

Wider Use Planned For Stella Maris

By MICHAEL GRODEN

Camp Stella Maris brings to mind summer days filled with hiking, swimming, baseball and hoping you get assigned to Lourdes or Morning Star cabin for another year.

This reporter vaguely remembers cookouts down in "the gully" near the chapel, and drinking "belly wash" (known by the less informed as Kool-Aid) by the gallon, dinner in the "big house" and the yearly Blue and White competition.

All of these activities have continued, in one form or another for 51 years and more programs have been added.

If the camp's newly appointed, full-time director has anything to say about it, however, all that is going to change. Somehow he's going to make Camp Stella Maris even better.

Ray Tette, who took over the job of on-site director on Sept. 1, explained that the Camp's six-week summer program has been very successful but its facilities are wasted for the remainder of the year.



RAY TETTE

He hopes to put the camp to use on a year round basis. "A lot of groups and organizations in the diocese are always looking for a place to get away for a few days for retreats, seminars, etc. Stella Maris offers an ideal setting," he said

The camp, located at 3052 East Lake Rd. on Conesus Lake, has a winter capacity for 80 people. The main lodge and two cabins are completely winterized, Tette said.

The lodge is now being renovated to include conference rooms.

Some groups, including the Family Retreat Movement, Becket Hall, CYO, Newman Center at Geneseo State College, have used Stella Maris for programs but much of the calendar year is still open.

It is Tette's job to find groups interested in using the 17 acre site and serve as host to them, as well as supervising the entire summer camp program.

In addition to expanding usage of the camp, the summer program is being improved. Stella Maris enjoyed the best camping season on record as 854 youngsters attended the six-week program. Of those 116 underprivileged children who couldn't afford camping fees were sponsored by various groups and individuals, including Catholic Charities (the camp's operator), parish Human Development committees and even the camp counselors.

Tette conducted a survey among campers and their parents, in order to find out what programs needed improvement. The results

were encouraging. Tette said and the few areas which need to improve are being worked on. The majority of respondents stated that they favored a winter camping program in addition to the traditional

summer encampment.

Tette, a St. John Fisher graduate, also plans to apply for accreditation with the American Camping Association which sets very high standards in terms of

management, fulfilling programs, sanitation etc

Stella Maris still provides the opportunity for kids to enjoy themselves in the outdoors, but now it offers much much more.

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Almost two years ago Father Robert Cunningham, Secretary to Bishop Head of Buffalo, ordered a set of Abp. Sheen tapes. He was pleased with them; and he sent me as a gift an attractive blue and black paper back with two symbolic candles shining on the front page. It has 130 pages, good print, easy divisions, and is entitled: "Living the Catholic Faith Today." The author is Abp. John F. Whealon, Bishop of Hartford.

I think it is one of the most readable, clear, concise books on the market for the grass roots Catholics. Why? Because it combines instruction, doctrine, reason, to make an uncomplex presentation of the Catholic Faith today.

At the Magisterium of the Church series, recently held under the aegis of the Rochester 4th Degree and the Irondequoit Council of the Knights of Columbus, Robert Edelman, president of the Catholic Lawyers Society, spoke of "ambivalent sounds within the Church which leave the youth confused." Abp. Whealon writes without ambiguity and without ambivalence. He writes with clarity and grace. Here are some examples.

Your Own Life "To work out a philosophy of life, it is necessary to begin with your own self. You need to see yourself as worthwhile, important, actually loved by God. You begin with an honest, true view of your own self..." At the end of Chapter One he writes: "Many years ago I read several 'rules for living' set down by Dr. Raphael McCarthy... They are largely taken from the Sermon on the Mount... 1) Make your own Happiness. 2) Cultivate decisive thinking. 4) Avoid self pity. 5) Keep your sense of humor." Each rule is

developed in a neat paragraph.

A few years ago some insidious devil got into the catechetical programs and taught our youngsters: "You don't have to go to Mass on Sunday if you don't feel like it. Visiting some poor person or walking the woods admiring nature could even be better." That, of course is an attack on the responsibility of the Church. (Consult Mt. xvi:17 & xviii:17. Also "The Screw Tape Letters" by C.S. Lewis, which Jesuit Father Thomas Green recommended, as a good book on the discernment of spirits.) Abp. Whealon has a chapter on Keeping Sunday Holy which should be a joy to St. Ambrose pastor, Father Marvin, who wrote a letter to the editor of the Courier-Journal suggesting we observe Sunday by not buying merchandise on that day.

On Keeping Sunday Holy He writes: "... These ideas and suggestions are not about Sunday Mass, but rather Sunday apart from Mass. About what a Catholic or any Christian is to do on Sunday besides attending Mass."

On Participating in the Mass "Occasionally we may hear some one questioning the necessity of Sunday Mass. Is it possible the Sunday Mass tradition will be changed? The answer to these questions is 'No, ...Going to Mass Sunday after Sunday simply from obligation - that is a pitiful state of affairs. It is better than not going at all, of course. But the solution is to adopt a more mature, more Christian, more Vatican II approach to Sunday and Holy Day Mass..."

Ideas on Parish Life "Many Catholics 'shop around for a parish'... What about the Catholic who has a good, serious reason for going elsewhere for Sunday Mass? The approach is to talk over the situation with one's pastor and follow his direction. Ordinarily difficult questions can be worked out without detriment to justice or to charity..."

I do think this is too tidy an answer, which does not take certain existential elements into consideration. With Pope John's opening of those famous windows, a lot of bats flew in; and some

priests and religious became absorbed in batty liturgies, batty doctrine, repulsive to the souls of normal Catholics. I think it would be to the point to affiliate with a normal parish, where the priests and Sisters observe the directions of the Church, and the soul can rest in Christ rather than be filled with agitation from vaudeville in the sanctuary, banalities in the pulpit, speed records for finishing Mass, and a general disregard for the directions of the Universal Church. To expect an understanding from the pastor of such a church is quixotic but hardly facing reality.

You can get Abp. Whealon's "Living the Catholic Faith Today" from your Catholic bookstore or church book rack. Or send \$1.25 to me at Holy Trinity Church, Webster, N.Y. 14580 and I will fire off a copy at once to bring joy and understanding to your soul



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A lifelong resident of Irondequoit, Don is active in the St. Cecilia's Men's Club, and Past President of the organization. Supervisor Deming is President of the Monroe County Supervisors' Association, and Past President of the Ridge-Culver Volunteer Fireman's Association. Don is on the Board of Directors of the Irondequoit Athletic Association and the Irondequoit Community Band, and he is active in the Irondequoit Elks Lodge # 2054.

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