



Ecumenical Lunch

Bishop Matthew H. Clark met some of Rochester's black pastors last Wednesday during a luncheon at the Pastoral Office on Buffalo Road. Above, Bishop Clark chats with Father Dozia Wilson, far left, of St. Bridget's Church. To the bishop's immediate right is Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, and at his left is Reverend Raymond L. Graves, executive director of United Church Ministries. In the foreground are Fathers William Flynn and Richard Kinsky.

Charities Moves on Plan To Aid the Handicapped

By John Dash
Catholic Charities is working with the Newark Developmental Center to plan for Charities' eventual operation of as many as five

community residences for developmentally disabled persons in Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates counties.

According to William

Privett, associate director of the diocesan agency, the plan will help realize two goals: to extend Charities' services outside Monroe County and to further the diocesan commitment to ministry to handicapped persons.

"The Church, in line with the Gospel, recognizes the dignity and worth of every individual, including those with handicaps," Privett stated. He said that idea has been expanded on in a recent pastoral letter from the U.S. Bishops. In that letter the bishops note the rights of handicapped individuals and offer suggestions for putting those rights into action in both the Church and civil society.

Privett said that "In recent years our society has been moving away from the notion that the best way to deal with 'different' people is to put them away in institutions. Rather, it is becoming clearer that if we desire to enhance the personal dignity and development of each individual we will need to act on that desire by providing appropriate living situations, education and economic opportunities."

Enabling the handicapped person to live in a community residence is one such move which may be made.

"As homes, community residences would be like other houses in the community except that there would be supervisory staff always on hand," Privett said.

Under the concept, residents would have access to community resources such as churches, stores, libraries, recreation centers and the like. Residents would follow the standard pattern of working, being schooled, learning vocations and skills, according to their abilities and experience.

Privett stated that as plans proceed, Father Paul J. Ryan, the Catholic chaplain at Newark Developmental, and Rev. Bill Fairhurst, the Protestant chaplain, are working with Charities in assisting with community preparation. The preparation will help insure that residents will be able to be involved in the total religious community life of the local churches.

Friday Is World Day Of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer sponsored by Church Women United will be celebrated March 7 in 24 churches and church homes in the Rochester area. The service, entitled "Responsible Freedom," was prepared by the Christian women of Thailand and sent to correspondents in 150 countries.

Offerings taken at Prayer Day in the United States have provided grants recently, CWU reported, to the Pacific Conferences of Churches, for a women's seminar; the Christian Council of Zambia, Africa, for a women's program; Caribbean Church Women, and the North American Indian Women's Association.

Within the city, services are scheduled at Third Presbyterian, 4 Meigs, at 1:30 p.m.; Presbyterian Home, 256 Thurston, 10:30 a.m.; Parsells Ave. Community Church, 345 Parsells, 1:30 p.m.; Trinity United Church of Christ, 200 Child, 7:30 p.m.; St. George Episcopal, 4338

Lake, 1:30 p.m.

Elsewhere in the area: Nativity BVM, Brockport, 8 p.m.; Trinity Evangelical Lutheran, East Rochester, 7:30 p.m.; First United Methodist, Fairport, 9:30 a.m.; St. Pius X, 3032 Chili, 7:30 p.m.; Greece Baptist, 1230 Long Pond, noon; Parma-Greece U.C.C., Hilton, 7:30 p.m.; St. John's Episcopal, Honeoye Falls, 2 p.m.; Irondequoit United Presbyterian, 2881 Culver, 8 p.m.; Irondequoit U.C.C., 644 Titus, 1 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Mumford, 7:30 p.m.; St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport (telephone 352-5481); St. Joseph's, Gebhardt Road, Penfield, 1 p.m.; First Presbyterian, Pittsford, 2 p.m.; West Henrietta Baptist, 5660 W. Henrietta Rd., 7:30 p.m.; Assembly of God Church, 708 Hard Rd., Webster, noon — followed by free lunch; St. Andrew's Episcopal, Caldonia, Rigá Congregational (293-2070); St. Rose, Lima (624-1005); East Williamson Free Methodist.

Father Lioi To Speak

Father Frank Lioi, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, will celebrate the First Friday Mass and be guest speaker at the luncheon following on March 7 at 11:45 a.m. in the Knights of Columbus Clubrooms on Thurston Road.

