

Schools Week

On Monday, Jan. 29, Mayor Thomas Ryan proclaimed Feb. 4-11 as Catholic Schools Week. On hand for the occasion were, from left; Mrs. Virginia Onweleen, president of Rochester Parents Federation; Vincent Pettrone, Aquinas; (the Mayor); Sister Roberta Tierney, director of Education; Ronald Dustman, Patricia Trout, St. Anthony's school and Jane McMahon from Nazareth Academy.

Canon Lawyer Sees 'Trouble' Coming Over Consultation

By JOHN DASH

There's a problem looming on the horizon of the American Catholic Church over the consultation process.

And the problem may be unique to the U.S. simply because Americans don't understand what consultation means.

Americans think consulting means deciding.

That's the opinion of a Toledo, Ohio, canon lawyer who last year did, and this year will, spend nearly every weekend travelling around the country as an advisor on matters of Church law.

The lawyer, a canoeing and white water rafting enthusiast, serves the diocese of Toledo in its Marriage Tribunal, its office of the Vicar for Religious and its due process sessions.

She is Sister Judith Barnhisser, a 33-year-old Ursuline who is one of the world's scant handful of women canonists.

Interviewed recently while she was in Rochester advising the Chapter of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Sister Judith said she sees two camps setting up, each with a different understanding of what consultation means.

"As it is understood by the Church," she said, "consultation is a principle of Vatican II which has great validity in the Church."

But, do consultative bodies determine Church practice? "This is where problems come in," she said.

She explained that "Americans see consultation as a determining process, but the Church doesn't — and that point hasn't always been made clear."

"Therefore," she said, "it's happened in some dioceses that there's been a seeming reentrenchment" of traditional power structures.

She explained, however, that the seeming reentrenchment is nothing more than an affirmation of a consultation process "in which it is still the members of the hierarchy who are the choice makers."

She said that she has always been interested in the law. She had studied it prior to entering the Ursulines; and when, in the early 1970s, the Catholic University's law school opened its doors to women, Sister Judith's superior asked her to pursue a degree in the field.

Sister Judith took her doctorate in 1975.

Her field, she admits, is in some turmoil. Back in 1919, she said, a digest of the entire body of Church

law was published. For the past several years that digest has been in the process of revision.

And, "the best estimates for publishing the new code range from next year

to 20 years from now," she said.

In the meantime, the application of the law should be made with an understanding of the law's historical development, she said.

The Open Window

Think of Holiness As Wholeness

Dear Father Hohman,

I have made Marriage Encounter and Cursillo, and have been involved in

other group movements within the Catholic Church. I feel that my relationship with God is a love relationship.

It's a very real and alive relationship. I tell you this so you'll have an idea of where I am in my spiritual life.

Last night, after a meeting in our Church, I overheard a conversation between two men. One of the men was asking the other if he was going to attend a charismatic Mass that was scheduled for next week in one of the Catholic Churches in our area. The other man said he had planned to — in fact, was sorry he missed the one last month, but he had trouble with his knee and couldn't make it. The first man said, "Come to this one, and we'll cure your knee".

Later in the evening I was discussing this with someone and I said that statement had irritated me.

My friend said the person was optimistic, but I said he was presumptuous.

How do you feel about this kind of statement? If you were the person with the bad knee, what would you have said?

I believe that God can cure physical ailments, and I believe that He can give the gift of healing to certain people at certain times, but such a statement made in such an offhand manner really did irritate me.

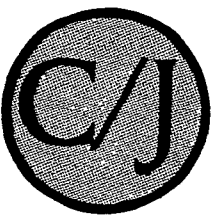
Signed S.E.C.

Dear S.E.C.,

In some cases people involved in the charismatic movement have this tendency to give the impression of belonging to some kind of exclusive club which has available to it privileges and benefits which no other does. My first impression was that it was a facetious remark but that does not seem to be the case. Let us presume that it was not. Then the expression, "We'll cure your knee" is indeed a very presumptuous one. Whoever "we" may be, the source of all cures is ultimately God. Certainly there is a healing ministry in the Church and it requires several important

factors: 1) a deep faith that God is able to bring about a cure; 2) complete submission to the will of God whatever He may see as meaning a cure; 3) the will of God bringing about the cure. The man with the bad knee might very well have walked away from that religious experience still having the bad knee but radically cured in some other way, probably spiritual. It is, in my opinion, in bad taste to think of cures as coming from some kind of spiritual health clinic.

We must necessarily think of holiness as wholeness so that when cures are narrowed down to the physical or overemphasize the physical then they become part of a side-show. The real issue as far as coming into contact with Christ is concerned is the wholeness of the person in body, spirit and in feeling. Physical ailments are only one small sign of a lack of wholeness. I like your approach to the spiritual life much better and as a matter of fact such an approach carries with it much greater likelihood of cures where they really count than any other I know.



Calendar

CHARISMATIC MASS— At Holy Name Church, St. Martin's Way, Greece, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, Father David Simon celebrating for The Glory of Yahweh. Information: 352-9037.

DIVORCED CATHOLICS— St. Charles group presents sexuality workshop, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, in school library, 3003 Dewey Ave., at Maiden Lane.

CATHOLIC MISSION GUILD— Meeting Wednesday noon, Feb. 14, K. of C. Thurston at Books.

CARD PARTY— At St. Stanislaus, Hudson at Norton, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, sponsored by Holy Name of Mary Society.

SPAGHETTI DINNER— At St. Francis

Xavier, 314 Bay, Sunday, Feb. 18, 1-5 p.m.; \$2.50, \$1.25.

CLASSIC FILM SERIES— At Rochester Museum's Eisenhart Auditorium tomorrow, 2 and 8 p.m., Thief of Bagdad (1940).

SENIOR CITIZENS MATINEES— At Dryden Theatre, Eastman House, tomorrow, 1:30 p.m., China Seas, 1935 comedy.

MUSIC AT NOON-TIME— At Hochstein School, 50 N. Plymouth, 12:15 p.m. today, The Tremont Quartet; next Wednesday, pianist Robert Spillman.

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY PLAYERS— At Monroe Community College this weekend, The Cat Princess, Playhouse Junior presentation; \$2. Curtain time Friday, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 1 and 3 p.m. Showcase Weekend, Feb. 16-18: Saturday, Feb. 17, Cyril Mallet as Charles Dickens (one-man show); Friday and Sunday, Donald Driver's Status Quo Vadis; \$3, curtain at 8.

RAPA PLAYERS— At Rochester Academy of Performing Arts, 97 South

Ave., Webster, 8 p.m. Feb. 9, 10: A Musical. Revue, followed by wine and cheese party; \$4. (Rescheduled to a week earlier than previously announced.)

EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC Lenora McCroskey plays the new Dowd harpsichord, 8 p.m. tomorrow, Kilbourn Hall. **MIME WORKSHOP**— Charles McGill reads his poetry, accompanied by Chris King, percussion, and Frank Thompson, bass, at 50 Chestnut Plaza 8 p.m. Feb. 16, 17; \$2.50. Reservations: 232-7574.

MEMORIAL ART GALLERY— Sunday afternoon concert: Anastasia Jempelis with violin, cello pupils from Suzuki class at Eastman preparatory, 2 p.m. Feb. 11. Illustrated lecture, 3:30 p.m. Feb. 11: Gerald Nordland on Gaston Lachaise, whose sculpture is on show through March 4.

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL— Fellini's Giulietta of the Spirits, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, Dryden Theatre; \$1.50 at door. Sponsored by Casa Italiana with International Museum of Photography, Eastman House.

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