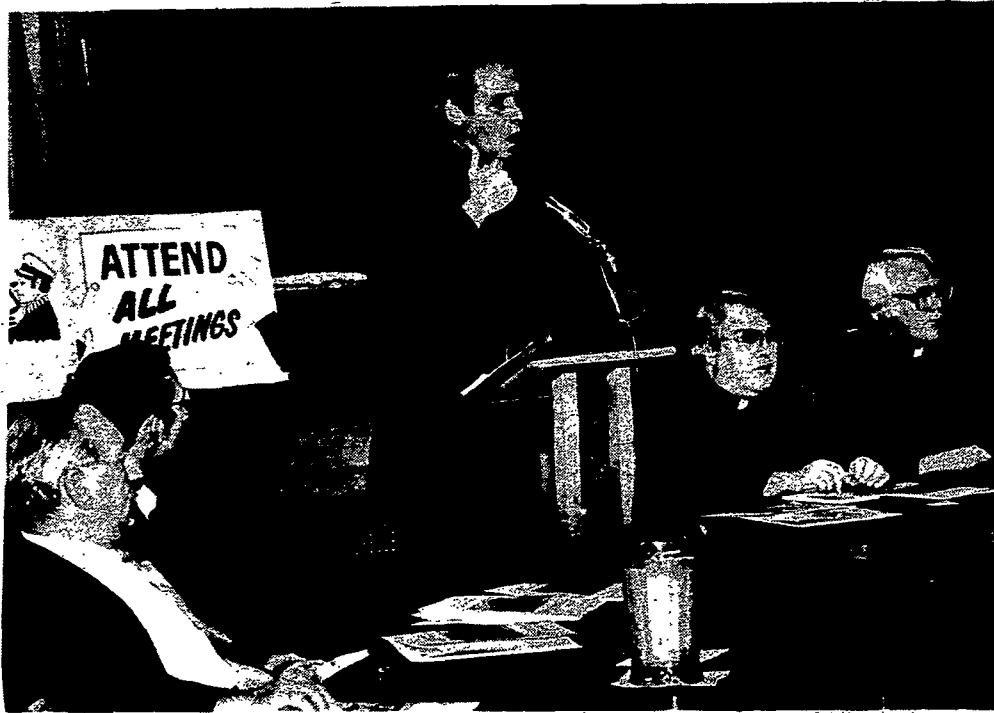


Appealing

Bishop Matthew H. Clark takes his Thanks Giving Appeal directly to parishioners during two visits to volunteer workers. Above, he greets an appeal worker in Horseheads and below he speaks at a meeting in Auburn. The appeal goal this year is \$2,550,000.



How Do We Handle It?

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S. Kushner's book, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People."

"I believe, along with Rabbi Kushner," Father Schwab said, "that God has nothing to do with this kind of atrocity, either by cause or encouragement, and that might be to state the obvious."

"Such stark reminder," he continued, "of our human capacity for collaborating with the power of evil can only bring us to think more deeply about the violence in our own lives. That violence can be the victory of technology and its mushrooming profits over an earlier vision of whole person health care; the violence of worshipping a religion rather than our God, or the violence of a refugee camp."

"As for the connection between the Beirut massacre and our daily routine," the hospital chaplain said, "in my day-to-day experience, death frequently is a friend of those who suffer. But this kind of tragedy, like some of the single tragedies we experience here, is a clear call to listen to the God who is revealed in faith speak to us about what it means to be human."

Another chaplain, Sister Susan Schantz, SSJ, of Highland Hospital, talked about the message.

"This revelation of another people's wrongdoing sheds light on our darkness as well. We vote in a democracy, armed for war and prepared to attack civilian populations. How is God speaking to us through these silent victims whom the world mourns?"

Father James Schwartz is the diocesan director of Ministry to Priests. He, too, talked of the need for discerning a possible message:

"The massacre must be our concern as Christians. It is inconceivable for us to have a narrow spirituality that is divorced from a universal quest for peace," he said.

