

### Workshops

Religious Education Workshops in the Yates, Ontario, Wayne Region (YOW) brought together 110 elementary teachers at day-long sessions on Sept. 18 at St. Mary's, Canandaigua and on Sept. 25 at St. Ann's, Palmyra. Participating teachers represented 12 parishes in the YOW region. The next YOW workshop is scheduled for Oct. 16 at St. Francis DeSales, Geneva. Upper left: smiles indicate the workshop was a success. From left: Diane Rozwadoski, St. Mary's Canandaigua; Kathie Wheeler, St. Patrick's, Victor; and Milly Knopf, St. Mary's Canandaigua. Lower left: the New Testament was used in Father Donald Schwab's session on Scripture themes. Father Schwab is the director of the Office of Religious Education. Above: Father William Leone, St. Francis DeSales, Geneva, and a group of teachers studying the Sacraments.

### Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

The first advice I ever received concerning the abortion battle was the best advice I ever received. It came almost four years ago from Mr. John Martin, director of Catholic Charities, Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese (Leo J. Pursley bishop). I had driven the eight cold evening miles into Fort Wayne to attend an open meeting during the bishop's initial efforts to fight the Supreme Court abortion decision of less than a week before. Eighty to a hundred people, mostly Catholics, had braved not only the short notice and the unpleasant topic but the severely cold weather and the inner-city dangers to attend that meeting, an evening of challenge.

Bishop Pursley, who had confirmed my CCD class the previous year, had been on the phone several times with Mr. Martin in the days following the Jan. 22, 1973 decision. He wanted immediate mobilization. The unborn had been left suddenly with no protection from a cold, unwanted, and confused world, stripped of his humanness; the court had reversed the inalienable.

John Martin stood before us in that large upper room of what had once been St. Andrew's Catholic School. He was tired, a bit disheveled, very determined, and aware (as we were not) of the incredible odds against us all. "Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for coming. The abortion battle will be long and unpleasant. And for a while it will be a downhill fight. If you think you can spare five to eight years of your life, five to eight years of ridicule from opponents and silence from friends, if you are able to stand against the polls and the press, the politicians and public opinion, and if you are willing to fathom the maddening apathy of an affluent nation

welcome to the good fight. I assure you that this will take years. Do not join us tonight if you know your family cannot survive the drain; no one will scorn you for that. We will win, eventually, of course, there's not the slightest doubt. But it will be a long fight and a painful one. Abortion is a dirty business."

My own reaction was simple and immediate. I wished I hadn't gone. Let the Church fight this one. I don't have time. I don't have knowledge. Let the doctors and the nuns and the priests and bishops fight this. I'll pray for them. The Church beat it in Michigan, against great odds. Let Her do it again in Indiana. I don't want any part of anything so rotten.

The Church? We're the Church. And there wasn't one of us there that night (with the possible exception of a youngish nun) who could measure up to John's harsh standards. Each of us knew inner fears, inner weaknesses. We were inadequate. We didn't have time. We were scared to death. But we all signed on. There wasn't a sound in the large room as we wrote our names under selected headings. We didn't discuss reactions. We were numb.

Then suddenly we became animated. We became (as Bishop Joseph L. Hogan said later) living stones of a living Church. We had discovered that faith, when it connects, does so in silence and in fear. It isn't noisy. Somehow that lowpoint of cold fear brought a highpoint of Faith. And since my initial rejection, I have never again felt the depth of emptiness. I found the time. I dug out the knowledge. I found the strength.

So today, with a new series, the call goes out again. Join us in our good and noble fight. None of us is adequate. So what? We're all the Good Lord has. One million unborn Americans are destroyed each year, mostly through first-trimester abortions.

I intend to pull out all the stops.

Next week: Abortion continued

### CO-OP COURSES

The Genesee Co-Op is offering 42 classes ranging from auto mechanics to pottery. Registration for the courses will be at the Co-Op, 713 Monroe Ave. Oct. 9-16 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For further information, telephone 461-2230.

### Coalition Sets Bible Studies On Women

The women's Interfaith Coalition, representing Catholic, Jewish and Protestant women, is sponsoring a series of Biblical studies entitled "Role Models for Women" at the Church of the Holy Name in Greece. The 2-hour study groups will meet on Oct. 13, 20, and 27, with guest speakers Susanne Dworkin, Sister Barbara Moore and Rev. Virginia Mackey, each focusing on prominent women in the bible. Childcare is available upon advance request. A \$3 donation is requested for the series.

The study series will be completed by interfaith worship services on Sunday, Oct. 31 at Third Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m.; Saturday, Nov. 6 at St. Charles Borromeo Church 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 19, Temple Sinai, 8:15 p.m. Registration and information is available through Denise Mack, at 621-6343.

### Fisher Names New Dean

Father Joseph C. Mitrano, CSB, has been appointed dean of student life at St. John Fisher College, according to Father Charles J. Lavery, president.

Father Mitrano comes to Fisher from the University of Michigan where he has been in the doctoral program in higher education. He has served as an English teacher and later as a counselor at Catholic Central High School in Detroit. In 1972, Father Mitrano was named head of the department of guidance and counseling at Catholic Central, a position he held for three years.

Father Mitrano is a 1963 Fisher graduate with a B.A. in English, where he served as managing editor of the Fisher yearbook. In 1969, he was ordained a Basilian priest and was awarded the S.T.B. degree from the University of Toronto. Father Mitrano received an M.A. in guidance and counseling from the University of Detroit in 1972.

He is the son of Charles Mitrano of Arcadia Pkwy., Greece.

### Fisher Adds 2 To Faculty

Marilyn F. Semrau and Alice E. Crozier have been named to the St. John Fisher College faculty for the Fall semester. Mrs. Semrau, named a Fisher special lecturer of mathematics, is a 1973 Fisher graduate with a B.S. in mathematics. She received an M.A. in mathematics from SUC at Brockport in 1976. Mrs. Semrau served last year as an instructor of mathematics at Monroe Community College.

Alice Crozier comes to Fisher from St. Bernard's Seminary where she has been enrolled in a graduate program in theology. Crozier has taught English at St. Joseph's College, San Rafael College, Mt. Angel College, Hampton Institute and the University of Maryland. Dr. Crozier, named a Fisher adjunct assistant professor of English, has also taught theology at Cardinal Mooney High School. She is a 1942 graduate of St. Joseph's College with a B.A. in English. In June, 1973, Dr. Crozier was granted a Ph.D. from Catholic University.

### SOME THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

By Ed Sulewski

Someone you love has died. You are about to make funeral arrangements. You must consider many things. After the funeral, you cannot then do what you feel you should have done, but didn't. After the funeral, you can't undo or change what was done. If you are like most people, you are sad and you will go through a trying time, because for most persons there is no more difficult period than that encountered immediately after death and separation. We have served many families during their time of crisis and loss. We want to help you as we have helped them. In the following issues we will discuss some ideas that we hope will be helpful to you when arranging a funeral.

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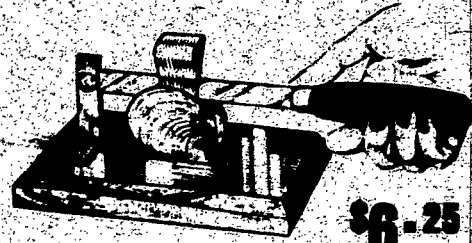
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