

Theologian to Be Ecumenism Speaker

Father Robert Kress, associate professor in the Catholic University Department of Theology, will be the featured speaker at a three-way ecumenical conference Tuesday, March 9, at the Church of the Incarnate Word, East Avenue and Goodman Street in Rochester.

The Lutheran, Episcopal and Roman Catholic ecumenical officials have scheduled the conference to bring members of the three faiths up to date on dialogues

among them. Listed in Who's Who in Religion and Who's Who in Education, Father Kress is the author of many books, articles and reviews. He also is a member of many theological and professional societies and has taught at diverse colleges and universities, including the Indiana University School of Medicine, the Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminar, University of Notre Dame and Princeton Theological Seminary.



FATHER KRESS

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Evangelization Continues

Parishioners in urban and suburban parishes often little realize life in the country. Father Norbert Nolan invited me to care for his rural Stanley and Rushville parishes, which include Gorham, Feb. 1-11. The total number of Catholics at Sunday Mass would be less than 300 excepting in the summer when Rushville Church is swamped by Honeoye Lake cottagers. But in territory the parishes form an empire, from Canandaigua Lake to within a few miles of Geneva. I was pleased to come, but hardly prepared for my invitation.

On Sunday, Jan. 31, I left Sacred Heart, Auburn, in a semi-blizzard, and at 8 p.m. turned into St. Theresa's driveway in Stanley. There the car got stuck in a drift. So in low rubbers, I trudged through high drifts, staggered into the rectory, found the switches and settled in.

Father Nolan had left a list of people to call in emergencies. All were solicited. The Holmes boys came in the morning and shoveled a path to the church. Retired Art Thompson, a friend of the famous Muckle family who gave four priests and one Sister of Mercy to the Church from Stanley, came and unfroze the door locks of the car with boiling water. Rita Kennedy Quinn, a classmate of my sister Florence from the original Nazareth College on Augustine Street where Aquinas is now, did the bulletins. A peppery Margaret Coleates of Rushville took care of the Rushville Church excepting for celebrating Mass and confessions, and Mrs. Howard Jaquith assisted with the CCD. Al Kohring, whose wife did the 100th anniversary brochure for the parishes in 1975 and died shortly afterward, and Mrs. Jerry Tette transported the children. Ginny Baldwin did the collection. Several invited me to lavish dinners with results sadly shown on the bathroom scales.

We carried on the usual program, CCD classes for both parishes. I was surprised at their knowledge. The teenagers even knew the Acts of Faith, Hope

and Charity. A 15-year-old exchange student, Angel Gabriel Martinez of Monterey, Mexico, was a happy addition, and he narrated the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the class. And one wintry night I experienced my first Youth Reality Meeting with the Dworaks, greatly involved in Teen Seminar.

On Saturday morning I thought: "I will go to Notre Dame Retreat House for lunch and meet the staff and retreatants. It is only 25 miles away." There were 87 retreatants, with more than half from Canandaigua, and many of them Knights of Columbus. Others were from Clifton Springs, Manchester-Shorts-ville and elsewhere. An addition to the retreat staff is newly-arrived Father Joseph Oppitz who was a professor at the Redemptorist Seminary and a missionary.

Another noon I went to Penn Yan and had lunch with Father McVeigh who will be retired this June and will reside with his cousin, Father John O'Connor, at Our Lady of Lourdes. After lunch I went to the convent to visit an old friend, Sister Josephine Stowell. She is the mother of seven children. In her 60s, she became a widow and some time afterward, entered the Sisters of St. Joseph. A special treat for me was to visit Father William Riefer who taught me at St. Andrew's Seminary before becoming pastor of Stanley. He had a stroke which leaves him somewhat lame, and he lives in quiet retirement in an apartment in Gorham. He is 50 percent of the two Catholic families in that beautiful village.

Some who do not know much about country parishes think they are places in which to vegetate and loaf. Not so! Rural parishes have both opportunities and problems which city parishes do not. Despite my being alone in the big rectory, sans cook, sans companionship, my time was busy and happy and profitable. The apex came when the parishioners bought 62 copies of "Living the Catholic Faith Today" by Archbishop Whealon after the Sunday Masses. This means that through this little book, evangelization continues in a precious part of our

Registration will take place at 9 a.m. Presentations are scheduled in the morning and afternoon with a noon worship planned before 12:30 p.m. lunch.

Further information is available from the Office of Ecumenism, (716) 328-3210.

Holy Cross Celebrates With Music

This is Music in the Schools Week, and Holy Cross School is celebrating. Today, Wednesday, March 3, there is a slide presentation, music awards, performances by the chorus and band, and the film "The Concert." Tonight there is a history of big bands featuring "Brass Menagerie" at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

Tomorrow, Thursday, March 4, there will be a special breakfast, and on Friday, March 5, the chorus and folk group will sing at the First Friday liturgy. Also on Friday, three junior high students will participate in an all-county chorus.

'Focus' Group Notes 5 Years

Father Carl Belisch, CSB, will lead the rites of Focus on the Eucharist beginning with 7:30 p.m. evening prayer and rosary, followed by 8 p.m. Mass and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Thursday, March 4, at Christ the King, 445 Kings Highway S.

The occasion is also the fifth anniversary of the rites. Spokesperson Joan Rand said last week, "We wish to give thanks to each of the priests who have given so generously of their time to celebrate the Eucharist with us, and all the pastors who have welcomed us so warmly and made it possible for us to have this special time before the Blessed Sacrament."

Officers Elected

Hornell — New officers recently were elected for the St. Ann's Alumni Association.

They are: Salvadore Falzoi, president; James O'Connor, vice president; Mary Falzoi, corresponding secretary, and Peggy Lynch, membership secretary and treasurer.

Also serving on the board of directors will be Anne Watt, Mary Agnes Cavalletti, Joseph Aini, Mary Jane Price, Madeline Sciotti, and William Sirianni.

The association meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The association recently completed a successful cookbook sale featuring recipes from St. Ann's graduates.

Deaths

Sister Ann Concepta

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph Feb. 15 for Sister Ann Concepta Murphy who died, at age 51, Feb. 13, 1982.

The Mass was celebrated by Msgr. William H. Shannon, assisted by Msgr. William M. Roche and Father William Burns.

Sister Ann Concepta was born in Elmira, and entered the congregation from St. Mary's Parish there in 1947.

She was a graduate from Nazareth College holding both a BS in Education and a BA in History. She taught in the diocesan elementary schools for 30 years. Among her assignments were Holy Rosary, Nazareth Hall Cadet School, Our Lady of Lourdes in Rochester, St. Patrick's and St. Mary's, Dansville; St. Anne's, Palmyra, and St. Mary's, Canandaigua.

For the past year and a half she served on the auxiliary staff of St. Agnes High School.

Dance To Benefit Poland

Bath — A polka dance benefiting A "Tribute to Poland Fund," will take place, from 3 to 7 p.m., Sunday, March 7, at St. Mary's School Hall.

"The Boys from Baltimore," a six-piece polka band from Maryland, will provide the music. Polish food delicacies will be served.

Tickets will be available at the door.

Sister Ann Concepta is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, John and Sonya Murphy, and her nephew and niece, Michael and Michaela Murphy.

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