

David O'Brien To Speak Here

Dr. David J. O'Brien, the noted American Catholic historian, will be the featured speaker for three diocesan programs, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1 and 2.

He will teach the first mini-course offered this fall by the Diocesan Office of Continuing Education, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 1, at Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

That program will consider the ways in which the social mission of the Church has manifested itself in American parish life in the past and will suggest strategies and directions for that mission for the present and future.

That evening O'Brien will join Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Father Charles Mulligan for a program on the Church mission to work for justice and peace, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at St. John Fisher College's Basil Hall. Further information on the Friday



DR. O'BRIEN events is obtained by calling Jim Lund, 328-3210.

On Saturday, O'Brien will address parish human development workers at 10 a.m., at the Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry in Geneva. Persons wishing to attend are asked to call Giovina Caroscio, director of the office, (315) 789-2686.

O'Brien is the author of several major books on American Catholicism in the 20th century.

Waterloo School To Take Part In Marathon

Waterloo — St. Mary's School is joining the State Catholic Schools Marathon which will take place Saturday, Oct. 2.

Grades kindergarten through third will use a mini course that will encompass the church and school grounds. Grades four through eight will travel a mile course along village streets Center, Chestnut, West Wright, Stark and West Elizabeth.

A plaque in the school will be engraved for the class that brings in the most money, the class that has the highest percentage of participation and the class that totals the most miles. Every participant will receive a blue ribbon.

Father Albert Shamon, pastor, Sister Catherine Judge, St. St. Mary's principal, and other faculty will take part in the marathon. Uncle Louis of Radio Station WECQ will conduct a pep assembly.



Marathoners

"Papa Smurf" gets ready to leap into the jump-rope arena, helping the children of the Rush-Henrietta Catholic Schools get in shape for the Marathon for Catholic Schools, Oct. 2. Brian St. Clair, a pupil of Good Shepherd; Sister Joseph Mary Switzer, RSM, his principal; Sister Barbara Kuhn, SSJ, principal of Guardian Angels School; and Tracy Randle, her pupil, join in the fun.

Workshop Scheduled

The Task Force on Courts of Church Women United will sponsor a workshop titled, "You and the Criminal Courts," from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 S. Fitzhugh St.

All are invited to the workshop designated to acquaint people with the operation of criminal courts and create an awareness of the problems the courts face.

The workshop will also include a tour of city and county criminal courts, court procedures from time of arrest to final disposition, and a Rochester lawyer will be guest speaker at lunch. Those planning to attend should bring their own lunches.

All interested should contact the office of Church Women United at 454-1813 by Oct. 19.

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Looking for the Lord

Today's Wait-and-See Generation

Living on a university campus, I'm puzzled by the news reports on the large number of young men who are in violation of the law which requires registration for a possible draft.

I assume that the figures are approximately right. And I also would assume that the most vocal of those refusing to register would be found in college and university communities.

Yet I find very little discussion of the issue among the students with whom I live. It is not a matter which has received much attention in the publications of this university. I have not been approached by a single student who wanted to discuss the ethical implications of registering or refusing to register.

It's possible that some have failed to register on the assumption that political pressure would prevent the government from enforcing the law. If so, you would think that the recent, highly publicized prosecution of a few non-registrants would generate anxiety and discussion.

So far, I haven't encountered it.

Nor do I see any hostility to the ROTC programs on campus. They are very visible and many students regard them as a reasonable way of obtaining financial help for their education in exchange for the required number of years of service.

Perhaps the students on this campus are not typical, but few of them regard

combat service as a real probability in their lives. Most of them seem to regard registration as a legal technicality and a draft as a remote political possibility.

Of course, the situation might change drastically if there were a serious effort to re-institute the draft, if it looked as though we were about to send troops into combat in Central America or the Mideast.

But as I look at the whole set of attitudes of these young people, I would guess that most of them acknowledge, in theory at least, that real dangers to the nation might impose an obligation of military service.

This is certainly not the same unquestioning acceptance of national leadership which characterized the generation which was swept up into World War II.

But neither is it the angry rejection of all government authority which was so common on the campuses during the Vietnam years.

These young men seem more moderate, more cautious in their judgments. If they saw a particular military policy as being unjust, large numbers of them would refuse to serve. We could easily have a replay of the domestic conflict which tore our nation apart during the late 60s.

We'd better make very sure that the mistakes and the manipulation of the Vietnam years are not repeated. If they are, this wait-and-see generation could very quickly coalesce into a powerful national presence which could paralyze or bring down the national leadership.

Blue Army Sets Vigil

The Rochester chapter of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima will gather 9 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Oct. 1, at Holy Rosary Church for observance of the October vigil.

The month is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Queen of the Rosary. Leading the rites will be Fathers Dennis Bonsignore, Rosario LaDelfa and William Leone.

Among the intentions for prayer will be for the newly elected national administration of the organization. The national council includes: Bishop Jerome Hastrich, president, New Mexico; Fahter Matthew Strumski, vice president, Rhode Island; Katherine Lucas, secretary, Idaho; and George Kocisciak, treasurer, Missouri.

Adoration Group Sets Annual Mass

The annual Mass for the Nocturnal Adoration Society will be celebrated 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at St. Margaret Mary by Father Robert G. Smith, pastor.

Following the Mass, Father Gerard J. Guli, associate, will speak at a supper in the parish hall.

Maurice Brunner is chairman of the event.

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