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Bird's Eye View

Delight registers on the faces of children at St. Andrew's School during a presentation on the care of birds by Craig Walker (below), humane education coordinator for the Rochester Humane Society. The event was part of a month-long program teaching the children about St. Francis of Assisi. Story on Page 3.

Bishop To Lead Teresian Jubilee

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will officiate at a special concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the death of St. Teresa of Avila, 9:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 15, at the Carmelite Monastery Chapel, opposite Locust Hill Country Club on Jefferson Road.

Friends of the monastery have been invited to the celebration.

A sister of the monastery wrote last week:

"St. Teresa was a remarkable saint and woman. Gifted by God with extraordinary graces in prayer, she was also granted the further gift of being able to describe these graces in writing, so clearly, that a few years ago Pope Paul VI proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the first woman to be so honored, although she had long been recognized unofficially as a true doctor of mystical theology. The University of Salamanca, Spain, gave her, posthumously, a doctor's degree and a doctor's hat.

"After 26 years of religious life in the Carmel of the Incarnation, in her native Avila, in which there were about 150 nuns at that time, she founded, by divine inspiration, the Carmel of St. Joseph which was limited at first to 13 nuns. This number

New Church Law

Pope Paul's Legacy

(Pope John Paul II is expected to issue the new Code of Canon Law within a few months. It will replace the current code, or general law governing Latin-rite Catholics, which was issued in 1917. This is one in a series of articles by National Catholic News Service to give an overview of the new code and what it will mean to Catholics.)

By Jerry Filteau

Although a date has not yet been announced, Pope John Paul II is expected to issue the new Code of Canon Law shortly — possibly Nov. 28, the first Sunday of Advent, and probably no later then Feb. 20, the first Sunday of Lent, next year.

The reform — or more appropriately, renewal — of canon law was started by Pope John XXIII and is being completed by Pope John Paul II, but the bulk of the work on it was done during the 15-year reign of Pope Paul VI.

More than anyone else, the guiding spirit behind the canon law reform was Pope Paul, a withdrawn, austere intellectual, a diplomat and administrator by training but also a man filled with a profound, at times agonized, pastoral sensitivity.

To the average Catholic the new code, when it is issued, will make almost no obvious changes in current church law and practice, even though it is drastically different from the 1917 code.

The reason is that most of the changes, implementing the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, were gradually instituted by Pope Paul during his reign.

Between the end of Vatican II in 1965 and his death in 1978 he oversaw and put into law:

— All the major reforms in the liturgy, including reform of the Mass, all the sacraments, the liturgical year and the Liturgy of the Hours;

— The fromation and development of the Synod of Bishops and national conferences of bishops;

— Reorganization and decentralization of church power, chiefly in granting more pastoral authority to diocesan bishops and in suppressing or revising an array of laws and practices that interfered with the idea of the primacy of the local church (the diocese) as the fundamental community of faith;

— Sweeping reform of the Roman Curia, the church's central administration;

— Internationalization of the Curia and the College of Cardinals, making the church's central authority more representative of the worldwide church;

— Dismantling of the papal court and many regal trappings of the papacy;

— Norms of the renewal and restructuring, in accord with conciliar decrees, of every one of the world's religious orders;

— Renewal of priestly training and priestly life and ministry, reinstitution of the permanent diaconate as an ordained ministry, and institution of new lay ministries;

— New policies and structures of consultation at virtually every level of church life;

— The development of new norms and practices in administration and in procedural law to protect human rights.

Pope Paul also allowed numerous experiments in local practice, always with careful guidelines for follow-up study and reporting so that the practical experiences, both good

Corpus Christi Parish Sends $9,000 to Haiti

Corpus Christi Parish has sent a check for $9,000 to Sister Isabel Lumpuy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, raising the amount sent by the inner-city church to $33,000 over the past three years. Corpus Christi is considered by diocesan officials to be one of the most materially poor parishes in the diocese.

Three years ago, Father James B. Callan, administrator of the parish, and Father Michael Sullivan, now associate of St. Michael's Church in Newark, traveled to Haiti, and "received the shock of their lifetime when they set foot on that island of starvation," a parish news advisory said.

"I stepped over dead people lying in the streets," said Father Callan. "I'll never forget the emaciated bodies with arms extended for alms or food. I was determined to do something when I returned home.

"I told the people of Corpus Christi about this Sister Isabel I met there. She's a saint. She's just like Mother Teresa the way she

cares for the starving and abandoned children. Our people have responded with thousands of dollars ever since."

Twice a year, when donations accumulate, the parish sends Sister Isabel a big check. "At Christmas time," said Father Callan, "we'll send her another five or ten thousand. It gives us a good perspective. Whatever problems we might have here seem to nothing compared to the tragic starvation of the Haitians."

Sister Mary Wintish, director of the urban vicariate, said last week that the parish gives a good example of the admonition to give of substance. She said the parish's evident blessings received in return demonstrate the truth of that teaching.

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