

**'Mirando al Futuro'**

**Charities Launches Plan To Improve Services to Spanish-speaking Groups**

Diocesan Catholic Charities and its affiliate agencies will launch a three part plan to improve services to Hispanic in the Rochester area with a day-long meeting, 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, at the United Way of Greater Rochester, 70 Bragdon Place.

The event, entitled "Mirando al Futuro/Looking to the Future," will feature an address by Antonio M. Stevens-Arroyo, associate professor of Puerto Rican Studies at Brooklyn College.

Charities work is triggered by a 1982 study by the United Way which showed the need for better outreach and services and called agencies to find ways of including

Hispanics in policy-making and staff roles.

The study cited three Catholic Charities agencies, Catholic Family Center, Catholic Youth Organization and Charles Settlement House, as leaders in serving Hispanics in their respective categories.

Since that study, CYO was awarded a \$120,000 grant from United Way and the Rochester Youth Services Bureau to provide youth employment services for 90 Hispanic youths.

According to William H. Privett, associate director of the agency, the Charities board of trustees has selected the Hispanic needs as a priority because of the United Way study clearly showed

that the Hispanic population of Rochester has increased dramatically during the past few years.

Although there is disagreement with 1980 U.S. Census data, Privett said, it is estimated that five to ten percent of the Rochester population is Hispanic.

The census showed an increase of 44 percent during the previous decade.

Between 17,000 and 30,000 Hispanics now live in Rochester, an estimated 80 percent of them Roman Catholic.

Further information on the Charities effort and on the meeting is available by calling Privett, (716) 546-4897.

**Natural Family Planning Conference Planned Nov. 5**

"Communication, Intimacy, Decision-Making: Putting It All Together," a

**Bereavement Retreat Scheduled**

Dr. Thomas Frantz of the State University at Buffalo will be the speaker and prime facilitator for a day-long bereavement retreat called "A Day for You" for health care professionals and clergy Friday, Oct. 28, at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua.

Dr. Frantz is widely known as a teacher and speaker in the fields of death, dying and bereavement. Most recently, he was the driving force behind the Life, Death and Transition Center in Buffalo, which serves the bereaved and is funded by United Way of Buffalo.

The Canandaigua retreat is co-sponsored by the United Cancer Council, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Center at Strong Memorial Hospital, the University of Rochester School of Nursing and Family Service of Rochester.

The retreat is designed to enable the caregiver to work more effectively with the bereaved patient/client.

Pre-registration is necessary by calling the United Cancer Council at (716) 473-8230.

Natural Family Planning conference, will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, in the Kearney Building of St. Mary's Hospital. It is open to the public.

Featured speakers will include David Markham, ACSW, Western Monroe Mental Health Services, and Dr. Joseph Scibetta, Rochester OB/GYN Associates, Strong Memorial Hospital.

The Nova film, "Miracle of Life," will be shown. Participants will have the choice of two workshops in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided and is included in the cost. Further information is available from NFP Education of Rochester, 89 Genesee St., Rochester, N.Y. 14611, (716) 464-8705.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

**God Has Faith In Man**

**Sunday's Readings:** (R3) Lk. 19/1-10. (R1) Wis. 11/22-12/2. (R2) 2 Thes. 1/11-2/2.

The first reading next Sunday is taken from the last book in the Old Testament to be written, the book of Wisdom, inspired about 100 B.C. Sunday's excerpt answers the question: "Why does God put up with sinners?" Three answers are given.

First, God made all things. No one hates what is his own. Parents love their children; God loves what He has made. And He shows it every moment by keeping all things in existence.

Secondly, God is so big! It is said that small chimneys get hot quick; that is, small people "get hot" or angry quickly. God is no small Person. To Him the universe is no more than the tiny grain of wheat left on a scale that cannot tip it a hair. So great a God can afford to be patient and forgiving.

Lastly, God has faith in man. He overlooks sins that men may repent. He rebukes offenders, not harshly, but little by little, that they may abandon their wickedness and turn to the Lord (R1). God hopes for man's eventual conversion.

The gospel justifies the words of Wisdom. Zacchaeus was a sinner. God's patient waiting for him really "paid off."

Observe how Zacchaeus' conversion came about.

First, a deep desire to see Jesus had been planted in Zacchaeus' heart. No doubt many people, while paying their taxes, had talked to Zacchaeus about Jesus. His curiosity was aroused. It is strange that Zacchaeus had never seen Jesus, for Jericho is little more than 17 miles from Jerusalem. Yet it is not so strange. How many so-

called educated men and women today know nothing about Jesus. Like Zacchaeus, they also are too busy making money, too caught up with the concerns of this world. Jesus, however, was not ignorant of Zacchaeus. He called him by name. Actually, Zacchaeus may have been the reason why Jesus had gone to Jericho.

The second step in Zacchaeus' conversion was his response to his inner desire to see Jesus. He didn't just stand around and do nothing and let his desire die. Rather he made every effort he could to see Jesus. He didn't seem to care what people thought. They never had thought much of him anyway. Perhaps that was why he had busied himself with making money. Wealth can command attention. But he wanted what everyone wants, love and understanding. Somehow, from what he had heard about Jesus, he felt maybe He'd care. Good businessman that he was, he wanted to check out what he had heard. He had never done business on rumors. He'd see this Jesus for himself. He must have still been athletic, for he was able to dash ahead of the crowd and scamper up a tree.

