

Marathon Will Aid NY Catholic Schools

Under the sponsorship of the New York State Federation of Catholic School Parents Association, the Rochester Chapter with the assistance of the Rochester Council 178 of the Knights of Columbus, has planned a Marathon for Catholic Schools, Saturday, Oct. 25. According to local Federation sources, the marathon, which can be biked, hiked, jogged, walked, and skated, is a pledge-per-mile event to raise money for the Catholic elementary and secondary schools that choose to participate. Each school will keep 75 per cent of its own pledge funds, and 25 per cent will go to the NYS Federation to cover insurance and promotional costs.

officials, Bishop Matthew H. Clark will participate in the marathon, and funds raised in his name will be used to establish a scholarship fund for Catholic school students throughout the diocese.

There will be first aid stations along the route and water will be available at check points. Park shelters and tables will be available, and hot, hamburgs and pop will be sold. Added highlights will be the Bishop Kearney Marching Kings playing at Genesee Valley Park, and the Aquinas Marching Band performing at Highland Park.

Although information, directions and pledge cards have been sent to schools (deadline for participation is Sept. 26), the event is not

primarily for children. All supporters of Catholic schools are urged to participate. Family and parish participation is urged. Children in grades K-4 must be accompanied by an adult. Children in grades 5-8 should be in school groups with adults. High school students may participate singly, but are encouraged to participate with their families and school communities.

The marathon will take place whether it rains, shines, or snows. Anyone wishing further information may contact individual parishes, schools, or Mrs. Gina Ouwelen, president of the Rochester Federation of Catholic Parents, 482-2933.

Freedom to Be Theme of World Peace Day

Vatican City (RNS) — Freedom will be the theme for the upcoming 14th World Day of Peace, to be celebrated by the Catholic world on New Year's Day, 1981.


three sustaining columns are justice, truth and love.

Pope Paul VI started the World Day of Peace in 1968.

"Freedom is necessary for every area of human activity, and hence, above all, in the place that each individual occupies in society and in the relationship of societies," said a Vatican statement.

"Every threat to true freedom is also a threat to peace," it adds. "The violation of the freedom of individuals or the freedom of peoples creates intolerable situations, structural oppression or visible or hidden domination."

The Vatican defines freedom, citing the late Pope John XXIII's encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, as "one of the columns that hold up the house of peace." The other



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On the Right Side

Meditation On Music In Liturgy

On a recent Saturday morning I headed from Webster to supply for Father Joseph Hogan of St. Vincent's, Corning. He was escorting a group, including Fathers John Murphy of St. Lawrence, Jerry Moynihan of Holy Cross and Frank Falletta of St. Theodore's, to Oberammergau. Outside Webster a hitchhiker was sauntering along, barefooted and swinging sandals from his arm with the notion of freedom, which I am told, barefootedness is a symbol of. I stopped. "Hop in." He eased himself into the front seat. After introductions, I asked: "Where to?" "Not far. Just to route 250." That is only three miles down the road.

When traveling I usually listen to cassette tapes. But this morning I had a Beethoven symphony from radio station XXI. With a smile I said: "I suppose this isn't your favorite kind of music." He replied agreeably: "No. But it's all right. I don't mind." "But if you were choosing would you get rock and roll?" "Yes. The only station I listen to is X, which is completely rock and roll. But I don't mind this."

After my hiker left, I meditated on music and its effects on people. I recalled that in 1948 when I was chaplain at Sampson College, one of our Newman Club faculty advisers, Dr. Arthur Spangher, wrote a thesis on "The Psychology of Music" for a degree from Ithaca College. He already had a doctorate in engineering from the University of Vienna. At the time he gave me quite a dissertation on the effect of music on the human psyche and particularly the spiritual impact of the great music of the Roman and Eastern Rite Catholic Churches, and the great music of the Orthodox, Greek and Russian.

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cultivated with care." (Const. on Liturgy: 114)

Several parishes have quality choirs with good music for one Mass on Sunday. But at the other Masses, the people are urged to "participate through song." Then they are given the missalette with its strange selection of many unfamiliar hymns, greatly limited familiar hymns, and questionable quality. But let us cheer up. We have that finest link with our traditions in Father Benedict Ehmann, strangely too little used. We have Father David Fedor, a kind of musical genius just returned to the diocese. And on Sept. 4, Father Thomas Nellis of St. Cecilia's, Rochester, who is both a good musician and liturgist, showed me a new edition of the St. Gregory Hymnal, abridged in 1979 by Carroll Thomas Andrews. The ad for the hymnal reads: "For two and four voice choirs. Contains the best of this venerable collection used for many years as the principal source of music for parish choirs. Published now in this new edition in answer to many requests which we have received for certain selections from the St. Gregory Hymnal that appropriately help fill the needs of choirs today. Paperback only: \$4.95." It can be obtained from G.I.A. Publications, Inc. 7404 So. Mason Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60638. Or phone: (312) 496-3800.

My meditation roamed gloomily to the fact that after 1965 the music of the Church has so greatly deteriorated. Often well-meaning enthusiasts took over the direction of the liturgy, confusing change, motion, secularizing with aggrandizement. They even dropped the word "hymn," which definitely means "songs of praise of God," to the generic term "song," which includes even "Still Rock and Roll to Me," popularized by Billy Joel. Most of the sacred hymns loved for generations were suppressed, both Latin and vernacular. A generation of children has never heard them and an older generation has been deprived of them.

Is this to say there is no quality Church music today? No. First, this meditation is not concerned with Folk Music which is a new musical idiom in the Church. Some of it is well done; some not. And some of the best Folk I have heard has been in parishes in small villages. But here we are concerned with the suppression of our sacred musical inheritance. Vatican II reads: "The treasury of sacred music is to be preserved and

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