

Our Parish COUNCIL

by Bernard Lyons

The story goes that in a small parish in a grape-growing area each family annually brought a pitcher of wine to fill the pastor's wine barrel.

One year, after the "wine" was poured into the barrel, the parishioners hung their heads in shame, for when the pastor drew forth a test-glass he found it was filled with water.

Have you ever had a council meeting like that wine barrel?

Everybody else was expecting that nobody else would mind that they had not prepared anything, had nothing to contribute, as long as they showed up at the meeting.

The officers are going to have to lead if they want to make sure their meetings are not "watered."

Bosco House Sets Silver Tea

Bosco House, a center for religious development of the special child, will host a silver tea, Sunday, Nov. 5, 3-5 p.m., for Brethgivers, a group that raises money for the center.

Sister Sheila Kennerson and Father William Frankhauser will greet the Brethgivers. Mrs. Joseph Prophet is chairman of the event.

Year of Renewal

The leading has to go beyond getting notices out and chairing the meetings.

The important part of "leading" has to be done on a personal basis and in between meetings. Here are some ideas that may help you:

- Get to know the council board members on a personal basis.

Test yourself. Go down a list of your council officers, and ask yourself how much you know about each one. What is her family situation? What work does he do? Does she have a hobby?

- Ask a different person, after each meeting to give you his (or her) reaction to the meeting.

- Plan spiritual and social meetings in addition to officer and committee meetings.

These events might be a party, an afternoon of recollection, or the sharing of enthusiasm and attendance at an annual retreat or seminar.

- Set aside a 20- or 30-minute period before or after meetings for the self education of council leaders.

Different officers, committee chairmen or members might be asked to present something in this period.

For examples: An officer might be asked to review one of the Vatican II documents or a new book. The chairman of the community life committee might detail some issues in the area, such as drugs or housing. The education committee or school board chairman might give a brief report on the status of aid to parochial schools.

- Use the phone between meetings — to personally remind a committee member of an obligation she assumed at the last meeting, to see if someone else needs help in preparing a report, or to give a chairman a "lift" by listening to his plans for an upcoming committee or project meeting.

- Get out to the other meetings and events of the parish.

These activities will help you to get a feel of what others are doing and make it possible for you to coordinate projects, events and resources. You will also get opportunities to encourage others and to discover new talent for committees.

Holy Name To Host 'World Day'

World Community Day Celebration, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held Friday, Nov. 3 at the Church of Holy Name, on Bonesteel Street at St. Martin's Way in Greece.

St. Joseph, and Ralph B. Taylor Jr. field director, Church World Service.

The theme "Give Hungry People Overseas a chance for a Change" will be developed through a dialogue between Sister Rose Alma Hayes, regional coordinator of mission work in Brazil for the Sisters of

Members of the planning committee include: Sister Mary Jo Langie, Holy Name parish, Mrs. Thomas McWhinney, St. Charles Borromeo, and Mrs. Edward Hahn, Sacred Heart. The meeting, open to the public, will begin at 10 a.m. Coffee will be available at noon, following the close of the meeting. Nursery care will be provided.

Movement for a Better World Retreat for

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Notre Dame Retreat House

Nov. 26th to Dec. 2nd
Retreat Fee - \$75 per person

For further information contact Rev. Robert Collins - 328-3210

HOW TO BE HAPPY

THE HOLY FATHER'S MISSION AID TO THE ORIENTAL CHURCH

When are you happiest? Happiness lies in giving. You're happiest when you give yourself to the people who need you most. . . . A mother, for instance, hums with happiness when she bathes and dresses her baby. A good nurse always has time for a smile. Good fathers whistle at their work. . . . The best sort of giving involves more than writing checks—still, how better can you help the children now who need you overseas? Boys and girls who are blind, lepers, deaf-mutes, orphans—your money gifts, large and small, will feed them, teach them, cure them, give them a chance in life. . . . Want to be happier? Give some happiness to a child. You'll be happy, too!

HAPPINESS IS A SISTER
In Marathakara, south India, a young Indian girl in training to be a Franciscan Clarist Sister will learn, among other things, how to care for orphans. Her training costs \$300, all told (\$12.50 a month, \$150.00 a year), a small investment for a Sister's lifetime of service. Like to be her sponsor? We'll send you her name and she will write to you.

HAPPINESS IS REMEMBERING A LOVED ONE
November is the month of the Holy Souls. Why not send us your Mass requests right now? Simply list the intentions, and then you can rest assured the Masses will be offered by priests in India, the Holy Land and Ethiopia, who receive no other income.

HAPPINESS IS CLOTHING
Brighten the heart of a blind boy in the Gaza Strip (where Samson lived). \$3 gives him shoes, \$5 clothes, \$10 a set of braille readers!

HAPPINESS IS A SCHOOL
Where there is none in south India, you can build a six-room permanent school for only \$3,200. Archbishop Mar Gregorios will select the village, supervise construction and write to thank you. The children will pray for you, and you may name the school for your favorite saint, in your loved one's memory!

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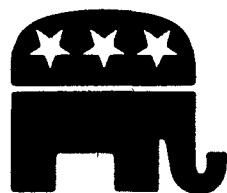
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