

Family Life Programs Spring up in Parishes

Several parishes in the area have launched family life education programs, not a few of them incorporating "Focus on the Family," a film series developed by James C. Dobson, associate clinical professor of Pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine, and the author of several books.

The film series runs seven weeks.

St. Rita's Church is showing the program 7:30 p.m., Wednesday evenings.

Nathanson to Speak On Abortion Issues

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the co-founder of the National Abortion Rights Action League who apostatized from that group several years ago, will speak on abortion 7:30 p.m., Saturday Oct. 2, at Building 4 of Monroe Community College.

Now practicing medicine in New York City, Dr. Nathanson is a regular spokesman for the pro-life

starting tonight with "The Strong-Will Child."

The third film in the series, "Christian Fathering," will be shown 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26, in Mother of Sorrows church hall.

And St. Charles Borromeo Church will start the series 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Another program, "Seminar for Parents of Teens," developed in this diocese by Ron and Judy Platten, will be held 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and

cause. He had previously been in charge of an abortion clinic and claims direct involvement in 90,000 abortions. He is the author of "Aborting America," which details the strategies of pro-abortion leaders.

The program is sponsored by Rochester Area Right to Life and People Concerned for Life. A \$2 admission will be charged. Students will be admitted for \$1.

Sunday, Sept. 25 and 26, at St. Pius the Tenth School.

The seminar is designed to help parents avoid or resolve conflicts in such areas as drug and alcohol use, family relations, church, peers, mis-

Owego Fall Festival Saturday, Sunday

Owego — St. Patrick's School will celebrate its 124th anniversary during its annual Fall Festival this weekend.

The event begins Friday, Sept. 24, with a chicken barbecue. It will be followed by a performance by Jon David's Mood, a local singing group.

At 8:30 p.m. Friday, there will be a mini-auction with items donated by local merchants and individuals.

On Saturday, the event will begin at 10 a.m. and include crafts, a white elephant sale,

Cancer Awareness Programs Planned

The United Cancer Council and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will co-sponsor "Cancer Awareness and Education," a program about cancer's warning signals, which determines those who may be higher-than-average cancer risks.

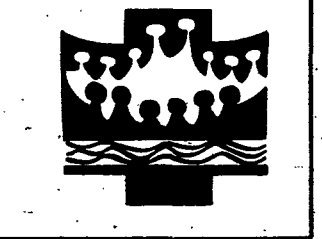
The first three programs:

Noon, Saturday, Sept. 25, Mt. Vernon Baptist, 351 Joseph Ave.; 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 3, Baber Chapel AME, 62 N. Union St.; noon, Saturday, Oct. 9, Mt. Olivet Baptist, 141 Adams St., all in Rochester.

The public is invited and may register by calling 473-8230. The programs are free.

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Insights In Liturgy

By Sister Nancy Burkin, SSJ

Deeper Understanding, Deeper Prayer

During the past year, through this column, I have attempted to share the attitudes, comments and desires people of the diocese have expressed through their participation in the Ordo Missae study. One concern did not appear in those columns but came up again and again on the evaluation forms that people in nearly 50 parishes returned to this office. That concern was one for deeper understanding on the part of all the people in their parishes. Almost every topic that was discussed led to statements like, "but people do not understand what this means," or, "people have not been educated to fully realize why we do this."

The Liturgy Office is attempting to respond to this need by way of programs presented throughout this year. We will also attempt, through this column, to deepen the understanding of our readers by presenting historical background explaining the theological rationale and discussing the liturgical expression of various parts of the Mass. I suggest that interested individuals reflect on these columns in light of their Sunday parish experience of Eucharist. Parish liturgy committees may find them a basis for discussion about their own experience.

As one begins to reflect on his/her prayer life as Church, it is helpful to keep in mind the fact that liturgical prayer develops as people develop and grow. One of the most obvious examples of this is the structure of our present day celebration of Eucharist. Today the Mass is composed of four sections: the Introductory Rites, the

Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rites. This four-fold shape developed from within itself. The first and early second century Christians repeated the action of Jesus at the Last Supper in the context of a meal. By mid-second century, the Liturgy of the Eucharist was preceded by a scripture service and separated from the meal. By the fifth century, the people were greeted by the bishop before the readings began, and in the seventh century, the pope processed through the people and began with an opening prayer before the readings. To round off the celebration, a concluding rite was added and in the 16th century this included the veneration of the altar, a greeting, a dismissal, a blessing and the reading of the prologue to John's Gospel!

As one deepens one's understanding of the prayer we call Eucharist, that person will at the same time deepen his/her prayer as Church at the Eucharist. It is the hope of the Liturgy Office that these columns will begin such a process.

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FOR THE COLLECTOR
"The Collector's Show & Sale," 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25-26, at The Dome Arena. Admission \$2 for adults, children under 12, free.

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and baked goods. Movies will be shown for the children, and there will be music and entertainment all day. There will be a family Mass at 5:15 p.m.

St. Anne Sets Memorial Rite For Fr. Hickey

Palmyra — A memorial service for Father William H. Hickey will be held at 7 p.m., tomorrow, Sept. 23, at St. Anne's Church, where he was pastor. A liturgy will be followed by a social hour. Contributions will be accepted for a memorial fund. Further information is available by calling (315) 597-4571.

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — Gala performance, 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 1, Eastman Theatre. Tickets from \$2.10 to \$6. For further information call ticket office, 275-3500.

TRASH AND TREASURES — Benefit garage sale, sponsored by the Zonta Club of Rochester, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25-26, 29 Cambridge St.

PUBLIC SERVICE — Public invited to talk on assessing residential care for troubled (and troublesome) teenagers, by Fred Chaffee, director of Residential Treatment at Hillside Children's center, 7:30 p.m., Thursday Sept. 23, at Minerva DeLand High School library, 140 Hubbert Road, Fairport.



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