

Raoul Berger Set at Fisher

Raoul Berger, one of America's foremost scholars on constitutional law and American legal history, will speak at St. John Fisher College on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. in Kearney Auditorium. The event, sponsored by the Fisher Student Congress Cultural Lecture Committee, is free and open to the public.

Professor Berger, the author of *Impeachment: The Constitutional Problems and Executive Privilege: A Constitutional Myth*, is the Charles Warren senior fellow in American legal history at the Harvard Law School.

Professor Berger received his undergraduate education at the University of Cincinnati and received the J.D. degree from

Northwestern University. In 1938, Harvard University awarded him the LL.M. degree.

He has served as a member of the American Law Institute and as chairman of the Administrative Law section, American Bar Association. In addition, he was chairman of the bar Association's Special Committee on Special Courts.

Publisher's Weekly said about Professor Berger's book, *Executive Privilege: A Constitutional Myth* "Berger presents in this landmark work what is undoubtedly the most comprehensive and devastating analysis of the 'myth' of executive privilege as put forth by recent Presidents that has yet been made."



Catechist To Speak

Christiane Brusselmans, noted author and speaker, will conduct a workshop on *The Moral Development of the Child* at Mercy High School auditorium Nov. 23, from 10 am to 3:30 p.m. Ms. Brusselmans is the author of *We Celebrate the Eucharist and Religion for Little Children*. She is presently working on a preparation kit for *First Penance*. Coffee and dessert will be provided workshop participants, but lunch is not supplied. Tickets will be sold at the door or in advance through St. Jerome's Religious Education Office (586-1625) and Holy Spirit Church (671-5680). The workshop is sponsored by the Religious Educators of the Northeast Region.

SACRED MUSIC

The Wind Ensemble, band and chorus of the State University College at Brockport will present a concert of Sacred Music at the Brockport Fine Arts Center on Monday, Nov. 18 and at the Rochester Jewish Community Center on Monday, Nov. 25: Both concerts will start at 8:30 p.m. A featured work will be the New York premiere of "Abraham and Isaac" by Dr. Ira P. Schwarz, chairman of the Department of Music at Brockport.

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WORD FOR SUNDAY



Fr. **Albert Shamon**

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Lk. 21:5-19. (R1) Mal. 3:19-20. (R2) 2 Thess. 3:7-12.

As we draw close to the end of the Church Year, the Liturgy rivets our attention on our last end.

Malachi (450 B.C.) asks the perennial question about evil and answers it. Is God fair in His dealings with men? Does He really care that there are so many wrongs in the world? Malachi answers: "He most certainly is fair and does care. For a day is coming when He will set all things right. All evildoers will be burned like stubble and the good will be healed." The Psalmist concurs with Malachi: "The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice."

The trouble with questions like these is that man has only time, whereas God has eternity. He doesn't have to give His pay checks on Saturday nights. At the end of time is time enough to balance the books. Till then, be patient, endure, act, say the other readings.

For St. Luke, Jerusalem was all important. He structured his gospel as a travelogue from Galilee to Jerusalem. He portrays Jesus setting His face like flint toward the Holy City, where He will finish His life and from where He will send His Spirit-filled apostles to bring the gospel to the four corners of the earth. Yet Jesus foretold that the City which

Pope Presides At Mass for Cardinals

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul presided at a special memorial Mass in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel for cardinals who died during the preceding year. Since November 1973, eight cardinals have died, reducing the membership of the College of Cardinals to 130.

They were Cardinals Ildebrando Antonietti, Giuseppe Beltrani, Amleto Cicognani, Jean Daniélou, Boleslaw Kominek, James C. McGuigan, Peter T. McKeefry, and Stepan Trochta.

The memorial Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Franjo Seper, Prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

would seek to destroy Him would itself be destroyed — "evil recoils on the evildoer."

To any Jew, the destruction of Jerusalem was tantamount to the end of the world. Luke, however, points out that the fall of Jerusalem is, on the contrary, only a beginning — the beginning of the Christian era. Only after the fall of Jerusalem (70 A.D.) did it become absolutely clear that Christians were not just another sect of Jews. Only after the fall, did persecution, often Jew-inspired, break out intermittingly — offering the disciples the opportunity to give, by their patient endurance, the witnessing that spread the Faith. Thus Tertullian could write: "The blood of martyrs is a seed."

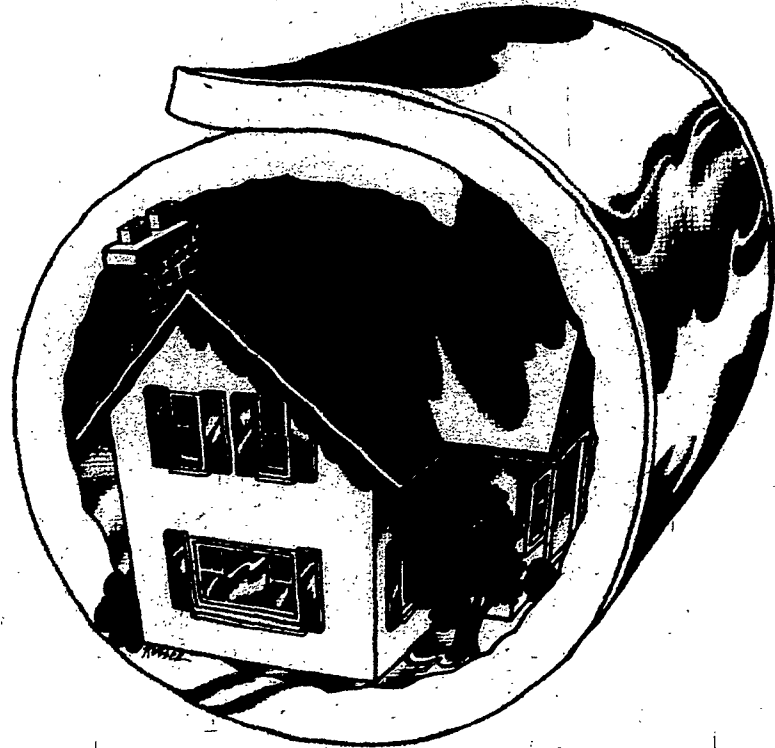
In other words, Christians now are in an intermediate state between the first coming of Christ and His second (the Parousia). Because we are, we must never fall into the do-nothing attitude of the Thessalonians. Life must consist of action as well as of passion, of doing as well as of enduring, of working as well as of suffering. The Thessalonians had hazy ideas about the coming of Christ. They thought it was imminent, so they relinquished all work. Instead of keeping busy, they became busybodies, for idleness is the devil's workshop. How wrong this was, Paul showed by holding himself up as an example. With the exception of the church at Philippi, Paul never accepted one red cent for himself from any of the churches he had founded. He had every right to support from them, for "thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treads the corn." Yet Paul worked day and night just to give them an example of industry.

Looking to the future is not a trick to escape the reality of the present. "You will have pie in the sky when you die" is not opium to drug one into a door-mat passivity that does nothing to alleviate wrongs in the world. Rather it is meant to teach us life is linear, that it is moving in a straight line — toward a goal! That it is not cyclical, like the seasons, going round and round in circles, and so going nowhere. Because life is purposeful, because it does lead to an end where "for those who fear the name of God, the sun of justice will arise with its healing rays" (R1), this insight gives renewed energy to get on with the now! It means we have no time to waste, but must shoulder the work at hand, however insignificant it may seem to be.

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