

## Father James Young Slated This Month

Father James Young, the Paulist priest nationally known for his ministry with the divorced, separated and widowed, will lead two programs sponsored by the diocesan Family Life Office and Office of Continuing Education later this month.

Father Young will speak on "The Church, the Family, and Reconciliation," 7:30-9 p.m., Sunday, June 27, at St. John of Rochester School hall. A \$1 admission will be charged.

Family Life Office literature stated, "While the sacrament of reconciliation is vital, we also need an awareness of the many forms of reconciliation within everyday family life. As family people we are called to an ongoing healing and reconciling ministry with one another at home — in the domestic Church."

Parish staff members will be admitted to a conference on "Ministry with the

Separated/Divorced Catholic," 10:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, June 28, at St. Louis School gymnasium.

Father Young's outline for the workshop includes the points: "Why so much divorce in American society?" (social and cultural features with focus on the Catholic family); "The divorce transition" (social and emotional adjustments, recovery time, single parenting, effects on children); "Pastoral ministry, the parish, and the divorced Catholic" (helpful intervention, what divorced Catholics are looking for, community involvement); and "Reconciliation to the Church" (reaching out to the lapsed Catholic, reconciliation in the external and internal forums).

A \$5 registration fee is charged. Registration is made by June 23 through the Family Life Office, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.



JAMES SMITH

## Smith Named Director of Rogers House

James Smith has been named director of Rogers House, the home for ex-offenders run by Corpus Christi Church.

He succeeds Nia Wyffels, who began the home in 1980.

Smith, 24, was raised in the parish, but later moved to Webster. He worked as a staffer at Rogers House for a year previous to being named its director.

According to Father James Callan, pastor of Corpus Christi, "The work is difficult but crucial. We are confident that Smith can carry on this important work of enabling men from prison to adjust to a normal, healthy way of living. It requires a strong faith in the Lord — and Jim's got it."

## Business in Diocese



**Bernard D. Bogdon**, a member of St. John of Rochester Parish, has been named patent counsel for Bausch and Lomb. Bogdon joined the corporation in 1969 as senior patent attorney. In 1973, he was named assistant patent counsel. He is a member of the Michigan Bar Association and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Bar Association.

Thomas Proietti, recently named assistant general manager of American Cablevision of Rochester, has been promoted to general manager of the firm.

John R. Doser, former Courier-Journal sports writer, has been named corporate development consultant for Edu-Cable Corp. of Rochester. The firm is a non-profit educational corporation which intends to operate on Peoples' Cable Channel 12 later this month in the towns of Chili, Gates and Greece.

## Special Bowling League Celebrates Seven Years

At the annual bowling league banquet last week, what was really unusual was that each student in the select league won a trophy. As a spokesman said, "This is one time where everyone is truly a winner."

Each league member is a student at the School of the Holy Childhood, the center for exceptional children and adults at 1150 Buffalo Road.

Every Friday, as they have for the past seven years, bowlers go to Marcel's Olympic Bowl on Scottsville Road under the supervision of Mrs. Marilyn Barge.

According to Marcel's co-manager, Wayne LaRose, "The kids really enjoy themselves. They come out here and have a great time and it's good exercise." LaRose also indicated that the general public also enjoys having the Holy Childhood youngsters present.

Besides the fun involved, the outings also serve other

## Tutoring

The Sisters of St. Joseph will offer a program of tutoring in reading and mathematics for children in grades two through eight at the congregation's motherhouse on East Avenue and at Nazareth Hall on Raines Park. The sessions run July 5-16 and July 19-30. Further information is available by contacting the Tutorial Program, 586-1000, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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purposes. The exercise is particularly beneficial to the children. "At the beginning of the year there are a lot of gutter-balls," Mrs. Barge said. "But with the help of various parents, who come out and coach every Friday, the students develop greater muscle control and strength. Even holding the ball properly helps with hand-eye coordination."

After two games, the youngsters enjoy lunch at the lanes. Mrs. Barge commented that "everyone at Marcel's has been tremendous to Holy Childhood — they even give us a special rate. The kids learn so much more than just bowling — they are responsible for ordering their bowling shoes, using change in the vending machines, ordering and

paying for lunch and bowling, using a public telephone and acting properly in a public environment. All in all, this is a superior program."

At last Friday's bowling banquet each member of the team won a special trophy. While for many people bowling is a competitive sport, for these youngsters it is much more.

As Mrs. Barge put it, "The students delight in throwing a strike or picking up a spare; but they are constantly helping one another." School spokesman Jon Scott observed, "This is one time where everyone is truly a winner."

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## Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

## We Often Challenge The Creator

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mk. 4/35-41. (R1) Jb. 38/1, 8-11. (R2) 2 Cor. 5/14-17.

In the first reading next Sunday, Job made the big mistake of challenging God. True, he had been given a bitter pill to swallow — losing wealth, health and family — but he challenged God about this. And out of a whirlwind, God put question upon question to Job until Job confessed his presumption. "Where were you when the world was created? When I shut up the sea and said to the proud waves 'You shall come no farther?' When I made the clouds? The light and the darkness?" And so on and on.

Still, today people often in various ways challenge God and the universe. God lets it go on for a while — His patience is meant to lead to repentance. When it does not, and when the cup of iniquity is filled, God says, "Thus far shall you come, but no farther."

In the time of our Lord, the Romans conquered the world. Even Jesus felt the iron rule of the Caesars. But Rome, the captor, became captive to forces that eventually caused its downfall. It challenged God and the universe, but like many another civilization, ultimately lost. The historian Gibbon enumerates the specific reasons for "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." They are especially instructive for our society today:

- The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society;
- Higher and higher taxes; spending of public

monies for bread and circuses;

- The mad craze for pleasure: sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal;

- The building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy is within; the decadence of the people.

- The decay of religion; faith fading into form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to guide the people.

We even challenge God on the beautiful gift of human sexuality. We think we can go from one person to another without intimacy or responsibility. But we are slowly losing this challenge, as well. God gives us what we choose. If we choose to wreck life and others with drink and drugs and irresponsible sex, God sustains us in our choices. And a wrecked life is His response to our challenge.

In his book, "White Corpuscles in Europe," Alan Hunter tells of interviewing a man whom Hitler had driven from Nazi Germany because the man had spoken out against the dictator's policies. The interview took place while Hitler was still in power, while he was still winning battles and the control of more and more territory. Hunter reports that the man he interviewed was remarkably calm. Asked if he were not worried, if Hitler's success did not frighten him, the man said that, of course, he was concerned, and that he was doing all he could to stop it, but he added: "There is God, and I can wait."

The Germans have an old adage: "The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceeding fine," and in the end, the books are balanced!

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