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Talks With Parents

New Books

I'd like to use this column to call attention to some new materials and books that might be of interest to readers. Please do not write to me for these books. Call a local bookstore and ask them to order them for you. That's why they're in business and it won't cost you any more than if you ordered them yourself.

The first is an exception to that rule because. Understanding the Sunday Readings is a subscription service. This unique idea gives us the Mass readings — First, Second, and Gospel — for each Sunday of the upcoming three months. After each reading, it gives reflections and questions. The 8 1/2 by 11 format is attractive, easy to read, and clear in explanation.

I see this service as valuable in family-centered religion programs in parishes, for ministers who distribute communion and the Word to shut-ins, and for individuals and families who want to expand on the Word of God read at Sunday Mass. Subscribers receive four issues yearly, covering 61 Sundays and Holydays. Each issue costs \$8.95 plus handling with the Lector's

edition costing \$12.95. Discounts for ten or more copies. Subscribe to Consortium Books, McGrath Publishing Company, P.O. Box 9001, Wilmington, N.C. 28402.

Sharing Family Faith by Sister Sandra DeGidio, OSM, is the best book on family-centered religious education that's been written. It gives a clear background on the origins and growth of this unique form of catechesis, an analysis of the five most common formats with advantages and disadvantages of each, some of the pitfalls in a parish, and a clarion call to continue this "return to the basics — parents." Every parish needs one — and it needs to read and discuss it as well. \$12.95. Twenty-Third Publications, P.O. Box 180, West Mystic, CT. 06388.

A year ago when I wrote a column on homosexuality and the Catholic family, I heard from many parents asking for more help on the subject. I was able to offer much to parents then but there is a new booklet, Catholic Homosexuals: A New Primer for Discussion, which includes a bibliography of updated materials. Available for \$2.25 pre-paid from New Ways Ministry, 3312 Buchanan St., Mt. Rainier,

Md. 20822.

I am much impressed with Rosemary Haughton's *The Catholic Thing*, a book for people who wonder what Catholicism is all about. I was intrigued at first with the title then the book flap explained it: "What is it that makes the Catholic Church different? What is 'the Catholic thing' that sets Catholicism apart?" In this major new work, theologian Rosemary Haughton ranges through Christian history, literature and biography to offer her description of the "thing which unites Cesar Chavez, Erasmus, King Arthur, Heloise and Augustine — a Catholicism which is larger than the institution." If you read it carefully, you might even be able to give it for Christmas — a recycled gift. *The Catholic Thing*, \$8.95; Templegate Publishers, a Thomas More Book Club selection.

Finally, there's a Big Chief, tablet-sized catalog called *The Book of Catholic Names and Numbers* which contains 125 categories of 4,000 names, addresses and phone numbers of American Catholic persons and institutions. Most of them are correct. I found some errors and omissions, but not many. It might be helpful to have around if you're involved in work that calls for addresses of chanceries, camps, colleges, magazines, religious orders, hospitals, etc. There are also coupons to send in to be included in next year's directory. No price imprinted. Winston Press, Minneapolis.



Seated, from left, Mrs. John McIntyre, Anthony J. Mordaci, James M. Maloney; standing, from left, William L. Stewart, Mrs. George Montgomery, Anne M. Sevier, Paul Zielinski, Jaime A. Bari.

Family Center Elects Officers

A business luncheon opened the 1980-81 year for the Board of Directors of Catholic Family Center last week at the Chamber of Commerce.

New officers are Anthony J. Mordaci, president; Michael J. Tobin, vice president, and Mrs. John McIntyre, secretary and liaison to Catholic Charities.

Mordaci is vice president and trust officer for Central Trust and Tobin is an attorney.

Six persons joined the board to serve 3-year terms. They are Jamie A. Bari, Xerox; Maria deJesus, City of Rochester Community Development; Beatrice

Montgomery, Ann Sevier, Rochester Telephone Corp.; William L. Stewart, county probation officer; Paul Zielinski, Rochester Telephone Corp.

The Catholic Family Center is a multi-facility agency serving individuals and families in the Rochester area. Fees for services are based on ability to pay.

Kodak to Air Latest Movie

"Images for Imagination," a new 30-minute motion picture on photography created by the Eastman Kodak Co. as part of its centennial celebration, will be shown for the first time at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19, on WHEC-TV, Channel 10.

In jointly announcing the prime-time broadcast,

70th Jubilee

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nowak celebrated a renewal of wedding vows last Sunday at St. Stanislaus Church where, in 1910, they had first recited them. The ceremonies were in the course of a Mass. Following the rites, the Nowaks were feted at a reception by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Juda. The Nowaks have seven living children, 22 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

spokesmen said the film would also be rebroadcast on TV10 at 11:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27.

The film depicts a broad range of photographic endeavors, many of which are not well known to the general public. Contained are in-depth looks on how photography is used to print magazines, to study the stars, to conduct eye surgery, to manufacture integrated circuit chips, even to design better sneakers for joggers and much more.

"Images for Imagination" is the third film produced by Kodak for its centennial. The first was for company employees, the second was the widely acclaimed "I Love New York," which was presented to New York State as a gift.

Bolivia's Bishops Denounce Junta

La Paz, Bolivia (RNS) — Bolivia's Catholic bishops have issued a blistering denunciation of the country's new military regime.

A hard-hitting statement scored the regime's widespread human rights violation in the aftermath of the coup d'etat of July 17.

Relations between the Bolivian church and the government of Gen. Luis Garcia Meza Tejada, the coup leader, are expected to worsen as a result of the bishops'

action.

Their declaration was produced at a recent meeting of the hierarchy, held at the request of Archbishop Jorge Manrique Hurtado of La Paz, who has been vilified and threatened by the right-wing junta.

In an unusually strong statement, the bishops accused the junta of murder, torture, robbery, persecution and threats, and the destruction of church property.

Of the 12 priests and nuns arrested in the wake of the coup, "some were tortured and almost all subjected to humiliating treatment," the bishops said. (Torture included simulated executions, according to documented testimony by three Bolivian priests.)

The bishops said that "some 30 religious houses were invaded... to terrorize the people," adding that the "militarization of the entire country has forced the people to submit to tensions and

intimidation through lack of (civil) guarantees."

The document also criticized media censorship and demanded that the government respect the church's right to continue its religious work, which it said had been severely restricted.

The bishops explained that they were equally opposed to Marxism and laissez-faire capitalism. But they singled out for special censure the junta's appeal to a "doctrine of national security" as justification for the junta's actions.

That doctrine, the bishops stressed, "is inspiring many of those responsible for what is happening in Bolivia."

The bishops' declaration coincided with a government announcement claiming the coup against the constitutional government was based on "humanitarian and Christian" ideals. In an earlier letter sent by Gen. Garcia Meza to Pope John Paul II, the self-proclaimed president attempted to explain religious persecution as "temporary and isolated."

The letter came in the wake of the Bolivian bishops' defense of Archbishop Manrique, who was attacked by the military authorities for denouncing the arrest of some 2,000 people and massive human-rights violations.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.



Fund-Raiser

Inspecting a poster advertising the Rochester Press-Radio Club's charity fund-raiser, a basketball game Sept. 30 at the War Memorial between the Detroit Pistons and the New Jersey Nets, are, standing, left to right, Bob Robbins, treasurer; Tom Wells, co-chairman; and Tony Destino, co-chairman. Seated is Les Harrison, club member and Basketball Hall-of-Famer. Tickets to the game are available at the War Memorial Box Office.

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