

Catholic Survey Uncovers Surprises

Miami (RNS)— A new survey of the views of practicing Catholics indicates that the Church is losing influence in such matters as birth control and priestly celibacy, while retaining a strong hold on members' spiritual lives.

The Archdiocese of Miami released results of a poll of 204 Catholics whose names were taken from a list of contributors to the Archbishop's

Charity Drive. This was the first report on a survey being made in several cities for the Catholic University of America.

Ninety-eight percent of the 204 say they attend Mass every Sunday and holy day, and most say they contribute \$5 to \$20 a week. One third label themselves conservatives: 44 percent moderates, and 21 percent liberals.

Only 42 percent approve of the Church's stand against birth control; 47 percent disapprove. Only 54 percent approve of mandatory celibacy for priests. On other questions: 86 percent say they are against legalized abortion, 77 percent against sex outside

marriage and 76 percent against gay rights laws. There are more women among the 58 percent who favor limiting the priesthood to men, and more women against the priestly celibacy rule.

Belief that the pope is infallible on questions of faith and morals is held by 82 percent.

The respondents are older, more affluent and more active in their parishes than participants in a random sample probably would be. On non-religious issues, 50 percent oppose the Equal Rights Amendment, while 41 percent approve; 40 percent approve of gasoline rationing, 32 percent of the Salt II treaty.

Cenacle to Host Mothers of Teens

Mothers of Teens will spend the March 14-16 weekend at the Rochester Cenacle Center in a renewal program led by Father Paul Hansen, CSSR, and several Religious of the Cenacle.

Father Hansen, superior of the Redemptorist provincial house in Toronto, will give talks on Christian living for parents of teens and celebrate

liturgy. There will be an opportunity also for individual discussion, group discussion and for solitude. The program is open to all Christian women.

Reservations are made by contacting the Cenacle ministry office, 693 East Ave. Rochester, 14607. (716) 271-8755.

'Rock-a-Thon' Earns Clothing Center Money

Clifton Springs — The Youth Group at St. Felix Church in Clifton Springs sponsored an Easter bake sale on Feb. 2. Sponsors paid members of the group for each hour they stayed on the dance floor during the 12-hour Rock-A-Thon.

The money earned will be used to remodel the Clothing Center in the basement of St. Felix Church. The center distributes clothing to needy

people in the area.

Last year the Youth Group sponsored an Easter bake sale to buy food for local families in need. They helped raise money for St. Felix's new chapel by having a Record Hop. The group voluntarily shovelled sidewalks all winter for shut-ins, and they regularly visit residents of the Clifton Springs Nursing Home.

Chest Sets New Goal

The United Community Chest/Red Cross Campaign has set a goal of \$19,021,794 for this year's drive, which begins March 28.

Paul W. Briggs, general chairman of the fund raising effort, said the goal is 10

percent more than the \$17.7 million raised last year, less those pledges lost due to plant closings, temporary layoffs and other cancellations.

Catholic Charities affiliates are among the recipients of Chest allocations.

Talk Set In Dansville

Dansville — Dr. Dennis Boike will speak on "Personal Identity: Who Am I? How do I Relate?" at St. Mary's Monday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the school hall. The

program is being sponsored by the Adult Education Committee. Dr. Boike is a marriage and family therapist from Penfield, and a parishioner of St. Paul's Parish, Webster.

Puerto Rican Opera Singer Coming Here

Jesus Quinonez Ledesma, Puerto Rican tenor, will give a recital Feb. 29 at Corpus Christi Church, East Main at Prince. The recital, arranged by the Puerto Rican Arts and Cultural Center, is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Granforte in Milan for seven years, has toured many countries in concerts and in opera. His program will include arias by Puccini, Verdi, Leoncavallo, Mascagni and Meyerbeer. Pablo Boissen, also of Puerto Rico, will be the piano accompanist.

Bishop Hickey To Present Scout Awards

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will present Scouting's Ad Altare Dei awards at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at St. Augustine's

Church. The Pius X and Parvuli Dei awards also will be presented at the ceremony.

Kindergarten

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, on Joseph Avenue near Norton, will open a full day kindergarten program in September. Registration for the school will be held Monday, March 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registrants for the kindergarten program have been asked to present the child's birth certificate and record of immunizations, as well as the \$25 registration fee at that time. Further information on the school's programs may be obtained by


calling the principal, Sister St. Luke, at 266-7605.

Mothers Club

The Bishop Kearney Mothers Club will present a Valentine program on Feb. 14 at 7:45 p.m. in the high school. H. L. Swinney, director of the Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum, will show slides and will tell the story of Mrs. Strong's collections. Refreshments will be served.

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