

Rights Come from God, Judge Gabrielli Asserts

It is God and not the state who has endowed "all persons of whatever color, before and after birth" with certain inalienable rights, Judge Domenick L. Gabrielli of the State Court of Appeals told lawyers and others at the annual Red Mass last week at St. Mary's Church in Rochester.

"Sometimes it seems and indeed is urged that there are no permanent rights before or after birth. The protection of human values and God-given human rights is a responsibility which all of us are required to accept."

country most of the profession know God to be the ultimate source of all authority."

"That is why," Judge Gabrielli continued, "faithful Jews, Protestants and Catholics as well as religious men who may not be any of the three, have come here today to pray that the bench and bar will continue to live up to its traditional ideals and to insure the perpetuity of human rights however young or old may be the one concerned."

The homilist spoke of the special Red Mass service as "consoling" because "busy judges and lawyers and others interested in justice" gave up "their precious time to ask God's blessing on the court during the coming year ... Fortunately for our

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan celebrated the Mass and Judge Gabrielli gave the homily at the Mass, sponsored by the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild.

"The legal profession has a great burden to preserve certainty and stability in the law," Judge Gabrielli said.

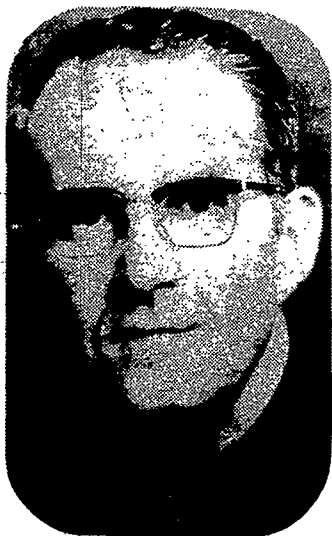


Night of Knights

Father John McDonald, rector of McQuaid Jesuit High School, discusses plans for the "Night of Knights" Ball with Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Nicosia, general chairmen and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hetterich, co-chairmen. The event is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 14 at Oak Hill Country Club and will feature the music of Len Hawley and his orchestra.

Fr. Baker to Open Lecture Series

Father Kenneth Baker, SJ, a former president of Seattle University and current editor of the Homiletic and Pastoral Review, will introduce the Magisterium Lectures to the Rochester public on Wednesday evening, Sept. 28, with a talk entitled The Magisterium and the Theologians.



FATHER BAKER

published three books on philosophy plus numerous scholarly papers, also has

appeared on several national television programs, including William Buckley's Firing Line and the David Susskind Show. He is said to have displayed a rare talent for communicating the profundities of philosophy and he has been described as a "learned defender of the Holy Father." He studied theology at Innsbruck, Austria, and took a PhD in Religious Studies at Marquette University in 1967.

The Magisterium is the teaching authority of the Church. All who wish to learn the implications of this are invited to the lectures, which will be followed by discussion periods. The price of ad-

mission to each is \$2.50, for the innercity work of St. Bridget's Church. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from Robert Benedict, 171 Rutgers St., Rochester 14607; telephone 473-5695.

Other speakers in the series are Father William B. Smith, STD, professor of Moral Theology at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, who will speak Oct. 5 on The Magisterium and Sexual Ethics, and Msgr. George Kelly, director of Advanced Education at St. John's University, Jamaica, whose topic Oct. 12 will be The Magisterium and an Uncertain Church. A fourth lecture is being arranged for next May.

Liturgy Opens New Year

"We walk together along a pathway of promises" was the theme of the Eucharist which celebrated the new school year at Nazareth Academy, Friday, Sept. 9.

Sister Mary Jean, principal, spoke in her opening comments about the theme and noted that God is someone who always keeps His promises. Cory Schults, Student Council president, gave the reading and Deborah Allgood offered the petitions. Offertory gifts were presented by members of the faculty and students.

Sister Elaine Englert, vice principal, offered a prayer of dedication and music was provided by a group of student guitarists.

