

Doctor's Viewpoint: Sure, NFP Works . . . If

Dr. George F. Walsh Jr., obstetrician, has no doubt that natural family planning works but he stresses, "It is effective if it is applied strictly according to the guidelines that are taught."

Dr. Walsh said that if patients ask about NFP he explains the procedure and then suggests "that they contact Natural Family Planning to receive formal instruction and the necessary materials."

"With careful use," he noted, "it can be the most effective method of family planning."

Dr. Walsh feels that NFP has become more popular "in the last three years." He said that "people already using NFP send friends or relatives to me." Or the issue arises out of routine interviews with

How Does NFP Work?

Rochester Natural Family Planning follows the symptothermal system which, by observing changes in a woman's body, detects fertility or infertility. The signs observed are changes in the cervix, in the cervical mucus, and in the basal body temperature (body at rest). The symptothermal system differs from those methods which rely only on one sign, such as temperature, in that a couple learns to observe all the practical, useful signs of fertility. The information can be used to avoid pregnancy or, for those wishing to have a child, to allow pregnancy to take place.

Further information is available from NFP Education, Kearney Building, 89 Genesee St., Rochester, N.Y. 14611; telephone (716) 464-8705.

new patients.

Neither Dr. Walsh nor his two partners, Dr. William H. Robischon and Dr. Henry Hess, perform abortions.

"No, I do not (perform abortions)," Dr. Walsh said.

"No one in our office does because abortion is morally wrong."

He said the abortion rate in Monroe County is dropping and said that many women are electing to continue pregnancies either with adoption or single-parent families in mind.

He feels there "seems to have been a swing away from abortion such as we had in the early 70s as more information has come out. Even though abortion, from the medical point of view, is a fairly safe procedure, there have been reports showing long-term complications with repeated abortions."

He finds that "with better education, more people are interested in an effective method of family planning."

Officers

The Rochester Diocesan Catholic Counselors Council recently announced a new slate of officers which includes Father William McCusker, SJ, president, and Sister Joanna, SSND. The group has also recognized the work of Brother Francis O'Brien who will shortly leave Bishop Kearney High School for duties at Bishop Farrell High School on Staten Island; and Sister Mary Maloy of St. Agnes High School who will shortly begin a medical outreach ministry in Selma, Ala.

Sarah Child

All in the Family



Could It Be Someone Else's Children?

All right now! Confess. Which rotten kid was it who . . .

- Put the leftover potatoes in the fridge with spoon still stuck in the dish?

- Came in the front door and dumped his golf clubs in the middle of the living room floor?

- Ate the cold chicken targeted for tonight's supper?

- Stood on the antique wicker chair and broke the caning?

- Fed Clem the Swiss chocolate bar?

- Made a Dagwood sandwich and squirted catsup all over the counter?

- Used her father's razor to carve soap?

- Dared touch the typewriter?

- Used three towels for one shower?

- Exploded the pizza bagel in the microwave?

- Left the tea kettle on high, setting of the smoke alarm?

- Sprayed my French perfume behind the dog's ear?

- Watched the R movie when we weren't home?

- Hid dirty pots under the sink?

- Made a phone call to the United Kingdom? (Don't give me that! The phone company doesn't make that kind of mistake.)

- Ate a full pound of cookies after school?

- Left her room looking

like Godzilla had passed through?

- Used all the gas in the station wagon?

- Amassed library fines of \$6.30 for three books, when we already owned a copy of at least one of them?

- Borrowed my best blouse without asking?

- Referred to me as Ma when I was snoozing and thought I wouldn't hear?

- Turned on three radios to the same station to blare "Don't You Want Me Baby?" through the neighborhood?

What's that? It wasn't my rotten kids who did all those awful things? It was the kids next door? What a relief!

Father Albert J-M Shamon

Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, N.Y.

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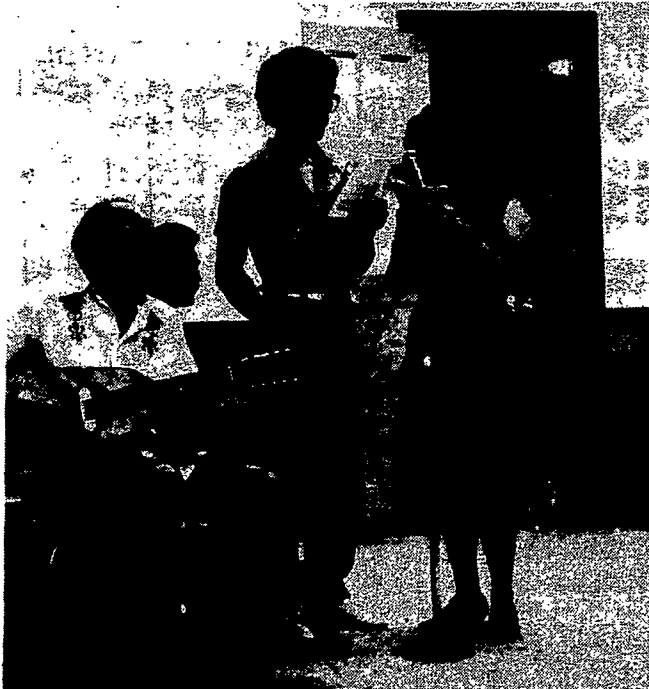
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Therese Petracca, NFP director, and Frank Staropoli of the diocesan Office of Family Life, agreed on plan of cooperation.



Rosario de Cruz

Pedro Nunez, director of music, and his youth choir at Mt. Carmel Parish lead the congregation in music for the nine evenings of the "Rosario de Cruz," the ancient Puerto Rican ceremonies of devotion which precede Pentecost.

Priests

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Father Timothy Horan, associate pastor of Church of the Assumption in Fairport, has been named associate at Holy Rosary Church.

Father Paul Freemesser, administrator of St. Aloysius in Auburn, has been named associate pastor of Holy Family, Rochester. Father Gerard Hafner, now at the Cathedral, has been named associate at St. Boniface. Father Robert Werth will move from St. Mary's, Auburn, to St. Ambrose. Father Ronald Harley will go to St. Mary's, Ontario, from Old St. Mary's. He will replace Father John Zimmerman who has been named associate pastor of St. Margaret Mary's. In turn, Father Zimmerman replaces Father Ronald Frederick who has been sent to St. Philip Neri Church.

Father James Hewes was confirmed as administrator of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, a post he has held for some months. Father Hewes had been associate at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Father Vincent Panepinto, spiritual director at Becket Hall and chaplain to Our Lady of Mercy High School, was named administrator of St. Michael's Parish.

And Father Michael Bausch, associate at St. Patrick's in Seneca Falls, was named co-chaplain at Strong Memorial Hospital.

The assignments of deacon interns were also announced last week: Rev. Mr. Robert Bourcay, deacon intern at St. John of Rochester Church; Rev. Mr. Patrick Connor, St. Michael's Church, Newark; George Norton, soon to be ordained deacon, Our Mother of Sorrows Church; Rev. Mr. Dennis Sewar, St. Pius Tenth Church, Rochester; Rev. Mr. James Willsey, St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester.

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