

Family Care Providers Given Special Citation

David and Cecelia Ward, members of Good Shepherd Parish in Henrietta, have been named Family Care Providers of the Year, in recognition of a decade of dedication to six young retarded men who have become members of the Ward family, and for the care the Wards have shown to a number of other persons who have lived with them for a shorter time.

The Wards are members of the state Family Care Program, and their title was bestowed on them by the Monroe County branch of that effort. The Wards were recently feted at a luncheon which also honored 59 other family care providers who have taken responsibility for 80 retarded and adult clients of Monroe Developmental Center.

According to Pat White of the state Department of Mental Hygiene, "Living with the Wards means an active involvement in community social and recreational pastimes, as well as summer camping and winter snowmobiling on property the Wards own in Sodus. Mrs. Ward enjoys doing crafts work, and involves her 'sons' in many of these projects."

On learning of the title, Mrs. Ward said, "We got the best part of the deal, as we have come to love the clients and being a part of the program."



David and Cecelia Ward

A state-wide recruiting campaign for new Family Care Program homes is under way.

A background paper issued by the program stated, "Most mentally retarded people are capable of living with a family and can also benefit from the stimulation of life in the community."

"Family care is more than just a means of giving a home to a retarded person. The kinds of inner satisfaction and fulfillment that come

from raising a family and contributing to the growth of a good and loving human being are readily rewarded to the family care provider. Family care is doing something for yourself.

"We are looking for more families with spare room and more love than they know what to do with. If yours is that kind of family, we hope you will consider joining New York State's Family Care Program as so do thousands of other people across New

York State — waiting to be welcomed to a home like yours."

Responsibility assumed by the provider, the back-grounder said, is "to give a home to the person who comes to live with you, and the kind of guidance you would give to any dependent member of your family."

While participating in the program, providers receive \$332-\$370 a month to cover food and living expenses. In addition, each person so placed, receives a \$40 per month allowance for personal spending and \$290 per year for clothing and special needs.

Providers also receive ten days of paid vacation a year.

Persons interested in the program have been asked to contact Nick Cionitti, Monroe DDSO Family Care, 546-2545.

Yoga, Prayer

The Sisters of Mercy have invited women interested in exploring the vowed life to a presentation on yoga and prayer, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Monday, May 16 at Queen of Peace Convent, 605 Edgewood Ave. Sister Sheila Sentiff will present the program. The evening is part of

the congregation's Faith Sharing Program. Interested persons may contact Sister Sheila Stevenson, (716) 244-2175.

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FRATERNITY MEETING

St. Patrick's Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will meet Sunday, May 15, at St. Anthony's Church, 60 Lorimer St., Rochester.

Novice instruction is scheduled for 1:15 p.m. with the rosary at 1:30 and Mass at 2 p.m., celebrated by Father Dennis Signore, the fraternity spiritual moderator. A short business session is scheduled.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Sex Education A Misnomer

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Jun. 17/20-26. (R1) Acts 7/55-60. (R2) Rv. 22/12-14, 16-17, 20.

The first reading next Sunday tells of the stoning to death of Stephen.

On May 4, Planned Parenthood of the Finger Lakes Region sponsored its annual workshop at Waterloo Holiday Inn.

As always, it consisted in stoning to death Christian morality. Sol Gordon spoke on "Sex Education in the Schools and the Bill of Rights," and Ms. Kate R and Lloyd on "Women's Rights in the Current Revolution."

She talked of revolution, but not of renewal. He talked of sex education and the Bill of Rights, but said nothing about a Bill of Duties.

Long ago (1968) I vehemently opposed sex education in the schools as it is given today. I still do now more than ever, after having seen the fruits of 15 years of sex education.

"Sex Education" — the very label smacks of the prurient. Education in sex? Education for sex? That's the way Planned Parenthood interprets it.

Sex education today rips sex out of its context. As such, it is the domain of the pornographer, the girlie and the playboy magazines.

Sex is no entity existing in and for itself alone. Can it be studied and can one be educated in it without reference to a bigger picture? Can eating or drinking be viewed independently of the health of the body as a whole? Are words no more than words? To know how to use the dictionary, like knowing how to use a telephone book — does that make one literate or a literateur? Must not eating and drinking be subordinated to the health of the body? Ought not words be studied as vehicles of ideas — in relationship to thought?

So with sex. Sex education! What a horrendous distortion — tearing sex out of the whole person!

Here are ten points which I believe can help us handle the sex education problem according to the mind and the will of the American people and Christian morality.

1. Rename the sex education course! Call it "Marriage and Family." After all, those two institutions have kept American safe, secure, and sound for the past 200 years.

2. Separate sex education from the health curriculum or any other curriculum. Teach it as an elective.

3. Require written parental/guardian permission to participate

in any sex education course.

4. Teach sex education at night. Then both parent and child can exchange ideas, values, and goals being presented. All educators are aware of the necessity of parental involvement in education (our sacramental programs postulate this).

5. Address premarital as outside the norm of American life.

6. Place indepth emphasis upon abstinence, incurable VD and abortion to deter teenage promiscuity.

7. Do not teach contraception as an answer to "safe" sexual relations and teenage promiscuity.

8. Teach the extensive problematical medical history of artificial birth control. Thus create an intellectual awareness and caution among unsuspecting teens who often automatically accept teacher-oriented instruction.

9. Focus, in such a course, on marriage and the family unit, consisting of mother, father and children, since these institutions have deep-seated historical and legal acceptance in our nation and throughout the world.

10. Do not deal in such a course with behavioral modification techniques which change wholesome attitudes and lend themselves to irresponsible sexual experimentation. Such dealing is actually religion teaching, albeit a secularistic religion.

In other words, stop the nonsensical instructional chicanery that has too often led our youth down the road to illicit love affairs, unwanted pregnancies, disease and in some instances death.

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