

God Curser Ordained Priest Seventeen Years Later

Boston — A former policeman in Nantucket, Mass., who told God to "go to hell" when his wife and son died in childbirth 17 years ago, will be ordained a Catholic priest on Jan. 29.

James Mayo, 42, will be ordained at Sacred Heart Church in Warner Robins, Ga., where he will become associate pastor.

The occasion for Mayo's cursing of God was at the funeral service for his wife, Eileen. The priest who officiated at the rites, in an apparent effort to be compassionate, told him, "If God was going to pick a flower, of course he would pick the sweetest of them all."

At that point, "My response to him was to tell

God to go to hell," Mayo said in a recent interview in the Boston Herald American.

Mayo said that his decision to become a priest came after many years of working on projects aimed at helping other people.

Five years ago, Mayo entered Sacred Heart

School of Theology in Hales Corner, Wis., then applied to various dioceses across the nation. He was accepted by Bishop Raymond Lessard of Savannah, Ga.

The moment he decided to accept the calling, he said, "That's when I made peace and I felt relieved, happy. Am I happy now? Yes, I have inner peace."

Peace People Get Grant

New York (RNS) — The Ford Foundation has given \$47,500 to the Community of the Peace People of Northern Ireland. The Belfast-based organization will use the money to pay staff for community development and education programs.

The Peace group seeks to alleviate Belfast's high rate of unemployment and helps the "casualties of violence," detainees and their families and those who are trying to break away from paramilitary organizations.

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Church Helps Second Marriages

With the recent interpretation of Church Laws regarding marriage, many more Church annulments are being granted. This means that some persons find themselves coming to the Church and asking to be married for the second time. This presents a new concern for the Marriage Preparation Ministry.

Are there "special problems" in second marriages unique from those encountered by

persons marrying for the first time? And, if there are, shouldn't there be a different kind of preparation for marriage separate from Pre-Cana that can reach out and deal with these unique issues?

These are some of the questions the Office of Family Life presented to a group of couples who are already involved in second marriages. Using these basic questions as a starting point these couples, along with a priest and single persons, are developing a pre-marriage

program for those persons who will be entering marriage for the second time and for their spouses-to-be, even if they have not been married previously.

Entitled New Horizons, this program will deal with the topics of: Self Awareness; Communication; Sexuality; Attitudes; Present and Future Children; Former Spouses; In-laws, Past and Present; Finances; and The Importance of Our Sacrament in the Church and Society Today.

This program is for those persons who will be marrying in the Church, having gone through the divorce and Church annulment process. This program will be presented for the first time April 23, 25, 27. For more information call Jim and Donna Fitch, Pre-Marriage coordinators at the Office of Family Life, 436-5450.

Realistically, problems will exist in a second marriage, but solutions are possible with rich and rewarding relationships resulting.

Arthritis Talk Scheduled Tonight

Elmira—The second "To Your Health Seminar" will be in St. Joseph's Hospital's Doctors Meeting Room Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Michael V. Sobel, rheumatologist, will speak on "Arthritis — An Update." Dr. Sobel will review the common types of arthritis, explain the field of rheumatology, and answer questions.

Dr. Sobel, a consultant with the Twin Tiers Rehabilitation

Center of St. Joseph's, also is a clinical assistant professor of rehabilitation (rheumatology) at Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, and a clinical assistant at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is in private practice in Ithaca.

Mrs. Giuliana Calderone, a member of the Community Relations Council Committee of the hospital's Development, is coordinator for the series. She said, "These 90-minute

programs are designed for the layperson in terms understood by the average consumer. The speakers have been requested to plan their presentations with a minimum of lecture and a maximum of discussion with the audience."

The seminars are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month. Further information may be obtained by contacting the hospital's Community Relations Department.

Communications Fair in Dansville

Dansville—St. Mary's Adult Education Committee is sponsoring a Communications Fair Sunday, Feb. 11 from 2 to 5 p.m., in the school hall. Information will be available on Marriage Encounter, Reality, Teen Seminar, and other Church-related groups and committees. Representatives from each organization will be available to answer questions.

Business in the Diocese

Ed and Carol Colombo of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish have opened a print shop in Irondequoit to serve the north side of the metropolitan area. Their Big Red Quickprint Center at 1124 East Ridge Road is the 224th of that name in 31 states, Colombo said. He and his wife plan to be there from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on business days.



Kateri Record

JoAnne Hartman (left) and Pat Dunning have teamed up to produce a new record, "Songs of Kateri," which tells the story of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Ms. Dunning wrote the words and music which Ms. Hartman performs on the record. It is available by contacting Anne M. Scheuerman at (716) 381-5998.

Busing Law Upheld

Harrisburg, Pa. (RNS) — The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has upheld a 1972 state law which provides for the busing of students in private or church-related schools up to 10 miles beyond public school district boundaries. Five Pennsylvania school districts had challenged the law as constituting "religious preference."

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