

FR. LOUIS HOHMAN

The Open Window



Q— Why don't Catholics call God the Father by any name or title? Please explain this: In the incident of Moses at the burning bush, God gave Moses his name and said, "This is my name forever; this is my title for all generations."

First of all I am sure you recognize the fact that no human word can adequately convey the idea of God because of the basic limitation of words. However Father is a descriptive name which conveys to us the idea of someone who gives us our existence, is wise, provident, a protector, powerful and loving of his children. If we magnify those qualities to the infinite we have as good an idea of God as most of us can grasp.

The passage you quote from the Book of Exodus gives the name "I AM" as the proper name of God. Transliterated from the Hebrew the proper name of God is Yahweh. Generally we regard this name as the equivalent of our GOD even though they are not really identical. To use the I AM as the proper name of God we are saying that God is existence without limitation. For most people this idea is difficult to grasp whereas the title FATHER is known to everyone through personal experience and probably carries more meaning to the average person. Admittedly the proper name Yahweh is philosophically more exact but the title FATHER is the one which Jesus wished us to use, not only to emphasize the love and mercy of God on our behalf but to emphasize our brotherhood with one another.

Work-a-Thon Slated Oct. 14

When area teenagers turn out with rakes, brooms, mops, pails and shovels on Saturday Oct. 14 they will be helping to raise funds to support the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through Work-a-Thon.

Work-a-Thon is aimed at reaching thousands of homes in the Monroe County area. Teenage workers will wear Work-a-Thon identification badges when they perform services for their sponsors.

All funds raised by Work-a-

Sr. Sheila Speaks At Work Shop

Sister Sheila Kennerson, RSM, spoke on Prayer and Celebration to an adult teacher group at St. Gabriel's parish, Washington, D.C., on Saturday Sept. 30.

Sister Sheila was a participant in the Adult Theology Day regional workshop at St. Gabriel's.

Sister Sheila is the supervisor of instruction at Bosco House, a special religious education center for the handicapped.

Thon will help research teams at St. Jude's Hospital to keep an around-the-clock program in operation full time. On a national basis better than 80 per cent of all funds raised are due to the efforts of teenage volunteers.

Any teenager who wishes to participate in Work-a-Thon can pick up a worker kit at his school or any Carrols' Restaurant.

CYO GYMNASTICS

The CYO is forming a boys and girls gymnastics club. The activities will be geared to children 6 to 12 years old. Club practice will be at the CYO, 50 Chestnut St. on Saturday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. and will start on Saturday, Oct. 21. Those interested should contact the CYO office at 454-w030.

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Bosco House Lists Events

"Religious Development of the Special Child" will be the topic at meetings arranged for parents by the Bosco House staff. The same material will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, and 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, at the center, 1150 Buffalo Rd.

Meanwhile, two teacher training courses will open at Bosco, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 24, and Thursday afternoon, Oct. 26. Sister Sheila Kennerson, RSM, who has charge of instruction and of the parents' programs, said the five-session teaching courses are open to "adults from all the parishes who are interested in having the special children in the parish become part of the faith community."

Mass is celebrated at 5 p.m. Saturdays at Bosco House. Father William Frankhauser plans also to say Mass for the handicapped at Al Sigi Center, but the time has not been decided. Information on Bosco activities may be obtained from Sister Sheila or Father Frankhauser, at 436-3440.

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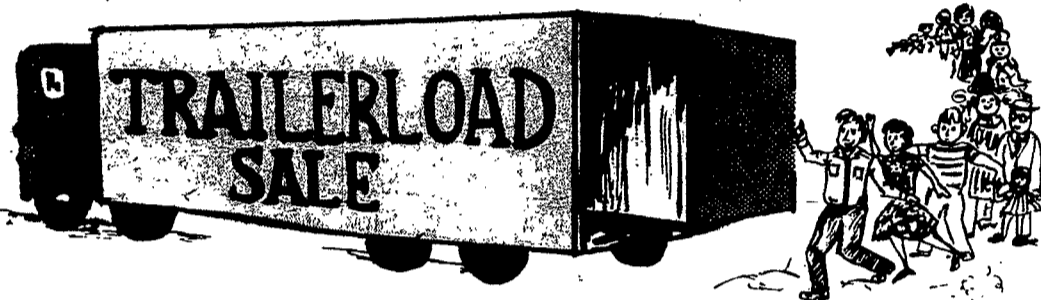
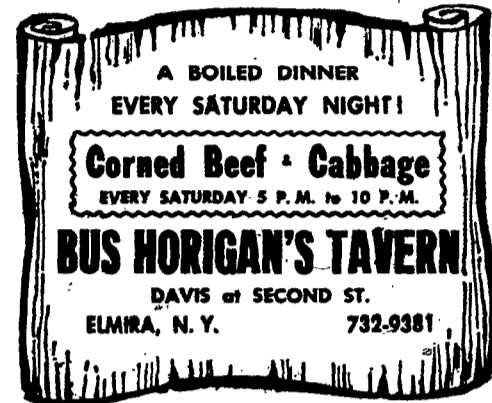
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