"This really shows how far we are from understanding the message and the mission of Jesus. It's completely contradictory to what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. It is understandable from the point of view that it's original sin in us, and that should lead us to have a greater sense of commitment and urgency for the cause of justice and peace. The massacre calls forth

from us that our life in the world must be grounded in the Gospel message of peace."

A teacher at McQuaid Jesuit High School, Father William C. McCusker, SJ, reminded us that history is full of such atrocities by "good" people so that the Lebanon massacres, though shocking and dismaying, are not necessarily surprising.

"Cain slew his own brother," he reminded. "There were probably pious church-goers in the crowd that shouted for the crucifixion of Jesus, and human history is filled with inhuman acts against our brothers and sisters . . . the slaughter of our American Indians . . . the horrible deaths in the concentration camps . . . all perpetrated by 'good' people, often in the name of fidelity, allegiance or obedience."

Father McCusker spoke of the need of justice — "However, as brothers of those who were slain we should demand an investigation to discover those responsible in any way for the slaughter . . . and there should be sanctions so that justice be done and that further heinous acts be avoided in the future."

He concluded that "we might also be aware of the evil that can lurk in the hearts of each of us and be on our guard against our own inhuman leanings."

The superior general of the Sisters of Mercy, Sister Jean Marie Kears, mentioned justice and mercy:

"Our hearts break with the weight of those persons massacred at the Shatila and Sabra camps in West Beirut and we grieve with those who survived. Men, women and children murdered in a premeditated fashion cry to heaven for justice. It is not the first display of massive human violence we have witnessed, and we must make certain that these brothers and sisters of ours have not died unmourned and unheard."

"Our God does not will such tragic waste of human life," Sister Kears pointed out. "It is a God of mercy we trust. In this tragic moment you and I are called to be his mercy, compassion and justice. Our broken hearts must be moved to speak out to pray. This horror was spawned in the minds of human persons. Peace among neighbors, respect for human persons and mercy are also given life from the human heart. Human goodness can prevail, with God's help."

Steven Payne, OCD, Ordained a Priest

Ithaca — Father Steven L. Payne, OCD, a member of the Discalced Carmelites and a former parishioner at St. Catherine of Siena Parish here, was ordained to the priesthood at his order's monastery in Washington, D.C., Sept. 13.

Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly of Louisville, Ky., whose home base also is Ithaca, was the ordaining prelate.

The ordinand is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Payne of St. Catherine's

Parish. He attended St. Peter's School in Olney, Md., Cathedral Latin School in Washington, and St. Andrew's Seminary in Rochester. He graduated from Ithaca High School in 1968 and went to Cornell University. On completion of his undergraduate education, Father Steven entered the Discalced Carmelite Novitiate in Waverly, where he was professed in August 1973.

He then returned to Cornell for graduate studies in philosophy, taking his MA in 1976 and his PhD earlier this year. Since 1977, Father Steven has also been studying theology at Catholic University of America in Washington, where he obtained his MA in 1981 and where he is now enrolled in the doctoral program.

He has also worked as a hospital chaplain and as a volunteer teacher for the Spanish Catholic Center of Washington, and during the past year has served as a



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deacon at St. Martin's Parish in that city.

Father Steven is involved in the formation of Carmelite students and will later this year go to Brookline, Mass. to assist in the formation program for Carmelite postulants.

He is a member of the Institute of Carmelite Studies in Washington, an organization for the publication and promotion of the spiritual doctrine of Carmelite saints and authors.

CYO Plans Youth Day

The Catholic Youth Organization has scheduled its third annual Youth Day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Monroe Community College, 1000 East Henrietta Road.

Further information is available at 454-2030.

Eucharistic Devotions Set Sept. 30

Father Robert Doell, associate pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Penfield, will lead the rites for Focus on the Eucharist, 7:30 p.m., tomorrow, Sept. 30, at St. Thomas More Church, 2617 East Ave.

The event includes evening prayer and recitation of the rosary, Mass at 8 p.m., and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The public is invited to the devotions, according to spokesperson, Mrs. Joan M. Rand.

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