

School of Religion Held New Faculty, Courses

At Saint Bernard's

Seneca Falls — The annual Seneca Falls-Waterloo Council of Churches School of Religion is now being conducted on Sundays through Nov. 2 at Mamie Doud Hall, Eisenhower College, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Courses offered include: "Darwin and Genesis: a case study in science and religion," taught by Fred Gregory, assistant professor of the history of science at Eisenhower; "Accurately and comfortably communicating with your children about sex," taught

by Mrs. Margaret Bonney, director of the Finger Lakes Office, Geneva Family Planning; "Worship: past, present, future," with three instructors, Father Ronald Gaesser of Cayuga, the Rev. E. Richard Davenport and the Rev. M. Edward Lincoln, both of Waterloo; "Death and dying" a course coordinated by the Rev. Charles Bollinger of Trinity Episcopal Church, Seneca Falls, with a mortician, nurse, professor of religion and another clergyman sharing in the instructional duties.

St. Bernard's Seminary recently welcomed four new members to the faculty or administration, and in addition announced that four special lecturers will be offering seminars during the next two semesters.

Dr. Joseph Torma, director of Human Development training programs in the area, has been appointed Director of Field Education. A graduate of Gannon College, Erie, Pa., he received his M.A. at the University of Detroit, and his Ph.D. at the University of Ottawa. He also taught for three years at Creighton University. His area of specialization is Social Mission Theology.

Serving as Staff Assistant to Dr. Torma will be Sister Gratia L'Esperance, RSM, a graduate of Rivier College, Nashua, N.H. Sister Gratia holds a M.A. in French Studies from Middlebury College, Middlebury. She had been an instructor in Romance languages for seven years at Catherine McAuley College before entering St. Bernard's Master of Divinity program. She has the distinction of being the first woman to have earned that degree from this institution. She has held key posts in her Religious Congregation, among others, Member of the Formation Commission and Representative to the Federation of the Sisters of Mercy. She has done extensive work in adult education in the Diocese.

Father Frank Lioi, a seminary faculty member and the director of liturgy has done graduate work at Notre Dame University and at The Catholic University of America and holds an M.A. from the latter. Earlier academic work earned him the B.A. and M. Div. from St. Bernard's Seminary. Prior to his seminary assignments he served as Associate Pastor for seven years in St. John the Evangelist (Greece) and Annunciation parishes. He has also studied organ at the Eastman School of Music. His first course, The Local Church at Prayer will be offered in the Spring semester.

Matthew Paratore has been appointed Director of Recruitment and Alumni Relations. He holds a B.A. from John Fisher College, and in May of this year completed his M.Ch.A. (Master in Church Administration) from The Catholic University of America. His basic responsibilities will be to establish a recruitment program for the Seminary and to act as liaison between the Seminary and its alumni.


Joining the special lecturers will be Father Edward J. Hayes of

the Diocese of Syracuse. Director of the Syracuse Marriage Tribunal, Father Hayes received his B.A. from St. Bernard's Seminary, and did his theological studies for the Licentiate in Theology (S.T.L.) at the Gregorian University, Rome. He also holds a bachelor's degree in Canon Law (J.C.B.) from The Catholic University of America. He also holds a Doctorate in Law (J.D.) from Syracuse University, and passed the New York State Bar examination this past July. He will be teaching the basic course in Canon Law for the Fall semester.

