

# Mary: "Beginning of a Better World"

Pope John Paul delivered the following address to the pilgrims at Castelgandolfo recently.

Today, I wish to recite the Angelus with all of you — this prayer of Nazareth, the prayer of the Annunciation.

We recite it on the feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. The Annunciation resounds today in this prayer in a final accord. It is an accord of glorification, which is added to all the mysteries of the earthly life of the Mother of God: joyful and sorrowful mysteries. This same Assumption of Mary into heaven completes the glorious mysteries of her son: the Resurrection and the Ascension into heaven. Following in the footsteps of him who is risen and has ascended into heaven, Mary, his mother, is assumed into heaven and crowned with that glory which belongs to the Mother of God.



I also wish, today here at Castelgandolfo, to turn my glance, together with you, towards her whom the great Paul VI indicated as the "great sign" and whom he, with a prophetic spirit, called "the beginning of a better world."

However much the world may weigh upon us; whatever evil, whatever sin, whatever suffering the world may include within itself, the glance of faith, focused on the Mother of God, will always rediscover in it the "beginning of a better world." This is the particular fruit of the feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven.

As you know, in the last days of September and in the early days of October, I will travel to Ireland and then to the headquarters of the United Nations Organization, and to the United States of America. These are new stages of my apostolic program which I have taken upon myself as Supreme Pastor of the Holy Church. I wish, right from this moment, to place this journey under the protection of Mary, Assumed into Heaven, Mother of the Church, so that, with her maternal protection, it may produce joyful and lasting steps along the way of charity, of justice and of peace.

I extend my thoughts and good wishes to all who are passing, in well merited relaxation, this traditional

holiday period of these days of August called in fact "Ferragosto." From my heart I wish that this vacation from the daily burdensome worries of work will be a particularly propitious occasion to be in even greater contact with nature, shrine of the ineffable beauties of God the creator, and the generous dispenser, whether at the sea or in the mountains, of renewed physical well-being. But above all, I would like to foresee that, to the renewed energies of the body there should be linked very closely the enrichment of the spirit, which, from the contemplation of so many wonders, may more easily unite itself to him who is their source and their uncreated principle.

Nor can I forget those whom the lack of material goods does not permit a well-deserved holiday away from their own home, even if, perhaps even more than others, they are in need of help and attention.

My particular word of comfort and fatherly understanding goes out to these brothers and sisters: may their humble acceptance of discomfort be converted into a spiritual increase for themselves and for the good of the whole Church.

May Our Lady of the Assumption assist everyone with that ineffable generosity of which only the Mother of God is capable.

## The Church 1979

By Father Andrew Greeley

### Book Gives New Insights On Jesus

Edward Schillebeeckx's new book, "Jesus," is beyond any doubt the best book on

Jesus produced by a contemporary theologian. It is a very big book, very elaborate and very detailed. Indeed, it is almost a

compendium and encyclopedia of the contemporary scriptural analysis of the life of Jesus, as well as an attempt to develop on the basis of that analysis a Christology that is both true to the ancient traditions of the church and pertinent for modern human beings.

The size of the book does not mean that it is particularly heavy or difficult reading; it is, for example, much easier to go through than Karl Rahner's recent "Foundations." But the reader will have to spend time with "Jesus." It is not a mystery story to curl up with on a summer or early autumn evening. It is, nevertheless, a must for priests, for religious educators and for anyone interested in the illumination solid scriptural and theological scholarship can provide of the always fascinating, always inspiring, always disconcerting personage of Jesus of Nazareth.

My favorite insight in the book — and you will have to read it to get the whole explanation — is that eating together was a very important part of the ministry of Jesus and the apostles. It was at the common supper that Jesus instructed his apostles and it was at meals with friends and those who were interested in his teachings that Jesus told

most of the parables. Much of what we have in the Gospel that is authentically from Jesus, in other words, is in effect "table talk." Eating with people and being a host to them, sharing in the table fellowship, was an integral part in the mission of Jesus.

These table fellowships, however, were not ritual banquets. They were ordinary, daily, secular meals. The early Christian table fellowships were much more a memorial, a recollection of the secular meals at which he told parables he taught, than they were a commemoration of the Last Supper and of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Now this insight is extremely helpful for three reasons:

1) It destroys forever the most minimal interpretation of the priesthood that sees the priest as merely a presider over a ritual meal. If the Mass is a continuation and a memorial of the table fellowship of Jesus and his followers then the priest is also the one who presides over the conversation, which is the life blood of the community.

