

At Your Parish...

Christ the King St. Boniface

The Rosary Guild and Men's Club of Christ the King Parish will hear an address by Dr. Dennis Boike on Vibrant Couple, Vital Family Life? following the rosary and benediction at 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 18. Admission is \$2 per person or \$3 per couple. Chairmen of the event are Connie and Tom Berndt.

What parishioners expect to be the "big" family event of the season will take place on Gregory and Whalin streets, Saturday, Jan. 23, when St. Boniface Parish puts on its Winter Frolic.

Paul Riorden, chariman, said that festivities will start at 2 p.m. and go into the

evening, capped by a Mass in the school gymnasium. Dinner, music and dancing also are on tap.

Among the other scheduled events are a hay ride, snow sculpture contest and sleigh rides in Highland Park, according to Rogers Gorman, parish spokesman.

The all-inclusive fee of \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children and a special family rate, covers everything, Gorman said.

More Opinions

Thanks Given

Editor:

The Courier-Journal/Catholic Charities annual Christmas Appeal thanks the many givers to the 11th annual campaign. Not all results are in yet, but it looks like about 14,000 persons will have benefited from this year's fund.

I would also like to thank the staff of the Courier-Journal, the staff of Star Markets, the staff of the Catholic Family Center, the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry, the Office of Human Development, the Office of Urban Ministry and the Charities own staff for the great effort they put out in bringing some little joy into the lives of many hurting people.

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Brazil SSJs Send Thanks

Editor:

"Porque um menino nos nasceu, um filho nos foi dado; a soberania repousa sobre seus ombros, e ele se chama: Conselheiro admiravel, Deus forte, Pai Eterno, Principe da Paz."

("For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.")

Isaiah 9:6

This year again, through the Courier-Journal, we extend our warmest wishes for a blessed Christmas and a peace-filled New Year to you, the people of the Rochester diocese.

God bless your continued support and generosity to us, to our work and to those whom we serve here in Brazil.

The Sisters of St. Joseph
In Brazil

Why Ignore Ecologists?

Editor:

We train ecologists in our colleges and universities and also employ them in our government agencies but we seldom take their advice. We permit the chemical death rain to fall as though there were no alternative, but in fact there are many, and our ingenuity could soon discover many more if given the opportunity.

Have we fallen into such a

mesmerized state that makes us accept as inevitable that which is inferior or detrimental as though having lost the will or the vision to demand that which is good? Why should we tolerate a diet of weak poisons and a home in insipid surroundings?

This crusade to create a chemically sterile, insect-free world seems to have engendered a fanatic zeal on the part of many specialists and most of the so-called control agencies. On every side there is evidence that those engaged in spraying operations exercise a ruthless power.

Mei Turner, Connecticut entomologist said, "The regulatory entomologists function as prosecutor, judge and jury, tax-assessor and collector and sheriff to enforce their own orders." And the most flagrant abuses go unchecked in both state and federal agencies.

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Ireland Forgotten?

Editor:

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, I watched the beautiful Midnight Mass televised from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. As always, the music and Mass were most impressive. I listened to the prayers of His Eminence, Cardinal Terence Cooke, and Monsignor Rigney. The homily of Father Edwin O'Brien was very timely and really tugged at the heart strings of all who cherish liberty and abhor oppression. Most of the prayers and messages concerned the terrible situation in Poland. Anyone of Irish descent can well appreciate the horror of the late night knock on the door, the unceremonious lifting of loved ones from home to interrogation center or internment camp and the forcible denial of precious freedom.

However, as an Irish-American who works and lives for the cause of freedom in Ireland, I was very disappointed by the omission of any prayers or words in behalf of Ireland's lost generation who suffer under the tyranny of British and Orange despots. I do not understand why three prominent Irish-American clergymen — Cardinal Terence Cooke, Monsignor Rigney and Father Edwin O'Brien — could not find it in their hearts to offer just a brief Christmas prayer for their long-suffering Irish brethren. This is particularly ironic when one considers the fact that this Christmas Mass was said in the world-famous cathedral named for the patron saint of Ireland.

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Holy Family

The Rosary Society of Holy Family Parish will meet at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13, in the Pine Room. Members' birthdays will be celebrated at the meeting. Hostess for the evening is Mrs. Fred White.

St. Andrew

The Rosary Society of St. Andrew's Church will hold its annual birthday party for all members, 8 p.m., Jan. 26. According to Grace Fox, president, all are invited to attend.

St. Leo

Hilton — The Confraternity of Christian Mothers at St. Leo's Church will host a family card party 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22, in the School of Religion. Admission is \$1.

Diocese Plans Radio Show Over WPXN

The diocese will launch a new radio program Sunday, Jan. 17, over station WPXN. The new show, which will focus on diocesan programs, institutions and issues, will be aired weekly from 9 to 9:30 a.m., Sundays.

The Rev. Mr. George Norton will be host of the first three programs. The Hatch Amendment will be the subject of the first show, Jan. 17; Jan. 24 will center on the role of the hospital chaplain, and the Jan. 31 program will focus on Catholic Schools Week.

Guidelines

The Courier-Journal welcomes your opinions. Letters must bear the writer's signature, full address and telephone number. They should be sent to Opinion, Courier-Journal, 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.

Opinions should be brief, typed, double-spaced, no longer than 1½ pages.

We routinely condense letters, edit offensive words and libelous statements, and reserve the right to reject letters. Generally speaking, however, only limited grammatical corrections will be made and the letters will reflect the writer's own style.

Because submitted opinions exceed the space for letters, we publish only original letters addressed to us. We will not use poetry, open letters, or copies of letters sent elsewhere. To ensure diversity, we limit each writer to one letter per month.



Border Home

More than 3,000 people live in this refugee camp in Honduras, just two miles from the border of El Salvador. Nearby are other locations where an additional 6,000 Salvadorans have taken refuge from the civil war in their homeland. Volunteers from the United States and Canada, in a program organized by the National Council of Churches, have been living in the refugee camps to discourage attacks from across the border by El Salvadoran security forces. El Salvador military claim guerrillas find refuge in the camps, a charge denied by the church observers. (RNS)

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