

Walk to Churches on Holy Thursday? It's (Slosh, Slosh) Possible

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If any of you dear readers are planning to make church visitations by foot this Holy Thursday be advised that unless the track is clear and fast, perhaps you ought to forget it.

Trying to convert some nostalgia into now satisfaction, I went hiking last Wednesday to see just how plausible it would be to make traditional church visitations a la my boyhood when we used to tromp around Albany.

Two things became evident:

● If failure to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice is a discourtesy then Rochester is indeed a "cold" city.

● Many churches these days are locked during the week and although Holy Thursday may be an exception it would be wise to find out before plotting your route.

About walking to the church-

es, don't misunderstand. It can be done and there is still fun in the challenge of seeing how many can be reached. And if you manage to avoid the vicissitudes of traffic and viruses, the exercise is probably healthy.

Perhaps the most striking thing you become aware of from traveling the city by foot for four hours is the multiplicity of signs and what they say about our society.

"Give the Kid a Chance, Ban Abortion"; "1984 Is Here"; "Do You Know Who Killed Carmen Colon . . . Be a Secret Witness"; "I'm Staying" on a house possibly lived in by a white man opposed to blockbusting; "Free the Auburn Six"; "This Church Saved Tax-payers \$739,200".

It was about 10 a.m. when I, accompanied by photojournalist Larry Keefe, left the warm confines of the Courier-Journal office. In order to

check my walking distance I tried to buy a pedometer but soon gave up. Something we used to get from Jack Armstrong for two bits and some box tops now comes only in the \$7-8 range.

We sloshed east along Main Street to Corpus Christi Church then headed back, reversing our trail, and it was 10:55 before we made our visit at St. Joseph's. Hardly more than three Hail Mary's away was Our Lady of Victory where at 11 a.m. daily Mass was in progress . . . and a goodly crowd was there.

From there we headed for Old St. Mary's which we reached at 11:30 after Keefe bought coffee at the White Tower. At St. Mary's, he, tired of ambling along with a guy pushing 40, decided to leave and go back to work.

On my own, I was cutting through the Hall of Justice on

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Jim Evans gets a lot of verbal encouragement from his classmates while topping a lemon meringue pie.

Cooking Up Male Lib?

AS SOON as Jim Evans' buddies found out he was serious about taking cooking, they wanted to join him, but the class was already filled up with girls.

Jim Evans and 11 eighth grade girls are being introduced to a variety of culinary tricks, facts about nutrition and etiquette every Friday afternoon at Holy Rosary School, 420 Lexington Ave.

Sister Virginia Steinwachs, principal, explained that beginning last year five women from the parish volunteered to teach the eighth grade girls cooking and sewing. The courses are offered just to eighth grade girls, she said, since there isn't enough space for any more.

When asked how the girls feel about a boy in their cooking class, one very liberal girl replied, "We just treat him like a person. As a matter of fact" she qualified, "he is spoiled, he gets to do whatever he wants."

Jim, who occasionally brings in baked goodies for his classmates, said that he likes the class very much, because he likes to cook.

The cooking class and the sewing course run for eight weeks, Sister Virginia said. "Our hope is that they will get interested and then their parents will help them keep up their work in these skills."

"Part of my philosophy is that you have got to open lots of doors for kids."

Happy Birthday, Bishop Hogan

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will celebrate his 56th birthday Saturday, March 11.

The Bishop, son of the late Michael C. Hogan and the late Mrs. Mary Shaw Hogan, was born in the Livingston County community of Lima, March 11, 1916.

Bishop O'Meara To Attend Meeting Here

Bishop Edward T. O'Meara, the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, has recently returned from Rome, where he was ordained bishop by Pope Paul VI. He will be making his first visit to Rochester as a bishop on March 15-16 at the annual regional meeting of the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies at the 111 East Avenue Hotel.

Also attending the meeting will be Father Vernon Gallagher from Pittsburgh, the new director of the Pontifical Association of the Childhood. Bishops and diocesan directors at the two-day affair will represent 14 dioceses from New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the propagation, founded in 1822 by Pauline Jaricot, a French laywoman. A sesquicentennial Mass as Sacred Heart Cathedral at 5:30 p.m., March 16 will be celebrated by Bishop O'Meara, Father Gallagher, and ten of the attending bishops. The public is invited.

\$111 MILLION IN AID

Catholic Relief Services last year shipped over 483,000 tons, valued at \$111-million, of food, medicines and clothing to 72 countries for distribution to impoverished people of all races and religions. Support for this global work of mercy comes from the annual Catholic Relief Overseas Aid Fund Appeal, conducted this year from March 5 to 12.



Ecumenical Rites To Install Priest

Father Henry Atwell and Rev. Marvin Chandler will be installed as directors of the Genesee Ecumenical Ministries (GEM) at a "Celebration of Unity" at Asbury First United Methodist Church, East Avenue, Sunday, March 12, at 8 p.m.

This is believed to be the first time that a Catholic priest has been elected to head such an agency, and also the first time that black and white clergymen have been installed in the same rite.

Bishop Hogan will read the Gospel at the Unity service and clergy of the other denominations will also participate.

Father Atwell, who has been pastor of St. Agnes Church, Avon, since 1967, was previously editor of the Courier-Journal for 14 years and is well known in the diocese for his ecumenical activity.

Regulations For Lent

Following are the regulations of fast and abstinence in the Diocese of Rochester, as outlined by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

1. Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of complete abstinence on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. "No Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice."

2. Everyone between 21-59 is bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. "No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation on the Wednesday which opens the Lenten Season or that Friday called "Good" because on that day Christ suffered in the flesh and died for our sins."

Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. To fast is to eat only one full meal during the day.

Reverend Chandler will head the GEM Black Ministries department.

Speaking at the "Celebration of Unity" will be the Rt. Rev. Episcopal Bishop J. Brooke Mosley, president of Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

GEM Defined By Fr. Atwell

Quipping that while "Genesee Ecumenical Ministries is usually called by its initials, GEM, it has nothing to do with shaving or shopping," Father Henry Atwell newly elected director of the organization described it as a coordinating agency for eight main-line Christian denominations and the Rochester Area Ministers Conference of black churches.

"The eight denominations include Roman Catholics, Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Baptists, Lutherans, the United Church and the Reformed Church," he said.

Father Atwell said the agency puts the focus of its activity on what Catholics have traditionally called "the works of mercy" — feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, providing homes for the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned. "GEM has no program at this time to unite the different denominations in either faith or worship, he said. "That is left to each individual denomination to do for its own members."

Father Atwell said that the projects GEM pursues "include a Pastoral Counseling Service for couples or individuals with marital or personal problems, a Judicial Process Commission to speed-up present court procedures so innocent people won't be held in jail simply because they can't afford bail while awaiting trial (and also so the guilty can be

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