

Insights in Liturgy

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Liturgy Institute '79

"Rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks; such is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thess. 5:16)

An event that many have come to look forward to as an annual liturgical occasion, the diocesan Liturgy Institute, fast approaches! Again this year, on Aug. 24-25, diocesans will gather by the shores of Keuka College to study, share ideas and pray. "I Will Bless the Lord...At All Times," the theme of Institute '79, will be spearheaded by a man for "all times," Father Eugene Walsh, S.S., in his role as keynote speaker.

Father Walsh is

recognized as one of America's most experienced, qualified and prophetic educators in the field of music and liturgy. His experience over the years has led him to focus on the need for really understanding renewed sacramental theology and really understanding the people of the Church as prerequisites for effective worship. Through this understanding we create a "spirit of hospitality" in our gatherings. A genuine welcome for Father Walsh in this same "spirit of hospitality" prompts the following brief biography.

Father Walsh received his M.A. in Philosophy from the Catholic University in 1949. He is a member of the Society of St. Sulpice, a group of diocesan priests who specialize in seminary training. For many years he directed music programs and liturgical education at the old St. Mary's Seminary on

Paca Street in Baltimore. In 1968, Father Walsh became rector of the Theological College at the Catholic University of America, Washington. He remained in this post until 1971 and still remains on the faculty of Theological College, concentrating on pastoral and liturgical training of priests and deacons.

Throughout his priesthood he has been active in parish worship outside the seminary. His influence on the development of worship renewal in the United States has been extensive and usually behind the scenes. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Liturgical Conference and served as a member of the Advisory Board of the Bishops' Committee on Liturgy. In this latter position he helped produce the document, "Music in Catholic Worship." He has given numerous workshops throughout the North American continent, ranging from concentrated work with priests on the art of celebration, to large

diocesan gatherings, to efforts to bring renewal to single parishes.

His primary medium over the decades has been that of personal presence. His published writings, therefore, are comparatively few in number and were done mostly at the insistence of friends. His brief "Guidelines for Effective Worship" NALR, 1974 offered a simple, greatly distilled blueprint of better planning procedures at Mass. Extensive worship, workshop, teaching and learning experiences during the 1970s led Father Walsh to share his insights collected over a decade of renewal efforts and are described in two brief booklets, "The Theology of Celebration" and "The Ministry of the Celebrating Community," (PAA, 1977). From these two simple but essential considerations flow the principles and suggestions summarized in "Practical Suggestions for Celebrating Sunday Mass," (PAA, 1978), and his most current publication "The Order of Mass: Guidelines," (PAA, 1979). This newest addition,

published as a natural companion to "Practical Suggestions for Celebrating Sunday Mass," "walks" the reader through the Mass, showing workable and tested procedures to bring alive the pace and flow of the celebration. A resource display, provided for participants of the Institute, will make these works available, as well as many other quality publications.

And so, we welcome Father Eugene Walsh. A man who comes to us to share a vision that has grown out of the breadth of his experience; a man who is genuinely concerned with the scope of understanding among priests and people alike; a man whose "personable" presence will lead us to pray:

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; the lowly will hear me and be glad. Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol his name." (Ps. 34)

See you at the Institute!



BRO. MICHAEL

Webster Man Becomes A Franciscan

Brother Michael J. Lester, TOR, formerly of Webster, was professed in the Franciscan Fathers Third Order Regular July 8 at St. Bernardine's Monastery, Hollidaysburg, Pa.

He is the son of Mrs. John Gossin of Woodhaven Drive, Penfield, and the late Frederick Lester, and a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Uetz of Klem Road, Webster. He attended St. Rita's School, R.L. Thomas High School, Monroe Community College and, as a Franciscan, Youngstown State University. He will finish his undergraduate studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., while living at the St. Thomas More House of Studies.

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Meyer of Honeoye were feted July 21 by relatives and friends in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Their son and daughter-in-law, Art and Linda Meyer of Marietta, Ga., gave a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pisonki in Pittsford. Father Leo Matuszewski celebrated Mass.

The jubilarians were parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for 39 years, but now live on East Lake Road in Honeoye and attend St. Mary's.

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