



Kiss of Peace Sign of Reconciliation

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Liturgical Commission

One of the deepest experiences that comes to every Catholic in the Mass is the experience of Communion with the Lord. We share in the Meal that Jesus prepares for us and the risen Jesus becomes truly present to us and in our midst.

Communion with Jesus at Mass is as deep as we allow it to be. Yet we need to be mindful that our Communion with Jesus is affected by our relationship with the members of His Body. We cannot truly become one with Jesus without at the same time becoming one with the whole people He has redeemed.

In the Mass one of the ways in which we express our deep need for communion with one another is that gesture known as the Kiss of Peace. It is a very ancient gesture, with a long life in the Church, that has only recently been restored to our liturgy. Some people still feel awkward or uncomfortable with the Kiss of Peace. Perhaps the reason is that they do not fully understand its meaning. It is more than simply greeting the person next to us. It is more than saying hello to someone. It is a prayerful gesture in which we say to one another, "I accept you. I want to be reconciled with you."

CDA Urged to Join Pro-Life Movement

Brockport — At the most recent State Board meeting of the Catholic Daughters of New York State held here, it was recommended that individual courts be involved in pro-life programs in their areas. It is specifically suggested that Birthright is a practical personal means for aiding those who resist legal abortion.

The meeting was attended by

Canisius Prexy To Take Leave

Buffalo, N.Y. [RNS] — The Canisius College board of trustees has approved a six-month sabbatical leave for Father James M. Demske, SJ, president of the Jesuit school here for nine years.

During Father Demske's absence, July 1-Dec. 30, 1975, Father

FISHER PRESENTS THEOLOGIAN

A public lecture, entitled "A Choice: Life or Death," will be presented by Dr. Stanley M. Hauerwas, assistant professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Lavery Library, St. John Fisher College.

A graduate of the Yale Divinity School and the Yale Graduate School, Dr. Hauerwas joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1970. He is a member of the American Society of Christian Ethics and the American Academy of Religions, and has written books and articles for numerous scholarly publications.

This acceptance is not simply of the other as an individual (though it is that); it is also the acceptance of the other as representing all those with whom I need to be reconciled. This gesture of peace can be most meaningful to us if we see it not as an isolated action, but as a genuine expression in symbol of my desire to be reconciled to my neighbor as the necessary preliminary for being reconciled with God. It is a gesture in which we as God's people exercise the ministry of reconciliation toward one another.

Just before the gesture of peace, the priest prays:

Lord, Jesus Christ,
you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace,
my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins,
but on the faith
of your Church,
And grant us the
peace and unity
of your Kingdom,
Where you live
for ever and ever.

Jesus is the great Healer, the great Reconciler. It is His peace that we exchange with one another before the Communion Meal — a peace which the world cannot give or take away, a peace which is serenity in our depths beyond all turmoil.

the five State Officers presided over by the state regent, Mrs. Mary Donahue of Brockport.

The State Chaplain, Father L. John Hedges of Rochester, told the board that in the new year, we need to face our responsibility of vitality and strength in the Faith. We are important in the Christian community. We are a source of strength to others. We are our brother's keeper.

Edward F. Maloney, SJ, will serve as acting president. Father Maloney, executive vice president for academic affairs, has been a faculty member and administrator at Canisius for 19 years.

Father Demske plans to visit European universities during his sabbatical and hopes "to have some time to reflect upon the role of the presidency, the needs of private colleges, and the nature of the religiously oriented college in the American educational scene in order to return with improved resources for doing the job in the future."

ME INFO NIGHT

Elmira — A Marriage Encounter information night will be held March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes school hall, 1100 W. Church St. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Norton of Van-Etten will present a talk on Marriage Encounter.

Business In The Diocese



Frank Gentile, has been elected senior vice president of Bayles Furniture, Inc. He also will continue as manager of Bayles Traditional, 1880 East Ave. Gentile is a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish and its Men's Club.

Coffin Plans Resignation From Yale

New Haven, Conn. [RNS] — The Rev. William Sloane Coffin Jr. announced here that he will resign as Yale University chaplain in 1976.

The 51-year-old United Presbyterian clergyman gained national prominence in the 1960's as a leader in the civil rights and peace movements. He has been at Yale 17 years.

Mr. Coffin announced at the close of services in the university chapel on Feb. 9 that he had informed the Yale Corporation of his decision to leave.

"I know that growth demands a willingness to relinquish one's proficiencies," he said in the letter to the Yale governing body. "So I want to become more vulnerable, or as the old pietist phrase goes, 'To let go and let God.' What's still to come is still unsure — and that's the way it should be."

The Yale Corporation has approved Mr. Coffin's decision. The announcement, however, caught the university off guard.

"At a time when cynicism and nihilism overcame so many, Bill Coffin kept this university both morally and socially sensitive," said Yale President Kingman Brewster, Jr. "His departure a year from now will be a great loss to all of Yale."

