

Rosemary Houghton Slated On Busy Cornell Calendar

Ithaca — Rosemary Houghton will be the speaker at Sage Chapel on Cornell University Campus at 11 a.m. on Oct. 19. Her appearance has been arranged by the Cornell Catholic Community for Cornell worshippers of all denominations. Father Kevin R. Murphy said her topic will "America, Come of Age."

She has written and lectured widely. Two of her works are Tales from Eternity, a study of fairy tales indicating a perennial underground gospel ethic and The Liberated Heart, an attempt to throw light on religious development, conversion and the human personality of Jesus.

She began her public career writing and illustrating books for children and families, searching for ways to say things that were not abstract but clearly and strikingly linked to experience. Responding to requests to extend the scope of her work, she began to write theology as experience that can be recognized.



MRS. HOUGHTON

She is working on a book about Elizabeth Fry, a Quaker.

She has an English background,

little formal education, partly because of the war, and has no degrees. She began writing about 15 years ago and gradually increased its scope.

Mrs. Houghton also will lead a discussion with Catholic Community sponsorship Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the Founders Room of Anabel Taylor Hall. Both events are open to the public.

The Catholic Community at Cornell University continues to be a vibrant organization, responding to spiritual needs of both students and faculty. Father Murphy recently presented information regarding the many activities.

Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the Founders Room of Anabel Taylor Hall, Father David Callan offers a series on modern man's experience of union with God, then goes back through history to the great Christian mystics and some central biblical figures, returning to the present to touch on such phenomena as Pentecostalism. Its purpose will be to suggest a viable spirituality for people living in the 1970s.

An eight-week course on fundamentals of the Catholic faith will take place Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Anabel Taylor Forum Room, presented by Father Murphy using films, discussion and lectures to get at objectives.

Sister Mary Lee Bishop will be the moderator at a weekly discussion group utilizing prayer, study and reflection to attempt to reach an understanding of Christian living in the 1970s. Those interested should contact her.

Of special interest is the new approach to continuing education for the members of the Cornell Catholic Community. Four faculty members will each present a lecture in their field of expertise.

Prof. Jonathan Bishop will begin the series Oct. 23, with a lecture, "The Gospel as Covenant"; Dr. Stanley Izerda, Oct. 20 will address the topic of "Celebration and Community, A Benedictine Outlook"; "Pride and Humility in St. Augustine's City of God" will be Prof. James John's topic on Nov. 6 and Brian Tierny will conclude this semester's series on Nov. 13 with "Francis of Assisi and the Modern World." All sessions are scheduled for the Founders Room at 8 p.m. and are open to the public.

great battle of his era euthanasia. Within a year he convened an international conference entitled "The Hour of Our Death." So great was the response that the accommodations were simply inadequate and many doctors, nurses and journalists were turned away from the doors of the hall. The delighted cardinal promised publication of the proceedings, and thus the splendid little book with its gold-mined bibliography.

What do we know of euthanasia? What research has been written? What has been said and what taught? Almost nothing. Perhaps it is due to the horrors inherent in the abortion war which are destined to be compounded in the approaching euthanasia push; perhaps it is our natural aversion to deliberate evil; perhaps we fail to recognize the patterns emerging in the anti-life atmosphere surrounding each of us. Perhaps even as we misunderstand the true sanctity of all human life, specifically that which is yet unborn, we misunderstand the meaning and value and sanctity of dying.

Perhaps, like our political leaders, our religious leaders prefer the anonymity of silence — the safety of being against euthanasia "personally" — to the publicity of knowledgeable conviction.

Whatever the reason behind the reticence, I pray that somewhere in this country a religious leader will receive and respond to a nudge as Cardinal Heenan did. I believe that victory over the "painless inducement of death" — euthanasia — rests in the hands of a church.

I hope someone sees, as Cardinal Heenan saw, that the horror of death precipitates the call for euthanasia; that the horror of death is one of the more obvious effects of the disappearance of religious beliefs — that the horror of death is archaic and unnecessary and useless.

Perhaps someone somewhere in the United States will convene another international conference on "The Hour of Our Death."

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Cardinal John Heenan is archbishop of Westminster, London, England. He is one of those born to the cloth of Christian leadership, a disciple of the strictly disciplined doctrines of Catholicism. He has candidly admitted, however, that he had to be nudged into the euthanasia battle against his own sense of timing. "I was thinking less of euthanasia than of abortion during 1972 . . . I thought it highly unlikely that politicians would support any new death-dealing legislation so soon after the tragic results of the Act facilitating abortion had become apparent. . . . For my own part, I would have been content to wait until the question of voluntary euthanasia became more pressing before making public objections to the proposals."

But during the summer of 1972, two medical doctors urgently requested an interview with Cardinal Heenan. Drs. Sylvia Eack and Richard Lamerton felt that he would share their increasing anxiety about the need to study, as an art, the care of the dying. Cardinal Heenan notes in his preface to "The Hour of Our Death" (published by Geoffrey Chapman, London): "The two young doctors were convinced that advocates of euthanasia must be unacquainted with the real problems of the incurably sick. . . . They were sure that knowledge of the truth would reveal that euthanasia — apart from the moral and legal issues involved — is simply bad medicine."

Cardinal John Heenan waited no longer.

Responding to the nudge of two, non-Catholic doctors he became involved in the second

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