

Task Force to Meet Sept. 30

The Rochester Regional Task Force on Women in the Church, restructured, and infused with optimism over a new system of parish contacts, has called a general membership meeting for Saturday afternoon, Sept. 30. Prominent on the agenda will be a discussion of the Second Conference on the Ordination of Women, scheduled for November in Baltimore.

The membership assembly, the first ever convened, also will consider the reasons for the task force's existence. A statement of purpose says, in part, "We are a group of women and men working for justice in our Church and society. We believe that we must work towards the awakening of all women to the realization of their full and equal personhood with men in Christ and as images of our God."

Sister Joan Sobala, SSJ, a member of the steering committee, elaborated on the statement in this way: "The

symbolic center would be the ordination issue. It is not the first, and not the only, issue."

The RRTF, as members call it, came into being in November 1975, after the first ordination conference, as a small group of people who met separately with other groups and committees. This nucleus now is the steering committee, which meets monthly, and the task force itself comprises the broadening membership, which will have two meetings a year, Sister Joan said.

Interest has been aroused, she added, through circulation of *New Women/New Church*, a quarterly publication originating here.

New contacts were made, she reported, at a series of regional meetings in August. The Sept. 30 assembly is scheduled for 1-4 p.m. at the Interfaith Chapel on the University of Rochester campus.



Money for School

Sister Joseph Gilmary, principal of St. Jerome's School in East Rochester, is given \$500 for school equipment by her neighbors of the St. John Fisher Council, Knights of Columbus. Making the presentation are Grand Knight John Carli, Past Grand Knight Clifford Joslin and Father Anthony Calimeri, pastor of St. Jerome's. The council will hold a 25th anniversary celebration Sept. 30 at the Country House in East Rochester.

Death, Dying

Seneca Falls—Dr. Nathan Kollar, writer and college teacher, will lecture here Sunday, Sept. 17, on *Death and Dying: the Christian Viewpoint*. The program for teenagers and adults is scheduled for 7:30-9:30 in the school auditorium at St. Patrick's, 81 W. Bayard. Dr. Kollar is professor of Religious Studies at St. John Fisher College and of Roman Catholic Studies at the University of Rochester. His recent book is *Death and Other Living Things*.

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The Church 1978

By Father Andrew Greeley

Flight From Reason No Guarantee

In his recent article in *Commonweal*, "Theology and Autobiography" John Shea commented that with "theology the flight from reason does not necessarily guarantee contact with life. No better epitaph can be written for much of the theological effort of the last 15 years."

During the romantic days of the late '60s and early '70s, most academic disciplines went through a period of loud-mouthed anti-intellectualism. The other disciplines have long since left that period behind. Theologians have not. As Bernard Lonergan aptly put it, "Theologians always arrive breathless and a little late."

There is, of course, a substantial number of theologians who are doing solid, rational work, and even a few whose academic rationality manages to sustain some contact with life. But the Flakiness Demon has not been exorcised from theological activity. Consider, for example, on the Protestant side, the recent book, "Patterns of Grace," by Tom F. Driver, Tillich Professor at the Union Theological Seminary. For off-the-wall narcissism (complete with a self-portrait picture on the back cover), Driver is hard to beat. He leaves the kookiness of Sam Keene at the starting gate. If one concedes that Union Theological turned into a freak show during the 1960s, one still must say that Reinhold Niebuhr would be horrified and Paul Tillich profoundly offended to read Driver's comment that salvation consists in the descent

into watery verbs."

(He is arguing, if I can cut through the self-adulation, that the Real is Becoming, not Being — scarcely a new philosophical observation.)

But for some uptight Protestant academics like Driver, this swinging style

gives them a sense of being "with it," being "relevant, being in touch with things 'the way they are.'" On the Catholic side, liberation theology plays the same role. One of the mediocrities who writes for the *National Catholic Reporter* has recently observed that I was "middle class" because of my "irresponsible criticism of liberation theology." It's hard not to howl with laughter. Who could be more middle class than the readers and writers of the

National Catholic Reporter? Liberation theology is a product of state-paid bureaucrats in the German theological faculties, propounded in Latin America by middle-class seminary and university teachers and regurgitated in North America by middle-class academics. For all three groups it offers the marvelous titillation of pretending that one is radical and Marxist and revolutionary, in the "vanguard of the people."

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

"To Help the Living"

By Ed Sulewski

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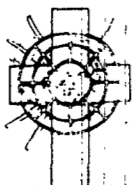
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