Feis Rochester Schedules Party

Cabaret singer Joe Cahill, fresh from Ireland, will highlight the Feis Rochester dinner dance Saturday evening, March 8, in Mother of Sorrows hall. The Desmond Penrose dancers also will entertain, and the J.V.s will play for dancing. Dinner speaker will be Mark Tuohy, former safety commissioner.

Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets, at \$6.50 per person, should be ordered before March 4 through Mrs. Gladys Daly, 663-8766; Mrs. Elsie Pentose, 458-6438, or Mrs. Bridie McGinnity, 352-6819.

FATHER SHOMSKY VIGIL HOMILIST

Father Conrad Shomsky of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima will speak at Holy Rosary Church at 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, during the monthly all-night vigil sponsored by the local Blue Army group. His Mass homily will focus on the third reason for the Five First Saturdays, "Her Divine Maternity."

Other priests who will take part in the vigil rites are Msgr. John M. Duffy and Fathers Frederick Eisemann, William G. Endres and Robert Meng, and Deacon Stephen Kraus.

Legal Status Sought For Latin Immigrants

The new Pastoral Committee for the Spanish-Speaking of the Northeast Region of the United States has called upon the government to legalize the status of Latin Americans who are living and working in this country without proper documents.

In a statement sent recently to President Gerald Ford and legislative leaders, the committee also expressed the opinion that present immigration laws and procedures discriminate against Latin Americans.

The statement refers to "hundreds of thousands" who have settled in the United States without going through normal immigration channels. It asks that no sanctions be imposed on employers of these aliens, lest discrimination arise against citizens, "especially Latins, who do not resemble North Americans."

Sister Aida Sansor, a Sister of Guadeloupe who came from Mexico to work in Rochester, is one of the 23 committee members who signed the statement. The 23 were elected, and the statement was framed, at the first Spanish Pastoral Congress of the Northeast Region.

The congress, which drew about 400 priests, religious and lay people to Holyoke, Mass., last

Fall, instructed the committee to organize a pastoral office to work with diocesan directors of the Spanish Apostolate and other appropriate diocesan agencies. The group has scheduled a meeting for March 8-9 in Paterson, N.J. Its territory comprises the archdioceses and diocese of the New England and Middle Atlantic States, and of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The statement on immigration will be translated and forwarded, through Church channels, to churchmen in South America.

"The underdeveloped conditions of their homelands have compelled our brothers to come to this country seeking refuge for themselves and their families," it asserts. "We maintain that the majority are honest, hard-working people who pay their taxes and usually work under conditions which no American would accept."

"Their greatest desire is to legalize their immigration status, thus avoiding the present psychological state of fear and of persecution in which they find themselves. This state weakens their morale and is an affront to their human dignity. The only 'crime' our people commit is to seek a just living and to provide for their families."



Williams Collection

The former librarian of the famed Byron Williams Collection of professional educational literature Ms. Helen Cashman, and Charles Higgins, director, Learning Resources Center, Nazareth College, compare notes at a recent ceremony officially noting the transfer of the collection to Nazareth. The 5,000 volumes, periodicals, and audio-visual materials have been loaned on a "long-term basis" to Nazareth by the Genesee Valley School Development Association.

AYM Names New Editor

Maria Sanguedolce has been named editor of the Area Youth Ministry's youth publication, "L.I.O.N." Miss Sanguedolce replaces Miss Julie Christie.

Miss Sanguedolce is an Arts Major at Nazareth College and a member of Holy Family Parish.

The AYM publication is free and features articles and opinions

by youth including interviews with city officials, politicians, clergy, and community leaders.

She says there will be some changes in the publication including several new types of articles, a new distribution system, and the doubling of staff. The paper's publication and distribution will change from bi-weekly to monthly on a year-round basis.

Cabrini Circle Plans Dinner

Mother Cabrini Circle will give a spaghetti dinner Sunday, March 2, at Immaculate Conception school hall. Service will begin immediately after the 12:15 p.m. Mass at \$2 a plate for adults and \$1.25 for children under 12. The Glasgow Street entrance will be used.

The sponsoring organization is an inter-racial group that raises money to help black youngsters through Catholic High schools.

MEN'S RETREAT

Wayland — The annual Men's Retreat for men of St. Joseph's will be in full swing March 7 at the Notre Dame Retreat House. Men wishing to attend are asked to call either Ron Haydon (728-2241) or Vic Gessner (728-2754).

Pre-School Registration at St. Salome's

Registrations are now being accepted for the school year beginning in September for the Little People's School at St. Salome's, 4280 Culver Road.

The school is for 3 and 4-year-olds and programs of two, three or five days a week are available. Registration hours at the school are from 9 to 11:20 a.m. and further information may be obtained by calling 467-7593.

AQUINAS CARD PARTY

On Saturday night, March 1, the Golden Anniversary Year Card Party will be held in the Aquinas cafeteria. Tickets at \$1.25 may be purchased at the door.