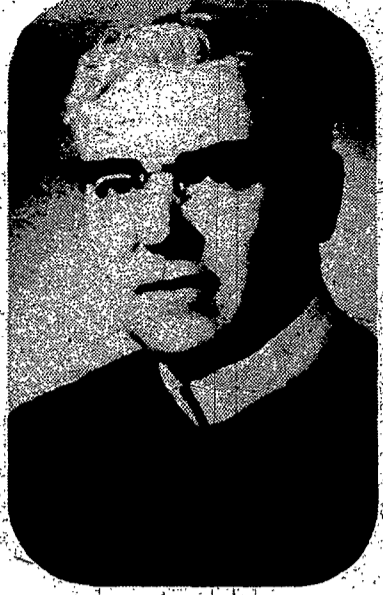




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Redemptorists Make Two Changes Here

Two of the 82 changes announced last week by the Redemptorist Order's Provincial Residence in Brooklyn affect the Rochester diocese.

Father Bernard Power has been named pastor of Our Lady of Victory in Rochester, replacing Father Albert Riesner who goes to Ilchester, Md.

And Father Thomas Schmidt will be the new rector of Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua with the present rector, Father James Foley, assuming the pastorate of the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Boston, Mass.

Father Power, 58, is a native of Brooklyn, who was stationed at old St. Joseph's on Franklin Street from 1959 to 1962. In the 32 years of his priesthood he has worked in the Virgin Islands, and among


Midshipmen at Annapolis Md. For the last 13 years he has been at West End, N.J., first as promotion director of retreats and more recently as rector of San Alfonso Retreat House.

Father Schmidt, 40, is a native of Brooklyn. After his ordination in 1962 at Esopus, N.Y., he was assigned to the work of home missions. For the past several years he has been active in retreat work for youth and in Marriage Encounter on Long Island.

The 82 changes were made by the Extraordinary Provincial Council, an elected body of seven with the provincial superior, after intensive consultation, vis-a-vis, with the members of the 33 Redemptorist communities in the Province.

Assignments become effective on Saturday, July 17.

TOWARD TOMORROW



Fr. Henry Atwell

The 42nd edition of the "Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches" with its statistics for 1974 indicates we are still a long way from fulfilling the prayer of Jesus that all his disciples be "one flock, one shepherd."

The book lists an even 230 different denominations in the United States. These denominations vary in size and extent from just one congregation and fewer than a hundred members up to the more than 40,000 Methodist churches or a Roman Catholic membership of 50 million.

There are 13 different denominations whose title proclaims them in one way or another to be "The Church of God." There are 11 different denominations which proclaim themselves "United" — from the straightforward "The United Church of Christ," to "The United Methodist Church," "The United Presbyterian Church," and "The United Zion Church."

There are 10 denominations which claim to be a "Catholic Church" — such as the American Catholic Church (4 churches, 300 members), Christ Catholic Church, Liberal Catholic Church, the North American Old Roman Catholic Church, and the largest in the group, the Old Catholic

Church with 186 churches and 65,128 members.

Names vary from the familiar, the Episcopal Church, the Baptist Church, to such not-so-familiar names as "Fire Baptized Holiness Church," "General Six Principle Baptists," and "The Schwenkfelder Church."

All claim the Holy Spirit has inspired them to interpret the Bible correctly, although differently than all the 229 other denominations. And most denominational leaders will admit there is considerable latitude of belief and practice within each denomination.

All of which indicates that Pope John's dream of restoring the unity of the Church is still a distant dream. It also indicates that the Vatican Council of ten years ago, with all its pageantry of ecumenism, is either nightmare or happy memory (depending on one's viewpoint) but far from fulfillment.

The Vatican recently warned us not to minimize the reality of the Devil but then further cautioned us not to blame him for all our difficulties. The demon of disunity is quite likely not some bat out of hell but all those devout people you see in most any church most any Sunday, very smug with what they've got and not interested in the least in breaking down these 230 walls which divide the family of God.

With Christians like this the Devil himself doesn't have to work very hard at keeping God's kingdom divided — and ineffective.

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ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

Some years ago I printed in this space advice from some of my most efficient friends on how to run a household. Myrna, for example, told me that she always follows a schedule, no matter what. She never lets anything but anything, get in her way. If, say, she feels like a good cry, she doesn't allow herself the luxury of flinging herself across the bed as most of us would do. No, indeed, she cries in place. She says you can't imagine the time it saves her.

Fran gave me this simple but effective tip. She insists that all her children take their showers at the swimming pool. Her bathrooms are always spotless.

And Jennifer had her husband connect their old range up in the basement. She found chairs and a table at a garage sale and now they save their kitchen for important occasions like when their traveling banker stops in for apple pie.

I found all these hints and tips most helpful but after nearly 12 years of marriage, I have perfected a style of housekeeping all my own.

For anyone having problems, here are some of my ideas tried and tested in my own laboratory, so to speak.

Fair Set At St. Mary's Southside

Elmira — A PACE Fair will be Sunday, Sept. 28, at St. Mary's Southside to acquaint Catholics with existing programs being offered in the Catholic experience.

PACE stands for Personal Alternatives in the Catholic Experience.

The idea for the fair stemmed from meetings by the Inter-Parish Adult Education Committee of the Chemung-Schuyler Region.

The fair will be from 3 to 6 p.m. in the church's auditorium building.

Representatives from groups working in the areas of retreats, renewals, prayers and education will be at the fair to present materials and to answer questions about their respective organizations.

To say that they are foolproof would be fatuous but I can say without exception they have worked for me.

* How to keep your kitchen floor as bright and clean as a new penny: Scrub it just before you and the family leave on vacation. You'll come back to find it stayed wonderfully free of grime and grit.

* How to insure your husband gets a good hot cooked meal that varies from night to night: Make a list of all the fast food eateries in your immediate vicinity beginning with Pizza Hut right down through MacDonalds, Carrolls, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Friendly's etc. Now — and be firm about this — make sure he takes you to a different place each night.

* How to keep your bed sheets

wrinkle free and in place: Put them in the linen closet and keep them there. Provide everybody with sleeping bags.

* How to keep your dining room rug free of stains and spills: Load the dining room table with sewing machine, fabrics, typewriter, old newspaper clippings and reams of copy paper. Nobody ever needed a spot remover yet to rid the floor of threat snippets and paper shreds.

* How to keep your fireplace brick as ash-less and spanking clean as the day the mason completed the hearth: Tell the pyromaniacs at your house they can do anything they want with the apurtenance — but no fires, please! If anybody insists that a small blaze would add cheer and warmth in bleak November point out that the hibachi is sitting idly right out there on the back porch.

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