

Charities Launches Effort To Aid Institutionalized

Diocesan Catholic Charities and the Office of Chaplaincy Services are seeking parish help in launching a program to aid developmentally and mentally handicapped people in institutions.

The program, LILAC (Life in Institutions, Loving and Caring), includes developing "parish level groups willing to extend themselves into the institutions on either group or

individual bases," according to William Privett, associate director of Charities.

"We hope," he said, "that the parishes will develop individualized plans for some very practical activities as adopting a ward in a psychiatric or developmental center, visiting a specific number of patients, and conducting social events. We would also like to see parishes

begin to develop families willing to take patients for weekend home visits, or to take patients to Mass. Parish groups could also begin to help with sacramental preparation in some cases.

"At the same time we are asking parishes to state their interest in these types of activities, we at the diocesan level are beginning to arrange practical supports to make the parish group activities most effective. For example, the director of volunteers at Rochester Psychiatric Center and the COMPEER Program have agreed to help assist with parish-based training programs. The Monroe Country Youth Advocacy and Protection program has agreed to back up any volunteers who encounter the need for professional assistance. The wards at the psychiatric and developmental centers would be well prepared prior to the entry of the parish level group."

Privett said that St. Joseph in Penfield has already stated its intention to work with the mentally disabled and that other parishes have expressed interest in LILAC.

He said that meetings will be held during the next three months for those interested. He invited parish staffers, human development committees or parish councils to contact Sister Clare Roland, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624 (716) 328-3250; or himself at Catholic Charities, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604 (716) 546-4897, for further information.

New Penalty For Defacing Church, Temple

A new state law makes it a felony to desecrate a church or synagogue when the amount of damage exceeds \$50, according to Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink.

In addition, his office stated, it is now a misdemeanor to strike or shove another person with intent to harass based upon the victim's race, creed, color or national origin.

The legislation was prompted by an increase in the number of racial or religious harassment incidents. The \$50 limit, it is thought, will serve to ensure that minor incidents will be continued to be prosecuted as misdemeanors.

Further information or copies of the bill are available from Patricia McCarthy, director, Regional Office of Assembly Stanley Fink, 442 Powers Building, Rochester, N.Y. 14614, telephone (716) 546-1011.

Focus Rites

Focus on the Eucharist devotions will open with evening prayer, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 5, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. A Mass at 8 p.m. will be celebrated by Father Dennis Bonsignore, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow. The public is invited.

Divorced Group to Meet

The St. Charles Borromeo Divorced Catholics Group has scheduled a "Rap Session" at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 1. Refreshments are available and the program is free of charge.

The group also announces that its 24-hour hotline is in operation.

For further information on current events, cancellations and special announcements, the number is 225-9102.

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Word for Sunday

We Seek The Bread Of Life

(Father Shamon is studying at the University of Louvain for the next few weeks. Following is a previously published meditation on this weekend's Scriptures.)

Readings: (R3) Jn. 6/24-35. (R1) Ex. 16/2-4, 12-15. (R2) 4/17, 20-24.

Last Sunday, the Gospel told the story of the multiplication of bread. John does not leave this story alone; he shows us how Jesus taught its meaning in His discourse on the bread of life. Today's Gospel is the preface, so to speak, of this Eucharistic Discourse.

The miracle of the multiplication of the bread recalled the manna God gave the Israelites in the desert after He had rescued His people from Egypt. The first reading recounts this episode. For years, the Jews had been expecting a new Moses and a new exodus from the tyranny of Roman oppression. They expected this new Moses would also give a new bread from heaven.

These basic expectations were correct but the Jews erred in that they were thinking only in terms of this world and of material bread.

In this context, we can understand why Jesus rebuked the people for chasing after Him, after the miracle of the bread. They were thinking only of their stomachs. They had completely missed the point of the miracle. Their past history should have told them that the manna was a symbol of spiritual food given by God. Their own biblical writers so interpreted it. The author of Deuteronomy wrote: "He fed you with manna to show that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth out from

the mouth of God." Our Lord quoted this text to reject a Messianic program which satisfied only physical hunger.

On this occasion, therefore, Jesus explained that He was offering a new bread, a new revelation. So He corrected the false interpretations the Jews gave the manna incident. First, He reminded them that it was God, not Moses, who had given them the manna. Secondly, He told them that the manna was not really the bread of God, but only a symbol of the bread of God.

Then Jesus began to give the new revelation. First, the bread from heaven is He Himself — "I am the bread of life — the new manna, the new divine word and promise." Secondly, only this bread can satisfy not mere physical hunger, but the deep hunger everyone has for eternal life.

The Jews asked, "What must we do to get this bread?"

Jesus answered, "Your work is to believe in Me — surrender your minds and hearts to Me."

To us Jesus makes the same appeal: "You should not be working for perishable food but for food that remains until life eternal. Reassess your scale of values."

What do we work for besides more pay for less hours? It is true that the first requirement of many peoples in the Third World is for material bread. But what about us? We have homes, cars, incomes, food and everything we need and generally everything we want. And yet, especially among the young, there is a restless boredom with what we have and a search for wholeness, for meaning, for a bread that will nourish our whole being. Basically, it is a search for the bread of life, Jesus!

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