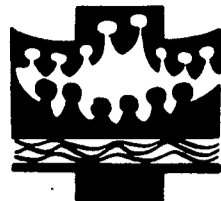


Insights  
In Liturgy

By Marge Nurnberg



The Lima Text:  
**Baptism,  
Eucharist  
And Ministry**

Part II

The modern ecumenical movement has been inspired by the conviction that organic unity is God's will for the Church. The goal of the movement is to call the divided churches to a visible unity in one eucharist and to a common life in Christ. In honesty, we must admit that our ecumenical experiences show that we have been far more effective in describing our goal than realizing it. So, the ecumenical journey continues.

After the excitement generated at Vancouver, where 20 Roman Catholics sat as official observers, and where Anglicans and Protestants ate the same bread and drank the same cup, we need to look at the next stage of our common pilgrimage of faith.

In order for the separated churches to achieve the unity they seek, one of the prerequisites is a basic agreement on baptism, eucharist and ministry. For the first time the divided churches are being asked to act together on unifying doctrine. Specifically, they are being invited to prepare an official response to the text presented at the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches "at the highest level of authority, whether it be a council, synod, conference, assembly or other body." Just as important, the Faith and Order Commission is asking churches "to enable the widest possible involvement of the whole people of God to all levels of church life." The response of the churches to this agreed statement will be a vital step in the ecumenical process of reception.

The Lima text, "Bap-

tism, Eucharist and Ministry," goes in the direction of Vatican II. When churches enter into officially approved dialogue with one another with the express intent of reaching organic union, these churches, share a profound relationship. Wherever possible, all churches are encouraged to share and compare their study results across confessional, national and cultural boundaries. Today, the churches need to enter into face-to-face ecumenical dialogue, to preach the full gospel and to help people understand the whole inhabited truth. The churches cannot, should not operate in a vacuum of denominationalism.

The Materials:

"Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" - the Lima text, \$3.50; bulk rates available.

"Growing Together in Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" - a discussion guide written for lay study groups. It is brief, inexpensive, written in a lively style and addressed primarily to the general reader. \$3.95.

"Ecumenical Perspectives on Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" - theological essays which provide doctrinal and liturgical scholars with fuller treatments of the technical issues involved. \$10.90.

"Baptism and Eucharist: Ecumenical Convergence in Celebration" - offers priests and pastors appropriate resources and adaptable models for Christian worship. A variety of rites portray current liturgical renewal and includes new ecumenical liturgies of baptism and eucharist that incorporate elements recommended in the agreed text. \$10.90.

All are available from Friendship Press, 473 Riverside Drive, New York, 10115.

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**Scout Retreat Draws 130**

While taking a lunch break with Troop 3, Father David Mura meets one of the 132 Boy Scouts participating in the 1983 Catholic Scout Retreat, the weekend of Sept. 23-25 at St. Michael's Mission. Scouts from the Finger Lakes, Genesee, Otetiana and Steuben area councils joined in the spiritual experience conducted by Father Mura. In addition, 35 adult leaders participated in Scouter Development, conducted by retreat chairman Duane Pancoast.

**Area Catholic Scouters Hold Annual Conference**

Catholic leaders in scouting from dioceses across upper New York State were hosted by the Diocese of Rochester last week.

The occasion was a conference on, among other topics, scouter development, religious awards and religious activities.

Representatives from Catholic committees on scouting from Albany, Ogdensburg, Syracuse, and Buffalo attended the annual meeting. Together they constitute the Area II Committee of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

According to Edward J. Sloan, chairman of the Rochester committee and chairman for this year's event, the conference serves

to "update leaders in the goals of the national committee as well as to enable participants to trade and communicate ideas that will help the various diocesan committees to carry out their basic responsibilities."

Carson Buck of Manlius is chairman of the Area II Committee.

**They All Walked**

The children of St. Cecilia's along with Sister Kathleen Ward, principal, put their best foot forward in walking the six miles in the recent diocesan marathon. The children in kindergarten through third grade had their mini-marathon on Tuesday, Sept. 27. Total school participation was 140 pupils.

**RCIA Workshop Offered by ORE**

The diocesan Office of Religious Education is sponsoring workshops entitled "RCIA: Catechist Formation" for RCIA core teams and catechists, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 25 at St. Stephen's School, Geneva; and 7:30 -9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 26, at St. Anne's, Rochester.

"This session will help catechists in the RCIA to successfully integrate the content of catechesis, the liturgical year, and prayer and celebration to achieve the time of study and reflection that the period of the catechumenate requires," a diocesan release stated.

Claude Lester, director of religious education at St. John the Evangelist Church on Humboldt Street, will

speak on the ministry of the catechist in the RCIA; Denise Mack, director of religious education at St. Rita's Church in West Webster, will discuss the content of catechesis in the RCIA; Sister Nancy DeRycke, pastoral assistant at the Church of the Resurrection in Fairport, will present the method of catechesis in the RCIA.

All of the speakers are experienced in the RCIA process, the diocesan office said; and the format of the day will encourage critical reflection on the material presented.

The fee for the workshop is \$2 per person. Pre-registration is made by calling the Office of Religious Education (716) 328-3210 by Friday, Oct. 21.



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