

# Good, Clean Fun And Rated 'G'

"All in the Family" — it's the name of a TV comedy, but it can also be something a lot more serious and important, as 42 families at Holy Trinity parish in Webster demonstrated Sunday, March 12.

It was the second year that Holy Trinity held a family life Sunday, explained Mrs. Alice Gilmartin, the parishioner who handled publicity; last year's event was such a success that this time the number of families taking part had to be limited.

Purpose of the day was to promote family unity and understanding through the entire family's participation in a common experience.

Parents and children attending the day came into Holy Trinity's parish hall at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, laden with picnic baskets, hot dishes, plates, baby bottles and the other paraphernalia generally necessary for a family outing. Children up to 3 years old were immediately left in a nursery for the afternoon.

After a brief welcome by chairman John Forward, Father Robert Collins, head of the diocesan Office of Family Life, introduced participating families to a non-competitive game, Crazy Day. After cutting out cards and taping together a die, family members did everything from trying to name everybody's birth-

day in 30 seconds to exchanging places around the table.

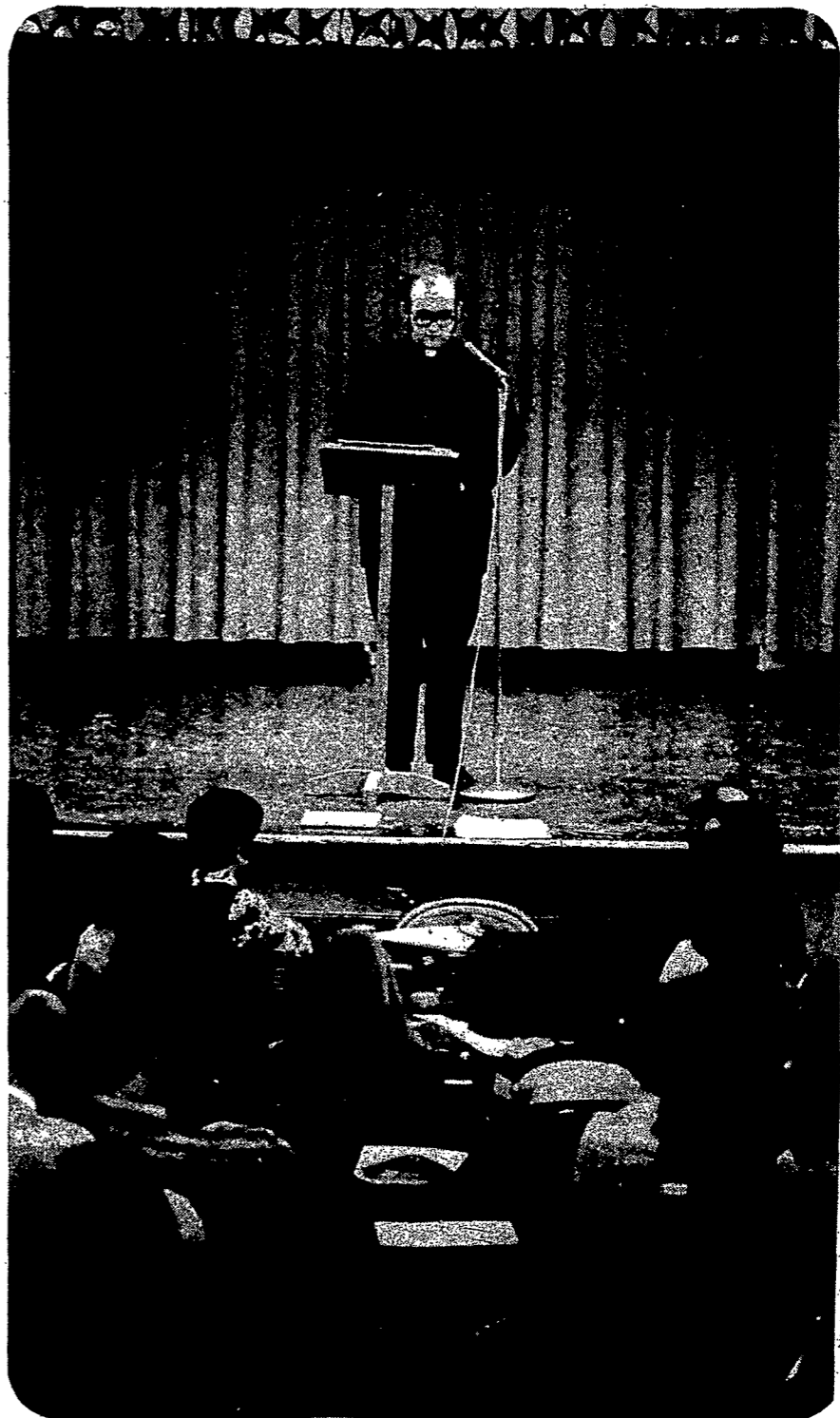
Following the game, elementary school children took off for classrooms in the parish school to play, decorate paper tablecloths, and make centerpieces for their families' table. Meanwhile, adults and teenagers listened to a talk by Father Collins on topics related to family life, such as discipline, proper dating conduct for teenagers, rules for parties and dress codes.

Each family was reunited, and everyone trooped across the driveway for a family Mass celebrated by Father William Hart, Holy Trinity pastor.

At the Mass, as a special mark of unity, each family dropped in the offering basket a written statement of something they had mutually agreed to do for a week to promote togetherness.

The day finished with a tureen supper in the parish hall. The purpose of serving dinner at the hall was to relieve people the worry of having to return home after a busy day and then attempting to prepare a meal.

"We would like," remarked Father Collins near the end of the day, "to get more parishes using the resources of the Office of Family Life to hold this kind of weekend for their families."



Father Robert Collins addresses group.



Father Collins gives homily, above, during family Mass. Right, a week's intentions are deposited in the offering basket. Father William Michatek, assistant pastor at Holy Trinity, below, addresses teenagers in his study.

