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Center Advisors

Mary Jo Porter, left, and Sue Schaefer, right, discuss a few of the problems that youths in high school face. Both girls are members of the Youth Advisor Board at the Center, a non-profit counseling and educational resource agency that is celebrating its third anniversary, this March. The girls advise the Center's staff on policies and procedures, and are consulted before new programs are initiated.

State 'Life' Official Lists ERA Opposition

The chairman of the New York State Right to Life Committee has issued a statement opposing passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

"The phrasing of the Equal Rights Amendment is ambiguous as to whether it would guarantee a right to abortion and therefore until such time as the wording of the ERA is changed or modified to remove this ambiguity, we are opposed to it," said Johanna M. Jankowski.

"We have taken a hands-off policy in the past," she said, "but

due to the ambiguity of the wording of the amendment, it has caused many in the pro-life movement to become concerned on its possible effect to our Human Life Amendment."

The federal ERA has already been passed in 34 states, including New York and needs to reach 38 to become constitutional. The state amendment must be passed by two separate legislatures. It was approved last year and this year already has passed the Assembly and is being considered by the Senate. If it does it will go to referendum in November.

of ego-tripping. If the bishops vote to change the method, fine. But in the meantime, would you bless contempt for the Church's law. What you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven' still holds."

Now my question is this. Don't you think Father Cuddy went way too far in equating Communion in the hand with wife-swapping, etc.?


Sincerely,
W. H.

Dear W. H.,

Yes, I do think he went MUCH too far, but I don't think he really intended it. Apparently Father Cuddy is so fed up with disobedience to the hierarchy he gets a little strident about it. I feel certain he didn't intend to equate adultery and racism with disobedience to what is commonly accepted as a minor rule. I am not giving approval of disobedience, but let's keep some perspective in this thing. It reminds one of the days when certain overzealous teachers in parochial schools were telling girls it was an occasion of sin for boys when the girls wore their hair long. The problem with this kind of "overkill" is that it gives people with not much theological training or education a false impression — that all regulations of the Church have the same standing and importance, which their common sense tells them is ridiculous.

One more remark: I find it a gross over-simplification to judge those who do allow Communion in the hand with "contempt for the law of the Church." Father Cuddy knows full well that many an ecclesiastical law has been turned over by common consent of the faithful. This does not start out with contempt for the original law but rather, a keen sense of the need for a better approach to the matter. People who give Communion in the hand do not have contempt for the law but are trying to get something more reasonable and workable in its place.

THE OPEN WINDOW



Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman,

I suppose I should be writing this as a letter to the editor and I certainly don't want to get you in trouble with your priest friends, but I have some questions about Father Cuddy's article on March 5 and I'd like to see what your point of view is on them.

He is talking about Communion and particularly Communion in the hand. He is asked, what about it? His answer:

"In our United States context it doesn't make sense to me. The bishops of the country agreed that this would not be done at this time. That should settle it. When the time does come why not hold a sacred vessel of the Hosts and let people help themselves, even as they do pass food at a family supper? But this must be done under the direction of the Church. To you do I give the keys of the Kingdom . . ."

The next "question" is: But some parishes do have a communion in the hand. His answer: "Which is shameful. But some parishes also have wife-swapping, racism, drunkenness, Mass-missing, wicked tongue wagging. The Capitol [sic] Sins: pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth are always at work to undermine our spiritual life. Defiance of the Church probably comes under the heading of Pride. Have you noticed how often the proud glory in their shame? It is a form

Notre Dame

3 Parishes: 1 School

Three suburban parishes in the Southwest Region of Monroe County plan to open a grade school this September that will use the facilities of each and provide expanded programs for all age levels.

St. Helen's, Holy Ghost and St. Jude's have applied to the state for a provisional charter under which to operate Notre Dame School of Gates, Inc. Michael Vigue, principal of St. Helen's, has been appointed director of education for the joint venture, which will include early childhood and elementary classes at each of the three parishes and consolidated grades 6 through 8 at St. Helen's.

