

Penfield Parish to Host Seminar for Unemployed

Unemployed persons in the area have been invited to a special seminar 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 26, at St. Joseph's Church, 43 Gebhardt Road, Penfield.

The seminar, sponsored by the Penfield Knights of Columbus, Penfield Ministerial Association, and the human development and family ministry committees of St. Joseph's, will feature representatives of 25 organizations to offer "help in such areas as finance, legal issues, job re-

training, consumer credit, counselling, mortgage and banking, unemployment counselors, and job information resources."

A flier announcing the event stated, "Often the unemployed (person) feels alone, isolated, a failure and rejected by friends and neighbors. The unemployed is not a failure."

Such persons, the flier said, "need to feel that people care and want to help them help themselves."

NYS Trip Scheduled

The Catholic Women's Club Travel Group has scheduled a special trip to New York City from Thursday, April 28, through Saturday, April 30, with the highlight a visit to the Vatican Art Treasures at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

A show also is on the agenda as well as shopping and meal discounts. Travel will be by Trailways Bus. Further information is available from Marie Porter, 342-3988, or Helen O'Harrigan 271-4835.

All are invited.

The flier further stated, "The Church, politicians, government, are made up of people who have the responsibility to see that people who want to work can find meaningful employment."

In addition, the flier indicated that a task force on unemployment would form an action plan "to get people back into the mainstream of the working class" as part of the day's activities.

Pot Luck Supper Set for March 25

Project SEED and the Rochester Center for Independent Living will sponsor a Pot Luck Supper from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 25, at the Edgerton Recreation Center's Star Dust Ballroom.

This supper is open to all disabled persons, their families, friends, and any other interested parties. The center is accessible for disabled persons and ramps are available from the parking

lot. Those interested are asked to bring a dish of their choice to pass. Coffee and tea will be provided. There will be entertainment by folk dancers following supper.

For further information contact Project SEED at 458-7994 or 428-6769, or write, giving telephone number, to Project SEED, Edgerton Recreation Center, 41 Backus St., Rochester, 14608.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Discussing Church Doctrine

To young Father Al Hauser, Ogdensburg:

Not infrequently I get up from an evening of skimming ecclesial potpourri, ranging from The Wanderer to the National Catholic Reporter. Then I appreciate the feelings of Hilaire Belloc, who used to devour papers: socialist, conservative, communist, et al, and was renewed with enthusiasm for Christ, Our Lady and the Church as he set his papers down.

There is a difference, however. In Belloc's day, the Church's enemies were outside the Church. Since Vatican II, groups of professing Catholics, clerical and lay, to paraphrase the Psalmist, "have poured forth bitter bile against the Historic Church until their gall overflowed."

Thank God for men like the French historian, Henri Daniel-Rops. Few men knew the life of the Church, in history and in spirit, so well. And few men knew the life of the Church more devotedly and compassionately, even preserving a sense of humor. I suspect it was Gallic humor which peeked out of his volume, The Church in the Eighteenth Century. After describing the fidelity of the Common people and the infidelity of the Intellectuals, he commented that most of the 135 bishops in France were reasonably faithful. Only three were atheists and four deists! He understood the scandals without being scandalized. He loved the Church and was edified by its Founder and by its holiness.

Frank Sheed wrote of the Council: "Pope John opened the window to let in fresh air. He let in a hurricane. The interested Catholic finds himself at times not only hanging on to his hat, but hanging on to his head. Provided he keeps his head, the experience can be salutary." (Is It the Same Church?, p. xv)

Part of the hurricane seems to be twisted and heretical notions of the

nature of the Church. The Council is clear. "Christ, the one Mediator, established and ceaselessly sustains here on earth His Holy Church, the community of faith, hope and charity as a visible structure. This is the unique Church of Christ which in the Creed we avow as one, holy, catholic and apostolic. After His resurrection, Our Saviour handed her over to Peter to be shepherded, commissioning him and the other apostles to propagate and govern her." (Cons. — The Church: no. 8)

You know, Father Al, I am always surprised by the enthusiasm of many for uncertainty, including some Catholic teachers. To be so open-minded as to never be sure of any doctrine of the Church should produce a Church of neurotics. Chesterton said: "The purpose of the open mind is to close it on something solid."

My concern is not about you who can understand the shocks within the Church and not be shocked by them. We know the wheat and the cockle grow in the same field, though not sown by the same sower.

But how many hurt people have asked: "Father, who are these Sisters who are organized against the pope and our bishops?" They read of that group who notoriously reject the bishops' stand on abortion; who are stridently feminist, and hostile to the Holy See.

Good Catholics need reassurance that the Church is the same Church of their baptism, and in which they wish to live. I encourage them to read of Mother Teresa and Padre Pio and Father Ritter and the saints, as well as "The Battle for the American Church" by Msgr. Kelly, and Ralph Martin's "Crisis of Truth." They will be reassured that the Church is preserving the purity of doctrine and holiness.

By the way, if you have some extra-bright youngsters, why not introduce them to Mortimer Adler's "Aristotle for Everybody." It's intelligible. There is always an elite who could make a solid core for the Church, and from whom some vocations to the priesthood may come.

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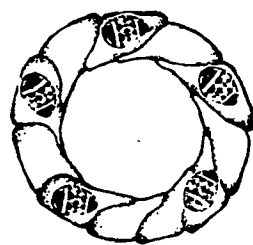
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