

I Care Enough . . .

Children Learn Sacrifice

Catholic children across the United States are learning this Lent what it means to sacrifice in order to help feed a hungry child.

Youngsters in Catholic schools and religious education classes, representing some 153 dioceses, are participating in a unique Lenten program, "I Care Enough . . .", sponsored by the Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood.

"I Care Enough . . ." provides participants with individual student containers designed to resemble milk cartons. According to Holy Childhood over 2.5 million cartons have been distributed.

During the campaign, students learn what their Lenten sacrifices will mean to a mission child. They

know, for example, that their offering of ten cents will buy a pint of milk for a child in Africa, or that a quarter will provide five bowls of rice for a boy or girl in Asia, and that fifty cents will feed an orphan in South America for a day.

This year's recipients of Holy Childhood money are Guatemala, India, Korea and countries in Africa.

In the Rochester Diocese, Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan director of the Holy Childhood Assoc., reports that 70 schools and some 15 CCD units are participating in the program this year.

He cited St. John of Rochester, Fairport as a good example of how the children in the diocese are reacting to the program

Father Reinhart said that the seventh grade confirmation class at St. John's visited the other classes at the school to talk about the missions. They encouraged their classmates to work hard in this year's fund raising program.

Father Reinhart took names of the class with him on a recent trip to Kenya, Africa and returned with a tape recording by Bishop Raphael Ndingi, Bishop of Nakuru. Bishop Ndingi is an alumnus of St. John Fisher College and returns to Rochester often, he said.

Father Reinhart said "it's great to see the developing missionary spirit that was evidenced at St. John's this year. The kids do a great job.

Pope Paul's Holy Week Activities

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul is planning a full five-day round of Holy Week observances, the Vatican announced.

—On April 3, Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday), he will bless palms at an outdoor ceremony in St. Peter's Square, go in procession into the Basilica, celebrate Mass, and preach.

—On April 7, Holy Thursday, he will celebrate an evening Mass of the Supper of the Lord in St. Peter's Basilica.

—On April 8, Good Friday, after presiding at a liturgical service in the Basilica commemorating the Passion of the Lord, he will leave the Vatican premises to go to the Roman Colosseum to take part in the Stations of the Cross.

—On April 9, Holy Saturday, he will preside at an Easter Vigil liturgy in St. Peter's.

—On Easter Sunday, April 10, the 79-year-old pontiff will celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection at an outdoor altar in front of the Basilica. He will then make an address at noon from the central balcony of the Basilica and impart the traditional Easter blessing.

suitable hymn may be sung. Then as the earth cracks open and the church tower crumbles into rubble, the priest (or deacon) will choose one or more appropriate readings from Scripture. When the needle on the Richter scale reaches 7.3, the priest, without consulting the Ordinary, will then proceed to the general confession and absolution. All jet plane and tank motors are to be turned off and all pilots and tank drivers who wish to receive absolution will indicate their intention "by some sign (for example, by bowing their heads, kneeling, or giving some other sign demanded by the episcopal conferences)" — which poses a bit of a problem if the priest has a NATO army before him and the episcopal conferences of the different nations have determined differing penance signs.

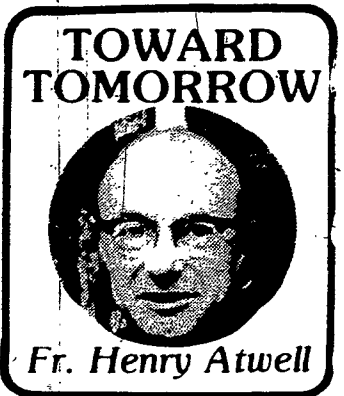
Then as the hurricane screams like a banshee, as the earth sways and quakes apart, as planes and tanks roar into battle action, the priest extends his right hand over the heads of the faithful (soon to be departed) and pronounces the absolution. The service concludes with "a suitable hymn" such as:

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Each to war resigned,
With the cross of Jesus
Vaguely kept in mind.