The Liturgy was planned by the school's Liturgy committee headed by Sister Arlene and Sister Maria Elena.

SEASONS

The National Technical Institute for the Deaf will open its theatre season this weekend with Seasons, a revue featuring comedy, in both sign language and voice, dance, music and mime. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23 and 24, in the NTID Theatre on the campus of Rochester Institute of Technology.

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The lecture series, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will continue on the following two Wednesdays, with all meetings scheduled for 7:45 p.m. in the Mercy High School auditorium, 1437 Blossom Road.

Father Baker, who has

My whole attitude is: "Do the best you can, yourself. Thank God for the wonderful people we do have."

Have you any suggestions?

Of course. First of all, cheer up! God is running the world. Try to be reasonably well and rested, and don't waste energy worrying. Jesuit Father Basset said to retreatants: "If you don't come to a single conference, and just rest all day, it could be a good retreat. You'd go home relaxed and would be nicer to your wife and family. This is progress." Consider the number of jangles that go on in homes really from frayed nerves. Do read that little 32 page, blue booklet, Acceptance, by Fr. Collins. It has given peace of soul to thousands. It has sold over a million copies. Send me \$1 and I will send you 5 copies. Pass the others around. Everyone needs the message!

Any good signs in the Church?

Lots of them. I get around the diocese pretty well, and am exhilarated by the many wonderful families I meet. Watch them coming into the church, and observe so many fathers, carrying their youngest baby in their arms, just so pleased with their vocations.

These wonderful fathers and mothers have their headaches, but they live in Faith and Charity, and rather than buckle under to "the In Thing", regard their vocation splendidly. We have youngsters who are edified and edify through the Teen Seminars. We have men and women strong in Faith and Charity through Cursillos and Marriage

Encounter. We have thousands who are more prayerful and kind through a correct practice of the charismatic surge. Recently I met a good young man who had quit Mass. I asked: "Why?" "Because I see so many Catholics who go to Mass on Sunday but when they leave they do not act like Christians." So I quoted a thought from Cardinal Newman: "If a doctor prescribes medicines to heal a sickness, and the patient tosses it down the drain, do you blame the doctor? Inconsistent Catholics have been with us 2,000 years; and they will be with us to the end of time. But Christ has given us the Catholic Church, and you are responsible for your life in the Church. Why not strengthen the weak instead of joining them?" We have become good friends.

Why the Courier Tour to Central America?

When I was in First Philosophy at Old St. Bernard's, 1931, I read the biography of Father William Stanton, SJ. The one thing I remembered from the book was that he went to Central America, - I forget which country, - to reestablish the crumbled Church. He went to one village and found the natives kept neatly a little chapel, and burned candles at their shrine, a colorful picture. But he was horrified to find that the colorful picture was a big ad for some American beer! The poor people were absolutely without instruction. When the Courier-Journal settled on Central America I went to the library and got a copy of Central America, by Harold Lavine & the Editors of Life. From reading it, we are in for an eye-opener, and I hope a heart-opener for a mysterious part of our Americas

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Aren't you discouraged about the Church today?

Oh, no. Indignant about some of the shenanigans going on, but not discouraged. A friend from Albany recently wrote: "I don't want to spoil your birthday by writing of my concerns and anxieties about the Church today, so simply will wish you a happy birthday. I send my prayers and my thanks that you will continue your fruitful apostolate..." That was a nice note. But had she written two pages, double spaced, which read: "The pastor has run off with the Sister Co-ordinator; the Associate makes up his own cute Eucharistic prayers; the pastor and assistant don't speak; and half the parish has quit going to Mass". I should be sorry but not upset.

Sounds as if you don't care!

Oh, come off it! There is nothing in the world I love more than the Catholic Church. It is from Christ. It gives us true doctrine, the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin Mother. But if you read Church history you will find all kinds of wacky things which God in his providence has permitted.

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