

No Priest Can Work All by Himself

Following is excerpted from an address given by Pope John Paul II to a group of Nigerian priests and seminarians in Enugu, Feb. 13.

No priest will carry out his ministry well unless he lives in union with Christ. His life, like Christ's must be marked by self-sacrifice, zeal for the spreading of the kingdom of God, unblemished chastity, unstinted charity.



All this is possible only when the priest is a man of prayer and eucharistic devotion. By praying the Liturgy of the Hours in union with the Church he will find strength and joy for the apostolate. In silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament he will be constantly renewed in his consecration to Jesus Christ and confirmed in his permanent commitment to priestly celibacy. By invoking

Mary, the mother of Jesus, the priest will be sustained in his generous service to all Christ's brothers and sisters in the world. Yes, the priest must not allow the passing needs of the active apostolate to elbow out or eat into his prayer life. He must not be so engrossed with working for God that he is in danger of forgetting God himself. He will remember that our Savior warned us that without him we can do nothing. Without him, we can fish all night and still catch nothing.

No priest can work all by himself. He works with his brother priests and under the leadership of the bishop,



Sister Jeanne Agnes, librarian, assists Mrs. Sciscioli and Mrs. Ringholz in scanning the yearbooks for early Nazareth Academy fashions.

Fashions Herald 110th Celebration

The Nazareth Academy Parents' Club (PATON) is presenting a fashion show at 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, at the school. The show's theme is tied in with the school's 110th anniversary being celebrated this year. The fashion finale will show the evolution of the Nazareth uniform over the past 110 years.

and advertising will be on display in all the stores of the mall during the weeks preceding the show. Models will be students, teachers and parents.

In charge of arrangements are: Mrs. Nunzio Sciscioli, Mrs. George Ringholz, Mrs. Anthony Mentasana, and Mrs. Joseph Butera. Tickets may be purchased at the door on the night of the show, or ordered by calling the school at 458-8583. Refreshments will follow the evening's entertainment.

Fashions shown will be the Spring '82 line offered by the clothing and shoe merchants of Greece Town Mall. Posters

St. Boniface Plans 5-Mile Road Race

The fourth annual St. Boniface 5-mile road race will start from the church's parking lot, 330 Gregory St., at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 3.

finisher in each division will receive a trophy, medal and T shirt; the second- and third-place finishers in each division will receive a medal and T shirt; and the fourth-, fifth- and sixth-place finishers in each division will receive running caps. Ribbons will go to all participants.

Awards will be given to the winning male and female and to the top six finishers in each division.

The run will be through the southeast section of Rochester, including Highland Park, and is sponsored by the St. Boniface Men's Club. Genesee Brewing Co. is co-sponsor. Last year's run attracted more than 100 participants.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. the day of the race. The fee is \$3 and refreshments will be served free.

Further details are available from Joe Gagne, race coordinator, at 273 Benton St., Rochester 14620, telephone 473-4532.

The top male and female

who is their father, brother, co-worker and friend. The authentic priest will maintain the love and unity of the presbyterium. He will reverence and obey his bishop as he solemnly promised on ordination day. The presbyterium of the bishop with all his priests, diocesan and religious, should function as a family, as an apostolic team marked with joy, mutual understanding and fraternal love. The presbyterium exists so that, through the renewal of Christ's sacrifice, the mystery of Christ's saving love may enter the lives of God's people. Priests must not forget to help their brother priests who are in difficulty: moral, spiritual, financial or otherwise. And the sick and old priests find in the warmth of brotherly charity both solace and support.

No state of life escapes temptations and you will try to identify your own. By God's grace and with persevering effort, you must strive to resist whatever temptation may come your way: whether, for example, to laxity in discipline, or to laziness, instability, unavailability, too much traveling or dissipation of apostolic energies. Relying on grace, you will reject temptations against celibacy by watchfulness, prayer and mortification. You will refuse to be captured by the attraction of material things and will not put your joy in money, big cars, and a high position in society. Party politics are not for you. It is the proper area of the lay apostolate. Rather, you are the chaplains of the

laity, who in political matters should assume their own distinctive role.

In strengthening you against temptation, the Sacrament of Penance has great importance for every priest. Here, for our own lives, we ministers of reconciliation find Christ's healing and sustaining action, his forgiving and merciful love.

Nigerians love to study. This is good. Learned priests are required in order to meet the needs of Church and society. Every priest should continue to improve himself by the private study of theology, catechetics, and other such sacred sciences. Strive to make time for some such study frequently. When you are ordained and it is a question of going to universities or similar institutes inside or outside Nigeria, this is an assignment to be given only to a certain number of priests, according to diocesan needs and planning, for which the bishops take ultimate responsibility. Do nothing without your bishop, or worse still against him, especially on this point. Priests who have already put themselves into such irregular positions can now retrace their steps and find peace of conscience. In the same way you will resist the temptation to seek employment anywhere without or against your bishop. We all share in Christ's one priesthood. Let us maintain its unity and love.

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