

# Father Bradler Joins Prelates At Propagation of Faith Meet

Boston — Father Robert C. Bradler, director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the Diocese of Rochester, recently attended a meeting of diocesan directors here.

Hosting the meeting were Auxiliary Bishops Thomas V. Daily and John J. Mulcahy of Boston, Msgr. William J. McCormack, national society director; and Msgr. Andrew F. Connell, Boston's director.

The meeting featured a number of addresses on mission and evangelization.

Msgr. McCormack urged the directors to meditate on the seriousness of their role. "The missions are everybody's concern," he

said, and the principal aim of the society is "the promotion of a universal missionary spirit in the hearts and minds of the people of God."

He pointed to "the tremendous growth of the Church" in mission areas, and the increasing importance of the society's direct aid to the young Churches in some of the world's most troubled regions. "The Church in the developing world today," he said, "is truly living the Paschal Mystery — the suffering, the death and the Resurrection."

Bishop Mulcahy urged the directors, "Don't quote theologians, center only on Jesus. . . We can never talk

too much about Jesus."

He encouraged them to be what Pope John Paul II recently called newly-created Cardinals, "secure points of reference." He said that the primary missionary task is to "make Christ lovable."

Archbishop Philip Smith of Cotabato in the Philippines, Msgr. William J. McCormack, national director of the Propagation of the Faith; Father Robert C. Bradler, Rochester director; and Auxiliary Bishop John J. Mulcahy of Boston.



## 200 Diocesans to Attend LeMoyne Charismatic Event

More than 200 diocesans are expected to attend the 1983 Upstate New York Catholic Charismatic Conference at the end of this month at LeMoyne College in Syracuse. More than 1000 from the five upstate dioceses are anticipated.

A main speaker for the event will be Marilyn Kramer, a Catholic evangelist and missionary from Los Angeles. A former minister in a Pentecostal denomination, Ms. Kramer also con-

ducts a music ministry, radio program and retreat/renewal programs.

About 30 workshops on topics of interest in the renewal movement will be features of the weekend.

Cost of the program is \$55 per person, a fee which includes meals and lodging. Further information and registration forms are obtained from the Charismatic Renewal Office, 33 Monica St., Rochester, N.Y. 14619.

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All in the Family

### Trying To Survive The Critics

Our three kids, as a rule, don't read this column. But every so often some friend will call their attention to some item about them and, hotly indignant, they vow revenge.

"We're going to write your column for you and reveal the real Sarah Child," threatened one.

"Yeah," said another. "We're going to do to you what you do to us. Expose all your faults."

"You come off looking like such a nice person," said the third. "If your readers only knew. . ."

At this point their father, who has taken some licks in this space, joined in. "What are you going to say?"

The answers came fast and furious: "How she screams and yells when she gets mad and uses words that would make a mule driver blush."

"Yeah," agreed one. "Her Smethport vocabulary."

"And, how every time we go on a trip, Dad can't drive 10 miles without her having to make a pit stop."

"Doing what Mother does best," smirked another.

"Or how about every time I go out the door," spouted the oldest, "she says to drive carefully. Sounds like a broken record."

"Yah, and she's the one who got the speeding ticket," said her brother gleefully.

I spoke up in my own defense. "It was the first in 30 years of driving."

"Okay, but two weeks later another cop stopped you for going through a red light."

"It was yellow when I started through," I retorted, "and besides, he let me go. See, you can't come up with anything much."

"Huh," said one critic rudely. "We've only just begun." The others nodded and began their litany: "You like the dog better than us"; "You pretend to be dieting, then sneak peanut butter out of the cupboard"; "You flop on the couch and tell us you're thinking how to write the next scene in your book and you're really sleeping"; "You're always quoting the New York Times editorial page but you read those crummy romances until they're coming out of your ears"; "You think the President's news conference is funnier than 'Saturday Night Live.'"

"Whoa," I said weakly, but they were just starting to roll.

"You never see a play or watch a TV show without tearing it apart"; "You rate our friends R, PG and X as if they were movies"; "You complain about everything you do that's fun when your own track record's not so hot."

"Yeah," chimed in a voice, "the stories Grandma used to tell us about you. . ."

"Enough!" I held up my hand. "I'll write this column myself."

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