

Into the Beyond

Poems for a Pregnant Lady

Area Writers' Works Recently Published

By JOHN DASH

Two books authored by diocesans have come to light in recent weeks. The first, Into the Beyond, is a drama, penned by Auburn's Franco Buono.

A haunting, personal and mystical work, Buono's tale of ill-fated lovers who renounce their love for a higher calling, the salvation of others, ends in a glorious vision of a Europe at last

united.

Buono himself, though born in the U.S., spent a great portion of his life in Europe, and throughout his drama there appear to be many autobiographical details, and an evident love for the peoples and places of that continent

Buono freely acknowledges that he is an ailing man. But he sees his

chronic bouts with thoracic, spinal and Paget's diseases as "my little via crucis and my inspiration time."

In an introduction to the drama, he notes:

"I work when the hour is profound, silent, and more mystical than ever, in the way most possible to lift up my psychic self in becoming part of the Cosmic Universe, ever ready to make me a vibrating writer of great love and great miracles."

Buono's plan, however, is vaster than the text at hand. He anticipates continuing his story through seven plays, with seven iron characters, under different titles, until the true conclusion at the end of my earthly life.

Buono and his wife Mary are communicants at St. Francis Church. Into the Beyond is available through Exposition Press, Hicksville, N.Y.

The second book, authored by a recent convert to Catholicism, is Poems for a Pregnant Lady, an utterly charming celebration of beginning life

Written by Terry Werth of St. John's parish in Spencerport, the book, booklet actually, is a singularly promising read: We hope to see a good deal more of Mrs. Werth's work in the future

She evokes sentiment without sentimentality — a feat one almost would view with awe considering her subject. Her speech is ordinary, shot with little ironies, very feminine, and when turned to the mystical, clear as a bell

matters. In a similar way, the two United Nations covenants that have grown directly out of the original Declaration in 1948 reflect this comprehensive scope of human rights. The covenant on Civil and Political Rights stresses for example, the right of the individual not to be deprived of life arbitrarily, nor to be subjected to arbitrary arrest or imprisonment. Further, it condemns restriction on freedom of thought, conscience and religion. The second covenant emphasizes the right to adequate food, housing, clothing, to social security, physical and mental health, education and trade unions.

Most current discussions rightly focus on the pervasive and frequently harsh denial of civil and political rights in various parts of the world. But we must be aware that this is not the totality of what is meant by human rights. Civic, political, economic and social rights are all related and need to be viewed as an organic whole, rooted in the dignity of a person. This essential truth has been affirmed both theologically in Pacem In Terris and humanistically in the United Nations' Declaration on Human Rights.

MEMORIAL MASS

The annual Memorial Mass for all deceased members of the Catholic Women's Club of Rochester will be celebrated this year on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel of the Carmelite Monastery, on Jefferson Road. Father John Rosse, chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital will be the celebrant of the mass and homilist. Brunch at Locust Hill Country Club will follow the rites. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Arthur Schwartz, chairman of the event, at 275-9173.

Just so the audacious act of calling a new life into being is filled with infinite possibilities to become and become and become forever and ever

Poems for a Pregnant Lady is available through Creative Energies, 533 Trimmer Rd., Spencerport, 14559. The poems are selling for \$2 plus postage.



Hunger Walk

Some 300 persons braved inclement weather on Sunday, Oct. 2 in Auburn to walk 10 miles in a plea to end world hunger. Proceeds from the walk, which was sponsored by Auburn Interfaith Ministries (AIM) and Church Women United, will go to the Community Hunger Appeal of Church World Service.

Parish Plans Talks for Consumers

The St. Thomas the Apostle parish Human Development Committee will sponsor an informative evening for consumers featuring Better Business Bureau representative Chris Monrad and consumer advocate Judy Braiman-Lipson.

To help the "buyer beware," Ms. Braiman-Lipson will discuss such topics as cosmetics, aerosols, food additives, health spas and safety in toys, with the aid of slides. Monrad will point out the policies and programs of the Better Business Bureau

The public is invited to the meeting scheduled at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct 18 in St. Thomas the Apostle School Hall, 41 Colebrook Ave. Admission will be free.

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Any discussion of the human rights issue within a Christian context would be incomplete if it failed to mention two major, distinct, but largely complementary pronouncements. Both the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Pope John's encyclical, Pacem In Terris, while emerging from unique sources and perspectives, serve as important foundations for us in two ways. First, they both articulate a vision of human rights to which all peoples can aspire. Second, both speak of a fullness and a range of human rights which we need to address.

The significance and congruence of the two can be sensed from the following statement of the United States bishops:

"As bishops entrusted with the social teaching of the Church and as leaders of the Catholic community in the United States, we wish to express our strong endorsement for the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights... Speaking from within the Roman Catholic tradition, we find both the ideas and the ideals of the Declaration consonant with those of our own teaching on the socio-political order. We are mindful of Pope John's encyclical Pacem In Terris which enumerated the spectrum of rights — political, cultural, economic — which are necessary if people are to live in accord with human dignity... The teaching of Pacem In Terris and the content of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights converge to direct our attention and spur our action toward this unfinished agenda of human rights questions." (A Question of Conscience: A Catholic Perspective on International Human Rights in an American context, USCC, June, 1974.)

The bishops note that Pope John speaks of human rights not only in the context of political and civil liberties, but also in the area of economic and cultural

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