2) We must expand considerably on the notion of what the liturgy is. We have during the years of the liturgical revival come to realize that the Mass is indeed a table fellowship, but it would seem to me that we now must explore in much greater depth what that means ritually and ceremonially.

3) All our secular dinners are transformed because they too can be, and in fact are, a memorial to the table fellowship of Jesus and his followers (not in the same way as the Mass, of course). In other words, when one is a host or hostess and brings together one's friends for joyous and yet serious talk, one is doing exactly what Jesus did with his followers.



**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**— Rosary Society resumes activities Sept. 12: church services 7:30 p.m., social meeting at 8, with slide presentation on Springdale Farm.

**ST. JOSEPH'S, RUSH**— Chicken barbecue Sept. 8, 4:30-8 p.m., Mass afterward.

**ST. AGNES, AVON**— International Food Festival

Sept. 8 on grounds of Zion Church, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

**CATHOLIC MISSION GUILD**— Meeting at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at K. of C., Thurston and Brooks.

**FOCUS ON THE EUCHARIST**— Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m., at St. Bernard's Seminary; with Father Howard Keon, CSB, and Father Robert F. McNamara.

**SETON 39**— Art auction Sept. 14, 8 p.m., Asbury Methodist Church, 1050 East Ave.; benefit of St. Mary's Hospital.

**SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB**— Dance at Triangle Community Center, Andrews Street, 2-5 p.m. Sept. 9, and every Sunday.

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**MATINEES**— At Dryden Theatre, Eastman House, Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Tomorrow, Casablanca; Sept. 13, The Pajama Game.

**CLASSIC FILM SERIES**— Tuesdays, 2 and 8 p.m., Rochester Museum and Science Center— Eisenhart Auditorium. Sept. 11, The Seven Little Foys (1955— Bob Hope).

**TOURING GREAT CITIES**— Final films in BBC series at Eisenhart Auditorium, 8 p.m. Sept. 10: Dublin, Edinburgh.

**ONE-MAN PLAY**— Clarence Darrow, played by Sam Adamo, at Eisenhart Auditorium, Sept. 13-16, 8 p.m., plus Sunday matinee, 2 p.m.

**A UNIVERSE OF FIRE AND ICE**— New star show at Strasenburgh Planetarium

opens Sept. 10; showtime 8 p.m. daily through Nov. 12, with matinees 1:30, 2:30 weekends, plus 4:30 Sundays.

**AUDITIONS**— Rochester Community Players, for Preston Jones's The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia; at Monroe Community College, Bldg. 4, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 and 11.

**KILBOURN CONCERT SERIES**— Oliver Steiner, violin, and Barry Snyder, piano, 8 p.m. Sept. 11, Kilbourn Hall.

**RECORDER SOCIETY**— Classes and concerts at all levels, 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, beginning Sept. 10, at First Baptist Church, Allens Creek Road; players of other early instruments welcome. Information: Kathy Muirhead (716) 271-6004.

### Information Sessions Set By NFP

Two Natural Family Planning information sessions have been scheduled.

Norm and Sandy Pawlak will conduct the first at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. John of Rochester in Fairport.

Therese M. Petracca, Rochester NFP director, will conduct the second at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10, at St. Mary's Hospital.

## At Your Parish...

### St. Thomas Apostle

The St. Paul Exempt Firemen's Home at 690 Thomas Ave., will be the site, Sunday, Sept. 9, for the annual parish picnic of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

The grounds open at 1 p.m. An hour later, a special event commemorating the 25th year of Msgr. Richard K. Burns' pastorate will begin.

Later, homemade specialty food items will be auctioned by Col. Bill Broomfield. Up for bids will be pies, jams, breads, and cakes, made by parishioners.

Various parish and school committees planning the picnic are being coordinated by Jim and B.J. Cunningham. The event will have attractions for adults and children alike.

### Our Lady of Good Counsel

The first Saturday of each month is celebrated with adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 640 Brooks Ave. The rite begins with the rosary after the 11:10 a.m. Mass and concludes with benediction at 3:30 p.m.

### Blessed Sacrament

The monthly devotion of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at noon

on Thursday, Sept. 6 at Blessed Sacrament Church.

The devotions are dedicated to prayer for priests, and include recitation of the rosary, at 12:15 p.m. and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5 p.m.

The afternoon concludes with a Mass celebrated at 5:15 p.m.



### Just Practice

St. Ann's Home nursing staff members Theresa Quaelly, left, and Debbie Wooden wield the hose during a recent fire-fighting demonstration, sponsored by the Ridge-Culver Fire Department for the staff at the home and The Heritage. Residents at the facilities also recently celebrated an outdoor festival replete with booths and refreshments.