

Churches Band Together For Advent Festival

East Rochester — In this season of parish bazaars and festivals, six local churches have pooled their resources to present a big, two-day affair this weekend in East Rochester Village Mall.

The fifth annual Advent Festival of the East Rochester Association of Churches will offer the handiwork of 50 groups, and sale will go toward a Merry Christmas for needy people of the area. Each church will present its own Christmas preparation customs. Festival hours are 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and 10 until 6 on Saturday.

Entertainers scheduled are the University of Rochester Yellow

Jackets Glee Club, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Bobby Rydell and Jackie Vernon, from Town and Country Dinner Theatre, in an hour-long performance beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, and the Upstate Accordion Band, 3 p.m. Saturday.

The churches of the association are St. Jerome's, St. Matthias Episcopal, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Trinity Lutheran and Parkside Methodist.

CORRECTION

Father Raymond E. Brown's lecture at St. John Fisher College is scheduled for 8 p.m. tomorrow, Dec. 4; in Kearney Auditorium. The bible scholar will discuss St. Matthew's Christmas gospel.

reminded me of holy innocence. As we talked he told me about his making a Cursillo in New York City with a Spanish speaking group; and how much it had done for him. Two nights later I had supper in the cafeteria with him and two other workers, and our conversation confirmed my first impression of his goodness. The Cursillo had enriched his soul.

But doesn't the Cursillo appeal to emotional people?

Anyone who knows Auburnian Father Joseph Gaynor, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo in Elmira-Heights, would hardly consider him as one who could "tear a passion to tatters." He made a Cursillo, and has become one of the priest-leaders of the exercises. So has Father Michael Reagan of Notre Dame High in Elmira. Most of the laymen whom I know who are involved in the Cursillos are well-balanced. Rather than worrying about too much emotion, don't you think we should worry about what is much more prevalent in the Church's religious life: a deadening apathy? A Trappist friend wrote: "The trouble with the world is apathy — but who cares?"

Aren't there problems in these movements?

There are problems in putting on your shoes. You could fall off the chair or lose your balance. The ideas presented in Cursillo cling to the intelligence and stimulate the will. It's a bit like a good honeymoon. The first love will deepen in the years to come if sensibly cultivated. But I do not think that the love of God and neighbor can survive without deliberate cultivation: by prayer and pondering.

In your question lies a terrible spiritual cancer: the danger of a mean competition rather than a magnanimous joy that in Our Father's House there are many spiritual mansions. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was a speaker at an ecumenical service in the National Presbyterian Church, Washington. She told of a Brother — (She has 800 Sisters and 200 Brothers in her 24 year old Missionaries of Charity) — who said to her: "Mother, I love the lepers and I wish to spend my life caring for them. That is my vocation: to care for the lepers." Mother Teresa is blunt. She replied: "Brother, you are wrong. Your vocation is to serve Jesus." I think that should be the spirit of all these movements. Rather than one group feeling itself to be an elite over another, to be glad for the many ways God is known, loved, and glorified.

If you want the tape of Mother Teresa's talk at the ecumenical service, send a check of \$2.75 to me at Holy Trinity Church, Webster, N.Y. 14580.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

What do you think of all these movements in the Church?

Say! Aren't there a lot of them! Cursillos, charismatics, prayer groups, Youth Seminars, Genesis, Bible Study Groups, Marriage Encounters — you name it. How different from the pre-Vatican II days: sodality, Altar and Rosary Society, Holy Name, Legion of Mary, Retreats, K. of C. and CDA and others. Some of these groups have almost disappeared, some are holding, and others, like retreats, are doing well. But enthusiasm over the new movements is healthy.

What do you think of Cursillos?

"By your fruits you shall know them." Cursillo means "A Little Course" — in the Faith. It usually begins Thursday night, and ends Sunday night with a rousing welcoming of the new Cursillistas by the older ones: a welcome in song and banners and embraces. The course is strongly geared to psychological dynamics. However, it includes a summary of the fundamental doctrines of the Faith, with emphasis on the Eucharist; on the Person of our Lord as the motivating Power in our lives; on tested devotions, like the rosary, visits to the Blessed Sacrament. All this is attuned to the Spirit which develops a sincere love of God and one another.

What "fruits" have you observed?

For example: a month ago I covered Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital for the chaplain, Father William Holberton, during the five days he and Father Carron were on retreat at Auriesville. For night calls I stayed at nearby, St. Boniface rectory, and remained at the hospital until about 9 p.m. One night while working in Father Holberton's office the door opened, and a Puerto Rican man came in. He was on the maintenance crew and had come to straighten out the office. He was about 30 years old, slender, with sparkling, intelligent eyes and a beautiful smile. He wore a tiny gold cross around his neck; and there was a goodness which emanated from him which

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Vatican Aide Decries U.N. Resolution

Vatican City [RNS] — Vatican press officer Federico Alessandrini has condemned the United Nations' resolution equating Zionism with racism as an obstacle to a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

Writing in the Vatican City weekly, L'Osservatore della Domenica, the Vatican spokesman decied the U.N.

General Assembly's declaration that Zionism is "a form of racism and racial discrimination" as a "dangerous precedent" that "jeopardizes" a Mideast settlement.

"The U.N. vote," he said, "seems to many to be not so much against Zionism, as against the very existence of the State of Israel."

"It would certainly not seem the best way to obtain maximum Israeli willingness to accept concrete U.N. resolutions" for the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Earlier, Cardinal Jan Willebrands, president of Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, criticized the General Assembly's resolution.

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