



Puppet Show

The "Population Puppet Show" is a presentation of the Syracuse Right to Life Foundation which was demonstrated at the state Right to Life Convention in Elmira. Written by Carol Byrnes, the program is designed for elementary school-aged children. In the show, acted out by the puppets, three children visit a local professor, who points out several statistics to illustrate that there is enough space on Earth for more people, and the resources necessary to feed them.

CDA Gathers In Penn Yan

More than 200 Catholic Daughters gathered in St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan, on Sept. 30 for the annual Memorial Mass for their deceased sisters. Bishop John E. McCafferty addressed them, and accepted on behalf of Bishop Hogan \$2,500 for St. Bernard's Seminary.

The Past Regents Club of diocesan CDA courts sponsored the Mass and a luncheon in Dresden. Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus from Geneva and Waterloo formed an honor guard for the Mass procession and were luncheon guests.

The CDA was established in 1903 as an adjunct of the Knights of Columbus known as the Daughters of Isabella. A slighter name change was effected at the national convention last July, when delegates, taking note of the organization's extension into Latin American zones, voted in "Catholic Daughters of the Americas." The Catholic Daughters have contributed \$2,749,261 to various charities in the past two years. The sum includes a \$750,000 endowment for a chair in American Catholic Church History at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. The 31-year-old Marie C. Curry Memorial Seminary Fund provides an annual gift, such

Seminary Grants

The Davenport-Hatch Foundation of Rochester has awarded \$10,000 to St. Bernard's Seminary. The money will go toward the establishment of a community center, the seminary announced last week.

In addition, a grant of \$1,500 from the Frank E. Gannett Foundation will support the seminary's communications program," the announcement said.

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as Bishop McCafferty accepted, to the ordinary of each of the state's eight dioceses.

Mrs. Bess Caton of Brockport is president of the Past Regents Club; Louise McCarthy, Elmira, is vice president; Mary Scott, Penn Yan, secretary, and Monica Rapp, Rochester, treasurer. Mrs. Marian Chrosniak of Penn Yan is diocesan chairman of public relations. Among those at the annual Mass and luncheon were Mrs. Frank Donahue of Brockport, past state regent, and members of her court.

Bishop Lamont Raps Invitation to Smith

Washington (D.C.) - The invitation to visit the United States extended to former Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith by a group of U.S. senators has been termed "irresponsible" by a Roman Catholic bishop departed from Rhodesia last year after 31 years as a Carmelite missionary there.

Bishop Donal Lamont of Umtali, Rhodesia, but now living in Dublin, Ireland, is in this country to speak at the invitation of three bishops in their dioceses between Oct. 14 and Nov. 3.

At a press conference called by the Social Development and World Peace Department of the U.S. Catholic Con-

The Open Window

By FATHER HOHMAN

Let's Have Substantive Questions

Dear Readers,

Sometime in the not too distant future I should like to work on a major project which would attempt to gather all of the essential elements of Catholic Christian belief into one particular area, and all the non-essentials and the peripherals into another area. So very often, one is accused of heresy relative to a human tradition or Church practice which has no relationship directly to



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the doctrine of Jesus Christ.

Then I should like to list those intellectual stands on particular matters which have no bearing on religious teaching, but which merely satisfy (or fail to satisfy) the intellect. Such a thing would be a constant argumentation about whether the Book of Genesis is a literal depiction of events, or whether it is a religious story having little to do with actual happenings but a great deal to do with ultimate religious truth. The creation of Eve would be another example. There is little point in arguing about how Eve came into being. There is a great deal of point to be made of the complementarity of woman to man, and her equality with him. The

latter truth exists, whether she literally came from the side of Adam or not. Unfortunately, we get lost in these kinds of quibble.


It is my conviction that arguments about the magisterium, private revelations, existence or nonexistence of particular devotions, and questions of authority only lead young people to reject the institutional Church, as a very human institution and nothing more. From the same people; I should like to hear questions about how one draws closer to Jesus Christ; what is the basis of Christ's life; what are the ways in which we get into contact with God through Jesus Christ? These questions and others like them are the substantive ones. The others are so relatively peripheral and unimportant as to be exasperating.

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