

Fatima Film Needs Funds

Redford, Mich. — A movie production company, St. Gabriel Media, here, has published a request for funds to complete the work of making an hour-long television show on the apparitions at Fatima.

The film is being done in two parts: a documentary part covering the history of the region in Portugal where the events took place in 1917; and a dramatic part which needs to be completed.

The appeal for funds ap-

peared in LEAVES Magazine and stated that money would be used to stage dramatizations of the actual events surrounding the apparitions.

The announcement said that Father William Most, nationally known Mariologist, is one of a number of priests assisting the production.

St. Gabriel Media is contacted through Post Office Box 39015, Redford, Mich. 48239.

Fr. John Reedy



Looking for the Lord

What We Have to Smile About

This year many of us will come to the celebration of the Lord's resurrection with minds and spirits that are groggy and bruised.

There is anxiety about the economic situation of the nation, a recognition that we seem to be at a turning point, and a concern for the many lives which will probably be mangled in the crunch of changing economic policies.

There is the emotional shock which was experienced by the nation as it once again witnessed, in excruciating detail and in slow motion, an attempt at political assassination. The fact that it seems to have been a senseless act leaves us with a sense of vulnerability. How can a society protect itself against violence which has no rational basis?

There is also a mounting fear over the possibility of monstrous violence between nations as tensions grow between Russia and the United States. In such an atmosphere, the continuing crises in Poland and the Near East contain the potential for an explosion that no one wants or intends.

For many Catholics in this country, sensitized by the murders of Archbishop Romero and many other men and women of the Church, there is anger and a fear that our nation is collaborating in the violent repression of a struggle for social justice.

All of these public anxieties are accompanied by personal hurts as we witness illness, death, divorce in the lives of people we love.

We do not — and we should not — disconnect all these concerns of our lives as we enter our churches to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord.

We know that all the followers of Jesus came to the experience of the first Easter with comparable feelings of bewilderment, loss, guilt. They had seen the leader whom they loved

seized, tormented, put to an agonizing death. All the apostles, other than John, carried the guilt of having abandoned him during his hours on the cross.

The marvel of the resurrection was even more marvelous for them because it spoke to their fear, their bewilderment, their guilt.

A basic perception of the Christian life is that all the basic elements of the Lord's life, death and resurrection continue through generation after generation.

His resurrection did not erase the ugly reality of the scourging and the crucifixion; it did not take away the reality that his followers faced great hostility and pressure. But it gave them the assurance that somehow, mysteriously, Jesus had achieved his purpose; he had established the kingdom of his father.

In our experience of Easter this year, we won't find that all our concerns will disappear during the time that we are celebrating the Eucharist. All of them will still be there, waiting for us, when we emerge.

Nor does our faith give us an excuse to discard our sense of involvement with the public and personal problems in which we are enmeshed.

We can't use the Lord's victory over death as a justification for our detachment from the responsibilities of life.

But our faith in the resurrection should influence our lives as did the apostles' experience of the Risen Lord and the coming of the Spirit. His followers were filled with a new confidence that the worst of their fears, death itself, should no longer be a cause for fear.

Like them, we are given the assurance that the affairs of nations and the affairs of those we love are not ultimately subject to absurdity and chance. They are within the care of a God who is a loving Father.

That is why Easter men and women should emerge from their celebration to grapple with even the most fearsome problems — with a smile of faith.

At Your Parish . . .



Antique Show workers Lorraine Holmes (left) and Alice Wadhams (right) show Father Albert Shamon, pastor of St. Mary's, a poster publicizing the show.

St. Mary, Waterloo

The third annual St. Mary's Antique Show/Sale is slated to begin at 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 25 and from noon to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 26 in the school gym on

Center Street. Antique dealers from all over New York State and Pennsylvania will take part in the event. The admission is \$1.50. The public is invited.

