



Supporting Life

John Arena, chairman of the Central New York Right to Life Federation, Rev. Larry Lorenz of California, and Kurt Higdon, also of California, walk through Death Valley during the 1979 Death Valley Walk for Life last fall. A distance of 100 miles was covered by a number of participants who were invited to walk at their own pace and cover as many miles as they wished in a show of support for Right to Life. The 1980 Death Valley Walk for Life is scheduled for Oct. 30 through Nov. 2 and is sponsored by the Life Amendment Political Action Committee (LAPAC). Anyone wishing to participate in this year's walk is encouraged to do so and can get more information by writing John Arena, National Death Valley Walk Coordinator, Box 865, Rome, N.Y., 13440.

Dinner-Dance Noting McQuaid's 25th Year

Parents, alumni and friends of McQuaid Jesuit High School will round out the celebration of the school's silver anniversary with a dinner-dance at the University Club Oct. 3. Proceeds from this 14th in a series of annual dinner-dances will go to form a McQuaid musical ensemble. Parents and alumni of the Jesuit high school planned the dinner-dance over the summer with the idea of marking the end of a year-long celebration of the school's 25th year. Bishop James E. Kearney formally dedicated the school on Sept. 29, 1955.

Ticket information for the Oct. 3 dinner-dance may be obtained by telephoning 473-1130.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1980

I: 1. God 2. heaven 3. butter 4. hope 5. chew 6. honest 7. noun 8. own 9. oreo 10. cat 11. theme 12. man

Key Passage: I. No one has gone up to heaven but the one who came down from there.

II. With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses. "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!"

III: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men.

Insights in Liturgy

Of Causes, Collections

By Sister Margaret Deegan

The day is soon coming — in fact, it may be here — when it will be possible to go to Mass every Sunday of the year and never celebrate the basic mysteries of our faith. How can this be?

Under the guise of relating liturgy to life, many good causes have sought the Sunday title to strengthen awareness and sensitivity about important issues. Human Development Sunday, Cancer Sunday, Right to Life Sunday and others are now considered yearly events. Without disputing the importance of these concerns, the number of worthy causes is certainly larger than the number of Sundays in a year. The list grows. Last year, for example, the Rochester Safety Council notified churches about National Safety Sabbath on the Labor Day-weekend.

The diocese also expects each parish to include 10 special collections each year. Causes which include a collection in their goal often suggest that more than one week be dedicated to that topic. After raising consciousness on one Sunday, money is collected on the second.

The sponsoring groups often send a great deal of information to parishes that include ways to make the readings of the day relate to a specific cause. This predetermines the Scriptures and does not leave the Word of God free to speak its own message. The way the Scriptures apply to one congregation may not suit the needs of another. Therefore, although all parishes use the same text, the focus of the homily should be able to be different in each one. Then God is able to speak more personally and directly to His people.

The liturgy can make a profound impact on those who are present when prayers, hymns and symbolic actions draw their inspiration from the

readings. For this reason, the Sunday liturgies planned around a particular concern can also become a strong, educational force and a vital source of funding. Sincere effort is shown, but at what price? The structure meant for praise and thanksgiving to God becomes instead a forum for promoting social concerns and accruing funds. When this happens, the people are deprived of what they need most — the celebration of God's presence in their midst.

The prayer of the Christian community must always be maintained as the primary purpose of liturgy. Creative initiative needs to be taken to find other channels of communication for the social concerns of Christians. If people have an opportunity to really deepen their union with God in prayer, awareness of their social responsibilities will inevitably follow. Then the liturgy will truly be the place where people come together to celebrate the variety of ways in which God is actively present in this world.

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Grantsmanship Course Scheduled

The Trinity Council, 4618, of the Knights of Columbus together with the Xerox Corporation, will sponsor a five-day course in grantsmanship on September 29 to October 3 in the Holiday Inn Downtown.

Participants in the course will "learn program planning, researching government and private grant sources and how to write grant applications," according to a K of C release.

Stanley T. Zawacki, chairperson for the event, said "This is the eleventh time we have sponsored the program, and each time we were delighted with the turn-out. This (turnout) reflects the growing need for guidance in this area since institutions, both public and private, are relying on grant dollars more than ever before."

Tuition is \$375 per person and the course is limited to 25 people. For more information those interested in the course may contact Ms. C. Eyres, 423-3235.

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Workshop Held	Date	Place	Time
#1	Sept. 13,	St. Patrick's, Elmira,	1-3 p.m.
#2	Sept. 14,	St. Mary's, Canandaigua,	2-4 p.m.
#3	Sept. 17,	St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester,	7:30-9:30 p.m.

Register at your parish or \$2.00 at the door
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