

Redemptorist Order Notes 250th Birthday

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will preside at the celebration of Mass commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), 12:10 p.m., Friday, Nov. 12, at Our Lady of Victory Church.

The celebration will draw Redemptorists not only from the parish but from Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua and St. Mary's College, North East, Pa. The public is invited to the event.

Rochester first saw Redemptorists with the visit, in 1835, of Father Joseph Prost, an Austrian, who organized St. Joseph's Church. The work at St.

Joseph's began in 1841, and the cornerstone was laid Aug. 5, 1843. Dedication rites were celebrated July 26, 1846. St. Joseph's quickly became a thriving center for the area's German Catholics; and Redemptorists used the parish as the home base for missionary trips to Elmira, Auburn and other areas.

In the late 1920s and 30s, St. Joseph's became a center for the apostolate to the deaf. In time it became a downtown parish, catering to the spiritual needs of the business people and workers there.

A fire in 1974 completely ruined the church. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan then invited the Redemptorists to carry on

their apostolate at the nearby parish of Our Lady of Victory.

Today's apostolate of the Redemptorists in Rochester is primarily the ministry of preaching and administration of the Sacraments. At Our Lady of Victory, at least four public Masses are celebrated each day for a mixed group of parishioners, members of the downtown business community and shoppers. The average Holy Day Mass attendance is 900, the average Sunday attendance is 650 and the average weekday Mass attendance is 225. Confessions are heard before each Mass and the rectory is a diocesan center for priests' confessions.

Novena devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help are conducted four times every Wednesday, with an average weekly attendance of 500.

In addition to the parish council, there are a number of adult groups which give strong support to the church, including: Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Name Society, and Altar Society.

A parish release said, "The people are very generous in responding to any appeal for financial help. Every improvement project, such as the recent repainting of the church interior, has been financed on a 'pay-as-you-go' basis.

"Most of the 250 persons registered in the parish are 'older' persons. There are a number of people who worship at Our Lady of Victory because of its reputation as a conservative church.

"Our Lady of Victory provides ample scope for Redemptorist apostolic activity, including the opportunity for older priests who desire to continue their service to the people in the ministry of preaching, counseling and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Although the work is not strenuous, it calls for constant availability and punctuality."

Father Walsh Slated Nov. 13

Father Eugene Walsh, SS, will direct an all-day workshop on "Celebrating Eucharist: Liturgy of the Word," 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at St. Mary's School in Waterloo.

The liturgical expert's conference is designed for the "people in the pews," a diocesan release stated.

The Sulpician priest will discuss the theology of the Word and the practical implications that theology has in weekend celebrations.

Registration is made by calling the diocesan Office of Liturgy, (716) 328-3210, or by completing registration forms which have been mailed to parish personnel at all parishes. A registration deadline has been set for Nov. 5.

Participants are asked to bring a brown-bag lunch. Beverages will be provided.

Fr. John Reedy



Looking for the Lord

Problems In New Church Law

Only two subjects in the whole revised Code of Canon Law have received much attention in the Catholic press of the United States.

One concerns the procedures for handling marriage cases; the other has to do with the bishop's exercise of authority over the teaching of theology in universities and colleges which wish to identify themselves as Catholic.

While serious arguments have been made against the proposed legislation on both of these matters, I suspect that the anticipated problems will be minimized by the reasonableness and prudence of the people involved.

Because of the increased number of broken marriages — and, even more, because of the Church's official recognition of new grounds on which a marriage might be annulled — the marriage courts in the dioceses of this country were swamped.

The American bishops requested and received permission to adapt, as an experiment, some of the procedural requirements specified in the legislation for the universal Church.

Of particular help was the permission, during this time of experiment, to eliminate the mandatory appeal in some situations in which the first court declared the marriage null.

The general law said that before any declaration of nullity could take effect, the original decision would have to be reviewed by a second court. This requirement was waived for American dioceses as long as the Defender of the Bond (the court official who must offer any evidence against the granting of the annulment) saw no reason to appeal.

The new code will restore the mandatory review. As a group, the American bishops tried very hard to retain the

procedure they have been using. To them, it had provided a more efficient, more prompt response to the needs of their people; they did not see it resulting in abuse or error.

