

Bishop J. Crumley To Lead Lutheran Anniversary Rites

Bishop James R. Crumley Jr., presiding bishop of the Lutheran Church in America, will lead Rochester area Lutherans in the celebration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's birth on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30.

The occasion also marks Bishop Crumley's first visit to Rochester.

Participating in the event

will be members of the American Lutheran Church, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The rites of the day include a Reformation Festival Eucharistic Service, 4 p.m., at Reformation Lutheran Church, 111 N. Chestnut St.

Bishop Crumley will preach and Bishop Edward K.



BISHOP CRUMLEY

Perry of Syracuse will preside. A reception will follow.

DPC Chief Reiterates Support for Pastoral

Geneva — The Diocesan Pastoral Council supports the nations' bishops' pastoral on peace, Gerald Driscoll, the group's president, said.

But, he said, confusion at the DPC's Sept. 17 meeting over process, and between two separate issues — the pastoral and last Saturday's anti-nuclear rally near the Seneca Army Depot — resulted in that support being misunderstood.

The problem at the September meeting, he said, was that DPC members "lost track of what we were going to discuss — the pastoral. We got into other issues, like the Oct. 22 march."

Driscoll said he believes the DPC members "fully endorse the pastoral," but that didn't come out at the meeting as a result of the confusion.

A resolution was proposed to the DPC approving the pastoral and the Oct. 22 rally. It was narrowly defeated. A motion was then approved which supported the pastoral while expressing disapproval of the rally.

The DPC voted on both motions before being told Bishop Matthew H. Clark would be a speaker at the rally.

Speaking following a meeting of the DPC's executive committee at St. Stephen's Church, Geneva, Driscoll said the two issues should have been addressed separately. Some members felt they couldn't vote for either

motion, he said, because they disagreed with half of each.

The frustration many members felt following the September meeting was a major topic at the executive committee meeting, at which the agenda for the council's Nov. 19 meeting was prepared.

At the November meeting a plan of response to the bishops' pastoral on peace will be discussed. The plan includes suggestions made by DPC members during small-group discussions at the September meeting.

The executive committee discussed how it could avoid repetition of the Sept. 17 problems, and agreed control should be exerted to keep speakers on the topic. They also considered appointing a parliamentarian, but reached no decision on the matter.

At the September meeting, some members left absentee ballots to be cast by others, which were ruled invalid. The executive committee last week noted that the DPC's constitution states that for a motion to pass, it must receive support from a majority of those "present and voting." There is no provision in the constitution for voting by those who are not present.

Driscoll said it is important for members to attend the meetings and to hear the discussion so they can cast an informed vote.

The Nov. 19 agenda will include a discussion of a response to the peace pasto-

ral; a discussion of the diocese's three-year evangelization project, and a report by Bishop Clark on the time he recently spent in Rome.

There also will be an open forum during which members can address questions to the bishop.

The meeting will be at St. Anne's, Palmyra.

Participating in the three-hour executive committee meeting were Driscoll, from Webster; Judy Kollar, DPC executive secretary, Sister Hilaire Gaelens, director of the Division of Pastoral Ministries, of which the DPC is part; and committee members Joseph Brophy, John Dengler, and Sara McLaughlin of Rochester; Patricia Defendorf of Corning; Father Paul Tomasso of Geneva and Robert O'Gara of Owego.

Battered Women Association Elects Officers

Alternatives for Battered Women elected Joyce Gilbert of Rochester president at its annual meeting recently at the First Unitarian Church.

Other new officers are Sue Burdick of Brighton, vice president; Marjorie Schmale of Brighton, secretary, and Mary M. Muggleton of Irondequoit, treasurer.

New board members are Eileen Cannon, Lilly Haygood, Cindy Lewis, Mary Lou Komarek and Joyce McAndrew.

Mary in the Communion of Saints

Valletta, Malta (NC) — Following is the original English text of a common declaration on Mary by an ecumenical commission of 15 theologians of the Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Reformed and Orthodox faiths, which was issued in Malta in conjunction with the International Mariological Congress there.

As at the previous five international congresses, the congress on Malta has provided the opportunity for a group of theologians, Anglican, Lutheran, Reformed and Orthodox, to meet with a group of Catholic theologians to consider together the communion of saints and the place of Mary within it. Grateful to the Lord for the previous meetings with the degree of unity realized there, they believe that they are now able to offer the congress the results of their conversation this time.

1. We all acknowledge the existence of the communion of saints as communion of those on earth who are united in Christ as living members of his mystical body. The foundation and the center of reference of this communion is Christ, the Son of God made man and head of the church (Eph. 4:15, 16), to unite us to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

2. This communion with Christ and among those who belong to Christ implies a solidarity which is expressed in prayer for one another. This prayer derives from that of Christ who lives forever to make intercession for us (Heb. 7:25).

3. The very fact that Christ prays for us in heaven at the right hand of the Father shows us that death does not break the communion of those who in their lifetime were united by the ties of brotherhood in Christ, whether they live on earth or, having left the body, dwell with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8; Mk. 12:27).

4. This is the context in which we should understand the intercession of saints on our behalf, an intercession similar to the prayers which the faithful offer for one another. The intercession of the saints is not to be understood as "information" supplied to God about our needs. No prayer can have this sense, for God's knowledge is infinite. Rather it is a matter of openness to the will of God, for oneself and for others, and a matter of fraternal love.

5. Mary, the mother of God, has a place within the communion of saints. It is precisely the relationship to Christ which gives her a singular role in the communion of saints, a role that is of Christological origin. Further, the prayer of Mary for us should be seen in the context of that worship of the entire heavenly church described in the Apocalypse, to which the church on earth wishes to unite itself in its own corporate prayer. Mary prays within the church, as once she prayed in expectation of Pentecost (Acts 1:14). There is no reason preventing us, even with our confessional differences, from uniting our prayer to God in the Spirit with the prayer of the heavenly liturgy, and especially with the prayer of the mother of God.

6. The inclusion of Mary in the worship of the lamb that has been sacrificed (the Christological aspect) as well as her part in the heavenly liturgy (the ecclesiological aspect) must not give rise to any interpretation which would attribute to Mary the honor due to God alone. Moreover, no member of the church can add anything whatsoever to the work of Christ, which remains the only source of salvation; it is not possible to "by-pass" him, or to find an "easier" way to come to the Father than through the Son of God. At the same time it is clear that Mary has her place in the communion of saints.

In concluding these reflections, we must bear witness publicly to the positive experience of brotherhood in which we have lived during these few days. This experience has not been confined to the atmosphere in which the dialogue developed, but has extended to all activities of the conference and owes much to the religious outlook of the Maltese people, who in the fervor of their prayer with Mary accompanied us. We are aware of the many problem areas which need to be brought into theological dialogue, and in the name of the Lord we put on record our willingness to carry our reflections further. We should also remember, as did our predecessors at the Saragossa congress in 1979, that those who sign this declaration as members of the ecumenical commission of the congress, do not commit anyone else to their finding, although they have been working with the continual intention of expressing the faith of their respective churches.

Malta, 15 September, 1983.

Music Shows Scheduled Oct. 28-29

The Livingston County Deputy Sheriffs' Association and the Orleans County Law Enforcement Association will sponsor two rock and roll shows featuring The Dovells and Bobby Lewis on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28-29, in Geneseo and Albion, respectively.

The Friday night show will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Geneseo Central High School, 801 Avon Road. On Saturday night, show time is 8 p.m. at Albion Middle School, 254 East Avenue.

Tickets are \$10, \$5 with a student ID, and are available at the door.

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