

Greenhouse Opening

Nazareth College President Robert A. Kidera shows his green thumb to Sister Grace Geisler, left, chairman of the biology department and to Sarah Vanderschmidt, a junior from Brighton and president of the Science Club, at the opening of the college ereenhouse. It will be used in connection with expanded course offerings in biology including horticulture, ecology, botany and genetics.

Insights In Liturgy

The Priest and Parish 'Lit' Committee

By FATHER ROBERT J. KENNEDY

The relationship of the parish priest or priests to the parish liturgy committee has become a crucial question for liturgy planning. Because we have moved into liturgy committees without much direction or guidance this role of the priest and the committee is still being defined. The following reflections may be helpful.

To begin, three presuppositions must be stated:

(1) The liturgy is the summit and source of the Christian life. It expresses the faith of the assembled congregation in words of praise and thanks, and nourishes and deepens that faith, inciting it to apostolic action on behalf of others.

work of the whole people who assemble to express one faith in the Risen Lord Jesus, but who have come toxhat faith in a variety or, ways. They come also with a variety of faith needs that have to be met. all by this one common action together.

(3) The options of the revised liturgy assume an adaptable liturgy, that is, one that can vary enough to be adequately expressive of and nourishing for the people gathered.

Thus, the need for a parish liturgy committee arises from the nature of the liturary itself. The committee coordinates the various ministries exercised in the liturgy, so that the expression of the faith of the worshippers can be easy and complete.

This coordination of ministries includes the ministry of president of the assembly and so requires the presence of the priest at all meetings of the committee and its planning groups. This is because of the unique role the priest exercises in the liturgy and the com-

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leader of prayer. Like the conductor of the symphony orchestra, he is so in touch with the faith experience of the people that he can bring it to full expression, interpreting it so that it can nourish everyone in return. Through his leadership the liturgy can become an experience of the faith it expresses. This will require the priest to be aware of all the options of prayer open to him, and to be personally immersed in the Word he will preach and the texts he will pray.

Because of his ex-perience and background. the priest is the critical resource person for the committee. His training has put him in touch with the rich tradition of the Church, and he has easier access to the full body of material on the liturgical rites. And since he is responsible for the instruction of the parish in the nature, structure and elements of the liturgical rites (Letter Concerning Eucharistic Prayers, 19) the liturgy committee has the right to expect this kind of direction, in-formation, support and cooperation from the parish priest He will share and guide their study.

Here however is the point of delicate balance, for the committee members do not simply "do what Father says." The priest presents the raw material for planning from his knowledge of the tradition, the rites and the parish. Equally important is the knowledge of the parish life and experience which is brought more? broadly, by the variety of parishioners who sit on the committee.

Through a cooperative and prayerful sharing among all the members of the committee, growth and knowledge is fostered, the "living" part of the Living Word is laid open, appropriate choices can be made among the available options, and a richer, fuller expression of worship is made possible.

It is never a question of how much freedom Father will allow the committee. Rather, it is the full and willing cooperation with each other that will make the community's celebration truly the celebration of everyone

Stella Maris Begins 52nd Year

Camp Stella Maris an-nounced the beginning of its ages 7-14 this week. 52nd year of resident

Cancer Program **Offered**

seminarians are invited to Genesee Hospital Thursday, April 13, for a program entitled Living Creatively with Cancer. Sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the hospital's Douglas Auditorium, 224 Alexander.

Speakers will be Dr. James C. Arseneau, director of the medical oncology unit at Rochester General Hospital; Catherine A. Hiler, R. N., of Genesee, Dr. Henry Keys of Strong Memorial, Father James A. Schwartz, chaplain at Rochester General, and Rabbi Judea Miller of Temple B'rith Kodesh.

The registration fee- \$5 for clergymen, \$4 for students-will cover lunch and working materials. Questions may be directed to the sponsor, the local office the American Society, 461-3800.

The 1978 camp season will be extended this year to four weeks for boys (July 2-29) followed by four weeks for girls (July 30-Aug. 26).

Stella Maris executive director Ray Tette said that camping reservations are limited and suggested making them early to avoid the disappointment of being

An Open House is scheduled this year from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, June 11. The public is invited to tour the facilities and meet the staff. Refreshments will be available.

Further information may be obtained by calling the camp office (716) 454-2636 or writing to 50 Chestnut St., Rochester 14604.

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Too often, well-meaning people at the funeral say: "Be brave! Don't cry!

But why not? Tears are a natural tribute that can be paid to the one who is gone. The bereaved misses the deceased. How he wishes that the one

Emotions of grief are normal reactions necessary for health. Death has so many overtones: lonliness, fear, ambivalence, anger, guilt and hostility. There is nothing shameful or unacceptable in these feelings.

The mourner who denies them or stoically keeps his emotions bottled

up inside may later find a release in a more serious physic explosion to his inner makeup. Therefore, it is good to encourage an outward expression of feelings. There is no time clock for emotions, nor can they be intellectualized. Just as joy shared is joy increased, grief shared is grief

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