



### Hunger Bazaar

Photo by Susan McKinney

Louise Smith weaves hot-pads as Diane Zwald looks on. The women are preparing for Our Lady of Mercy Parish's fifth annual Hunger Bazaar, slated for Saturday, Nov. 10. The event is chaired by Mickey Erb. All proceeds from the event will be given to alleviate hunger, both locally and world-wide.

## Pope Reaffirms Ban on Divorce

Vatican City (RNS) — Less than two weeks before he sets out on a six-day, six-city visit to the United States, where the Church ban on remarriage after divorce continues to be a sore point for many Catholics, the Pope has strongly reaffirmed the traditional teaching on the indissolubility of marriage.

The Church prohibition on remarriage after divorce is based on "a clear and unambiguous" teaching of Christ, Pope John Paul II said during his weekly public audience in St. Peter's Square on Sept. 20.

"Christ," he told participants in the outdoor audience during his English summary of the original Italian discourse, "directs his listeners back to the situation before the fall of man."

The Pope cited the passage in Matthew (19:3-9), in which Christ abrogates a practice allowed by Moses:

"Some Pharisees came up to him and said, to test him, 'May a man divorce his wife for any reason whatever?' He replied, 'Have you not read that at the beginning the

Creator made male and female and declared, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cling to his wife, and the two shall become as one?' Thus they are no longer two but one flesh.

"Therefore, let no man separate what God has joined." They said to him, "Then why did Moses command divorce and the promulgation of a divorce decree?" "Because of your stubbornness Moses let you divorce your wives," he replied, "but at the beginning it was not that way. I now say to you, whoever divorces his wife (lewd conduct is a separate case) and marries another commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

"Christ," the Pope said, "does not approve of what Moses allowed because of people's hardness of heart. Instead he goes back to the arrangement made by God, which the Book of Genesis links with the state of innocence. That arrangement, therefore, is still valid, in spite of man's loss of the first great innocence. On this matter, Christ has given a clear and unambiguous reply."

## Cuban Bishop To Visit Oct. 13

Bishop Eduardo Boza Masvidal, expelled from Cuba in 1961, will visit Rochester on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Bishop Boza Masvidal has ministered to Cubans who have left their country since 1961 because of the Castro government. He resides in Venezuela, but often visits the United States to keep in touch with the million Cuban refugees here. This is his first visit to Rochester.

Ordained a bishop in 1960, he was expelled with 132 other priests for his vocal opposition to Fidel Castro. A former president of the Catholic University of Vilanova in Havana, he is known as a man of justice who lives with great simplicity.

According to a spokesman for the Spanish Apostolate, the visit is of great importance to the Cuban community here because its members have little hope of ever returning to their homeland.

After his arrival in the morning, the bishop and the Cuban community will celebrate the Eucharist at 1:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 77 Whitney St.

After the Mass, Bishop Boza Masvidal will appear at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall. The Cuban Lyceum of Rochester will honor him at a dinner at 8 that night. Further information and reservations are available from Juan Serra, 426-0164.



FATHER DORSEY

### Father Dorsey Named Liaison

Father Joseph B. Dorsey, CSB, Eastern United States Representative to the General Council of the Basilian Fathers and a member of the Board of Trustees at St. John Fisher College, has been elected to the Liaison Committee of the Conference of Major Supervisors of Men (CMSM) and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB). As a liaison, Father Dorsey, will join a team of five other men who bring matters of concern to both conferences' attention.

## Pope's D.C. Mass On Respect Life Sunday

Pope John Paul II will celebrate Mass in our nation's capital on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 7, as Catholic parishes across the country launch the eighth annual Respect Life program.

During the coming year, those involved in the Respect Life effort will fashion programs having to do with pro-life work and social justice, abortion in our culture, alternatives to abortion, ministry to handicapped persons, the study of bioethical issues and care for the dying.

In 1975, the U.S. Catholic bishops in the Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities called for a balanced program that would blend educational efforts with pastoral care and the formation of public policy. Put simply, according to Father Edward M. Bryce, director of the Bishops Office for Pro-Life Activities, what the bishops are saying is that "it is necessary but not enough to talk about abortion or hunger or discrimination; it

'to make consciences aware of the inviolability of human life at all its stages ...'

— Pope John Paul II

is necessary but not enough to denounce them vehemently as disrespectful of life. What we must do in addition is raise our voices in the arena of government as credible advocates on behalf of life. At the same time, we must extend concrete solutions that people can live with — not kill with or die without."

Last February the Pope told members of the European Movements for Life that their

pro-life commitment "consists in the first place of an intelligent and assiduous action to make consciences aware of the inviolability of human life at all its stages, so that the right to it will be effectively recognized in morals and in laws as a basic value of every society that wants to call itself civil. It is expressed, furthermore, in the courageous stand against every form of attack on life, from whatever quarter it may come."

### Film on Pope Slated

The film John Paul II in Poland will be one of the highlights of the first Festival of Polish Films scheduled in Rochester from Oct. 10 through Oct. 16 at the Jerry Lewis Cinema, 995 Carter St.

Under the sponsorship of JAM TV and Radio Productions, the film on the Pope will be shown Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13 and 14 at 3, 5 and 7 p.m.

### Bible Studies

Corning — St. Mary's House of Prayer, 161 State St., here is offering bible studies on the Gospel according to St. Mark. The study will be offered twice a week: Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Registration for the studies will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 2 beginning at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. St. Mary's House of Prayer invites all who may be interested.

be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10. The other films are The Grogan Case, Thursday, Oct. 11; Hubal, Friday, Oct. 12; Death of a President, Monday, Oct. 15, and Land of Promise, Tuesday, Oct. 16.

All will be shown at 7 p.m.

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