



BASH Exhibit Photo by Susan McKinley.

Mrs. Jean Borrell and Mrs. Helen Harter admire a ceramic display at the art exhibit held last week at the Kearney Auditorium, St. John Fisher, and which was sponsored by McQuaid High School's parents' association BASH. On Saturday, March 15, BASH will climax its fund-raising drive with a dinner and auction at McQuaid High School.



A view of the first CYO Cross Walk in 1974.

CYO Plans Cross Walk

Following last year's successful Cross Walk, the CYO plans to follow it up with Cross Walk II at 7 p.m. on Good Friday, March 28; in Durant-Eastman Park. call the CYO (454-2030) for additional information.

The Cross Walk is something new based on something old. It attempts to draw the best elements out of the traditional Stations of the Cross and place them within a contemporary setting. The main emphasis is two-fold: It calls to mind the extremes to which love (in the person of Christ) can go; it also challenges us to look at our world today and at ourselves and pick out the areas where genuine love and concern are weak and need to be strengthened.

The Cross Walk is conducted outdoors. The first 14 interested high school youth groups will each take one of the stations and develop a contemporary version of it which focuses on our own lives and the community in which we live.

Each group is encouraged to develop its station in whatever way it wants — dialogue, readings, banners, short skits, music or whatever. The only constraint is time. Each station should be between 3 to 5 minutes long.

High school youth groups interested in participating should

Van Etten News

Van Etten — The Community Lenten Program embraces the Catholic and Methodist churches of Van Etten, the Presbyterian, Lutheran and Federated churches of Spencer and the Methodist of Halsey Valley. Services are every Wednesday at 8 p.m. with a guest preacher in assigned church. Father Bernard Kuchman, pastor of St. Pius X is preaching in the Van Etten Methodist Church.

Van Etten — The St. Pius X women will have their day of Recollection on March 16; the men on March 23. The time will be spent in prayer, meditation and discussion.

Van Etten — First Communion Classes at St. Pius X will begin March 15 and continue every Saturday till May 11 Communion Day. Parents will assist Father Bernard Kuchman in the program.

Van Etten — Mrs. Janet Sullivan of the St. Pius X Altar Society and her committee have planned the Easter Bake Sale for March 29.

used the technique characteristic of every great teacher.

He asked the lad what he would do after finishing his studies.

"I will set up office and practice law."

"What then?"

"I'll marry and have a family."

"What then?"

"I'll enjoy life."

"What then?"

"I'll get older and, I suppose, eventually die."

"What then?"

Until we are ready for death, we are not ready for life. Death is not an elective subject. Those who think it is have not been listening to history. Anyone who visits the tomb of Lenin can see the book he was reading before he died. What he was concerned with before he died would shock communists. The book he was reading is titled: **What is the Meaning of Christianity?**

Last things last is not so wise an approach to life as last things first!

Time is like precious coin to purchase eternity. We should spend it wisely, for it slips by like the increased acceleration of a falling body.

The man of the hour is the one who makes every minute count. Kipling expressed it like this in his poem "If": "If you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run"

Not long after raising Lazarus from death, our Lord was crucified to destroy both sin and death. The miracle of Lazarus was a sign of greater things to come: His resurrection and ours.

Life, then, is simply a preparation for God's final exam. No one ought to fail it, because God has given us the answers as well as the questions.

WORD FOR SUNDAY



Fr. Albert Shamon

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Jn. 11:1-45. (R1) Ez. 37:12-14. (R2) Rom. 8:8-11.

The principal theme of this Sunday's liturgy is **bodily resurrection** after death.

Bodily resurrection is emphasized during Lent, because sin and death are inseparable in biblical revelation. "In the day you eat thereof, you shall die." If Lent is to give us a true understanding of sin, then death, the sanction of sin, must also come up for consideration. There is no victory over sin, if there is none over death. That is why Christ had to rise from the dead.

Next Sunday will be Palm Sunday, the gateway to the death of Jesus. The following Sunday will be Easter, the conquest of death. The Church would have us reflect, in the Lenten context of sin and death, upon its redemptive sequel: atonement and resurrection.

The first reading is simply a promise by the prophet Ezechiel of Israel's national resurrection by the ending of the Babylonian Captivity (587-539 B.C.). The second reading speaks of our individual resurrection: "The Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead . . . will bring your mortal body to life also." The death of Lazarus provided Jesus an opportunity to show His power over death.

Our Lord's redemption is not a half-job. He saved us not only spiritually but also from physical death. His work was complete, perfect. He saves man entire, in soul and in body.

Ash Wednesday reminded us of death. Lent urges us to think about death. "Remember your last end and you will never sin."

One day a lad came to St. Philip Neri to tell him he was going to study law. Philip knew the lad better than he knew himself. He felt the lad should become a religious. So Philip

CYO Program Asks for Pools

The CYO is planning an outdoor swim program this summer in various neighborhood private pools. Anyone interested in offering the use of his pool, please contact CYO, 50 Chestnut St. or phone 454-2030. The pool should be in the ground, preferably heated and large enough to accommodate a group of 10 to 12 children.

Swimming instructions are handled by qualified CYO instructors and swimming cards and badges are awarded on completion of each session.

The program is offered to elementary school age children and tiny tots. The program will begin June 30 and continue through August 29.

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