A joint announcement said the new school "will afford opportunities for curriculum enrichment, lightening of class loads, economies of operation and joint expansion of Christian Education to adults, senior citizens and other areas of the community."

The board of trustees consists of the three pastors and six lay people. Representing St. Helen's are Msgr. Patrick J. Flynn, Dr. James Coleman, David Kelly and George Weidemer; Holy Ghost, Father Edward E. Steinkrchner, William Hochreiter and Donald J. Landers Jr.; St. Jude's, Father John J. Steger and Mrs. Rosemary Stuart, parish religious education coordinator. Dr. Coleman is president of the board, Hochreiter is vice president, and Mrs. Stuart, secretary-treasurer.

Holy Ghost and St. Helen's have parish schools; St. Jude's has none.

Cathedrals Join Choirs For Recital

For the first time ever, the choirs of Rochester's two Cathedrals will join in a recital of choral music dating from the Tudor Period to the Present Day. The choir of Sacred Heart Cathedral is under the direction of Donald Meminger and Christ Church Cathedral choir is directed by the Rev. Cyril V. Roberts, Canon Precentor of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester. Organists will be Anthony Rimore and Charles Tompkins.

The recital will take place Sunday, April 13, in Christ Church Cathedral, East Avenue at Broadway, at 4 p.m. All are welcome. A reception will follow in the Guild Room of the Cathedral.

Anthems which will be sung include Ave Verum by Byrd, Gloria in Excelsis by Hassler; Jesu, Priceless Treasure by Bach; How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place by Brahms and works of Vaughn Williams, Felciano, Ireland and Matthew.

Father Gaynor Marks His 30th

Elmira Heights — Father Joseph T. Gaynor, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo, celebrated the 30th anniversary of his ordination at a morning Mass Sunday, March 16. A reception in the afternoon was sponsored by the Altar-Rosary Society, Men's Club and Youth United.

Father Gaynor came here in October, 1969, from St. Catherine's, Addison.

CUBAN ENVOY DIES

Rome [RNS] — Luis Amado-Blanco, Cuba's Ambassador to the Vatican, died at the Cuban Embassy here, March 9, at the age of 72. He was dean of the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See.

Deadline Nears

Auburn — Parents of parochial school pupils, in this city, seeking transportation for children should file a request on or before April 15 with the Director of Transportation, Board of Education, 130 South Street. Forms are available at the schools.

Requests are necessary for children entering a parochial or private school for the first time or

who will change schools for the next school year.

Transportation will be available for children in kindergarten through fifth grade who live within the city and more than a mile from the nearest available parochial or private school. Also, it is available for pupils in grades six through eight, within the city, and more than 1 1/2 miles from the nearest available school.

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When are you happiest? Happiness lies in giving. You're happiest when you give yourself to the people who need you most. . . . A mother, for instance, hums with happiness when she bathes and dresses her baby. A good nurse always has time for a smile. Good fathers whistle at their work. . . . The best sort of giving involves more than writing checks—still, how better can you help the children now who need you overseas? Boys and girls who are blind, lepers, deaf-mutes, orphans—your money gifts, large and small, will feed them, teach them, cure them, give them a chance in life. . . . Want to be happier this Easter? Give some happiness to a child. You'll be happy, too!

GIVE SOME HAPPINESS TO A CHILD

HAPPINESS IS A SISTER OF YOUR OWN

In Erumathala, south India, a young Indian girl in training to be a Sister of the Destitute will learn, among other things, how to care for orphans. Her training costs \$300 all told (\$12.50 a month, \$150.00 a year), a small investment for a Sister's lifetime of service. Like to be her sponsor? We'll send you her name and she will write to you.

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For only \$200 in Ernakulam you can build a decent house for a family that now sleeps on the sidewalks. Simply send your check to us. Cardinal Parecatil will write to thank you also.

HAPPINESS IS CLOTHING

Brighten the heart of a blind boy in the Gaza Strip (where Samson lived). \$3 gives him shoes, \$5 clothes, \$10 a set of braille readers!

SEE THE HOLY LAND IN THE HOLY YEAR

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