



The Many Faces of Francis

This year marks the 750th anniversary (Oct. 3) of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, perhaps the best-known and best-loved of Roman Catholic saints. A symbol of peace and love, he has been characterized by artists and sculptors in a wide variety of ways. Upper left, a carved wooden figure by New Mexico artist Ben Ortega who works with knotty boughs and decaying tree stumps. The photo at the right shows the only public statue of St. Francis in London, located at St. Francis Friary, across from Westminster Cathedral. Lower left, a hardwood sculpture, by a Nigerian artist, integrates a Christian motif with ancient pagan craftsmanship. Finally, lower right, a 12-foot statue of St. Francis by sculptor Beniamino Bufano, called "St. Francis of the Guns," was made from melted down firearms turned in after the assassination of Sen. Robert Kennedy. Fittingly, it is located in San Francisco. (RNS)

Porno Movie on Christ Draws Queen's Displeasure

London (RNS) — Queen Elizabeth, the titular leader of the Church of England, has joined millions of her subjects in condemning as "obnoxious" the plan of Danish film executive Jens Jorgen Thorsen to make a motion picture here on the "sex life" of Jesus Christ.

It is rare for a constitutional monarch to express a personal opinion on a matter of controversy because, constitutionally, her public opinions, like her public acts, are those of her ministers. But she has expressed her views on the Jesus film subject, not by issuing a formal statement, but by expressing them in letters in reply to hundreds she has received about the film.

The Queen's Letters, as one recipient revealed here, are being sent out over the signature of Ronald Allison, her press secretary. The state:

"I am commanded by the queen to acknowledge your recent letter about the projected film of the life of Jesus Christ which a Mr. Jens Thorsen proposes to produce.

"While her majesty finds this proposal quite as obnoxious as most of her subjects do, the preventing of the making of such a film in the United Kingdom, or the exclusion from this country of Mr. Thorsen, could only be accomplished within the laws of the United Kingdom.

"Accordingly, your letter has been referred at her majesty's command to the Home Office."

The Home Office is the equivalent to an interior ministry and alone decides the grounds on which a person may be barred from entering Britain — public order, health, and so on.

New Pastors

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James Mercy Hospital in Hornell and was named pastor of St. Francis in 1975.

Father Golden, a veteran of the mission of San Jose Obrero in La Paz, Bolivia, was ordained in 1961. He has served as assistant pastor at St. Stephen's, Geneva and Blessed Sacrament, Rochester. He also has served the Spanish Apostolate and was named associate pastor of St. Francis earlier this year.

Ordained in 1959, Father

Gauthier has served the parishes of St. Mary's, Waterloo; St. Andrew's, Rochester; Our Mother of Sorrows, Rochester; and St. Charles Borromeo, Elmira Heights.

In 1970, in an experiment in ministry, he was named administrator of St. Francis in Catoonk while also working in the Secular Mission arm of the diocesan Office of Human Concern.

In 1973 he was named associate pastor of St. Patrick's in Mt. Morris.

Church to Host Black Revival

The diocese, through its Office of Black Ministries, is next weekend sponsoring an ecumenical Revival at Immaculate Conception Church, the first such occurrence in the area.

The theme of the three-day event is Give Me Jesus, words taken from a popular spiritual, and the preaching will be based on the text from Philippians: "If only I can have Christ and be given a place in him."

According to Sister Eileen Conheady from the diocesan office, "A Revival is a religious event which is a form of worship in which singing, the proclamation of the Word and the preaching of that Word are most important."

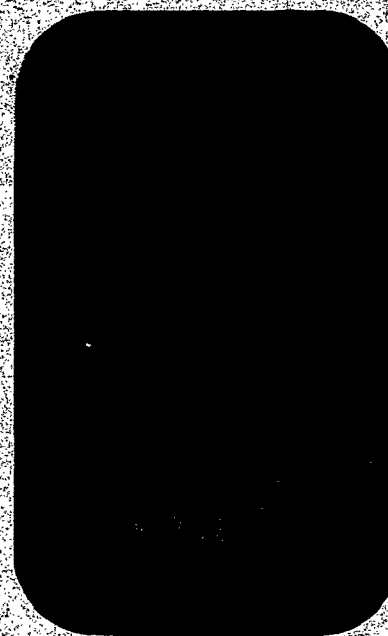
"The Revival, she added, also is a time of reconciliation with the Lord and one another. It is a time of intercession through prayer and a time of healing."

She commented that Revival is a form of worship traditional to the black community. She said that the reason the diocese is sponsoring the ecumenical event is that "Black Catholics want to show that traditional forms of worship of minority people can be a rich addition to the Catholic Church."

The Revival opens Friday, Oct. 15, at 7:15 p.m. Rev. Andy Gibson of the A.M.E. Zion Church will preach the sermon. The Choir of

OPEN HOUSE

The Columbia Squires and Squirettes youth groups of the Webster Knights of Columbus, will hold an open house at the Webster K. of C. at 7 p.m. on Oct. 6. The evening's program will feature a description of the year's coming events. A representative of the Skydiving Club of Rochester who will show a film on the sport. Refreshments will be served.



REV. GIBSON

A.M.E. Zion, under the direction of William Crimm will sing.

Rev. Henry Newkirk of the Power House Church of God in Christ will preach the sermon at the 7:15 p.m. service on Saturday, Oct. 16. The Power House Church choir, under the direction of Joyce Young, will sing as will the 12:15 Choir of Immaculate Conception Church. Dorothy Dobson is president of the latter group and Joseph Berry is its musical director.



REV. NEWKIRK

A closing Mass will be celebrated by Father Jerome Robinson, executive director of the Office of Black Ministries, at noon on Sunday, Oct. 18. The Black Ministries Choir will sing at the Mass.

The planning committee for the event includes Jean Pryor, Valjean Reese, Betty Anderson and Father Robinson. Rochester artist Larry Gerst has designed the weekend's program.

Diocesan Appointments



Father William Cosgrove, from pastor of St. Francis Xavier in Rochester, to pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Clyde and St. Patrick in Savannah.

Father Edward Golden, from associate pastor of St. Francis Xavier to pastor.

Father George Gauthier, from St. Patrick in Mt. Morris, to associate pastor of St. Patrick in Seneca Falls.

Terrorized Are the Peacemakers

A campaign of intimidation is being mounted against Northern Ireland's women of peace. Bards and walls within the Catholic Antrim area have been daubed with slogans containing threats. Principal targets are Betty Williams, a 37-year-old mother of two, and Mairead Corrigan, an aunt of the three Maguire children who were killed when a terrorist car crashed into them. After the children's deaths, the two women joined with others to found the Northern Ireland women's peace movement and now have become the targets of terrorists. An attempt was made last Aug. to burn Mrs. Williams' home, another peacemaker had stones thrown through her window and a third was told her husband's business would be burned. (RNS)