

Newman's 'University' Opens Kearney Series

A liberal education, Dr. James Cameron says, turns out "ladies and gentlemen." And those words have fallen victim to the "inverted snobbery" of the modern world.

Dr. Cameron defines a

gentleman as one who can take up any intellectual study with ease, grace and versatility.

That is also the notion Cardinal John Henry Newman had when he penned his essay "The Idea of a University," in 1852.

Dr. Cameron was in Rochester recently to speak on that text in the first of the Bishop James E. Kearney Lecture Series at St. John Fisher College.

Newman's university, Dr. Cameron said, is, among other things, "a place for the study and exercise of the imagination," "a lifeline to the human past," and "an intellectual power... likely to be obnoxious to the national state."

Newman proposed that a "liberal arts" education is founded on the premise that "knowledge is capable of being its own end... of being its own reward," Dr. Cameron noted.

unreliable. However for some reason many of today's Catholic educators still insist that the old rhythm system "is the only method approved by Pope Paul VI." That is a blatant misrepresentation of the Holy Father who has repeatedly joined his voice with Protestant and Jewish leadership in support of Natural Family Planning.

NFP should be but is not taught in every Catholic high school, Pre-Can course and adult education class. It should not be taught by Planned Parenthood which claims to teach the natural methods, but bases its statements in faulty incomplete information. NFP is best taught on a couple-to-couple basis, by families already using it themselves, and who are thoroughly trained in the latest teaching methods. Subsequent columns will examine the natural methods I sincerely hope that this information will encourage Catholic couples who have dissented from Humanae Vitae and who now find themselves in a dilemma, to re-evaluate their positions in light of the recently released facts surrounding the pill, sterilization and the IUDs.

Next week: Basal Body Temperature

Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

Before we go further into this series on Natural Family Planning, I will take the time to urge you to read the powerful and deeply personal little book, **First Do No Harm**, by Natalee Greenfield. I'll write more on this book later. In my judgement, it should be recommended reading for every Catholic high school student in place of the questionable books and authors now recommended in the diocesan text on human sexuality, **Education In Love**.

I have yet to hear an acceptable reason for educators and politicians to continue to ignore Natural Family Planning. It is I believe a violation of moral and ethical principles (a sin of omission perhaps) to stress only the gadgets and methods which are profitable to such industrial giants as the Ortho Pharmaceutical Company, and which are so degrading and expensive, so dangerous and sometimes fatal to the misinformed. Also it is wise to keep in mind the growing power of educators and politicians over the family. Once the tools of fertility control and moral education are removed from the family and put into the hands of the government, these tools can be used not only to force population control but secular humanism as well. Such measures as fertility control agents in drinking water supplies have already been proposed in the U.S. The U.N. Fund for Population Activities has discussed for two years the implementation of compulsory family control.

There are many fully researched and fully defined natural methods available for couples to control their own fertility with no drugs, inserts or surgical interventions. These methods are used in conjunction with each other and, when combined, make up what is referred to as Natural Family Planning. The best and most reliable are 1) Basal Body Temperature, 2) Ovulation and 3) Sympto-Thermic, a combination of the first two. For years, the old calendar rhythm system was included but it had long since been recognized as outmoded, inadequate and



Guild members planning for the brunch are (top row, left to right) Eileen O'Brien, Cathie Costello, Marcia Finn, Pat Bach; (bottom row) Dorothy Brock, Cady Peacock, Mary Seardetta, Marcia Calabrese, Joan Eiser.

Women's Guild Sets Christmas Brunch

The St. Thomas More Women's Guild will hold its annual Christmas Brunch on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 11:30 a.m. in the school hall.

A visit by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and a Christmas Arts and Crafts Bazaar will highlight the event.

Reservations for the pancake and sausage

brunch may be made by calling Cathie Costello at 586-8998.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Ithaca—Immaculate Conception Parish is sponsoring an "Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar" Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the school. There will be many gift items and new and different Christmas ornaments. Baked goods, a lunch, and "Pizza Frittas" will be available. The bazaar will be in the school cafeteria, those attending are asked to use the chapel entrance.

John Henry Newman was one of the greatest of the 19th century thinkers. A noted scholar at Oxford and a preacher of the Church of England, Newman converted to Roman Catholic and in 1846, was ordained a priest. He was titled a Cardinal in 1879.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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