



Help for Schools

Grand Knight Charles Northcote, [right] of the Knights of Columbus Council 178, presents a gift check of \$300 to representatives from the six high schools [l. to r.]: Father Leon Hogenkamp, S.J., McQuaid Jesuit High School; Father Albert Gaelens, Aquinas Institute; Brother William Stoldt, Bishop Kearney High School; Sister Mary Margaret Merkel, St. Agnes High School; Sisters Elizabeth Conheady and Jeannine Scheg, Nazareth Academy.



WORD FOR SUNDAY Fr. Albert Shamon

Sunday Readings: (R1) Wis. 2:17-20. (R2) Jas. 3:16-4:3. (R3) Mk. 9:30-37.

There is a beautiful harmony in Sunday's Readings. The first reading speaks of the counsels of the wicked; "Let us beset the just Man, revile, torture, and condemn Him to a shameful death."

The second reading tells of conflicts and disputes arising among Christians.

The third reading is related to both the first and second readings. It reveals that the object of the wicked's plotting is Jesus: "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men who will put Him to death."

Then it shows that James' talk about conflicts and disputes among Christians is only too true, for even the twelve Apostles "had been arguing about who was the most important." More tragic still, Jesus pointed out that one of them would go so far as to betray Him: "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men" — delivered, handed over, betrayed!

"Where does wickedness or where do conflicts and disputes among you originate?" asked James. He answered that their source lies in the human heart. "Is it not your inner cravings — your desires — your ambitions — that make war within your members, that is the cause of all?"

Deaths

Mary Gross

Mrs. Mary Gross of Colvin Street died Aug. 30, 1973.

Mass of the Resurrection was concelebrated Sept. 7 at Holy Family Church by her grandson, Father Lawrence Gross, and Fathers Thomas Reddington, Richard Brickler and William Frankhauser, assisted by the pastor, Msgr. George Cocuzzi. Msgr. George Schmitt, Msgr. Emmett Murphy and Father Robert Bradler were present in the sanctuary.

Mrs. Gross was a member of the Holy Family Rosary Society and Ladies Auxiliary 48, Knights of St. John.

She leaves two daughters and five sons, Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Estephan and Herbert Gross, both of California; Catherine, Frank, Peter, Raymond and Joseph; 15 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The incident of Sunday's Gospel follows upon the Transfiguration. It is the beginning of the end. Jesus wanted secrecy, not because He was afraid of His enemies, but because He wanted to teach His Apostles. He did not want His Passion to be a surprise for them. Yet though all His teaching was always the same, their obduracy was also always the same. He predicted suffering and death, and they persisted in speaking of status in His Kingdom. Some people just don't seem to listen. They have to learn the hard way. It was so with the Twelve.

When Jesus reached Capernaum, He again sought to be alone with the Twelve — to teach them about true greatness.

"What were you discussing on the way home?" He asked. "They fell silent" — it was the silence of shame. They had no defense. It is strange how things take on a different color when set before the eyes of Jesus. As long as the Apostles thought that Jesus was not listening, they argued about who should be the greatest in His Kingdom. But when that argument had to be stated in the presence of Jesus, it was seen in all of its unworthiness.

If we took everything and set it in the sight of Jesus, it would make all the difference in the world with us. If in everything we did, we asked, "Would I do this if Jesus were watching me?" If in everything we said, we asked, "Would I say this if Jesus were listening to me?" There would be many things we would neither do nor say.

Jesus took the Apostles' argument seriously, and gave them one of the soundest pieces of common sense in the world. He did not abolish ambition; He sublimated it. For ambition to rule, He substituted ambition to serve. For ambition to have things done for us, He substituted the ambition to do things for others.

Every problem in politics, in economics, in the Church would be solved if men lived for what they could do for others and not for what they could get for themselves. The great men and women of history are not those who ask, "What can I get?" but those who say, "What can I give? How can I use my talents, my gifts, to serve — to serve God, His Church, others?"

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GURUS CALLED PHONIES

Chicago [RNS] — A Syracuse University specialist in Eastern religions claimed here that almost all of the 2,000 Asian gurus now practicing in the U.S. are "phonies." Professor Agehananda Bharati, chairman of Syracuse's anthropology department, charged that "the greatest phony of them all" is Maharaj Ji, the youthful "perfect master" who recently toured the U.S.

Promises Given To Mercy Sisters

The Mercy Sisters of Rochester recently received the final vows of Sister Joanne Deck and the temporary commitment of Sisters Gaye Moorhead and Mary Frances Wegman.

Sister Joanne, a teacher in St. Salome School, made her profession during an evening Mass Sept. 12, concelebrated at St. Salome's by the pastor, Father Walter Fleming, and Father Paul Bryan, CSSR.

She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Deck of 796 Genesee Park Blvd., in Our Lady of Good Counsel parish. Sister Joanne entered the Mercy Congregation in 1965, upon graduation from Mercy High School. She has a BA degree in psychology from the State University College at Brockport.

The other two Sisters, having completed their novitiate, committed themselves during a ceremony Sept. 9 at the Motherhouse to live and work in the congregation. Father Sebastian Falcone officiated.

Sister Gaye, a teacher in St.



SR. JOANNE DECK

Andrew's grammar school, has a degree in English from SUC at Genesee and has served Vista in Perkinville. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rex Moorhead of Livonia, Mich.

Sister Mary Frances is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linus Wegman of 84 Westfall Rd., Rochester. She will be graduated from the Brockport college in January, and then teach first grade at Annunciation School.

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