Insights into Liturgy



Presentation

Sister Serafine, director of the School of the Holy Childhood recently was presented a check for \$300 by David Connelly, grand knight of the Canandaigua Council 1445 of the Knights of Columbus.

and converses while it

consumes. A rarity in

today's fast-paced world of

Little League, scouting trips

and lessons for everything

The 90-minute reunion

which showed the children

grown and with children of

their own carried on in

much the same vein it had

earlier. Robert Young ob-

viously had little control

over the script for the most imaginative thing it had him

doing was chuckling aloud

every three minutes at the

antics of his children or

Jane Wyatt and Elinor

Donahue as mother and

older daughter seemed to

have weathered the years

best. Both have remained

before the cameras

although, not with the frequence of Young whose

Dr. Welby might have been

uncle to the young Jim

It is somewhat sobering to

remember that Billy Gray

(Bud) was once considered a

serious drug offender.

Actually he was arrested for possessing marijuana which

puts him the company

(possession, that is) of some

very prominent people. The

world indeed has changed in

The next meeting of the

Catholic Widowed Parents

Club is scheduled at 8:30

p.m., Friday, June 3 at St. Theodore's Church, 168 Spencerport Road. A social

The group is planning a

dinner dance for June 18 at

the Pittsford Tavern on the

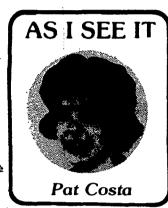
Meeting

hour will follow.

imaginable.

grandchildren.

Anderson.



There is a good possibility that any parent who saw the special reunion of "Father Knows Best" cast on a recent Sunday night along with some of the flashbacks of the original show that was popular 20 years ago go easier on the kids and their passion for the likes of "Laverne and likes of Shirley.'

Actually "Father" with its great emphasis on moral rectitude, strength of family structure and innocuous story lines is nothing at all like "Laverne and Shirley." But it does serve to remind those adults who decry the lack of substance in today's fare that the TV programs that pleased an earlier generation were also more marshmallow than meat.

As one of those parents who deplore the popularity of a sit com which has one of its heroines, for example, CWPC worrying over the possibility of being pregnant, I find it difficult to be too hard on the never-never qualities of the fairy tale world that Jim and Margaret Anderson and their Betty, Kathy and Bud inhabited for so long.

Family life, as we all know, is not a bed of roses. It is not even a bed of petunias. Fathers and mothers do not remain calm, understanding and lucid in every siblingsponsored set-to. Most rant and rave occasionally, react with something less than equilibrium in the face of yet another family tempest and even have been known to comment aloud that they regret ever having offspring.

And real children do not always see the error of their ways, or eventually come to terms with the other kids living in the same house much less treat them as friends.

Still what a splendid model of family life to set before young, pressionable children week after week. No matter that we cannot hope to attain it. At least now we know what a civilized family does at supper time. It sits down egether in a dining-rooms

Remember Nicodemus? He was a very pious man, the Gospel of John tells us. He came to Jesus, late at night, to tell him that he believed in him as a teacher sent from God. A Pharisee in search of sound religious teaching, Nicodemus was willing:to accept Jesus as a

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But Jesus turns Nicodemus' good religious intentions back on him with this challenge: "You must be born from above." Born of th Spirit. This Spirit, Jesus tells Nicodemus, is like "the wind" which "blows wherever it pleases, you hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.

rabbi and a potential source

of further knowledge about

Jesus doesn't tell us who the Spirit is, just what the Spirit is like. He knew that in his own Hebrew tongue spirit and wind have the same name, ruah. Jesus says, "Unless a man is born through water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." In the words of the poet, Carl Sandburg, "it's as though a great slow wind had washed you clean and strong inside out." In truth, the Spirit can't be written about or intellectually understood, it

Nicodemus Revisited can only be experienced.

> But Jesus' words weren't what Nicodemus came in the dark to hear. Despite Jesus' warning "do not be surprised when I say this," Nicodemus is surprised. He says, "How can that be possible?" According to Jesus' analogy, the Spirit is that part of God which works in astonishing ways.

> Cardinal Suenens described the Spirit as the principle of surprise in the Church. Sometimes, however, we are disconcerted by surprises. We want things to turn out the way we expect them to, and we have little desire to be surprised.

But if we cannot tame the wind, then we can't contain or possess the Spirit. Where do we look for renewal, "born-againness," in the Church? Are there appropriate and predictable channels through which the Spirt always flows? Can we be sure the Spirit will move in one direction, yet not in the opposite ways as well?

Perhaps it is truly a sign of the Spirit's presence in our Church that after so many years of having the answers, we find ourselves searching once more. Our search may well lead us to discover that all the changes have

brought to us a renewed and unexpectedly strong faith; we may then cease to fear and place our trust in the Holy Spirit. In fact, one way for each of us to recognize the experience of the Spirit is when the fear of the new or different has been replaced by the joy of having been surprised.

We know one other thing about the Spirit from John's writings. It bears witness to Christ Jesus. If we can keep these simple tests for the Spirit in mind, how will we view the Church in our own time? Where will the Spirit move us next?

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