



FATHER CHAMPLIN

## Fr. Champlin To Conduct Penfield Meet

Father Joseph M. Champlin, nationally known Catholic writer and columnist, will conduct a one-night discussion beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at St. Joseph's in Penfield.

Father Champlin, a native of Hammondsport, is vicar for Parish Life and Worship in the Syracuse diocese. His discussion is titled, "Roots, Wings and Embraces: Some practical suggestions on how spouses, parents and children can grow in love, maturity and happiness."

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, Jan. 12, by contacting Mary Ellen Brankacz 586-6132, Ginny Curran (586-6134) or Debbie Weisner (377-7676). The program is being sponsored by the parish Adult Education Committee.

## Kolbe

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Green said that one of the quotes appeared in 1934, when Father Kolbe was in Japan and could not have been either authored or approved by him. Another was in a newspaper founded by the priest but edited by Father Josef Wojcik. Green and Schlafly cited a subsequent letter by Father Kolbe to Father Wojcik warning him against stirring up anti-Semitic feelings.

"Speaking of the Jews," Father Kolbe wrote, "I would devote great attention not to stir up accidentally or not to intensify to a greater degree the hatred of our readers against them, who are already so ill-disposed or sometimes downright hostile in their confrontations."

Green and Schlafly cited eyewitness testimony of Father Kolbe's concern for Jewish refugees when Germany invaded Poland in 1939. A Polish Catholic woman, Rosalia Koblowa, said she asked Father Kolbe once if she could in good faith share her bread with Jewish refugees who asked for it. His response, she said, was, "Yes, it is necessary to do this because all men are brothers."

Other scholars contacted by the St. Louis newspaper also came to Father Kolbe's defense, saying that the few anti-Semitic remarks found in his writings must be understood in the historical context of the widespread anti-Semitism in Polish Catholic culture of that time.

While deploring his "uncritical acceptance" of the alleged Communist-Masonic-Zionist conspiracy to foment revolution and gain control of the world, they argued that his basic view of Jews was not as a group of people to be hated but as human beings to be loved. His primary concern with Jews, they said, was in terms of his lifelong apostolate of evangelization.

In 1922, he wrote that one purpose of the movement he had founded, the Knights of the Immaculata, would be fulfilled "when all of the schismatics and Protestants have, with deep conviction, pronounced their profession of faith as Catholics, when all of the Jews who live in our midst have requested, completely freely, holy baptism."

Franciscan Father Bernard Geiger, U.S. director of the Knights of the Immaculata, told the St. Louis Review, archdiocesan newspaper, "Kolbe loved the Jews. He wanted ... to bring them into the Church. Now if you hate someone, you certainly don't want to bring them into your Church — you want them as far away as possible ... to say that he singled out the Jews for hatred is ridiculous and contrary to what we read in his writings."

Franciscan James McCurry, an expert on Father Kolbe, reminded that the saint was sent to Auschwitz because he helped Jewish refugees and because of his publication of anti-Hitler writings.

# MILWAUKEE

## Task Force Asks Apology to Women

Milwaukee (NC) — Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland of Milwaukee will appoint an archdiocesan women's commission to help him put into effect recommendations of a task force on women.

The task force, appointed by the archbishop to examine the role of women in the Church, was headed by Jeanine Bitkers. The group asked that the Church in Milwaukee publicly confess its failure with regard to the rights of women. The task force asked that the archdiocese undertake visible efforts to seek reconciliation with women who have suffered from sexist attitudes within the Church.

The task force also suggested that the archbishop designate 1983 as a "year of reconciliation" during which sexist guidelines would be designed, public confession and repentance would take place and a statement would be made committing the Church to support the rights of all Catholics, regardless of sex.

Publishing the task force in the Catholic Herald, the archdiocesan newspaper, Archbishop Weakland urged the people of the archdiocese to study it, evaluate the recommendations, pray over it and discuss it.

Among the task force

recommendations, after a 20-month period during which it conducted hearings throughout the archdiocese:

- The Church should affirm women in both traditional and nontraditional roles.

- More opportunities should be provided for women to express their experience of God through paraliturgies and other faith-sharing experiences, through celebrations of the contributions of women and through adult formation programs on the role of women in Scripture, Church history and today's Church.

- Nons sexist curricula should be implemented in schools and religious education programs. The cause of girl altar servers in parishes should be promoted.

- The archdiocese should continue to make decision-making positions available to women and seek out qualified women for them.

- A "massive" effort should be made to remove all non-inclusive language from the liturgy.

- The archbishop should establish as policy the full participation of women in ministries that are open to women. There should be some opportunities for qualified women to preach at eucharistic celebrations.

## Hospital Fetes Workers

Hornell — St. James Mercy Hospital employees and guests attended the hospital's 18th annual Christmas dinner dance Dec. 18.

Paul Shephard, associate administrator, was master of ceremonies. Hospital personnel working in the hospital the evening of the party were served dinner in the hospital cafeteria.

## Sarah Child

All in the Family



## Almost Time To Address Yule Cards

At least part of the problem with holiday preparations is that everyone thinks it has to be done before Christmas: shopping all done by the first week of December, greetings in the mail by the second, baking under way by the third, and so forth.

I used to bend to that kind of pressure. Then I discovered some years ago that this rule, like a lot of others, was meant to be broken.

Any day now when I get a few minutes, I plan to sit down and start addressing my Christmas cards. Not only do I have no guilt but actually experience a feeling of warmth imagining how good friends will feel getting a bright cheerful hello in an otherwise bleak month. What's more, our card probably will get a lot more attention, it no doubt being the only one of its kind that most friends will receive during January.

As soon as I get the cards finished I will tackle the Christmas cookies. The truth is that I did get one batch mixed and baked — chocolate chips, the hands-down winner any time of the year here.

But then one of the family traditionalists demanded cut-out sugar cookies with icing. "If you want cut-outs, then cut-outs you'll get," I said expansively, and he will, too. The batter has been chilling for a week now and sometime — hopefully before Easter — I'll get to rolling them out. (If I don't get them done before Good Friday I'll put away the trees and angels and bring out the egg and bunny shapes — hearts if it happens to be around Feb. 14.)

I also have some shopping

left to do. Every year the head of the house and I exchange books. His gift to me this year was Webster's Geographical Dictionary, sitting handsomely on the shelf next its companion tome, Webster's Biographical Dictionary, which I received last year.

But while I always request a reference book, his tastes run to more esoteric titles; e.g., Wine Preferences of the Ghibellines or The Psychology of the Pseudonym, etc. Finding just the right book that will bring a glint to his eye is no easy matter. But by July, at least, I know I'll stumble across one.

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