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Share the Faith6

The United States Catholic Conference last week designated "Share the Light of Faith" to be the theme for this year's observance of Catechetical Sunday. In parishes throughout the nation the weekend liturgies of Sept. 16 and 17 will focus on catechetics, and booklets in both Spanish and English will be distributed to explain the theme of the day.

Heritage Celebrated8

The Puerto Rican community of Rochester recently celebrated the feastday of the patron of Puerto Rico, St. John the Baptist. The festivities, in which Catholic churches and in which the official diocesan Hispanic organizations played a major role, included the celebration of Mass, a parade, and good food and dancing.

Thomas More: A Model .5

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan begins this week an examination of the life of St. Thomas More, the fifth centenary of whose birth is being observed by religious, cultural and historical institutions throughout the English-speaking world this year. The bishop noted that it was Erasmus who first titled the saint "A Man for All Seasons." The bishop, however, calls him "A Saint for All Seasons" and outlines those aspects of More's life which make him an exemplar for modern man.

'Friends' Gather6

A unique organization is being formed in the diocese. The Society of Compassionate Friends is dedicated to helping couples resolve the grief following the death of a child. The society, originally formed in England about a decade ago, uses a form of peer counselling: only couples who have lost a child may become active members, consoling in turn other couples who share their experience.

The Church Prays5

Pope Paul again this week discusses the Church as a praying body. Prayer, he insists, is the Church's work in the modern world, as it has been its duty from its beginning. He avers this characteristic, he says, in the face of mounting criticism of the Church as an institution with little or no value.

Have Fun, Too4

Responding to an editorial in the Roman Observer which decried the amount of concern over soccer games when, at the same time the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament is being conducted, the Courier-Journal this week in an editorial notes that recreation and entertainment are as valid human concerns as the abatement of the arms race.

Over the Top12

The International Justice and Peace Commission, the diocesan group which conducts the yearly Operation Breadbox campaign, revealed last week that the amount of money collected this year exceeded by more than \$3,000 the amount of last year's collection. The commission will distribute \$30,897.42 to worthy causes both in the diocese and around the world. None of the monies collected in the program is used for administrative expenses.

Holy Land From 1

Catherine, founded in 410 A.D. In the Sinai the tourists saw Arabs living much as the nomadic Jews lived thousands of years ago. The world's great religions began in desert places, the priest observed.

He reported that the tour director, Carmelite Father Daniel, was a Polish Jew, survivor of a Nazi prison camp. A convert to Catholicism, Father Daniel was "able to show us all the beauty of the Jewish religion and of Christ's life," Father Timothy said.

He mentioned that the Israelis have solar water heaters on their dwellings and are testing methods of making salt water useful for irrigation.

There is also a "very strong military presence; even conductors on the trains carry guns."

"Being faithful to the Covenant" is important in Jewish life, he continued. "God always called them back to the Covenant" when they strayed. "The Covenant is the golden thread of Israel."

The observance of the Sabbath was impressive, he said. At sundown on Friday, buses and trolleys stop running and stores close. The Sabbath is a time for prayer and a time for families to gather, he said, suggesting that this Sabbath pause is good for everyone, for families and for the country.

Pastoral Changes

Father George Wiant, formerly of Rural Human Development in Wayne County, to be diocesan director of the Office of Human Development, succeeding John Salter.

Father James Lane, associate pastor of St. Stephen's, Geneva, retiring because of age.

Father Leo Matuszewski, associate pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake, Ontario, retiring because of age.

Librarians

The Rev. Jasper Pennington, librarian at St. Bernard's Seminary, was one of the speakers at the 32nd annual conference of the American Theological Library Association, June 19-23 in Latrobe, Pa. Father Fintan R. Shoniker, a former Rochester resident, was host to the conclave in his capacity as library director for St. Vincent College and Seminary.

Vicar

Hartford, Conn — Archbishop John F. Wheaton has approved a proposal made by the archdiocesan Council of Religious to establish a new position of Associate Vicar for Religious, to be filled by a religious woman. A search committee is now seeking applicants for the post. The new position will be pastoral and developmental in focus.

NEAD'S Facade

North East Area Development, Inc. (NEAD) is looking for volunteer handymen and others to help in a home repair and clean-up program in the Beechwood and Main-University Avenue area. The workers, individuals or groups, would help senior citizens and single parents with minor exterior carpentry and painting, and with sprucing up lawns and shrubbery. The program is called FACADE, and the person to call is Deanna Wooden, 482-7320.

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