His response to the first grace (the desire to see Jesus) won for him the second grace (an invitation from Jesus Himself to dine with Him). This brought the final grace (salvation). Zacchaeus promised to undo his frauds by a fourfold repayment.

This brought even further graces: salvation had come not only to him, but to his entire household.

Every day God offers us tiny graces - an inner desire to do a good turn. If we respond to these little graces, greater ones will be given. Like Zacchaeus, many of us have heard about Jesus. But what efforts have we been expending to "see" Jesus?

Fr. Louis J. Hohman



The Open Window

**Just What Is 'Renewal?'**

Dear Father Hohman I know that many things have been changed in the Church but it is sometimes hard for me to understand why they have been changed. I also have a difficulty understanding what is meant by "renewal." I know the meaning of the word itself but I'm not sure I understand it in relationship to the Church.

Instead of the old time novenas, missions, Forty Hours, we have things like Marriage Encounter, Cursillo, prayer groups and Charismatic Movement. Why the clean sweep? Were we doing everything wrong? That's sort of hard to stomach.

N.M. Dear N.M. It would take about ten columns each week for many weeks to answer your questions fully but let me take a stab at an overview. First, let's deal with the word "renewal". To me, that means getting a new start, making a new beginning. Why a new beginning for the Church? Wasn't it doing OK? Well, back at the beginning of the 1960s Pope John XXIII believed he was inspired by the Holy Spirit to seek an "aggiornamento", an updating of the Church through an Ecumenical Council. He believed that so many advances had been made in practically every field of human endeavor that the Church needed to examine itself and determine how it might bring itself more perfectly into the second half of the 20th century. For example, more has been discovered relative to the interpretation of the Bible in the last 40 years than had been known in the previous 3,000. Out of Vatican Council

It came the changes you speak of and many more, not necessarily through something the council said but as an interpretation of its spirit.

It seems to me that Forty Hours became less attended and popular mostly because almost all adult Catholics began receiving Communion at every Eucharist they attended, rather than only once a month or few times a year as had been the practice for many. The Blessed Sacrament was seen as more focused in the Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass) rather than as a separate devotion.

Prayer began to have a new focus too. Rather than being a set of formulas asking for things (or even thanking for them) prayer was seen as a communion and encounter with God in which we listen to Him. It was also seen as better done in groups with specific sharing of the participants as a community rather than as a number of people gathered to express their needs to God in a personal way, albeit using common prayers and rites.

Movements like Cursillo and Marriage Encounter attempted to put spiritual growth in the context of relationships to God and others, while the old time missions concentrated primarily on personal spiritual growth.

Cursillo, for example, is an eminently successful way to put Christians on the track of total commitment of one's life to Jesus Christ which shows itself in making an impact on the world around us. Sometimes the new and the unfamiliar makes us uneasy or mildly hostile. I would highly recommend investigating these movements to find one or more for you. I have no doubt whatsoever that they are the work of the Holy Spirit.

**Spaghetti**

A spaghetti dinner, complete with spaghetti and meatballs, salad, rolls, butter, beverage and dessert, will be served 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6 at St. Philip Neri School hall, 1772 Clifford Ave. Tickets are \$4.25 for adults, \$1 for children under 12. Take out service will also be available. Heading the event are Sal Pecorella, Frank Dellefave, Tom Davis, and Joe Mark.

Sarah Child



All in the Family

**Real Men Don't Need To Read This**

I've suffered a lot of defeats in my years as chief cook of the household. One of them has been in the area of producing a dependable pie crust.

My crusts are either too "short" or cardboardy, depending on how heavy-handed I've been with the flour. Thus, it was gratifying when pre-formed shells, packaged in their own aluminum pie tins were discovered in the freezer case.

They weren't really satisfactory for a variety of reasons, but since we only had pie a couple of times a year, they sufficed.

Then about a year ago, Pillsbury came out with preformed fresh crusts, found in the dairy case next to the butter and eggs. They are not cheap compared to scratch crusts but since I usually had to throw the latter away, they're less expensive in the long run.

With the advent of the new aid, I can't say I've been baking up a storm but last Sunday's apple pie (made with Macouns which are super for snacking and baking) was gratifying from both the cook's and the gourmand's viewpoints.

So reliable is this crust that when a friend asked me to bring an appetizer it was a cinch to throw

together my favorite quiche and know that it would arrive in one piece.

The recipe is an adaptation of one which I found in my copy of Mary Meade's Magic Recipes that came with my blender 19 years ago.

The original recipe called for bacon, not crisp. The first time I fixed it we both got sick since the bacon was still greasy. This version is healthier and prettier. Even people not particularly fond of greens take seconds.

**SPINACH QUICHE**  
Cook one 10 oz. package of chopped spinach. (I do mine in the microwave in its package.) Drain well, set aside. Fit pie crust to plate. In blender, place:

6 oz. of chunked Swiss cheese

4 eggs  
1 T. flour  
Few grains of pepper dash nutmeg  
2 cups light cream  
1 T. soft butter

several slices of onion Blend until mixture is smooth. Place drained, chopped spinach evenly over pie crust and add cream mixture. Bake at 375 degrees about 40 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Serve warm.

Served as first course at the table, you get six large servings; as appetizer, 12 thin slices. You can roll out the crust to fit an 8x12 cake tin and cut the quiche into small squares for finger food.

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