

## Adults, Children Join In Religion Education

A variety of religious education events, for both adults and children, will be offered 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., the week of July 11-15 at St. Monica's School.

The week is jointly sponsored by the St. Monica/St. Augustine Christian Formation Office and the Diocesan Office of Religious Education.

For adults, two CERT series, catechist training sessions, will be held: basic

methods, in the morning; basic doctrine, in the afternoon. Completion of all sessions qualify catechists for basic certification.

For children, a program of catechesis and evangelizing has been established. Children and adults will share lunchtime prayer and brown bag lunch.

The fees are \$10 for CERT participants, \$3 per child. Several children from a single

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family will be admitted for \$5. Pre-registration is required. Further information

and registration is obtained through the Christian Formation Office, 235-3322.

## Presbyterians Back Abortion Nuke Freeze

Atlanta (NC) — The governing assembly of the newly reunited Presbyterian Church on June 15 urged the United States to suspend testing of nuclear weapons and backed "full and equal access" of all women to legal abortion.

Only a scattering of delegates opposed the nuclear resolution. The abortion resolution passed by about an 8-to-1 margin, but only after some sharp debate.

The 1,000 delegates, representing 3.2 million American Presbyterians, called for a bilateral U.S.-Soviet freeze

on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and urged the United States to take the unilateral initiative of "a suspension of nuclear testing for a specific time period, offering a challenge to the Soviets to a reciprocal suspension."

On abortion, the church's governing body declared the "church's commitment to minimize abortion" and said it was a "serious moral decision," but also affirmed the "legal right to have an abortion."

## Appointment

Father Joseph T. Brennan, SJ, a former Rochesterian, has been named rector of the Jesuit community at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. Born in the Diocese of Rochester, he moved, while still a young child, with his parents to Illinois.

## Honored

Tim McGowan, director of political affairs of the diocesan Department of Justice and Peace, has been given the Robert P. Kennedy Award for Service by the New York State Labor-Religion Conference. The award is given for "dedication to the poor, concern for the rights of workers, women, third world people, and for ministry for peace and justice."

## Alcoholism

The Rochester unit of the National Council on Alcoholism will offer an intensive, one-week, daytime program of education for family and friends who are experiencing difficulty as a

result of the chemical dependency of loved ones, 9 a.m.-noon, July 18-22, at the Health Association Annex, 973 East Ave. Further information on the program is available by calling Shirley Connell (716) 271-3540.

## Guidelines

The Courier-Journal welcomes your opinions. Letters must bear the writer's signature, full address and telephone number. They should be sent to Opinion, Courier-Journal, 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.

Opinions should be brief, typed, double-spaced, no longer than 1 1/2 pages.

We routinely condense letters, edit offensive words and libelous statements, and reserve the right to reject letters. Generally speaking, however, only limited grammatical corrections will be made and the letters will reflect the writer's own style.

Because submitted opinions exceed the space for letters, we publish only original letters addressed to us. We will not use poetry, open letters, or copies of letters sent elsewhere. To ensure diversity, we limit each writer to one letter per month.

## TV Film Fare

Wednesday, June 22, 8-10 p.m. (PBS) — "My Brilliant Career" (1979) — A marvelous Australian movie about a young woman (Judy Davis) determined to make a life of her own in Australia at the turn of the century. Highly recommended. A-I-G

Saturday, June 25, 9-11 p.m. (CBS) — "Somebody Killed My Husband" (1978) — An innocuous bit of fluff about a scumbag but boyishly charming clerk in Macy's toy department (Jeff Bridges) who falls in love with a beautiful customer (Farrah Fawcett) who soon becomes a widow when, yes, somebody kills her husband. A mediocre comedy-murder mystery. A benign view of near adultery. A-III — adults: PG — parental guidance suggested.

## Object to Closings

New York — The Interreligious Task Force on El Salvador and Central America has protested the U.S. State Department's decision to close Nicaragua's six U.S. consulates in retaliation for the expulsion of three U.S. diplomats from Nicaragua. Maryknoll Father Daniel Driscoll, task force chairman, said closing the consulates would make it more difficult for people from the United States to visit Nicaragua because all the paper work would have to be handled by the Nicaraguan embassy in Washington. Task force coordinator Beverly Keene said it also would hamper humanitarian agencies, including churches, in sending "much-needed relief and development assistance to help the Nicaraguan people rebuild their country."

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