

Deacons Number 1700 in Nation

Washington (RNS) — Since the restoration of the permanent diaconate in the United States, the Catholic Church has ordained, in the past nine years, more than 1,700 men — 90 percent of them married. In addition, more than 2,500 men are preparing for the diaconate in some 90 training centers.

These figures were released last week by Diaconal Quarterly, a newsletter of the U.S. Bishop's Committee on the Permanent Diaconate.

The quarterly also says that 41 percent of the current deacons and 36 percent of the candidates to the order belong to the 41-50 age group.

About one quarter of the deacons are in the 32-40 age group; and the same percentage are between the ages of 51 and 60.

(A task force on the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Rochester was established last year.)

Reports on the progress of the task force's work appear occasionally in the Courier-Journal.)

Cenacle Sets New Retreats

The Cenacle Retreat House, with an eye to the beginning of the Lenten Season on Feb. 23, last week encouraged groups to schedule their spiritual renewal programs at the Cenacle as early as possible.

Programs open to the public within the next few weeks include:

- An Engaged Encounter, Jan. 14-16;
- A Scriptural Prayer Retreat for Men and Women, conducted by Father Laurence Corcoran, SJ, of Boston, Feb. 11-13;
- An Effective Living Seminar I for Men and Women, given by Sister Muriel Brennan, RC, Feb. 18-20.

Information on and reservations for Cenacle programs are available by calling (716) 271-8755.

Alumnae Night Set

Billed as a "night of enlightenment," a program on the changes in the church will be offered Nazareth Academy alumnae in the convent chapel at 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.

Sister Kathleen Weider, SSJ, a member of the school's Theology Department, will explain the new Rite of Reconciliation, the new form of the marriage vows and will answer questions from the alumnae. No reservations are necessary.

FOLEY TO SPEAK

The Business Women's Group of the Catholic Women's Club will open its 1977 season with a luncheon and book review at the Century Club at noon on Jan. 22. Dr. Alice Foley, former president of Nazareth College will discuss "Trinity" by Leon Uris. The Uris novel discusses the past and present of the conflict in Northern Ireland. Reservations for the event may be made by calling group chairman Mrs. Melbourne J. Porter at 275-9173 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

"Oh My Darlin' Oh My Darlin'" which produced the sought after effect as well as a name for the puppy. At midnight, four a.m. and six a.m., Clementine woke to whimper, keeping it up for such a protracted time that the head of the house temporarily abandoned our bedroom which is over the laundry.

Unable at first to even walk very well Clem was soon able to jump into the most comfortable rocker for her nap or choose the softest pillow on the couch to settle into.

Training her we discovered was more a matter of training us. I seriously considered scratching the back door myself to show her what was expected of her.

She had been in residence for more than a week before I broiled a steak. The shy little whimpering dog suddenly became wild, turning into a whirling dervish as we sat around the table causing the children's father to deliver one of his "either the dog or I go" speeches.

On her first trip to camp she discovered mouse poison before the rest of us necessitating spending half of New Year's Day on the phone to find a vet. Back home she demonstrated she was unharmed by climbing to the top of the stairs and ferreting out stuffed toys to do battle with, then crying because she did not know how to get back down.

At home during the day the mother of the dog's owner finds herself talking, playing and even sharing bits of peanut butter on whole wheat lunches with Clem. The big fear is that the neighbors, dog owners all, will find out and the teasing once directed outward is all going to come back double fold.

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones goes the saying.

And the old adage makers might have added: Neither should people who, in spite of the best intentions, may suddenly find that they are the owners of a pup. One's remarks regarding dog owners' pandering to pets will most certainly come back to haunt them.

To say that life has been interesting since Clementine arrived three weeks ago is perhaps the understatement of this or any other year.

A six-week-old spaniel of sorts, she came into our lives, when we could no longer ignore the seven-year-old's tears sliding silently down her face as a stray mutt would come into the yard, play a while and then leave.

Then a few weeks before the seventh birthday we were playing one of those silly games at the supper table, i.e. "What I'd do if I were the richest person in the world." An extended trip around the world was mentioned. A summer home on the Maine coast was another's wish. Finally it was youngest's turn.

"I," she said slowly, deliberately, without hesitation. "I would buy a dog."

We had already given her a thousand reasons why it would not be fair to a dog or to us. The leash law. Our frequent trips to see grandparents and relatives out of state. Cleaning up after it, etc., etc., etc.

But we succumbed and the look on her face in the car a few nights later when a large cardboard box was placed on her lap and she finally discerned the whimper inside belonged to a tiny black creature touched with white will remain a joy forever.

The first night and several thereafter were disasters. The dog did not want to be bedded down in the laundry room. Her new owner, the owner's brother and sister all threatened to bed down with her. Finally the seven-year-old compromised by singing the pup to sleep.

Deaths Dr. Kuppinger, 76; Was a GP for 45 Years

Dr. Herbert Anthony Kuppinger, a physician for 45 years, died Dec. 31, 1976, at the age of 76.

The Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Jan. 3 at Sacred Heart Cathedral by priests of the parish. Several Basilians from the Aquinas community were among those assisting.

For 30 years, Dr. Kuppinger was a next-door neighbor to Aquinas Institute at his Seneca Parkway home and office. He was physician to the school's football teams, and also to many faculty members.

"He was very kind to us; we had a great deal to thank him for," Father Michael Biondi said after the funeral. "No matter how busy he was, he could always fit us in, sometimes on a moment's notice."

"He always went to the football games, and sat in the press box until the climb got to be too much for him."

Father Thomas Wheeland was principal concelebrant of the Mass, with Bishop John E. McCafferty and Father William Endres. Assisting were Fathers Albert Gaeleus, Thomas Miller and Peter Etlinger, all of Aquinas, and their longtime colleague, Father Biondi, now of Christ the King parish; also, Father Thomas Mailloux, CSB, pastor of that parish, and Msgr. Richard K. Burns, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Dr. Kuppinger was a

member of the second class graduated from the University of Rochester Medical School, in 1931. He interned at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and served a residency in surgery at the old Rochester General Hospital in West Main Street before setting up a general practice in Greece, in St. John's parish. A graduate of the former Brockport Normal School, he had taught science in Webster schools in the twenties.

During World War II, he served as a captain in the Army Medical Corps. He was a member of the American Medical Association and the Monroe County Medical Society.

Survivors include his widow, Loretta, and two sons and two daughters: Paul and Jon Kuppinger, Mrs. Bernard (Loretta) Jean

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Some Thoughts to Consider

By Ed Sulewski

Not all people express their grief in the same manner. One may need to cry freely. Another will get by with few tears. One may find it healing to take a long walk where he can talk or cry it out alone or with his God. Another will talk or cry it out with man. The point is: When a person suffers, he must find some honest expression that is natural for him. He must find his own method of resolving his grief. One of the most important periods of adjustment occurs after the funeral is over and the house suddenly becomes lonely and desolate. This is another time for us to demonstrate that even though individuals may die, family and friends still remain. People often need other people to help them return to the main stream of life. Continue to visit with friends following the funeral.

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