



Educational Congress

A Diocesan Educational Congress, co-sponsored by the departments of General Education and Religious Education, will be presented May 11-12 at the Dome Arena. The program committee which includes Sister Roberta Tierney, director of General Education; Patricia Thomas, Catholic Parents Federation representative; Sister Jacquelyn Reichart, Our Lady of Mercy High School; Sister Jean Marie Kearse, religious communities representative; and Sister Ann Habershaw (not shown), have been working since September to put together an agenda which will appeal to educators and parents. Sister Roberta explained Congress goals as "a step toward total religious education," and added, "I would also hope it will show the cooperation and unity between the homes and educational facilities."

The Church 1979

By Father Andrew Greeley

Church Has Entered A New Era

Many Americans will find it difficult to understand the first encyclical letter of Papa Jan Pawla. It is nevertheless one of the most important documents to come out of Rome this century and confirms what many of us Vatican watchers have suspected: The Catholic church has decisively entered a new era.



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Although "Redemptor Mundi" is less opaque stylistically than most encyclicals, it still suffers from the style which affects the encyclical as a literary genre: You've got to be plugged into the nuances of Catholic doctrine and debate to catch everything that is being said.

Furthermore, unlike most papal documents it was clearly written word for word by the pope himself. This gives it a more personal tone and a more human color, but it also imposes on the document the flavor of a philosophy professor giving a lecture. To aggravate the problem, Jan Pawla's philosophical stance, called Personalism, is one with which most Americans are not familiar.

Still "Redeemer of the World" is a crucial encyclical for three reasons: 1) It is perhaps the most intelligent encyclical ever written. Most papal documents are drafted by committees that turn out abstract, bland and ethereal writing. Jan Pawla's letter may be deep, but it reveals a powerful intelligence with extraordinary grasp of the relevant scholarly literature of many different disciplines.

2) Unlike his predecessors Jan Pawla does not give answers. Rather, he engages in the more difficult and more necessary task of asking questions. The typical papal encyclical described the state of the world using

starkly oversimplified terms and then reached gradually into some textbook that provided the church's "answer" to the problem.

Jan Pawla celebrates the dignity of the human Person, holds out a vision of a world based on respect for that dignity, describes the enemies of the Person, and then calls on Catholics and all humans of good will to rally to the defense of the Person.

3) Finally, historians of the future will have little question that "Redemptor Mundi" touches on the most critical problem of our time: the overwhelming of the individual human person by large corporate bureaucracies. For all their differences, capitalism and socialism have organized society in such a way that the individual is at the mercy of the large dehumanized and dehumanizing corporate bureaucracy.

With all the energy of the passionate Polish poet that he is, Pope John Paul II is repelled by such contempt for the Person. The dignity of human nature reinforced and revalidated by the Jesus event is too precious to be readily violated by any ideology, any economic system, any nationalist ambition. The world does not want to hear such a message. The pope's demand that we revere each Person and all Persons is an extremely unfashionable message.

To deliver such a message is one of the most important reasons for having a pope.

Bus Issue Back

There will be an open meeting for the public, this evening, 7:30 p.m., East High School, regarding the upcoming 1979-80 Rochester District education budget.

Cutting the funds for busing city students attending parochial and private schools outside city limits, is again threatened. Personnel from the Rochester Diocese Board of Education and the Federation of Catholic Parents will be on hand to voice their opinions and urge all interested parents to attend the meeting.

Blue Army Vigil Set

The all night vigil of devotions in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary has been slated by the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima for April 6-7 at Holy Rosary Church. Father William Leone will celebrate Mass 7:30 p.m. Friday. Devotions will be led by Fathers Patrick Magnier and John Polunski. The rites will conclude with a 6 a.m. Mass celebrated by Father Robert Meng, pastor.

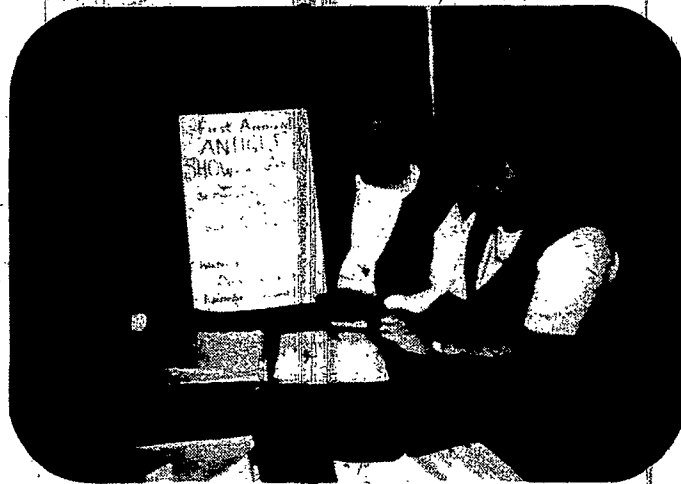


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Father Robert Meng, Alice Wadhams and Lorraine Holmes discuss plans for the upcoming antique show and sale at St. Mary's, Waterloo.

St. Mary's Antique Show April 20, 21

Waterloo — There will be an Antique Show and Sale at St. Mary's School gym Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21, to benefit the parish.

In addition to viewing and purchasing antiques, those attending will be able to take advantage of a bake sale and a lunch. General chairman is Alice Wadhams.

Invitations to show at the event have been sent by committee members Rosalie Karweck, Francis Wadhams and Nancy Smith to antique dealers throughout New York and Pennsylvania.

Gerry Sondgeroth is planning a lunch menu that will include hot roast beef, salads and sandwiches. St. Mary's Youth Club, under the direction of Sandy Felice and Celeste Weston, is organizing the baked goods sale.

Fund-Raiser to Link Hospital and School

The Seton Branches of St. Mary's Hospital and friends of McQuaid Jesuit High School have brought the two institutions together for a joint fund-raising effort that appears to be a first for the area.

The planners of the event call it SMQM, or Seton McQuaid Quality Mart. It will be a sale of next-to-new clothing and household items

on May 4, 5, and 6 in the McQuaid gymnasium at 1800 Clinton Ave., South.

"It's a big project to raise funds for both St. Mary's and McQuaid," said Mrs. John Schroth who is co-chairing the event with Mrs. Joseph McHugh.

The women have asked friends of McQuaid and St. Mary's to find items in their closets and homes which they want to sell at the event.

"We are looking for quality clothing only," Mrs. Schroth said, "and household items should be things you can carry."

The women indicated that items may be taken as a donation, a tax deduction or on consignment.

Further information on the event is available by calling the volunteer office at St. Mary's Hospital, 328-3300, ext. 255.

Deaths

Sr. M. Loretto

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy for Sister Mary Loretto Cason who died March 24, 1979. Father Robert Kennedy and Father Albert Cason, Sister Loretto's grandnephew, were concelebrants of the rites on March 27. Sister Loretto was 78-years-old. She had been a Sister of Mercy for 54 years and was a teacher in the diocesan elementary schools for about 50 years.

Her teaching assignments included, St. John's, Clyde; St. Mary's, Corning; St. Patrick's, Elmira; Holy Cross, Rochester; and St. Thomas the Apostle, Rochester.

From 1967 to 1975, when she retired, Sister tutored.

Sister Loretto is survived by one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Wager of Rochester, and several nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand-nephews.

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