

Father Lavery Retires As College's President

Father Charles J. Lavery, CSB, the president of St. John Fisher College for more than 20 years, will retire that post next August, to become the college's second chancellor, filling the position left vacant by the death of Bishop James E. Kearney.

The announcement of Father Lavery's retirement was made last week by Martin F. Birmingham, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college.

The college trustees will appoint a Presidential Search Committee which will include trustees, faculty, students and alumni under the chairmanship of Donald D. Lennox, vice president of the Xerox Corp.

President of Fisher since 1958, Father Lavery has become well known for his leadership in educational and community concerns.

He is chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities, and chairman of the Political Action Committee of the Rochester



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Chamber of Commerce. He is also vice chairman of the Urbanarium, of the Rochester Health Maintenance Organization, and is a member of the Executive Committee of Rochester Area Colleges, Inc.

A spokesman for higher education at both state and national levels, Father Lavery served on Gov. Hugh Carey's Task Force on Higher Education and was on the Advisory Committee for the New York State Financial Aid Study, pub-

lished by the College Entrance Board in 1967. In 1965 he participated in the White House Conference on Education.

He is the director of the Rochester Area Educational Television Association and Rochester Jobs, Inc. He has previously been a director of the United Community Chest of Greater Rochester, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the Rochester Clean City Committee.

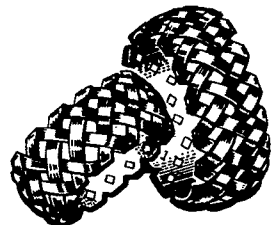
Among his many honors, Father Lavery has received the Kiwanis Citizen of the Year (1971), the Monroe County Civic Award (1972) and the Phi Delta Kappa Educator of the Year Award (1977).

His current social memberships include the Fortnightly Club, Oak Hill Country Club and Genesee Valley Club.

'Morality' Is Topic

Auburn — "Problems and Questions of Morality" will be discussed by Father Edward Zimmer, pastor of St. Mary's Parish, at the Oct. 18 meeting of the Separated, Divorced and Widowed Organization, at St. Mary's School on Clymer Street, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Word for Sunday

By Father Albert Shamon

Greatness Involves Service

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mk. 10:35-45. (R1) Is. 53:10-11. (R2) Heb. 4:14-16.

As our Lord traveled to Jerusalem, Mark tells us, He predicted His passion, death and resurrection three times—like the tolling of a funeral bell. Each prediction was misunderstood by the apostles. Their misunderstanding occasioned an instruction.

Next Sunday's gospel deals with the misunderstanding of James and John after our Lord's third prediction of His passion, and the instruction it prompted. The apostles were still thinking of a political Messiah—conquering Rome and building up an earthly kingdom not unlike King David's. James and John wanted to be prime ministers of that kingdom. They asked as much of Jesus. He answered, "Can you drink the cup I shall drink or be baptized in the same bath of pain as I?" The cup and the baptizing Jesus spoke of were not references to the sacraments of Eucharist and baptism, but metaphors referring to suffering. "Can you suffer?" was Jesus' reply. From there, Jesus launched into an instruction on discipleship. His disciples must seek greatness through service.

In his recent blessed visit to America, the strong, magnificent, Christlike John Paul II reechoed these words of Christ to over 5,000 Sisters gathered in Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

"Like John the Baptist, you know that for Christ to increase you must decrease. And so your life must be characterized by a complete availability, a readiness to serve as the needs of the Church require, a readiness to give public witness to the Christ whom you love."

Greatness in Christ's kingdom is in service. Even large companies offer the same motive to get business—namely, service. That they give more service is their claim for your business. Likewise in the business world, isn't it the man who gives more, who is still working when everyone else has quit, who gets ahead?

So in God's Kingdom—who gives, receives.

Service can bring the cup of sorrow and the baptism of pain Jesus spoke of. It may not be easy for some Sisters to be faithful to the teaching apostolate in the Catholic school. Yet that presence is sorely needed. It may not be easy for some Sisters to accept the impossibility of women's ordination, because Christ instituted the sacraments and the Church can no more change their substance than she can the essence of the Eucharist. Still, how saintly and inestimable the work of a Mother Teresa of Calcutta! It may not be easy for some Sisters to wear the religious garb as a sign of their consecration to God by poverty, chastity and obedience. Yet the world has much need of such signs.

It is popular today to be a dissenter. In true Aesopian fashion, the ugly word has been twisted to connote the martyred hero. But it was not of this kind of martyrdom that Jesus spoke—a martyrdom springing from rebellion and disobedience. Rather, He spoke of the suffering that springs from obedience to Him and to His Vicar here on earth.

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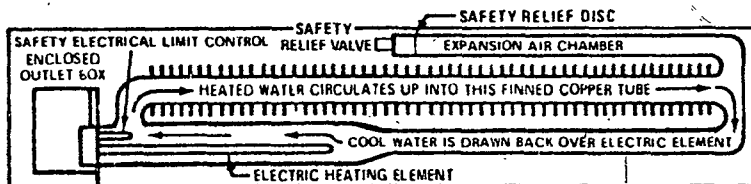
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