

Passion Play Sets

In Gethsemane . . .

Under the direction of Judy Cross, parishioners of St. Patrick's, Corning, are presenting a Passion Play on Good Friday at 9 p.m. in the church. The play, written by Catherine DeVinck, is a modern telling of Christ's passion and death. The reader's theater production will be followed by refreshments; all are welcome to attend. Appearing here are Timothy Bonomo (Peter), Frederick Collins (Herod), Mrs. Brenda Hatch (servant girl), John Madigan (priest), and Tim Wagstaff (guard). Other cast members are Mary DePietro, Edward Gustina and Mary Beth Roe.



PETER:
*It is cold here. Fear grows
 an evil tangle in my brain.
 It is not a night I wish to remember.*



JAMES:
*A little while ago the Master said:
 "Ask and you shall receive
 That your joy may be full."
 Can we approach this joy
 only by dark of night
 with rooted feet and aching mind?
 How long shall we wait?*

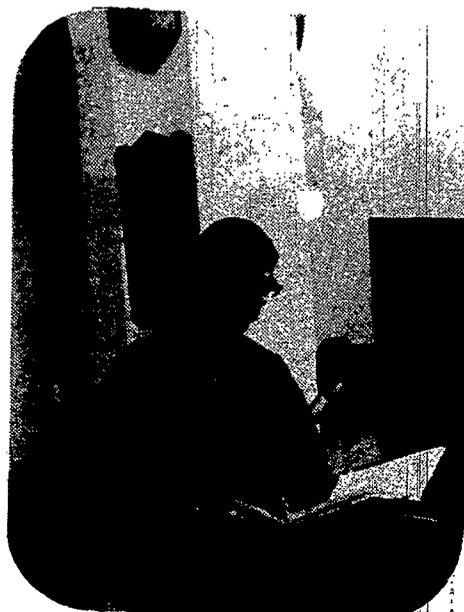
Christ Before Herod . . .



HEROD:
*My apes prance for nothing
 my cockatoos speak for a piece of fruit.
 Can you pull out of your sleeve
 just a little pigeon?
 This man has no skill.
 I could save you, would hire you for my feasts
 if only you would repeat
 just one of your tricks.*



HEROD:
*Enough of this farce! Dress him up.
 Choose a robe banded in gold:
 he is a king, you know!
 All of you, get out of my sight!*



A PRIEST:
*A countryman of yours, a would-be god!
 He has a way with words, retreats
 if cornered, into fables and paradoxes.
 Pilate, removed from our concerns
 refuses to take a stand. We feel
 this man is dangerous.*

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