

World, Nation, People... in Brief

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World

Anglo-Catholic Meeting Begins

Venice, Italy -- The second Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission said it got "an encouraging start" with its first meeting, held Aug. 30-Sept. 6 in Venice. The commission, ARCIC II, was formally established by Pope John Paul II and Anglican Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterbury, England, during the pope's 1981 visit to Great Britain. ARCIC II has been asked to resolve Anglican-Catholic doctrinal divisions, to resolve differences which hinder mutual recognition of ministries, and to suggest ways of returning to corporate unity.

Sandinistas Criticized

Managua, Nicaragua -- The Sandinista government is not accepted by the people and "has been imposed by force of arms," said the Nicaraguan bishops in their first major statement on the political situation since the beginning of heavy fighting in February between government troops and U.S.-backed guerrillas. The bishops accused Sandinista officials of "equating the state with the party, which creates an absolute dictatorship."

Commissioner Pleased

Rome -- The head of a papal commission named in June to help guide developments in religious life in the United States feels "even more positive" about the work of his commission after two weeks of meetings in Rome. "Both the (Vatican) Congregation for Religious and the pope have been very open and understanding. They appreciate the work of Religious in the United States, and we feel very positive about our task," said the commission head, Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco. The archbishop said the commission will probably lead to a two-year program of dialogue and study with men and women Religious.

'Fulltime Occupation'

Castelgandolfo, Italy -- The priesthood is a "fulltime occupation" and should generally exclude secular and political activity, Pope John Paul II said Sept. 9 at a meeting with 37 U.S. bishops. The primary role of priests is to celebrate Mass and administer the sacraments, he said. The pope endorsed priests councils to "assist the bishop in pastoral government of the diocese" and restated the need for celibacy "not so much as a practical exigency, but as an expression of a perfect offering and of a configuration to Jesus Christ." More details, Page 1.

Seek to Ordain Converts

London -- The Catholic bishops of England and Wales have agreed to ask Rome for permission to ordain to the priesthood married convert clergymen from other churches. This was first permitted by Pope Pius XII in the case of Father Rudolf Goethe, a convert Lutheran pastor ordained at Mainz, West Germany, in 1951. In 1980, the Vatican approved a similar request by the U.S. bishops to develop terms to admit married former Episcopal priests into the Catholic Church.

Nation

CHD Metes \$7.5 Million

Washington -- The Campaign for Human Development, the U.S. bishops' anti-poverty program, has announced 1983 grants totaling a record \$7.5 million to 220 self-help projects across the country. The grants, announced Sept. 9 at a news conference in Washington, came after a CHD collection in U.S. parishes last fall that exceeded \$10 million for the first time, according to Father Marvin Mottet, CHD executive director. Launched by the bishops in 1970, CHD gives grants to self-help projects and sponsors education programs on domestic poverty. More details, Page 4.

TV Deregulation Hit

Washington -- A U.S. Catholic Conference official has urged defeat of pending legislation deregulating the cable television industry. The cable TV bill already approved by the Senate would loosen local control over cable TV operations and jeopardize church access to cable systems, said the official, Richard H. Hirsch, USCC secretary for communications. The USCC is the public policy arm of the U.S. bishops.

People

Names Make News

West German Cardinal Joseph Schroffer, secretary of the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education from 1967 to 1978, died Sept. 7 in a Nuremberg, West Germany, hospital. . . . Father Raymond D. Sullivan, who served as director of the Chicago archdiocesan Office for the Laity and as director of campus and young ministry, died Sept. 6, at the age of 50.

Bible Studies Resume Oct. 5

The Gospel according to Mark will be studied 7:30 p.m., each Wednesday evening, beginning Oct. 5, at St. Anne's rectory, 1600 Mt. Hope Ave.

The public is invited to attend.

The program offers the opportunity for both educational and spiritual growth, and has three elements: daily personal study and prayerful reflection on Scripture; weekly small-group shar-

ing of God's Word and its application to one's daily life; lectures intended to develop and clarify themes covered in the weekly lesson.

Registration is requested, so that sufficient study materials will be available. A fee of \$5 will cover the cost of those materials. Persons wishing to register are asked to call Ann Stehle, 424-1841; or Vincent Mancuso, 271-1522, before Sept. 27.

Scout Retreat Sept. 23-25

Catholic Scouts from the 12-county Rochester diocese will participate in a camping retreat the weekend of Sept. 23-25 at St. Michael's Mission on Hemlock Lake.

