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All in the Family

Only Female Fetuses Human?

A little of this and some of that.

Feminists who insist that fetuses are not human and therefore abortion is not homicide are screaming bloody murder over the situation in India where a daughter's value is low. Pregnant women are having amniocentesis and then aborting if the fetus is female. Presumably if an equal number of male fetuses were aborted there would be no outcry.

Top romance writer Janet Dailey seen recently on the Donahue show told host Phil that she can write a short book in nine days. Part of her speediness is attributable to the fact that she never rewrites anything.

NFP Info Sessions

Natural Family Planning Information Sessions will take place from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 4, at St. Mary's Hospital and Friday, Oct. 8, at Rochester General Hospital. The sessions are free and open to the public.

Not rewriting (personal letters and grocery lists excepted) is like going out in public with only your underwear on — and ragged underwear at that.

The head of the house can't stand cutesy language. "Pass the veggies" drives him to distraction as does "What's that thingie?" and "Are you going to Star or Weggies?" But, if you really want to drive him wild call those little bits of food you eat before dinner "horses doovers."

The same man can't abide hyperbole of the following sort: "There were tons of people at the party," the oldest reported.

"Tons?" said her father scathingly. "Tons?" Actually, I'm not sure that it isn't correct. If there were 40 people present and the average weight of each person was 120, that would total... oh, well.

Some readers took umbrage about a recent column in which I said good sauce for one's pasta can't be made on ground beef. Now that I think of it, that was a little arrogant. To be sure, there are as many good recipes for spaghetti sauce as there are dedicated cooks. Please just don't put tomato soup on mine, though (one of the alternate suggestions).

Musical Liturgy To Be Topic of Oct. 16 Workshop

Father Michael Joncas, noted composer and liturgist, will present a day-long workshop on Saturday, Oct. 16, at St. John Fisher College.

Sponsored by the diocesan Liturgy Office, the workshop, "Musical Liturgy: Is There Any Other Way?" will be concerned with prayerful, creative ways to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word and of the Eucharist.

Father Joncas is associate pastor of the Church of the Presentation in St. Paul, Minn. He has an MA in Liturgical Studies from Notre Dame.

Besides his widely-known collection of compositions, "On Eagle's Wings," he has composed settings of the Liturgy of the Hours, music for the celebration of the Eucharist and recently released a new recording of his work, "Every Stone Shall Cry."

Accompanying Father

Teachers Gather For Meeting

Tomorrow, Sept. 23, 900 teachers from the Rochester area will attend a Teachers' Conference Day at Bishop Kearney High School. The keynote address, "Schools of Sense and Humanity — a Possible Dream," will be delivered by Dr. Zacharie J. Clements. He will repeat the



FATHER JONCAS

Joncas will be David Haas, a musician and composer. The pair will attempt to show that good choral music can be used with congregational participation to enhance the celebration of the Eucharist in any parish.

The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. For further information and registration, the Liturgy Office should be contacted at 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Registration is \$12 per person and deadline is Oct. 8.

presentation at St. Mary's School in Waterloo on Friday, Sept. 24.

Dr. Clements, who has appeared on numerous TV shows and has been published extensively in educational journals, is professor of education at the University of Vermont.

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