BELFAST BRUNCH

The Belfast Children's Summer Relief Program will get a boost from the proceeds of a pancake and sausage brunch to be served by St. Pius Tenth Church on Palm Sunday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held in the school hall. Family admission is \$5, and individuals will be served for 98¢.

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Bishop Carroll T. Dozier of Memphis has been reprimanded by Vatican officials for his compassion in granting general absolution to more than 12,000 lost, strayed and otherwise out-of-the-church Catholics at a recent penance service.

All U.S. bishops have been similarly cautioned not to do what Dozier did.

I myself found a letter in my mailbox the other day. I'm not sure if it's authentic or if someone is trying to spoof me. It purports to come from the Vatican's Congregation of the Faith, successor agency to the famous medieval Inquisition and which just two months ago said women can't be priests because only men resemble Jesus.

The letter says, "Inasmuch as some have unwisely if in good faith granted sacramental absolution to people without their first individually confessing their sins, this most sacred Congregation reminds all who have the care of souls that the Rite for Reconciliation of Several Penitents with General Confession and Absolution, as published by the Congregation for Divine Worship, Dec. 2, 1973, is to be used only in accord with the norms there specified, e.g. unless physical or moral impossibility excuses from (individual) confession." The letter then cites examples of such impossibility as occasions of natural disasters such as hurricane, earthquake, or on a battlefield.

The General Confession and Absolution Rite in actual practice would, therefore, come out something like this:

As winds reach hurricane velocity and all traffic has stopped, the faithful will assemble in church and a

COURIER-CALENDAR

St. James — Evening of recollection, 8:15 p.m. Monday, April 4, church hall, Brett Road, with Father Thomas O'Keefe; includes Mass

Our Lady Queen of Peace — First Friday Vigil, 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, with Mass at 10:30 p.m.; sponsored by Focus on the Eucharist. Public invited

Our Lady of Victory-St. Joseph's — Archconfraternity of the Holy Family, 9 a.m. Mass Sunday, April 3, followed by Easter breakfast at Holiday Inn.

St. Helen's — Altar-Rosary Society Spring Dance and dinner, 6:30 p.m. April 23, Party House, Beahon Road; reservations with Peggy Schickler, 247-7448

Catholic Widowed Parents Club — Regular meeting 8:30 p.m. April 1, St. Theodore's parish hall, 168 Spencerport Road

Benefit Recital — Bonita Boyd, flute, with several Eastman professors and others, April 2 at St. Paul's Church, East Avenue, benefit Bishops Fund for World Hunger

Forum on Justice — Five-week series on criminal justice legislation opens April 6, 12:15-1:15 p.m., 101 S. Plymouth. Question: Why is there need of legislative action? Speakers David C. Leven, John Ives

Craftsmen's Showcase — Fifty Western New Yorkers to show and sell their work April 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Allendale-Columbia, 519 Allens Creek Road; sponsored by Columbia School Alumnae Association. Lunch and child care available.

Easter Vacation Program — Daily, April 11-15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., YWCA, 175 N. Clinton; details, 546-5620

Scuba Diving — Classes begin April 18 and 20 Midtown YMCA, 100 Gibbs. Details: 325-2880, ext. 113.

Valley Manor Art Exhibit — Paintings by Ernestine Buecking, April 3-May 15; visitors welcome daily 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at 1570 East Ave.

GeVa Theatre — Alan Ayckbourn's Relatively Speaking tonight through Saturday, April 2, at 8: Sunday, 4 p.m. Husbands and Lovers, by Franz Molnar, 12:15 p.m. today and tomorrow Saturday morning workshops for children; details, 232-1363 after noon.

Memorial Art Gallery — Lecture 3 p.m. Sunday, April 3, on excavation of North England's Bordesley Abbey by chief archeologist Philip Ratz. Films by Curt Louison, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 American paintings from Robert P. Coggins Collection, through April 10

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