

# Our Parish COUNCIL

by Bernard Lyons

"How do we get our committees to be active and working to avoid leaving everything to the full council?" asks one of our New York readers.

The most pragmatic thing that has to be done is for one or more of the council members (preferably the chairman) to make it a point to refer matters back to committee when they have not yet been ironed out to a decision stage. Or suggest that a subject be given to a committee to work out when the council gets bogged down in details of a project.

A number of motions made to this effect will educate the council and committees on the need for smaller groupings and specialized gatherings (i.e., committees or commissions) to work out programs before they are presented to the full council.

In addition, council members must see to it that committee work is done between the council meetings.

If your council does not include the chairmen of the standing committees, then council leaders should be assigned to work with one or more committee chairmen. It is their job then to contact the committee chairmen and assist them in developing their committees and getting their reports to the council.

"How do you get women elected to the parish council? We have never had more than one," says a reader from Illinois.

This is an almost impossible question to answer without seeing your constitution and bylaws to learn how your council is elected.

It would amaze me that you would have this problem if you have parish organizations and commissions electing a representative to the council, and if you have area representatives (that is, chairmen of "little parishes").

If all of your council leaders are elected in a parish-wide contest, which I suspect, then I can see where you might be getting an all-male council.

You should have a number of ways to seat council members. This will not only solve your problem of involving more women in the leadership roles of your parish, but it will also make your council more representative.

Bring the problem to your council. Suggest that a change be made in your constitution and bylaws to make your council more representative.

"Should I worry too much about parliamentary procedure? We are now at a point where I feel this is important —

## Latin Mass Scheduled At Cenacle

A Latin High Mass is set for Sunday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m. at the Cenacle Chapel, East Avenue and Oxford Street.

The Mass, sponsored by the Newman Club of the Eastman School, will be celebrated by Father Paul McCabe, newman chaplain, assisted by deacons and acolytes from St. Bernard's Seminary.

Music, including the traditional plainchant and polyphonic music of Isaac, will be provided by the Gregorian Chant Choir, under the direction of Dr. Erich Schwandt.

The Latin High Mass is celebrated monthly at the Cenacle.

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## UofR Sets Wilson Day

An elaborate program of lectures, symposia, poetry readings and music has been arranged by the University of Rochester for this Friday, Nov. 10, as a memorial to Joseph C. Wilson.

The late Xerox board chairman and university benefactor died last Nov. 22.

Wilson Day will culminate in a public tribute at 8:30 p.m. in the Eastman Theatre. Recollections will be given by Mrs. Wilson and friends and associates. The Eastman Philharmonic, the music school chorus and the university chorus will perform the choral movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, and Prof. Anthony Hecht, 1968 Pulitzer Prize poet, will give readings. There is no admission fee, but tickets must be obtained from the University Conference Office or the Kilbourn Hall box office.

Other Wilson Day events will take place on campus, at the university medical center, in Kilbourn Hall and Xerox auditorium. They include two lectures by Anthony Burgess, English novelist; poetry readings by Richard Wilbur, 1957 Pulitzer poet, and a noontime recital at Xerox by Carroll Glenn, violinist, and Eugene List, pianist, of the Eastman faculty.

### Pre Cana Moved

Pre Cana conferences, previously held at 50 Chestnut St., have been moved to the third floor of the new Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road, Gates, as of Nov. 1.

### DEADLINE

The Courier-Journal welcomes news of your club or organization. A deadline of Thursday noon preceding publication must be observed.



### Day of Renewal

Father Daniel Holland, director of the Year of Renewal, center, leads members of the combined faculties of St. Thomas the Apostle School and the parish CCD in prayer, discussion and liturgy during a recent Day of Renewal.



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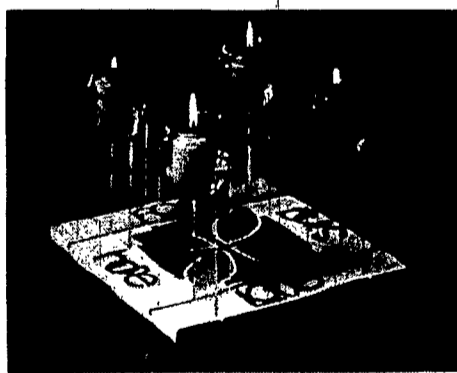
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