

RSMs to Explore Multinationals

Sister Patricia Wolf, a member of the Coalition for Responsible Investment, will speak at a Study and Reflection Day sponsored by the Mercy and Justice Committee of the Rochester Sisters of Mercy, Nov. 7, at the motherhouse.

"We hope to explore the Gospel imperatives for justice and our responses in dealing with the power and values of the multinational corporations," said Sister Patricia Kenny, chairperson of the sponsoring committee.

Also on the agenda is a showing of the film, "Controlling Interests: the World of the Multinational Corporation."

Sister Patricia, who hails from Dobbs Ferry, will address the topic, "The Biblical Call to Justice," which is also the theme for the day's activities.

The 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. program is open to any

interested person free of charge. Participants have been asked to bring a bag lunch, and beverages will be provided.

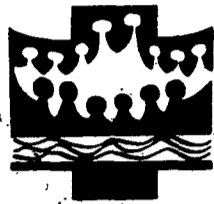
"We are anxious for as many people from various leadership and justice groups as well as ministries to attend," Sister Patricia said.

The day is the culmination of a three-year program of the committee in educating the Mercy congregation on consumerism.

A prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m. the previous day in the motherhouse to prepare for the event.

Insights In Liturgy

By Anthony Rimore



confidence without a steady beat upon which to anchor.

Third, don't be afraid! If the people aren't with you and you know you are doing everything right, stick with it. The assembly will soon come around. When people are not used to a strong leader it takes a few weeks for them to ease up on their built-in restraints. These restraints are due to months and years of exposure to unsteady tempos.

Finally, I would like to emphasize that not only organists are to be considered leaders. Guitarists and song leaders may be the assembly's strong leaders also. But, there should be only one leader per liturgy. This means communication and the practice of the virtue known as "give and take." Someone has to give in and allow the organist, vocalist or another musician assume the leadership role — and that's the hardest part.

Accompanist As Leader

It can be definitely stated that in the Church there is no such thing as musical accompaniment. While this may seem to be a rather dogmatic statement, musicians in the Church, to be truly effective, must be leaders. When one thinks of accompanying, the picture of someone playing a piano with another person singing at the top of his or her voice may come to mind. This truly professional accompanist follows the whim and mood of the

soloist. Can you imagine the chaos in church if the musician (be it organist, guitarist or singer) followed every nuance of all the people? Unfortunately, this sometimes happens.


How does the musician counter this problem? First and foremost, by diligent, private practice. (Use a metronome!)

Second, when leading a congregation, force yourself to keep a steady tempo. Don't follow the whim of the assembly. They'll always drag, and the song will get slower and slower. Eventually, people will stop singing because they lose

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