

Voice of 'Comfort' Aired in Rochester

By John Dash

This week Rochester AM radio-listeners are hearing the voice of a gentle invader into the turf of the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Each weekday evening at 5:45, 3WG (1560) is broadcasting Father Linus Hennessy's "Comfort My People," a Scripture-oriented discussion of contemporary problems.

Interviewed a few moments before plans were finalized for airing the program by 3WG, Father Linus described his radio mission as "reaching the 50 percent of those people who are not going to church."

The 62-year-old Irish-born Franciscan, whose appearance belies his age, prepares his broadcasts in Buffalo. His programs are heard from the Atlantic coast to the base of the Rockies.

His ministry, he said, is in response to a "culture" in which people just don't go out. They stay at home and watch television.

In addition to his radio talks, Father Linus is also broadcasting his message via television in the Buffalo area.

"I would like TV in Rochester," he said wistfully, "especially to reach the young people. I would like to get to young people with problems, alcohol or drug problems."

He complained that "God is just not relevant" and the Church is even less relevant, to people with such problems.

His hope, one day, is to be able to broadcast a telephone number so that people with



FATHER LINUS

such difficulties could talk to a peer with experience in dealing with them.

"The sad thing," he said, "is that these are real problems and the Church didn't come up with the solutions to them." He said that, despite its great usage of the spiritual treasury of the Church, Alcoholics Anonymous, of which he is a member, is not a "Church" organization.

"There is such a tremendous part religion can play.

It's not using its own resources," he said.

The function of his radio and television ministry, Father Linus said, is to convince people that "God comforts His people through His Word. So many people don't expect anything from God. They fear, obey and pray in desperation to Him; and don't expect an answer. My mission is not to be an education, but by using the Word of God, just to heal and comfort."

K of C Donates \$26 Million

The national office of the Knights of Columbus (K of C) last week announced that the organization "disbursed more than \$26 million for charitable and benevolent causes during 1979. Members also gave more than 8.4 million hours to community service."

The 8.4 million hours in community service were devoted to youth, hospitals, orphanages and church activities. An additional 747,765 hours were dedicated to sick and disabled members and their families. The knights also made more than 639,000 visits to the sick and bereaved, a K of C release said.

The actual sum for charitable disbursements was \$26,087,688.66; an increase of \$2.1 million over the comparable figure in 1978.

Business In Diocese

Glenn E. Pezzulo has been named an associate in the law firm of Brennan, Centner, Palermo and Blauvelt. A Rochester native, Pezzulo attended Aquinas Institute, St. John Fisher College and Albany Law School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo J. Pezzulo of Rochester and resides with his wife, Sally, and two children on Hillside Avenue. They are members of Our Lady of Lourdes parish and their children attend school at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Frederick G. Ray, president of Rochester Savings Bank, has been elected president of the Upstate New York Area, Northwest Region, Boy Scouts of America.

As area president, Ray is responsible for regional support to some 24 local Scouting councils in the upstate area. He is past president of the Otetiana Council Boy Scouts of America and a member of their Executive Board.



WIDOWS, WIDOWERS GROUP — Pot luck supper, Good Shepherd School, 3264 East Henrietta Rd., 7 p.m., June 20. Those coming asked to bring dish to pass, \$2 donation. Information 334-3514, 334-2513.

SPIRITUAL SINGLES COMMUNITY — Mass and picnic, Silver Lake, June 22 at noon. Father Robert Werth

celebrant. Auburnians contact Father Werth; Rochesterians contact Patty Lipka, 254-4286; Mary Ellen Scheible, 254-0551; Patty Genco, 663-3990

LAWN FETE — Sacred Heart Church; Swan and Summer Streets, Batavia, 2 to midnight, July 4; 5 to midnight, July 5; noon to midnight, July 6. Rides, crafts, music, dancing.

GERMAN DAY — From noon, Webster Fireman's Field, sponsored by the Federation of German-American Societies, Sunday, June 29. Food, drink, music, rides, soccer, cultural displays. Information from Fred Fischer, 889-3931; Harold Tausch, 265-9390.

PICASSO EXHIBIT — Painting, sculpture, ceramics. June 21 through July 20, Memorial Art Gallery, 490 University Ave., Rochester.

POETRY READING — Ithaca poets Arthur Tobias and David McCann reading translations from Chinese and Korean, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, June 22. Free. Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester.

FREE MOVIES — "Caine Mutiny," 3:15 p.m., Monday, June 23, Lincoln Branch Library; "To Sir, With Love," Monday, June 23, 7 p.m., East Rochester Library; "Born Yesterday," 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, Arnett Branch; "Bye Bye, Birdie," 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, Paddy Hill Library.

PHOTO EXHIBIT — "Other Side of Louis Ouzer," collection of more than 50 photographs, June 23 to July 26 in Lincoln First Plaza Gallery.

Vows Taken June 21

Brother Mark J. Cavanaugh, who is presently teaching at Bishop Kearney High School, pronounced his perpetual vows before 200 Christian Brothers, family and friends during Mass at Essex Catholic High School, Newark, New Jersey, June 21. Father James Poisson, OSC, was chief celebrant and Father Brother Harold M. Delaney, Provincial, accepted the vows on behalf of the Congregation.

Brother Cavanaugh, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence M. Cavanaugh, Newark, New Jersey, entered the Christian Brothers in 1972. He is a graduate of Essex Catholic High School in Newark, and Iona College, New Rochelle, New York. Presently he is studying for his master's in sociology at the University of Notre Dame. Before coming to Bishop Kearney he taught at Sacred Heart School in Manhattan.

Other members of the Christian Brothers who professed their vows were: Brothers Joseph G. Morgan, who teaches at Bishop Hendricken High School, Warwick, Rhode Island; Robert M. Hoatson of Rice



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High School, New York City; and Daniel A. Lauber who is at All Hallows Institute, Bronx, New York.

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