

Blue Boy Offers Money for Labels

Every Blue Boy Label is worth money to non-profit organizations in this diocese, through a special program sponsored by Blue Boy. Details on this program appear in an advertisement in this week's Courier-Journal.

A spokesman for the program said this week that "it is possible for all non-profit organizations in the diocese to raise funds for their groups and projects by saving the labels of Blue Boy products."

He noted that "thousands of dollars have

been raised through the program in the past."

"Last year," he said, "Blue Boy offered 5 cents a label. This year, however, not only will Blue Boy return 5 cents a label on most of its products, but will return as much as 10 cents a label for some of its foods."

In addition, the spokesman said, "we are extending the deadline for redemptions to Dec. 31."

In 1977, churches, schools, scouts and community service groups participated in the program. They collected

thousands of labels and returned them to the Blue Boy company, along with coupons like the ones printed in the Courier-Journal. For every Blue Boy label saved, Blue Boy gave the non-profit group 5 cents.

He said that in this year's program those same organizations will be able to raise even more cash, because, as a Special Bonus, all "Tiny Tin" labels will be redeemed for 8 cents and all regular-size Blue Boy green bean, wax bean, beet (in glass and cans), red cabbage and applesauce labels for 10 cents each.

Week of Celebrations to Mark Good Counsel's Half Century

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church at 640 Brooks Ave. was dedicated Oct. 7, 1928. Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will offer Mass there at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, opening a week of anniversary celebrations.

Festivities for all age groups, and four special Masses, are scheduled through the week, leading to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's Mass at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, and a dinner party at the Mapledale Party House.

The events in chronological order are Mass at 1 p.m. Monday, followed by a social gathering arranged by the Airport Seniors; a variety show at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday presented by the children of the parish; an Oktoberfest Wednesday evening, immediately after 6 p.m. Mass.

An alumni reunion is planned for Thursday



Mr. and Mrs. Martin Conheady, in charge of Good Counsel's anniversary festivities, recheck the schedule with Father Paul G. Wohlrab, pastor since 1967.

evening, with Mass at 7:30, and Friday will be Youth Night, with Mass at 7 followed by a dance. Details on the reunion may be obtained from Rosemary Link,

235-8754, or Mary Rouse, 247-2156. Dinner tickets are available at the rectory, or from Bob DiLaura. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Conheady are in charge.

The Open Window

By FATHER HOHMAN

God's Call: How Does It Come?

Dear Sir:

In response to your question about women deacons, I'm sure you will have many replies giving Scripture and Tradition as the reason why women aren't ordained in the Catholic Church.

However, the indisputable fact is that God has always reserved the right to personally "call" His Ministers. If a person's desire or willingness to serve does not correspond to God's Plan, the subject of ordination is academic.

As with so many of life's dilemmas, acceptance of

God's will is our only answer. Quoting St. James (4:15): "If the Lord wants us to, we shall live and do this or that."

Most sincerely,

(Signed) J.E.P.

Dear J.E.P.,

Your first paragraph indicates that I will have many replies giving scripture and tradition as the reason women aren't ordained in the Catholic Church. Actually, that is not the case, but even the Pope's Special Biblical Commission indicated that there was nothing in the scripture which prohibited the ordination of women and as far as tradition is concerned, I think that a distinction must necessarily be made between practice and something which is definitely passed down as the truth.

In regard to your second paragraph, I would like to ask you the question: How

does God personally "call" His ministers? Does He whisper in their ear? Does He tell them through some special sign? What is the measure of whether or not a person is called? You are correct in saying that a person's desire or willingness to serve is not enough to guarantee a vocation. But the fact is that your concept of a vocation is very unrealistic. The call of God comes through the call of the Church—the people of God. When the people of God call someone to ordination, that is God's call. There is no other possible way of our discerning God's call except through the will of the Church.

Your final paragraph certainly states something which could hardly be contradicted. However, it must not be taken to mean that God in some way or other steers us around so that we will end up doing this or that like a puppet on a string. It merely means that our power to do what we do comes from God and we could not do it unless we had that power.



Father Peter Bayer, diocesan director of planning, helps Annunciation's Gil Henner with the parish's upcoming census.

Annunciation Plans Census

"Nothing but the best for Annunciation."

That is the motto of the Rochester parish and to bring it to reality a parish census has been scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8.

Parish workers will be canvassing the area bounded by the Expressway, Bleaker Road, Northland Avenue and Norran Drive, which includes homes in Rochester and the Town of Irondequoit.

The recently retired pastor of the parish, Msgr. Albert L. Simonetti forsook the need to have accurate information concerning the needs and desires of the parish, including shut-ins, seniors, newcomers.

Cenacle Sets Renewal

The Cenacle Retreat House has slated a day of renewal on the theme "My Losses — My Blessings" for Thursday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Father John Walchurs, SJ, will lead the day, designed for both men and women.

The program will include two talks, Mass and a bag lunch. Beverage will be furnished. Reservations are being taken by phone (716) 271-8755, and by mail: The Cenacle Center for Spiritual Renewal, 693 East Ave. Rochester 14607. A \$3 fee has been requested to be paid in advance.

Open House

St. Bernard's Seminary will hold open house Sunday, Sept. 24, beginning at 2 p.m. and concluding with Vespers at 5 in the chapel. This will be the first of several 85th-year celebrations.

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THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER "Expressing Your Sympathy"

By Ed Sulewski

There are dozens of acceptable ways to express your sympathy at the time of death — and be of a real to the family. At a time they probably have many extra guests, food — casseroles, salads, desserts — is a gift that is always appropriate and helpful. When possible, take the food in disposable containers, label items, and include your name.

If you are a close friend, you may want to visit at the home of the family. Expressing your own feelings of loss — and your sorrow — lets the family know that others feel their grief. In addition to your visit at the time of the death, your continued contact with the family over the months that follow can be a great help.

In our many years of helping others work through their feelings of grief, we know that the friends of the bereaved were the ones who, ultimately, accepted the responsibility for seeing to the special needs of their sorrowing friends. Their love and concern were the strength that helped the family through the weeks and months of sadness. Please call us for other suggestions on expressions of sympathy.

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