



Photo by Susan McKinney

Rhythm of Life

The dramatic effect in the illustration at left is achieved by making a black and white photographic print, and, in the process, dropping out all middle shades. The original photograph was taken as Bishop Joseph Hogan distributed Holy Communion to members of Bishop Kearney's High School's Sophomore class. The Bishop was invited to visit the school Feb. 26.

Country Priest

What is life like for a country priest? To find out staff writer Pat Petraske and photographer Dave Witbeck visited Father Edwin Wedow, pastor of St. Thomas in Leicester, and of its missions, St. Raphael's in Piffard, and St. Lucy's in Retsof.



centerfold for "The Poetry and Drama in the Life of a Country Priest"

They accompanied him on his rounds — visiting the sick, talking to residents, distributing Communion, saying Mass and just generally letting the residents of the villages and countryside know that he is available.

For a stirring words-and-picture look at the role of a non-metropolitan pastor turn to the

Staff writer Sharon Darnieder talked with workers experienced in helping and treating alcoholics to find out why they're concerned with the increasing number of teens that turn to drink to get their kicks. What's the difference between a teenage alcoholic and one that's older? Or is there one? Find out in the third and final part of the series "Teenage Drinkers: Our Future Alcoholics?" on Page 15.

Amidst talk of urban renewal and fears of school closings, the Church in the inner city has devised new ways to reach its people. Staff writer Pat Petraske, in the last of a two-part series on the Council of Inner City Parishes, explores its future and the programs that one member believes "are the only thing keeping the Church in the inner city." Page 10.

Abuse Charged

Anglicans Ask Revision Of British Abortion Law

London [RNS] — The Church of England joined Roman Catholics and others in demanding a change in Britain's present liberal abortion law when its General Synod passed a composite motion calling for action by the next Parliament.

The target of the motion was the Abortion Act of 1967 which liberalized the country's abortion laws and has led to scores of thousands of abortion operations in both state-run hospitals and private clinics.

Critics have charged that the act is being abused.

The synod's motion was introduced by Bishop Eric Treacy of Wakefield, northern England, who said, "Abortion is the unacceptable face of the

technological twentieth century, and is an affront to Christian conscience."

The motion urged the nation's next government to bring forward proposals for changes in the law and administration of abortion which would have regard to the need:

*To recognize the interests of both the mother and the unborn child.

*To eliminate the "manifest abuses" currently connected with recourse to private clinics and the payment of fees.

*To insure that the interests of medical and nursing staff who exercise their present legal right to decline to assist in abortions are protected.

In its motion the synod upheld the sanctity of life, including that of the unborn child, and acknowledged the widespread anxiety being felt in Britain over the results of the 1967 Act.

Dr. Treacy accepted the need for a law to regulate abortion and recognized that if a woman really wanted one she would have it, legally or illegally.

He added, "I would venture the opinion that abortion is a kind of murder, because it is the destruction of human life.

"The fact that it is legal does not make it moral. Nothing could indicate more surely the decline of Christian belief and standards in this country than the legalizing of abortion."

Cardinal Visits U.S.

By CARMEN VIGLUCCI

"To see this — working people using their rest hour to come to Church and think of God and the sacraments is indeed gratifying."

Witnessing large turnouts, at weekday Masses in the New York City area and at the Missions Office in Rochester, Cardinal Maurice Otunga of Nairobi, Kenya, has been moved to changing his previous impressions of Catholic life in the United States.

The cardinal arrived in the United States about two weeks ago and is on a six-week swing through the country. Last week he visited Rochester. He is the first native born Kenyan to be created a cardinal.

"I had a mistaken impression at home, namely that Catholic life in the United States was breaking

up, that priests were leaving their ships, that nuns were abandoning their vocations, that the people did not go to Mass or the sacraments. I have found things to be to the contrary, which really relieves me and which will send me home happy and encouraged," he said.

The cardinal said he came to America "to thank our benefactors of this great country and to renew contacts." One of the contacts he referred to is Father Peter Kairo, now studying at St. John Fisher College, who is from Nakuru, in Kenya.

The cardinal, during his stay in metropolitan New York City, was impressed with the size and spirit of people attending Church. He spoke enthusiastically of packed Masses at St. Joan of Arc Church in Jackson Heights and Our Lady of Victory Church in the

Coordinator Appointed



Father Albert H. Cason, co-pastor of St. Patrick's, Owego, is the new coordinator for the Tompkins-Tioga Region, the

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