

Crusade for Parents Scheduled Nov. 7

The diocesan offices of Education, Family Life and Marriage Encounter will sponsor "Crusade For Parents" from 1-6 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 7 at Monroe Community College. The combination Workshop-Seminar will introduce the "evening for Parents Program," a four-part series dealing with "communication" between parents about children.

Father Charles Gallagher, founder of World Wide Marriage Encounter, and Father Thomas Morrow a counsellor at Canon Law for the Diocese of Brooklyn will lead the workshop which concentrates on positive goals for parents in bringing up their children. Connie Bell, a "Crusade" worker, said the program is open to anyone concerned with Family Life.

single parents included. Fees for Crusade For Parents are \$25 per couple and \$20 per single.

Mrs. Bell said the fee includes \$14 of literature related to the Evening For Parents Program. For more

information interested persons may call Bill or Connie Bell 716/352-0418.



Sarah Child

Down through the ages writers have described their mothers in terms ranging from vipers to saints. My mother is neither. What she is is a warm, vital, emotional, vulnerable, human being who never has and never will be objective when it comes to her offspring.

None of her five children can ever remember her praising us to our faces. But, turn our backs, and she is broadcasting our most minor accomplishment well into the next county via her own personal grapevine to say nothing of the local papers.

I have not written much about my mother in this space. There are any number of reasons for that, chief of which is that I have never really known where to start, what to include, what to leave out—problems I have seemed to surmount in discussing other relatives.

But I have a particular reason for my attempt this week which I shall mention later.

Mothers, as most people would agree, are difficult to write about principally because few of us are indifferent enough not to have very strong feelings about our maternal parent whether or not we will admit it.

A women's magazine recently ran an article in which the author stated that most women dread the possibility for various reasons that they will grow to be like their mothers.

Fat chance. I am my mother's daughter.

My mother and I are so alike that we can not live in the same house (well the same kitchen, anyway) for more than two days without driving each other crazy.

This used to worry me. Not anymore. I simply accept it as nature's way of insuring that the species will go on, forcing daughters out of their mother's domains and into their own nests.

Years after I left home I was still subject to violent dreams in which my mom and I were engaged in battle as to my individual rights in the maturation process. How many times did we come away from bouts, both bloodied (figuratively at least), both unbowed? (How many times did my father try to stand between us, possibly faring the worst of all because both warriors accused him of taking the other's side?)

In the nearly 20 years since I left home both of us have mellowed. The dreams have subsided and in their place has slowly risen an appreciation for the tough job my mother faced in rearing us and an understanding for her manner of handling it, realizations helped along, nay thrust on me, by my own role as mother.

From the vantage point of adulthood I can see clearly now what I only sensed before; that in the fracas of our relationship there was an outpouring, a surge, a non-stop flow of love and dedication to our needs that defies the imagination. In recent years I have been able to verbalize my love for my mother — over the phone, in the quick clutch we give each other when a visit is over.

Now on the occasion for this column—an impending birthday—it seems only fitting to add to my love, a thank you, for the very first gift of all.

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