

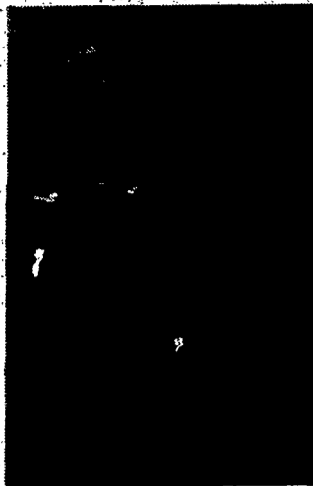
Farrar to Publish New Merton Book

By John Dash

Faced with a growing resurgence of interest in the works of the late Thomas Merton, a number of publishers are re-issuing his books, and in the coming 1980-81 publishing season, at least three new titles on the man's work will appear, Msgr. William A. Shannon said last week.

One of those books will be the Nazareth professor's own "Thomas Merton's Dark Path," which he described last week as a detailing of the "evolution of Merton's thinking on contemplation."

Thomas Merton was a



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Trappist monk whose death in a Buddhist monastery in 1968 was widely mourned especially among social ac-

tivists of the period who found in his work a voice for their concerns with bigotry and the war in Vietnam.

The current interest, Msgr. Shannon said, seems to stem from a popular revival of concern with the contemplative and the meditative.

The book, which will be published by Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, will contain excerpts from a manuscript which Msgr. Shannon uncovered while researching Merton's unpublished works.

In Merton's will, he said, there is a prohibition from publishing the manuscript, principally because it is unfinished. It was necessary

for Msgr. Shannon to enter into negotiations with the trustees of Merton's estate to allow for the publication of 20 per cent of the manuscript in the new book.

Msgr. Shannon is well-known as an author. In 1959 Christopher Press published his apologia "The Church of Christ," and, more recently, Sheed and Ward published his "The Lively Debate: Response to Humanae Vitae," a chronicle of the theological controversy leading to and following the publication of Pope Paul's encyclical on birth control.

Msgr. Shannon is director of the Thomas Merton Society of Rochester.

New Program At Seminary

St. Bernard's Seminary is beginning a Pre-Theology Program for students who have acquired their bachelor's degrees but who lack the prerequisites in theology, philosophy and spiritual formation. The program, which starts in September, will offer candidates an opportunity to fulfill these academic requirements.

The Pre-Theology Program consists of academic courses, spiritual formation, apostolic

experience and community life.

Students who have met some of the academic prerequisites for degree matriculation will be able to complete their prerequisites while working simultaneously on M.Div. courses.

Those interested may obtain further information by contacting: Director of Admissions, St. Bernard's Seminary, 2260 Lake Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14612. Telephone: (716)254-1020.

At Your Parish...

Good Shepherd, Henrietta

The 24 member choir of St. Joseph's parish in Broadalbin, N.Y., located north of Amsterdam, will visit Good Shepherd Church this Sunday. The Broadalbin choir will join the Good Shepherd choir to sing at the 9:55 a.m. Mass at Good Shepherd, 3264 E. Henrietta Rd.

Jean Rotondo, Good Shepherd choir director, explained recently how the two churches came together: "The St. Joseph choir is coming here to say thank you for the helping hand Good Shepherd gave them last year as they (the choir) were getting started."

Good Counsel

The parish council at Our Lady of Good Counsel is sponsoring a dance to aid the Good Counsel Education Trust Fund on Friday, May 2. The dance will begin at 9 p.m. in the school auditorium, 630 Brooks Ave., and will feature the music of the Al Bruno Band. Tickets are \$5 per person and reservations may be made by contacting Vivian Kurdt, 328-7924; or Margaret Keenan, 235-3618.

St. Philip Neri

St. Philip Neri School parents, students and alumni pitched in during Easter recess to give the school, 1772 Clifford Ave., a fresh new look, according to a school release. More than 20 volunteers pitched in to paint each classroom and make minor repairs in the school. The improvement program was sponsored by the St. Philip Neri Home School Association, which provided funds.

Holy Trinity

Tim Manning, director of the Drug and Alcohol Council, will speak on "Is it Possible to Prevent Drug Use/Abuse?" at Holy Trinity parish on Wednesday, April 30, beginning at 8 p.m. A question and answer period will follow. Holy Trinity is located on at 1460 Ridge Rd., Webster.

St. Mary, Scottsville

St. Mary of the Assumption parish has scheduled an R & R (Renewal and Reconciliation) weekend for April 25-26 at the church, 99 Main St., Scottsville. All adults are welcome to attend.

A Tip On Fund Raising

Fund raising has become an important part of parish life. With today's spiraling inflation and the ever-increasing cost of living, bingo, parish dances and other money-making activities have become crucial, in some parishes, for survival.

A Rochester firm is currently offering an opportunity for parishes or community groups to earn money on a regular basis.

Forest-Wool, Inc., a manufacturer of cellulose insulation, is looking for

"clean, dry newspaper," to be used in production.

Bernard Sass, plant manager at Forest-Wool, explained that he is searching for a "regular, predictable supplier of newspaper" for their operations. He said that if parishioners could save their newspapers to be collected "every two or three months" the money earned over a year could be substantial.

Sass explained that if the papers could be collected regularly, a base price per ton could be established

which would insure collectors against any loss of revenue.

He said that the price of newsprint often varies from month to month. The price per ton often dips, making it unprofitable for the collector. A "predictable" supplier of newsprint could depend on a standard per ton price, Sass said.

Currently Forest-Wool is paying \$40 per ton, Sass said, and the average price over the past year has been \$30 per ton. Any parish or parishes interested in more information may contact Bernard Sass at Forest-Wool, One Curlew St., Rochester, 14606. The phone number is 458-0330.



Scholarship winners (from left) Nancy Dennstedt, Tammy Fitzwater, and Nancy Bradshaw.

St. Theodore, Gates

Three eighth graders at St. Theodore School, 170 Spencerport Rd., won scholarships to area high schools recently after taking high school entrance exams. They are: Nancy Bradshaw and Nancy Dennstedt, who will attend St. Agnes High, and Tammy Fitzwater who will attend Nazareth Academy.

Seven students placed in the top 50 in the Cardinal Mooney exam. They are:

Carol Attridge, Elizabeth Bauer, Sabatino DiBernardo, Joseph Esposito, Joseph Vitale, Jeanine Licata and Kimberly Neal.

Seven St. Theodore students placed in the top 40 in the Mooney exam in English. They are Laurie Crewé, Michael Cropp, Elizabeth Bauer, Joseph Esposito, Jeanine Licata, Kimberly Neal and Joseph Vitale.

Holy Name of Jesus

Rev. Mr. Paul Tomasso and Rev. Mr. George Heyman, deacons of the Rochester diocese currently working at Holy Name parish, will present a three-part "Scripture Overview" on successive Wednesday evenings starting tonight. The presentations begin at 7:30 and will take place in the rectory library. For further information or for registration those interested may call 621-6343.

Holy Name is also sponsoring a "Parenting Course" given by Bonnie Klein, a parent workshop leader, on Thursday evenings on May 15, 22, and 29 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Ms. Klein's approach "includes common sense, creativity, humor and concrete experience," according to a parish release. For further information phone Kathy Kruggel, 865-9930.

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