons, who writes the "Our Parish Column" nationally, will gear his columns directly to this diocese to assist those establishing councils for the first time and those who may be in the process of updating.

Remember all these new features begin in next week's Courier-Journal.

