



**Breakfast Plans**

Members of Our Lady of Mercy Parents' Association discuss the pancake breakfast at the school on Feb. 27. Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. in the convent chapel and breakfast served from 9 a.m. to noon in the cafeteria. Chairing the event are, seated from left, Marianne Larkin, Carol Kujawa, Marlene Riley. Standing, Jim Riley, and Fran Larkin.

**CFC Seeks Homes**

The Catholic Family Center is seeking an adoptive home for two school-age sisters and another adoptive home for a school-age brother and sister. These children

recently have become available for adoption placement.

Annette, almost 13, is attractive with brown hair, blue eyes and a pretty smile.

Bright and alert, she does good school work and is popular with her teachers and schoolmates. Although initially shy, she expresses her thoughts and feelings clearly and openly as she builds confidence.

Her sister Pamela is 11, and she too is pretty with wavy brown hair and bright blue eyes. Pamela is of high normal intelligence but because of environmental factors is achieving below her capacity in school. Annette and Pamela wish to be placed together in an adoptive home with warm, caring parents who can accept the pain in the children's past and their fears of the future.

Jack, age 10, and Jacqueline, age 9, also are seeking adoptive parents who can provide them with love, kindness and the secure structure of permanent family life. Jack is an energetic boy who responds positively to attention and direction. Pleasant and easy-going, he relates warmly to children and adults.

Jacqueline is a delightful, warm youngster who is eager to please. She likes to help her foster mother with housework, enjoys playing with other children and gets along well in groups as well as with individuals.

Both children attend classes for the Educable Mentally Retarded where they are progressing well and are popular with their teachers and classmates.

Prospective adoptive parents who may be interested in becoming parents to these children may call Catherine Wobus, casework director, or Patricia Gould, supervisor, for further information. The Catholic Family Center is located at 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.

**Life, Liberty and Law**



Nancy Murphy

The book, Values Clarification, by Simon, Howe and Kirschenbaum costs \$4.95. Buy it, please, and read it twice. In my judgment, VC is the most dangerous education experiment ever devised. Going far beyond Piaget's theoretical stages, VC threatens to sever all ties between the generations, and destroy all vestiges of religious obedience. We are told in Part One that the "often confused" youth of today is confronted with many more "choices" than the youth of previous generations, and that they must learn to reject the morals taught in the home (or any "direct inculcation of values") and reach out for "self-chosen" values or self-written laws. Teachers are directed to set aside time during school hours for VC, to "incorporate it into standard subject matter" and to offer VC "by many other titles." "There is no one right way to use these strategies. Change them! Adapt them! Think up your own examples! Role play! Experiment!"

VC is seen and presented as superior to "rigid moral codes" such as the Ten Commandments; behavioral structures is emphasized as superior to basic educational methods.

Please read Values Clarification (available at any book store) and then look into what Vatican II has to say about obedience, autonomy and atheism: "Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid down himself but which he must obey. For

man has in his heart a law inscribed by God. Man's dignity lies in observing this law and by it he will be judged. (People of our time) often cherish freedom improperly as if it gave them leave to do anything they like, even when it is evil. Many, trespassing beyond the boundaries of the positive sciences, either contend that everything can be explained by the reasoning process or that there is no such thing as absolute truth. Modern atheism often takes on a systematic form which so insists on man's desire for autonomy as to object to any dependence on God at all. Those who so profess maintain that man is an end unto himself, the sole maker with supreme control of his own history. Among the various forms of modern atheism (we note one) which looks for man's autonomy through economic and social emancipation. Atheism must be countered both by presenting the true teaching in a fitting manner and by the full complete life of the Church in her members.

"It is not unusual to find people who, having lost faith in life, extol that kind of foolhardiness which empties life of all significance, and (then) invest it instead with a meaning of their own devising. The Church maintains that beneath all which changes there is that which is unchanging (and absolute), that which has its ultimate foundation in Christ Who is the same yesterday and today and forever. In this pursuit the religious (must) avoid both aggressive agitation and a preoccupation for making the attraction of current opinion prevail over the profound meaning of religious life. The Christian conscience must give unconditional submission to the will of God.

"Liberty is strengthened by obedience." (Vatican II).

**NEXT WEEK: Food in a starving world.**

**McQuaid Slates Bishop**

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will conduct an afternoon of "Lenten Reflections" at McQuaid Jesuit High School on Sunday, Feb. 27.

The program is hosted by the McQuaid Parents' Club and is offered to the public by both the bishop and the Jesuit fathers.

The afternoon will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will close with Mass at 5 p.m. Cochairmen of the event are Joseph De Maria and Aileen Glavin.

**Dance Planned At Holy Rosary**

A St. Patrick's Dance has been scheduled for Saturday, March 12 at the Holy Rosary school hall, sponsored by the parish's Holy Name Men's Club.

The dance is open to the public at \$7.50 a person. Further information is available by calling the rectory or Keith Young at 254-5696 or John Perotti at 254-1877.

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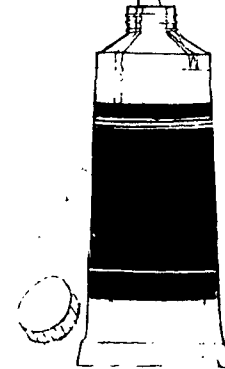
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