But they now seem willing to live with the new/old requirement. But it also seems clear that they are going to structure the process for a prompt, efficient review to make sure that there was no flaw in the procedure of the first court. The work will be increased, but they should be able to avoid the excessive delay in the appeal.

The exercise of Church authority over the teaching of theology in colleges and universities could generate some nightmare situations. Most administrators of these institutions don't have any reservations about the unique authority of the hierarchy in proclaiming the official teaching of the Church.

But, in practice, few bishops in recent years have tried to exercise this authority directly in their dealings with Catholic colleges and universities. If they did, it could generate all kinds of practical problems about tenure, contractual rights of faculty members, church-state relationships, opposition of the organizations of university professors.

Apparently the new code will specify that teachers of theology in these institutions function under a "mission" from the bishop, and he will have the authority, in Church law, to remove any professor whose teaching appears to contradict official Catholic positions.

In practice, it's hard for me to imagine any of the younger bishops, who will be working with the new legislation, being insensitive to the extremely complicated issues involved in these institutions.

I suspect that most of them will continue to work informally with the college and university administrators to do the best they can with particular concerns.



A Musical Palette

Under the musical direction of Mrs. Shelia Bianchi, Cardinal Mooney parents, faculty and friends rehearse for the upcoming "Follies." This year the show is "Color Your World" and will highlight music from "Chorus Line," "Kiss Me Kate," and "Fame." The curtain goes up at 8 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 11, for a dress rehearsal (senior citizens are invited as guests), and a performance at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12. The dinner show, starting with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and then the show at 8 p.m., will be Saturday, Nov. 13. There will be a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Nov. 14, followed by 8 p.m. performances on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19-20. Deadline for reservations is Monday, Nov. 8, and can be made by calling Ginny Mueller at 865-1411, or the school at 865-1000. Theater tickets are \$4 and the dinner theater tickets are \$15 per person.

Banquet Will Honor Guadalupe

Stella Masuzzo, a long-time promoter of Marian devotion in the diocese, is organizing the eighth annual banquet

honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, 2-6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12, at Dandrea Party House, 1713 Lyell Ave.

The event is not linked with any particular organization and is being staged on a non-profit basis, she said.

The banquet "is in thanksgiving for all the graces and blessings Our Lady has obtained for us during the year," she said. The past year marked the 400th anniversary of the apparitions at Guadalupe, Mexico.

Also a part of the event will be the showing of the movie, "A Fragrance of Roses," which depicts Mexican religious devotion. Tickets at \$6 per person are available by calling Stella Masuzzo, 334-5516 before Dec. 1.

Divinity Schools Slate William Sloane Coffin

Rev. Dr. William Sloane Coffin will speak at 8 p.m., today, Nov. 3, in the auditorium of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Bexley Hall-Crozer Theological Seminary, during a service of rededication commemorating the 50th anniversary of the dedication

of the buildings of the schools. The event, open to the public, continues a tradition established by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Dr. Coffin's predecessor at the Riverside Church in New York City. Dr. Fosdick was the original speaker in 1932.

Dr. Coffin is widely known for his promotion of peace and justice issues in the Christian context.

Holiday Boutique

The Bishop Kearney Parents' Clubs will hold a Holiday Boutique, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, at the high school, 125 Kings Highway South. Among items featured will be hand-crafted articles, plants, baked foods, and decorative items.

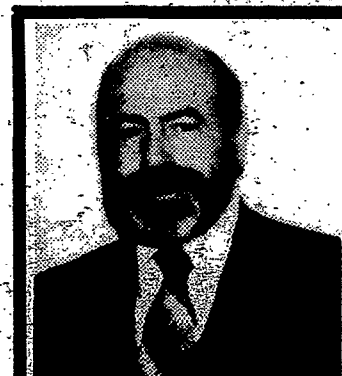
NFP Info

Natural Family Planning information sessions have been slated for 7:30-9 p.m., Nov. 12, in the Main Conference Room of Rochester General Hospital; Nov. 17 at Lakeside Hospital in Brockport; and Nov. 19 at St. Mary's School library, 95 N. Main St., Canandaigua.

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