

Joe McKinney, Ron McDowell, and Robert Ware work at brightening St. Joseph's Hospitality House. The project resulted from the efforts of five groups.

Group Effort For St. Joseph's

An idea whose time had come: five different groups got together and St. Joseph's House of Hospitality has been painted and cleaned.

Arthur Farren, a leader of the volunteer lay group that operates the house, explained, "The key here is that a parish group found a definite project to help."

The human development committee of St. Margaret Mary's Church in Irondequoit supplied

the money for paint and materials needed to refurbish the interior of the hospitality center that has provided the needy with free meals and clothes since Depression days.

Jim Anderson, chairman of the committee, said that the money for the project was raised last spring at a Poor Man's Supper. He added that Shaheen Paint Co. discounted the paint for the project.

Southeast Community Center,

a Community Chest agency in the South Wedge area of the city, answered the problem of who would do the work.

Marty Keene, director of the Center, supervised a group of youths who worked throughout the summer improving their neighborhood. Redecorating St. Joseph's Hospitality House was their biggest undertaking, occupying 10 boys for about two weeks. City County Youth Board funded the youth employment.

Parish Council Organizes in Dryden

Dryden — The new members of the Holy Cross Parish council met August 15. Present were two new appointees to the council, Mary Ann Speno, who read the pledge accepting her responsibilities, and Lorraine Drazek, recording secretary.

Hal Morris was appointed trustee, while Roy Bell, Mathew Felo, and Kathy Ryan were appointed members. Following Father Thomas Cleary's prayer for guidance, a reading and reflection was given by Roger Pellerin.

The first order of business was the election of officers. Assuming new duties are: Chairperson, Roger Pellerin; vice chairperson, Marian Witko and corresponding secretary, Mary Valentinelli.

The following coordinators were appointed: Liturgy, Norbert Schickel; education, Mary Valentinelli; Human Development, Marnie Schickel; Finance, Mathew Felo; Program and Resources, Bob Harkness.

At the Masses on August 23 and 24, the council sought volunteers to serve on the various committees.

A proposed change to the by-laws was made and will be voted on at the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17. It is expected that regularly scheduled meetings of the council will be held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Triduum Set For Pilgrims

A special three-day period of prayer in preparation for the diocesan pilgrimage to Rome and the canonization of Elizabeth Bayley Seton will be observed in noon rites at both St. Mary's Hospital and the diocesan office of the Propagation of the Faith.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will start the triduum at St. Mary's with a noon Mass on Monday, Sept. 8. Father John Rosse, hospital chaplain, will lead the rites on the remaining two days.

Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith will lead the triduum at his office chapel at 123 East Ave.

Father Reinhart also noted that he will accept petitions which he will take to Rome.

SPECIAL MASS

A Mass sponsored by the Holy Cross Charismatic Prayer Group will be celebrated on Lake Ontario beach behind 288 Beach Ave. on Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. Father Donald McCarthy, the group's spiritual director will celebrate the Mass which is open to the public. People are advised to bring their own chairs.

TOWARD TOMORROW



Fr. Henry Atwell

A gentleman I recently visited showed me a well-worn copy of the old Baltimore Catechism and said, "This was good enough for me — and I'll hang on to the faith it taught me right to the end of my life."

Catholics in the United States were taught their faith for a century from that venerable little volume.

That catechism was the American version of the prestigious Catechism of the Council of Trent, the standard teaching guide for the worldwide Church for close to 400 years. The Vatican Council of ten years ago did not call for a revised edition but an up-dated catechism is clearly needed.

The Dutch Bishops published "A New Catechism" soon after the Vatican Council and it was soon translated and widely sold in several other nations, including an English translation here in the United States.

Within the last few months, three more catechisms have been published — an ecumenical volume, the first ever of its kind, called "The Common Catechism," also "The Catholic Catechism" prepared by Jesuit Father John Hardon, and "An American Catholic Catechism" by a team of Catholic scholars.

The Common Catechism summarizes both Protestant and Catholic viewpoints pointing out where we are in agreement with one another and where we diverge. Father Hardon's Catholic Catechism has already had extensive sales but tends to the conservative Catholic viewpoint on issues that experts are still divided on. The American Catholic Catechism presents official Catholic positions on such questions as abortion, birth control and pre- and extra-marital sex, but admits differences of opinion on some subjects, leaving the impression of ambiguity or "fuzziness."

All three books, in their hard cover editions, cost more than \$10, although at least the Father Hardon volume and the American Catechism are also available at half that price in paperback. None of these three, nor the Dutch Catechism, are in simple Baltimore question and answer style. Texts in all four are rather lengthy and too often in quite technical terms.

Our Sunday Visitor has announced it will publish a catechism sometime within the year. That one will probably be even to the right of Father Paul Cuddy.

There is no doubt about it, we need an up-dated American Catholic Catechism. It needs to be attractively illustrated, low in cost, theologically sound but open to honest and acceptable differences of opinion within the Church today, and simply and clearly stated.

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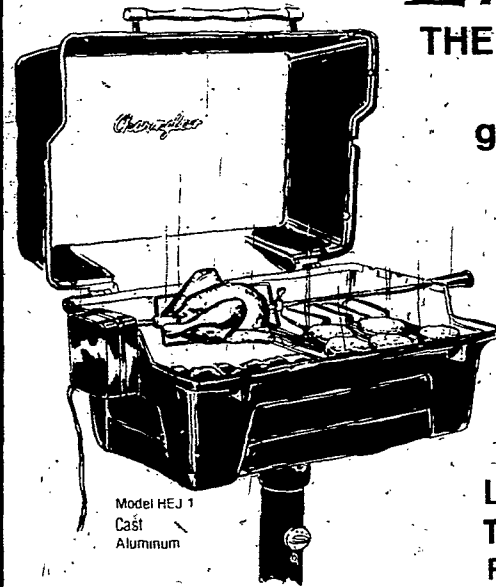
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