



Will Carr, Youth Court legal advisor.

Peers

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estimate the second offense rate among Youth Court defendants because they would not be returned to Youth Court a second time, but noted that judges who referred the cases originally report not seeing most of the people a second time. This apparent success of Youth Court is credited to the influence of peer pressure in the process.

A few Youth Court members pursue law careers. Guy said he knows four personally who are doing so. Almost all go to college. Will Carr said that he would like

to see a more representative group involved in Youth Court, not just academically able students.

Guy said that a few years ago Tompkins County Youth Court helped Jefferson County start a youth court. He does not know, however, if it is still operating. He said too that he has heard there is one in the Syracuse area.

Youth Court bases its legality on the referrals from agencies, parental and defendant consent, and a clause in the family court law which allows a judge to turn outside the courtroom for advice.



Guy Costello, Youth Court coordinator.

Region Sets Pastoral Council Vote

Corning — The parishes and institutions of the Livingston-Steuben region will hold a general assembly April 6 at St. Joseph's, Wayland, to elect three delegates to the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

The committee in charge consists of the regional coordinator, Father Eugene Sweeney of St. Patrick's, Corning, and Ronald Powell and Andrew Jackson. Father Sweeney listed the following nominations received from parish councils:

Louis Lempert Jr., Holy Angels, Nunda; Vera Smith, St. Agnes, Avon; Justin Vogt, St. Mary's, Dansville, all in Livingston County.

William Recktenwald, Sacred Heart, Perkinsville; Arthur Rutan, St. Patrick's, Corning; Edna Ward, St. Vincent, Corning; Mary Smith, St. Mary's, Bath, all in Steuben County.

Although the assembly is public, election of delegates will be by the votes of four representatives of each parish and other institution in the region, Father Sweeney said. The institutions are Corning Community College, St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell and the House of Prayer maintained by the Mercy Sisters in Corning.

The Pastoral Council's initial meeting is scheduled for June 13-15.

PRIESTS FINED

Madrid [RNS] — A Catholic Church weekly, Vida Nueva (New Life) has claimed that since 1972 some 108 Catholic priests have been fined a total of \$198,125 for preaching sermons considered "subversive" by the Franco government. Of these priests, 42 have gone to jail for varying terms for refusing to pay the fines, the journal claimed.

Aide Named At College

The administrative assistant to the executive director of Rochester Area Colleges has been named director of Nazareth College of Rochester's continuing education program.

Elaine Hayden, of Webster will succeed Mrs. Ruth Gimbernat who will retire June 1 after three years of directing a program which has almost doubled in enrollment during her tenure to a record peak of 1698 students.

Mrs. Hayden, a former teacher in the Penfield Central School District, has assisted Dr. Alex Cameron, executive director of the 15-college consortium, in the area of Continuing Education programs and has coordinated activities of 11 RAC committees. Among her duties was the research and preparation of an Educational Services Directory of the area.

A cum laude graduate of State University College, Cortland, Mrs. Hayden received a master's in administration of higher education from SUNY, Brockport. She will join the staff on March 1; the appointment will be effective June 1.

Pre-Cana Workshops Set

Dennis E. Boike, a marriage, family and individual counselor, will be the featured speaker at the two Spring Pre-Cana workshops scheduled by the Office of Family Life.

The first conference is scheduled at Medaille Hall, Nazareth College from 7 to 11 p.m., Saturday, April 12. The second for those living outside the metropolitan Rochester area, will be at St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen, from 7 to 11 p.m., Saturday, April 19.

The April issue of IMPACT, the diocesan newsletter, lists the April 12 workshop as being scheduled at Becket Hall, 75 Fairport Road, East Rochester. This is an error. The April 12 workshop will be at Medaille Hall.

In addition to his counseling business, Boike is a part-time faculty member at the University of Rochester, Nazareth College and Monroe Community College. He has taught marital enrichment, child rearing and family

communication seminars in a wide variety of church, school and civic settings.

At the Pre-Cana workshops, he will use discussion techniques. Contents of both workshops will be the same and both are free. Pre-registration is necessary and anyone interested should contact the Office of Family Life, 546-3630.

New Center To Open At Fisher College

A resource center for the study of religion in North America has been established at St. John Fisher College.

Under the direction of Dr. Nathan R. Kollar, assistant professor of religious studies at Fisher, the Center for the Study of Religion in North America (CSRNA) will, in his words, "bring the resources of college and university to bear upon problems of comparative religion in North America as well as upon local religious groups."

"CSRNA is not a piety center, not a group of people interested in winning converts to any particular belief," Dr. Kollar says. "We understand religion broadly to mean one's pivotal values. Of course, we are interested in studying religion as it exists in churches, and we can aid denominational groups in a community to the extent they desire academic expertise brought to bear upon their problems."

Dr. Kollar initiated CSRNA at St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada in 1973. He continues to direct that Center's projects, which include developing a series of high school and university courses entitled "Religion in Canada."

"The work of the Center will be conducted on an ad hoc basis," he explains. "Experts will come together, perhaps initially only by mail or by phone, to work on a project. At its conclusion, they will disband."

Pastor

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St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, and St. Augustine's, Rochester.

The North Chili parish, which he established in June, 1968, has 600 families on its rolls. For 2 1/2 years, they attended Mass in the North Chili Medical Building, and the children had Saturday religion classes in the First Methodist Church, Chili. A new, modern church, designed to accommodate all parish functions, was opened Jan. 30, 1971, and at present is being expanded by the addition of a two-story wing.

At St. John's, Father McDonald succeeds Father Donald E. Lux, who died last Feb. 10.

THE OPEN WINDOW

Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman,

Quite a few years ago my sister married a man who had been married before and divorced. She was cut off from the Church and the Sacraments, and her family, and lived through hell. She tried to get a process of annulment for his first marriage at the chancery but they didn't give any hope. That was something like eleven years ago.

Now last week she calls and tells me that she was talking to some priest who encouraged her to take the case to the chancery again because things have changed. What I am afraid of, Father, is that some young avant-garde priest has just sort of shrugged the whole thing off. I know she will never be satisfied until the Church approves her marriage and I don't want to see her get hurt.

The question is: is there something new whereby the former marriage of her husband might be declared invalid now when it was regarded as a hopeless case just a few years ago?

Sincerely,
J. K.

Dear J. K.,

For the sake of many other people who are in the same boat as you, as well as for you and your family, I am glad you asked the question. The young priest who told your sister to try again was not going way overboard unless he guaranteed her the outcome of her case. But he probably had ample reason for advising her to try again.

First I would like to state that the Church still upholds as the ideal of marriage that of "until death do us part." But with all the advantages we have gained from new knowledge of the human personality, we are taking another look at certain marriages and asking the question, Were these particular people capable of entering into a lasting adult conjugal relationship? Were they able to know what they were proposing and were they able to realize the community of love which marriage is? Or to put it another way, which marriages has God really joined?

I personally know many marriages, and I am sure you do too, which because of the immaturity or ingrained selfishness of one or the other, could never have been "ratified by God."

If you think that your sister's husband or his first wife was emotionally, psychologically or spiritually incapable of entering into a lasting love relationship or conjugal union at the time they were married, then they probably have a good chance (not certain by any means) of having the first marriage declared null and void because of substantial defect. So don't worry about her going to the tribunal — she will be accorded gentle treatment. Anyway, he is the one who will have to be in contact with the tribunal.

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