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Rare Event 10

Catholics and Protestants will next month have a rare opportunity to hear one of the best known Scripture scholars in the world. Father Raymond Brown will be delivering this year's Genesee Valley Theological Lectures, beginning on April 16. The priest is Auburn Professor of Biblical Studies at New York's Union Theological Seminary, and has served on the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

Time Out 8

Suspension of the regular schedule and several visiting religious educators were part of a retreat day at St. Mary Our Mother School on March 28. Organized by Sister Catherine Gibbons, principal, the day was intended to emphasize the school's faith dimensions, and benefitted from participation of persons who are involved in religious education in several parishes. The students seemed to enjoy their unusual day, and the programs their visiting teachers had to offer them.

Fund Discussed 7

Bishop Matthew H. Clark and members of the diocesan Priests Council discussed how best to use funds collected from the annual communications collection, at last week's council meeting. The priests also heard reports on salary adjustments and a possible stipend to be charged for special services rendered by a parish.

Question Aired 13

In the face of recent scandals about the exploitation of college athletes, RapAround's Equal Time asked Notre Dame students if they thought college sports were overemphasized. The noes outnumbered the yesses.

First Hand Report 1

A letter arrived in Rochester last week from Sister Nancy Vendura, DC, the St. Mary's Hospital staffer who is now working in a refugee camp in Thailand for refugees from the conflict in Cambodia. Sister Nancy's letter details her first impressions of life inside the refugee camp, and also offers descriptions of Thai life and customs.

Get Involved 19

Monroe County Manager Lucien Morin contends that, whether or not we like the idea, each of us is involved in politics from the time we are born to the time we die. Featured in this week's Forum, Morin also states that for the betterment of society and government it is necessary that all the citizenry become active participants in the political processes.

Victims Beg for Nuclear Race End

Maseo Kayo and Hisako Odoriba, survivors of the nuclear blast which destroyed the Japanese city of Hiroshima, visited Rochester Easter weekend to plead for nuclear disarmament.

Kayo, 67, was severely burned in the event of Aug. 6, 1945. He said that it took three years for him to recover.

Mrs. Odoriba was not directly injured in the blast. She was living about a mile from the center of the city. She did, however, 18 years later, develop a throat ailment after breathing poisonous gas. She said that her two children born after the explosion are not healthy.

The two were in Rochester under the egis of the Religious Task Force Mobilization for Survival, an affiliate of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

Their tour was coordinated locally by the Disarmament and Peace Task Force of the Rochester Peace and Justice Education Center.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark wrote a letter of welcome to the survivors, or, in Japanese, "hibakusha," stating, "May our visitors from Japan help us to understand the Easter message which is real, vibrant and prophetic in the middle of our world today."

Speaking at the University of Rochester Chapel, the two described the actual blast, scenes of light, blinding heat, tremors in the earth, fire and death.

Kayo said that more than 200,000 people died in the two bomb blasts at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He said that countless others have died of cancer and other diseases after they were exposed to the atomic radiation.

Mrs. Odoriba said that following the blast thousands leapt into Hiroshima's rivers until they were clogged with bodies. She said she still lives in fear of developing cancer.

The force of the Hiroshima blast was equal to 20,000 tons of TNT.

The survivors' message was to call a halt to the nuclear arms race lest such an event as Hiroshima represents be repeated.

Greece Athlete Honored

The fifth annual Manufacturers Hanover Greece Athlete of the Year sports banquet is slated for Thursday, May 8, and Our Mother of Sorrows Church Hall.

The program recognizes the youth of Greece for their outstanding athletic endeavors. Eight schools will be considered for choosing the top 64 male and female athletes residing in Greece, including all the Greece high schools, Aquinas, Cardinal Mooney, Hilton, Spencerport and Nazareth Academy.

All nominees will receive certificates and the finalists will receive trophies. Manufacturers Hanover will award educational scholarship grants in the amount of $1,000 to both the male and female athletes of the year. Last year's winners were Michael Dianetti and Nancy Drum of Greece Arcadia. Both presently attend Nazareth College and participate in varsity basketball.

Tickets may be obtained at all participating schools, Our Mother of Sorrows parish, and all Greece branches of Manufacturers Hanover.

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