



Father McDonough and Sisters Reger and Ganley form the new retreat team.

Sisters Plan Retreats

The Sisters of St. Joseph will host three weekends of directed prayer at their Motherhouse, 4095 East Ave. Dec. 5-7, Feb. 27-March 1, and April 3-5.

Margaret Mary Ganley, SSJ, Sister Judith Reger, SSJ, and Father Vincent McDonough, SJ, will lead the programs designed for both laity and religious.

Friday at 7 p.m. and close Sunday at noon.

Reservations for the events are made by calling Sister Ganley, 473-1130, weekdays; 244-1220, evenings.

A retreat team of Sister The weekends open on

Crowe Re-Named to Advisory Board

Washington, D.C. — John W. Crowe, a Rochester attorney, has been reelected chairperson for the Catholic Bishops' Advisory Council for 1981-1982.

Crowe, past president of the parish council for St. John the Evangelist Church in Rochester, chairman of the Board of Ethics for the City of

Rochester, past president and director of the University of Notre Dame Alumni Club in Rochester and a member of the Advisory Board for Winton Senior Services, an ecumenical organization, last year held the chairpersonship of the council.

Founded in 1969, the

advisory body twice a year reviews and comments on the agendas for the meetings of Administrative Committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference.

Crowe, his wife and family are members of St. John the Evangelist parish.

A First for RCDASSA

School sources reported that 400 teachers attended the first Catholic High Schools Faculty Day at Our Lady of Mercy, Nov. 10. Guest speaker was Stephen J. Wesley, principal of Cardinal Ritter Preparatory School, St. Louis, who spoke on teaching as ministry in the Catholic Church, and fostering spiritual growth in students in the normal classroom setting.

transform lives by giving of themselves. Father Joseph Moffatt, Aquinas principal and president of the Rochester Catholic Diocesan Association of Secondary Administrators (RCDASSA) that sponsored the event, gave the welcome address, and Father Richard Kinsky, superintendent of Diocesan

Schools, celebrated the Liturgy. The RCDASSA was formed in 1967 for the purpose of promoting cooperation in the discussion and solution of mutual educational problems. It has become a means of presenting needs, philosophy and objectives in a united voice to the public.

Wesley, whose previous experience has included high school teacher, campus minister, Dean of boys and president of the American Student Council Association, developed several themes. He discussed ways in which Catholic high school teachers can and should identify their faith, values and convictions and share them with their students, and the uniqueness of the Catholic school in being able to respond in a caring, loving way to the needs and development of its students.

According to Frank Kemp, McQuaid, the speaker presented a positive and enthusiastic re-affirmation of Catholic schools and the power the teachers have to

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Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held Thursday, Dec. 4 at Blessed Sacrament Church. The devotions, for the intention of the priesthood and religious life, begin at noon. A rosary is recited at 12:15 p.m. and benediction is celebrated at 5 p.m. The afternoon concludes with the celebration of Mass at 5:20 p.m.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Damien, Jesus

Did you see the movie "Jesus" recently in our area?

Yes, on Nov. 13. If it was good I wanted to advertise it. Recently I asked our Webster congregation to watch a coming TV presentation of Father Damien, the leper priest, but I had no advance information on it. Damien has been an inspiration to me since I first read "Damien, the Leper" by John Farrow in 1937, and have re-read five times since. However the TV presentation was a disappointment. It was almost entirely devoid of the true history of Damien. For commercial reasons it even injected unhistorical sex scenes, e.g. a non-leprous girl dropping her clothes to bed nakedly with a handsome English leper who later committed suicide. Even the historical scene of Damien's violent confrontation with Mauae, a voodoo witch doctor, which actually did take place in Puno, was transferred to Molokai, and changed to have him confronting not the Voodoo Mauae but a dirty madame running a brothel. I suppose a dash of sex attracts the public eye.

Well, didn't it at least depict the spirit of Damien?

Not at all. The character and spirit of Damien, the reality of the leper colony, the conflicts with authorities, the religious commitment of the priest which embraced his care of bodies as well as souls were wretchedly portrayed. The ultimate foolishness was the depiction of two nuns from Syracuse, N.Y., Franciscan Motherhouse arriving and serving woodenly like two simpering, insipid actress nuns. Anyone who knows the work of the magnificent regal Mother Marianne Köpp and her corps of Franciscans who arrived at Molokai in 1888 to help Father Damien and his lepers must gag at such a portrayal. The one good thing about the picture is this: millions of viewers now know there was such a man. Thousands will read his life. The best I know are "Damien, the Leper" by John Farrow, and "Holy Man, Fr. Damien of Molokai" by Gavan Daws, a non-Catholic professor at the University of Hawaii who gives us a superlative biography.

But what about "Jesus" Movie??

Before he died, Archbishop Sheen wrote to the producers: "You have

produced a masterpiece." It is the life of Jesus as recorded only in St. Luke's gospel. The only known actor is Brian Deacon, the English Shakespearean actor who portrays a believably human and divine Christ. All the other actors, including the Apostles, are unknown Israelites.

The film was shot entirely in the Holy Land so the topography and the fidelity to St. Luke's text gives a special credibility. Even the miracles are well done, without the over-kill common in Hollywood productions.

Do you recommend the picture?

Yes. It is sad that we have directives on communications, meetings on communications, even collections for communications, and this splendid communication about Christ, which costs the Church nothing, has been hardly communicated to our people. Our schools, CCD classes, pulpits and other groups could well encourage people to ponder over St. Luke's gospel. After the movie I stayed in the lobby and asked several surprised persons: "How did you happen to come to the 'Jesus' movie tonight?" A group of six handsome students from Wesleyan Methodist College said they heard of it at school. A Bethel Baptist couple said their pastor had mentioned it. A young couple about 25 from St. Ambrose parish said: "We read the ad in the newspaper." An added note: At the end of the showing, the good-sized audience left the theater either in silence or with muted voices.

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