St. Margaret Mary

The St. Margaret Mary School cheerleading team, coached by Anne Fegadel, captured the pink division championship at the 25th annual CYO Cheerleading Tournament on March 21 at St. John-Fisher College.

Schneider, Heather Eresman, Michelle Citino, Lori Creighton, Chris Berl, Missy Pigott, Danielle Major, Monica Gugel, Jennifer Jankowiak, Beth Schwegel, Dawn Howland and Rosele Chamberlain.

The following day, the squad traveled to Seneca Falls where they were awarded first place in the second annual St. Patrick's Cheerleading Tournament. Rosele Chamberlain, captain of the group, won the individual competition at St. Patrick's, also.

Members of the St. Margaret Mary School cheerleading team are: Nancy

St. Andrew

The St. Andrew Parish Rosary Society will sponsor its annual Communion Breakfast after the 9 a.m. Mass, Sunday, April 26. Reservation deadline is April 18. There will be no tickets available at the door. For reservations, those interested in attending may call Bev and Bob DeGaloma, 544-6283; Betty Pudetti, 342-8355; or Ginny Janas, 266-2628. Admission is \$2.25.

Good Shepherd, Henrietta

The Good Shepherd Prayer Group will sponsor a "Life in the Spirit Seminar" at 7:30 p.m. on consecutive Tuesday evenings starting May 5 and ending June 16 in the Annex. All those interested are welcome. Good Shepherd Parish is located at 3254 E. Henrietta Road.

GARAGE SALE

The Aquinas Parents Association will hold its annual garage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 2 and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, May 3 in the school gym. All donations are welcome. For pick-up contact Tom Enright, 254-0105; Ann Tuttle, 254-4950; or Marge Prewasnicak, 458-9603.

Holy Cross, Rochester

The Performing Arts Club at Holy Cross, Parish will present "The Witness" at 7:30 p.m., May 1-2, in the church. The play is a musical account of the life of Christ, based on the Gospel of St. John, told by those who knew him best, according to a parish release.

Hawkins, Dan Jerzak, Jennifer Jones, Tom Jones, Kristin Linger, Judy Peterson, Robin Fazio, Jackie Rutty, Kelly Ryan, John Urtis, Nancy Wentworth, Anne Wink, and Buddy Zuch.

The show is being directed by Terri Robach; musical director is Adriana Urtis; choreographer is Patti Bittner; and assistant director, stage manager is Millie Brady.

Cast members include Kristin Ainsworth, Ron Blood, Beth Eber, Angela Eyan, Lori Farrell, Andrea Pavasuli, Anne Fitzgibbons, Kathleen Fitzgibbons, Janet

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A Time To Celebrate Your Good Marriage
The Marriage Encounter Weekend

A time to share
What's a Marriage Encounter weekend all about? Basically, it's a 44-hour experience (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) designed to give married couples the opportunity to celebrate their lives together. It's a time to share feelings, hopes, joys, frustrations and dreams. In a private atmosphere — away from all the tensions and distractions of everyday life.

A time to look at ourselves
What happens at a Marriage Encounter? A series of talks are given by a team of trained couples and a priest. Each talk gives a husband and wife an opportunity to look at themselves as individuals. Then they examine their relationship together, and how to build on the love they already have.

A time for us to be alone
There is no group discussion. On a Marriage Encounter, you concentrate on your spouse to such an extent that you're hardly aware of the other couples present. The presentations are given to the group as a whole. After each presentation the husband and wife have time in the privacy of their own room for their own personal sharing. Marriage Encounter is not a marriage clinic, a sensitivity session, or a retreat. It's unlike anything you may have heard about or experienced before.

A marriage encounter weekend is not something you need — It's something you deserve.
Up-coming weekends:
April 10-12
May 1-3, 15-17
June 5-7, 19-21
A \$15 registration fee is required to insure reservations. Couples are asked to make a contribution on the weekend. However, we do not want money to be the reason for any couple staying away from the Encounter. An anonymous blank envelope contribution is asked for on the weekend, and more details given then.
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