According to retreat chairman, Duane Pancoast, the theme for the weekend will be "A Scout is Brave." Pancoast, of the Geneva-based Finger Lakes Council, said the theme was selected to challenge Scouts to stand up to such outside forces as peer pressure as they relate to Scouting, their Christian faith and their Roman Catholic tradition.

Retreatmaster will be Father David Mura, spiritual director of Teen Seminar, who will be assisted by a ministerial team of older Scouts and Explorers.

"It will be their retreat," Father Mura said, "and they won't just sit and listen to me talk. Rather, they will be part of a living Rosary based on Scripture." According to Father Mura, the Scouts will also take part in a religious

treasure hunt, as well as having roles in the liturgies and other activities.

Pancoast will conduct a program in Scouter Development for adults as part of the retreat.

On Saturday night, the Scouts will join in a shared supper. Each Scout will contribute a can of chili which will be combined into a central pot and cooked by the staff.

A fee of \$2.50 for the weekend will cover the rest of the meal as well as a distinctive patch and other expenses. All other meals will be prepared individually or by patrol in the campsite.

Pancoast said Scouts and units will be responsible for their own tentage and personal gear. For those adults unable to camp in tents, St. Michael's Mission rents rooms for \$5 per night.

Scouts and parents needing more information can call their local Scout Service Center or can call Pancoast at 315/986-2679.

Aging to Be Topic At Pittsford Forum

Dr. Nathan Kollar, professor of Religious Studies at St. John Fisher College, will speak on the topic of "The Myth and Challenge of Aging" at a forum at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5, at St. Louis parish.

Dr. Kollar will speak on the sociological, physiological and psychological aspects of aging. He says that we all are affected by the way the media portrays older persons, often implying a time of emptiness, boredom, physical decline, poverty and lack of sexual attraction.

He is former chairman of

the Gerontology program at Fisher and regularly conducts workshops and seminars. He has published many articles in professional and popular journals and has written six books, the most recent being "Songs of Suffering." He is chairperson of the Forum of Death Education and Counseling's Professional Standards and Ethics Committee, director of Fisher's resource center for Death Education and a member of the State Association of Gerontological Educators. He is assisting in the formulation of the state's Gerontology Examination.

2 NFP Classes Scheduled

Natural Family Planning classes, sponsored by NFP of Rochester, are scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14, at St. Mary in Geneseo and from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 759 Winona Blvd.

Certified NFP instructors will be Joe and Mary Zaremba and Michael and Kristin Hernberg. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration necessary.

For those considering NFP, free information sessions are scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 3 at St.

Mary's Hospital and at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14, at Rochester General Hospital.

Class registration and further information is available from NFP, (716) 464-8705.

ELMIRA SEMINAR

Elmira -- Drs. Joshua Nagin and Dominic Romeo will present a special seminar, "Heart Attack! From the First Symptom through Recovery," at noon Wednesday, Sept. 21 at the fall luncheon of the St. Joseph Hospital auxiliary. The program is open to the public.

For we can achieve dignity in our society only by risking, by moving out of the sheltered environment and meeting the world.

THE ROCHESTER CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.

St. Mary's Church

Barrier Free Design Award

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Parish Given Award

St. Mary's Church in downtown Rochester recently was given the "Barrier Free Design Award" by the Rochester Center for Independent Living for its efforts in helping the handicapped. In July, a lift was installed in the church to enable people to attend services who otherwise would be deterred by the steps.

Rochester St. Mary

From Cornerstone To Milestone

"We have finished the blessing. You and your children and your children's children shall rejoice in the generous spirit of their ancestors in raising a building to the glory of God."

With these words, Bishop John Timon of Buffalo laid the cornerstone for the present St. Mary Church, downtown Rochester, on Sept. 18, 1853.

And so today, the people of St. Mary parish celebrate 120 years of worship in their red brick edifice on South Street. Since 1834, when the parish was founded, parishioners had worshipped in a former Methodist church on South St. Paul Street. Land for the present church was purchased in 1852 for \$2,200 by Father Michael Creedon and the church was completed in 1858 at a cost of \$40,000.

Special prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for the future of the parish were offered at all of last weekend's Masses, according to Father James Lawlor, pastor. And after each Mass, worshippers were invited to partake of a large anniversary cake with the inscription "St. Mary's Church: 1853-Cornerstone; 1983-Milestone."

Staff and parishioners share in the fulfillment of Bishop Timon's words, as many generations have passed through the portals of the church since that day 130 years ago.

Plans are under way for the year-long celebration of the sesquicentennial of the

founding of the parish, with a series of religious, educational, historical and social events, culminating in the anniversary Mass on July 8, 1984, with Bishop Matthew H. Clark the main celebrant.

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