Three members of the Pastoral Counseling Center of GEM (Genesee Ecumenical Ministries) will be team-teaching courses at

the Seminary during the coming year. Ms. Janel O. Foy, member of Immaculate Conception Parish, has a Masters degree in Counseling Psychology and is currently a candidate for the Doctorate in Educational Psychology at the University of Rochester. The Rev. John E. Karl, an Episcopalian priest, has his M.Div. and S.T.M. degrees. His D.Min. (Doctorate of Ministry) has involved him deeply in the psychology of bereavement. The Rev. William Reeder brings an M. Div. and an M.A. to his work as professional counselor. They will teach a Fall seminar, Pastoral Care for the Middle-Aged, Aging and Bereaved Persons. Their Spring offering will be a seminar entitled, Pastoral Care to Married Persons.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

During my first year at St. Bernard's Seminary I read "Ignatius Loyola" by Francis Thompson. It is remarkable that the author of "The Hound of Heaven", who wrote such florid poetry, should have written a biography in very simple English. It was one of the great influences in my life; and the idea ever pervading St. Ignatius' soul, "All to the greater glory of God," became part of my own being. Hence my enthusiasm for any communications which could promote the glory of God. The past couple years have brought a swift advance of tapes as instruments of instruction. These can be for good or for bad. Recently I became acquainted with three series of lectures given at the annual conventions of the Consortium Perfectae Caritatis sisters, and consequently had a cassette player installed in my car. It has changed my life! To travel and be instructed at the same time is a double bonus. Many doctors now have cassette recorders in their cars. One doctor said: "I cannot read; the reams of things that are published; but the cassette tapes keep me up to date in medical developments." Many priests do the same with developments in theology.

In the spirit of St. Ignatius, here are a couple letters. The first is to the nun who has charge of the Consortium Tapes Department.

To: Sister Mary Carl, SND, Notre Dame Educ. Center, 13000 Auburn Rd., Chardon, O. 44024.

"This is a quickie. Father William Burns was a high school principal in Elmira, N.Y., for many years. He has one of the sharpest minds in the diocese. He is solidly in the camp of orthodoxy, but like most conservatives, he keeps his gifts within his parish of Elmira, much to my sorrow.

"Will you please send him tapes: 7502 Msgr. Stenger's Critique of the National Catechetical Directory; and C 7405: Msgr. Paradis' Apologia for the Nat. Cat. Directory? Also please include some material about your Consortium Perfectae tapes.

"I did have you send tapes of Stenger and Paradis to Father Leonard Kelly of Fairport. He was a pioneer in Catechetics in the U.S., and established the first School of Religion (CCD, Adult Education, etc.) in the East. Why don't you send him some complimentary tapes, and ask him to publicize your lectures, if he considers them valuable? He is, unfortunately, retired at the age of 70 years, which is the magic age of incapacity in our Rochester diocese. But now he has more time; and he has great zeal; and he will continue the Message. One suggestion... Send him Dr. Hitchcock's

"Pluralism in Theology" and Fr. Bourdeaux' "Witness of Consecrated", which is so uplifting. This should have a special appeal to people of Slavic origins.

"Send me the bill for Father Burns' tapes; but may I invite you to make a donation of the ones for Father Kelly? My pocketbook is far from bottomless — but if we all work together, even finances come off better.

To: Father William Keenan, OFM, St. Clare's Hospital, New York, N.Y. 10019.

When I opened the mail and found how happy you are about the Sheen tapes, my day was complete. I do wish that Bishop Sheen had left out some of the cracks about mod Sisters and departed priests. Such cracks alienate many, and I know nuns who refuse even to listen to the good he says because of these cracks. But he did not ask me to edit the tapes, so we must take them as they are.

"By this same mail I am sending the second set of Sheen tapes you ordered; and the five sets which you want sent to your brother. From the address, is he in St. Charles Borromeo or in Holy Name? The Lord bless you doubly for sending your first set to the Franciscan Sisters in Allegany. When religious communities get them, the Word is multiplied. That is why I was especially happy with an order form Father Joseph Connolly of the Villa Maria Retreat House at Wernersville, Pa., run by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. An old friend of mine, Father Walter Dean, whose folks came from Clyde, is on the Villa Staff.

"Also in this same mail I am sending you the Catholic Catechism by Father Hardon, SJ, which you also ordered. I admire the concluding sentence of Cardinal Wright's preface: "For students of the faith and their teachers, The Catholic Catechism will be a warmly welcome tool, and in the midst of confusion, a relief."



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