

Michael Huerter Ordination Slated

Rev. Mr. Michael Huerter, the son of William and Katherine Huerter, has taken the words of the Book of Samuel, "The Lord looks into the heart," as the theme of his ordination to the priesthood.



REV. MR. HUERTER

The 28-year-old deacon will be ordained tomorrow, March 22 at Holy Ghost Church by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, apostolic administrator of the diocese, at 7:30 p.m.

He attended St. Ambrose School, Bishop Kearney High School, St. John Fisher college, where he received a B.A.; and St. Bernard's Seminary, where he earned an M.Div.

His ministerial work has included stints at the Rochester School for the Deaf, St. Mary of the Assumption in Scottsville, and the State School at Industry. He took his Clinical Pastoral Education

at the Paul A. Dever School, a facility for the mentally retarded in Taunton, Mass.

The ordinand's home parish is St. Ambrose.

Mindszenty Group To Confer on Rights

St. Louis — The plight of Vietnam's "boat people" will come under discussion at this year's Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation Leadership conference, slated to begin here on March 30.

The conference has as its theme "Christianity and Human Rights," and will also include U.S. recognition of Communist China and Soviet advances in the Middle East on its agenda.

Featured speakers at the event will be Rep. Robert K. Dornan, Father Vincent P. Micelli, SJ; and Mrs. Phyllis Schlafly.

Speaking on the issue of the boat people will be

Father James J. Devlin, SJ, who served as a refugee chaplain in Vietnam during the final days of U.S. involvement in that country.

In addition, four priests who have lived under Chinese Communism will discuss the future of the 16 million Chinese living on Taiwan.

Acies

The Rochester Comitum and the Monroe Curia and Junior Curia of the Legion of Mary will hold the annual Acies ceremonies at St. James Church on Sunday, March 25, at 3:30 p.m. Father Paul Cuddy will preach. All auxiliary members and friends have been invited to the rites.



Photo by Terrance J. Brenn

Let's Hear It!

The Mother of Sorrows Cheerleaders had a lot to yell about last weekend at the Rochester Institute of Technology's gym. The squad shown above was just one of dozens of teams who participated in the CYO's diocesan tournament.

Urban Causeway

A bus tour to four community service centers is being organized by Church Women United for April 6. Participants will gather at 9 a.m. at South Congregational Church, 141 Pearl, to leave their cars at neighborhood lots, and go by bus to the YWCA, the Oregon-Leopold Day Care Center and the Triangle Community Center. After lunch at South Congregational, the women will hear about the church's after-school and summer activities for children. The program is called Urban Causeway, "an attempt to build bridges of understanding in the city." The price is \$4.50, and reservations must be made before March 30 through the CWU office, 454-6443.

Rap Session

A Rap Session for youth of the Northeast Region will be conducted by Toronto's Father James Mason, a Redemptorist priest, at Dailey Hall of St. Ambrose Church on Monday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. The session will cover topics suggested by the youth.

Ecumenical Groups Grow in Jerusalem

By John Dash

Ruth Hauser has a message from Jerusalem to the ecumenical movement in the diocese.

Mrs. Hauser recently returned from a study tour of the Middle East, as a representative of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission on the Women's Interfaith Coalition's recent journey to the eastern Mediterranean.

Her message deals with the powerful witness the "prayerful meeting in hearts," which occurs in ecumenical communities in Jerusalem, gives to the world.

Mrs. Hauser said in an interview last week that she was especially moved by a group known as the Hope Community, headed up by Mrs. Jackie Cottman, a black

Philadelphian who has "literally sold everything she had," to found the group.

Mrs. Hauser said she expects to gather a special meeting of the commission to tell it of Hope Community and its priest chaplain, Father Paul DuBois, who celebrates Mass in Hebrew.

While witnessing the rite, Mrs. Hauser said, another member of the tour, the Jewish Community Federation's Helen Cohen, turned to her and whispered, "I feel like I'm in Temple."

Mrs. Hauser said that to hear the Mass in Hebrew was indeed akin to witnessing a Temple service.

Other ecumenical communities both inside and outside the walls of the Holy City, are the Daughters of

ND Starts Boycott On Nestle

South Bend, Ind. — The University of Notre Dame will implement a student sponsored boycott of Nestle's products, according to an announcement by Father John VanWolfler, CSC, vice president for student affairs.

The action was taken following a campus referendum in which 72 per cent of the 3,500 students voting favored eliminating Nestle's products from the university's food service operation.

The World Hunger Coalition on campus has charged the Swiss parent company distributes an infant formula in less developed countries with harmful results.



MRS. HAUSER

Zion, a community of religious women; Rainbow, and St. Isaiah House.

All of them, she said, are examples of "affirmative ecumenism. There is no evangelization, rather an attempt to be part of the greater community."

"They are very low key, truly loving in a very selfless way," she said.

The Open Window

By Father Louis J. Hohman

'Literal' Not the Same As 'True'

Dear Father Hohman,

A while back I attended several excellent and informative sessions on Conscience Formation, conducted by Father Bill Graf, a former teacher at St. Bernard's. Father Graf left the subject at hand, and informed us that there were no such persons as Adam and Eve. It seems that in the early 1900s information was uncovered in the Roman archives that indicated the fairy-tale nature surrounding the first two people. This information was suppressed until approximately 1947 "to protect the faith of the people." It then must have sparked some lively theological debates on the reality of original sin. For example... How could our Lord deny his full love and promise to a little non-baptized aborted person.



My questions are these: Why does the Clergy still refer to Adam and Eve? Does Adam mean man in Hebrew? Why haven't the people been educated in this matter? Even Father Cuddy, in this week's Courier, said "thanks to Adam, . . . etc." I'd be grateful to have your opinions on this subject. Thanks.

(Signed) J.E.

Dear J.E.,

Your letter is most interesting. I am not aware of the information uncovered in the Roman archives in 1900. It is true that a Roman Biblical Commission was very adamant in its presentation of the literal meaning of the accounts of the creation and fall of man for a very long time. I suppose that was "to protect the faith of the people" simply because they would not be able to understand that it might have been different from what it appeared to be literally. Incidentally, that is true even to this day.

The questions you raise are interesting. The first one — How could our Lord deny his full love and promise to a little non-baptized person —

is answered today by almost all theologians in the simple statement, "He couldn't."

Referring back to the first part of your letter, the statement that Adam and Eve did not exist is a theory developed by modern Scripture scholars on the basis that the writers of Scripture were not trying to tell us historically how the world came into being and give us immediate pertinent facts, but rather to give us religious truth. That the entire human race is one family. Under that supposition, whether or not there were persons named Adam and Eve is irrelevant.

In regard to the children being denied by the Lord because they were not baptized, this was the conclusion made from the fact that nothing defiled could enter Heaven, and it was not seen by the early theologians how God could bridge that gap except through Baptism. Today, theologians say that such a bridging of the gap would not be at all difficult for God, and therefore there is no problem in that regard. If our mercy calls for bringing those aborted children into Heaven, then certainly God's mercy would also. I shall answer the rest of your letter in a later column.



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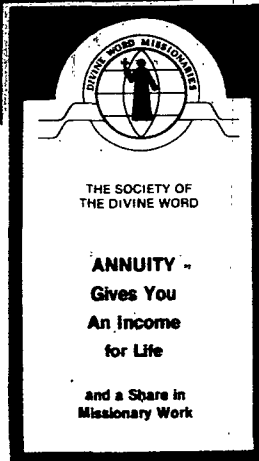
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