



St. Christopher division leaders and team captains prepare their fund raising campaign.

## St. Christopher's Plans Building

Plans for the building of a two-story parish center connected with the present church building have been announced by Father Elmer McDonald, founding pastor of St. Christopher Parish, 3355 Union St., North Chili.

The new building will contain facilities for eight conference rooms on the second floor in which to house the over 635 children who regularly attend religious education instructions.

The first floor will contain a large social hall in which parish social functions may be held, provide a meeting facility for teenagers, wedding receptions, dances and other social affairs. Two offices and a library will complete the first floor complex. Adequate storage space will be included in the basement. The total construction cost will be approximately \$175,000. The parish now has a debt of \$185,000.

In a letter to parishioners, Father McDonald pointed out that this program, despite the inflationary times and high interest rates, just could not be postponed to a "more convenient time."

Under the leadership of Co-Chairmen Frank Cappadonia, James Ralston and Marshall Smith, a fund-raising campaign has been launched to raise a minimum of \$175,000 payable over the next three years. More than 250 men of the parish are being recruited to help. Father McDonald pointed out that this program would be the first time that over 60% of the St. Christopher parishioners will be asked to make a special effort.

The program is under the direction of Norman McGowan of the State-wide Counseling Services of Rochester.

### ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Father Paul J. Cuddy

Dear Father Gramkee, Staff Spokesperson:

About six months ago I was in Jack Brennan's Floral Shop, just down the street from St. Mary's Church in Auburn. The back of the store is a kind of neighborhood cracker barrel club room, where friends gather daily in unaffected friendship. (I think you would use a more elegant expression, like: "Experiencing meaningful relationship in Christian love"; but you must be content with my square, simple English.) They gather to chat, to gather the latest local news, to live a sincere concern about friends, city, Church and State. The clock struck 12 noon. And the splendid bell from your St. Mary's Church tower pealed out the call to prayer, inviting all listeners to pray the Angelus, and to recall God's break-through into history.

The men at Brennan's were unabashed, simple Catholics who love and practice the Faith with a virility which precludes gimmickry. I have known them for 50 years. So with Christian logic I said: "That's the Angelus bell from St. Mary's. Let's say the Angelus. An angel of the Lord declared unto Mary", and the five men, plus wife Maureen Brennan antiphonated: "And she conceived by the Holy Spirit." When we finished the prayers, with the traditional remembrance of the dead: "and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace," and blessed ourselves, one said: "That was nice. You know, I don't think I've said the Angelus in years." I replied with the bluntness of a good friend: "Why do you think Msgr. Cuffney has the bells rung at noon from St. Mary's? It's a call to recite the Angelus, and to thank God for the Incarnation." Another said: "I'm pretty rusty on the words. Could you get them for me?"

When I returned to Webster I mailed 10 copies of A Simple Prayer Book which I got at the Franciscan Church in Killarney the previous May. It has the Angelus and many other prayers which all Catholics should know and pray.

I was later told: "When there is a bunch of us here at noon, we now recite the Angelus together when St. Mary's bell rings."

I was pleased with your letter to the editor in the Oct. 9 C.J. To refresh the memory of readers here it is: "The staff of St. Mary's Parish in Auburn, takes great exception to Father Paul Cuddy's recent statement in the Courier-Journal judging the quality of a parish religious education program on whether or not the 5th thru 12th graders could recite the Angelus and the Rosary." Why should I be pleased? Because the pain and anguish of St. Mary's Staff will advert the attention of many religion teachers and parents to the beautiful prayers, and surely will impel many to teach their charges these biblical jewels.

Frankly, however, I am annoyed that you should have missed the point which is so neatly implied in my own words: "Test the children from the 5th grade through high school for their knowledge and practice of the two Marian and incarnational devotions Pope Paul asked for last February, viz. the Rosary and the Angelus. If they know them, the chances are your parish religion course is in the right direction. If so, bless the Lord, and the teachers." (C.J. Oct. 2) Don't you think if religion teachers are teaching the rosary and the Angelus this is a good indication they are following the directions of the Holy Father? And if they are, that they are following the magisterial teachings of the Catholic Church? On the contrary, if the Angelus and the Rosary are not taught and practiced in religious education, might this not indicated that the directions of the Vicar of Christ are shrugged off?

I do not think this conclusion is very subtle; and I do hope that your calling this to the attention of religion teachers, parents, et al, will indicate they are going "in the right direction," and will have reason to bless the teachers. Thank you for being the blessed instrument to bring praise to Christ and Our Lady.



### Fund Raiser's Gift

The results of a fund-raising spaghetti dinner given by Lewis Freedman last April is presented in a check of nearly \$3200 to Sister Seraphine Herbst, principal of the Holy Childhood School. Ceremonies were conducted Oct. 6 at Tut's Villa.

### Redemptorist Pilgrimage

Focusing on the theme of reconciliation, a Holy Year pilgrimage will be sponsored by the Redemptorist Fathers, Oct. 17-20. The topic of reconciliation as a mini-mission of the Church will be discussed by Father John Renehan, CSSR.

An "old time" mission sermon, penitential service and confessions will begin the celebration 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday at St. Joseph's Church, 108 Franklin St. On Saturday confessions will be heard from 3-6 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. Mass of Fulfillment and general communion.

The pilgrimage begins at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20 at St. Louis Church, Pittsford. An outdoor Rosary procession will be held at 2 p.m. followed by a sermon and prayers in the Church.

## Northwest Youth Council Meets to Set Goals

One of the features of the Northwest Regional Youth Council weekend meeting at St. Bernard's Seminary last week was a goal-setting session with John Turner and Ken Jones of the CYO Youth Development staff.

Five parishes and Aquinas Institute were represented. The Northwest Youth Council promotes meaningful and interesting programs for the region.

The St. Bernard's weekend began Friday night with a variety of personal sharing and community building exercises. Films and discussions and a leadership development workshop were conducted Saturday. In addition, Father Michael Mahler, the assistant Northwest coordinator, conducted a session on youth involvement in regional activities.

Three goals were set: to enrich youth programs by sponsoring a variety of joint activities involving two or more parishes; to plan several regional events for all the youth groups in the region; to work toward having an adult and a youth representative on the council from each parish and high school of the region.

Susan Eddy of St. Charles

parish will represent the Youth Council at the Northwest Region executive committee and general assembly meetings.

### 48 Exhibitors At Antique Show

Forty-eight exhibitors will highlight the annual antique show sponsored by the Temple Brith Kodesh Sisterhood, Oct. 29-30, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Temple auditorium, 2131 Elmwood Ave.

Selections will be offered in unusual jewelry, buttons, china, silver, furniture, orientals and glass. For the first time a coin collection will be available. Other features of the show include a country store, tours of the temple, displays of artifacts of Jewish holidays and a snack bar. Admission \$1.

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