Father Lioi, ordained in 1967, was associate pastor at the Church of the Annunciation from 1972-1974. He received a master's degree in Liturgical Studies from Catholic University in 1975, when he was appointed to the faculty at St. Bernard's. Father Lioi was appointed rector in 1977.

The council urges all members to come and join with its co-sponsors, the Daily Mass League, in participating in this monthly devotion to

the Sacred Heart of Jesus. After Mass, Dorothy Farrell and the Ladies of the Auxiliary will provide a "soup-salad-pie" luncheon for a small fee.

All are invited to become members of the council. The membership requirement is to receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of the month and to help spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Anointing Mass

The Mass of the Anointing will be celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes parish on Sunday, March 16 beginning at 3 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Church is located on the corner of Rhinecliff and Imperial Drives in Brighton. Msgr. Leslie Whalen, pastor, invites all those interested to attend.

Rosary for Peace: 30 Years on Air

Msgr. Joseph A. Cirrincione holds a special celebration every day of the year in the Family Rosary for Peace, but yesterday's was extra special. It was the 30th anniversary of the radio program. Bishop Matthew H. Clark led the prayers and said a few words of his own to the far-flung participating

audience.

The program is aired at 6:30 p.m. daily by stations WWWG, Rochester; WRNX-fm, Auburn; WXXY-fm, Watkins Glen, and WNIA, Buffalo. It was launched March 4, 1950, by Msgr. Cirrincione and Frank Wolfe at St. Francis of Assisi, the

parish throughout the 45 years of his priesthood. He retired from the pastorate in 1977, but he still lives close to the Orange Street church.

Announcing the anniversary in advance, he mused, "March 4, 1950, and we're still on, every night, always live."

Expedite:

New Orleans Boasts World's Rarest Saint

By Wes Jackson

New Orleans (RT) — New Orleans probably is best known for its "wilder" side, such as Bourbon Street, the French Quarter, jazz music and Dixieland, bars, striptease joints and the Mardi Gras, sometimes called the "greatest free show on earth."

But, this city which also is a sports mecca with its Superdome, holding the annual Sugar Bowl Classic, often hosting the Super Bowl and numerous other events, also is known for the New Orleans Saints, its National Football League entry.

The "Saints," associated both with that jazz classic "When the Saints Go Marchin' In" and with the Crescent City's strong Catholic heritage, are not the only saints unique to New Orleans, however.

There are two saints which are peculiar to New Orleans — Sainte Expedite and Saint Fragile. The former obviously was a female saint.

Throughout its long history as a major seaport, New Orleans has been a gateway city for imports to be distributed throughout the mid-section of the nation. It has been a "hurricane" town as well, lambasted more than just occasionally by the havoc of hurricanes. These two factors combine to create the city's two unique saints.

Tradition has it that back in the 1800s, when sailing ships were still the major means of sea transport, a ship from Europe docked at the Crescent City just before a hurricane blew in from the Gulf of Mexico. The stevedores on the docks barely had time to unload the vessel when the storm's full fury hit home. Some of the cargo unloaded was still at the dockside when the big blow came through.

After the storm abated, the stevedores found almost everything obliterated or blown asunder by the hurricane.

One particular crate, however, was still intact. It contained a religious statue. It was unscathed by the ravages of the storm. On the outside of the crate was written the word "Expedite."

Most of the dock workers of that time were newly arrived from the old country, many unable to speak any English, but nonetheless experienced as stevedores. Most also were Catholics.

"Expedite" meant absolutely nothing, but it was determined that it must be the name of the religious figure depicted by the statue itself. Thus, because of the "miracle" that the statue was spared, they determined that "St. Expedite" must truly be a good saint to befriend as an intercessor.

A similar story applies to "St. Fragile," although there is only an occasional reference to that particular saint in this area and then only in histories of a particular era.

However, there are not only people who still buy classified newspaper ads in the New Orleans papers thanking "St. Expedite" for favors granted, but there also is a St. Expedite Spiritual Church of Christ in New Orleans today.

This is one of many Spiritualist congregations in New Orleans which have

retained something else of the past, a sort of combination of devout Catholicism, and just a touch of Voodoo.

These churches, which feature rituals from both cultures, also have a number of unique saints, the living kind.

But it appears that as long as there will be a New Orleans, there will always be a St. Expedite.

Not too many cities can boast of a saint of their own, especially one named by a crate packer in a distant land, many years ago.

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