

Church Women Institute Will Explore Immigration

The plight of recent immigrants from Haiti, Central America and Southeast Asia will be explored by the 24th annual Legislative Institute, sponsored by Church Women United, 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Friday, Feb. 3 at Old St. Mary's Church.

Entitled, "Yearning to Be Free: an exploration into immigration and sanctuary," the program will feature discussion of present and impending immigration law.

Rev. G. Stanford Bratton, pastor of Parsells Avenue Community Church and a major figure in the local

effort to secure justice for Haitian refugees, will speak on the background of and present work on U.S. immigration law.

Sister Marjory Henninger, pastoral assistant at Corpus Christi Church, and members of the Rochester Inter-Faith Sanctuary Committee, will speak on "Sanctuary: Moral Dilemma."

Refugees from Central American countries have been offered sanctuary in Church communities across the U.S. in defiance of immigration law and Immigra-

tion and Naturalization Service procedures.

In addition, a panel of immigrants from Laos and Haiti will describe "The Immigrant Experience."

Also on the agenda is a movie, "The Land of Immigrants."

Rev. Marian Shearer of Parma-Greece United Church of Christ will lead the closing devotions.

A registration fee of \$1 will be asked.

BK Takes Six Wins

On Jan. 14, six members of the Bishop Kearney High School Forensic Team won in the invitational debate tournament at the Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse.

The students were: Jim Curran, who placed second and Judy O'Leary who took third in dramatic interpretation; Roger Scalzo won a third place and Gailus Drauglius a fourth in extemporaneous speaking; Michael Gates, a second in reading; and Tara Ogilia took second in declamation.

Tara and Michael now qualify for the New York State finals in the spring.

BK took first place overall at the invitational where 15 public and parochial high schools from New York State competed.

Brother John Murphy coaches the Kearney Forensic team and is also the Forensic Association's diocesan moderator and regional director for the state.

Any public or parochial school interested in starting a forensic team can contact Brother Murphy at Bishop Kearney, 342-4000, for information.

Stella Maris Schedules Swim-a-thon

Camp Stella Maris has scheduled a "Swim-a-thon" to benefit the operation of the camp, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 24 at East Rochester High School.

Swimmers from "8 to 80" are welcome and each will receive a free T-shirt for participating, promotional literature states.

Each participant will receive a sponsor sheet to fill, monetarily backing the participant for each length swum. The minimum donation for each length is five cents. Each participant may swim as many as 20 lengths.

First prize for most money collected is one free week at camp; second prize, a \$15 gift certificate from the camp store; and third, a \$10 gift certificate from the camp store.

Sponsor sheets and further information are available by calling the camp, (716) 346-2243.

K. of C. Free Throw

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Cenacle Council is sponsoring a free-throw contest for boys and girls, 11-14, 1-3 p.m., Jan. 28, at the Barnard School gym. According to Laurence Coan, spokesperson, eight awards will be given and proof of age will be required at the door.

Assumption Sets Series on Catholicism

Fairport — Assumption of Our Lady Church is sponsoring a four-week series on the Catholic Church entitled, "Vatican II: 20 Years Later," 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 25, in the church hall, 20 East Ave.

A parish release stated: "It has been noted that Catholics, as well as their brothers and sisters of other denominations, struggle to understand the changes ushered in by Vatican Council II. They are confused about what the Catholic Church currently teaches and its stance in contemporary society, as it responds in new ways to issues of poverty, justice, sacraments, liturgy, and morality."

The program is open to any interested adult. The topics are: "The Catholic Church — What Is Its Place in the World?" Jan. 25; "Vocations — Who Serves Whom?" Feb. 1; "Liturgy — Why We Worship as We Do," Feb. 8; "Morality — How We Make Moral Decisions," Feb. 15.

Deadline

Deadline for news in the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday, preceding Wednesday publication. The Courier-Journal address is 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.

Spanish Cluster Invites Diocese To Pilgrim Rite

The Westside Spanish Cluster last week invited Catholics throughout the diocese to join in a pilgrimage to St. Francis of Assisi Church for a bi-lingual Mass Feb. 2, Candlemas Day.

The cluster is a diocesan group drawn from the parishes of St. Francis of Assisi, Holy Apostles, Holy Family, St. Anthony and St. Peter and Paul.

Each parish has a role in the liturgy with St. Francis hosting the occasion.

The rite will not only take note of the feast day, also called "Presentation of Jesus," but also will celebrate the jubilee Holy Year of Redemption.

St. Francis has been officially designated as a holy year pilgrimage church.

The rites will open at 7:30

p.m. in the parish hall with the blessing of the candles followed by a procession (pilgrimage) to the church.

The evening will conclude with a reception in the hall after Mass.

St. Francis is on the corner of Orange and Whitney streets. The hall is on the corner of Whitney and Campbell.

Players Ready

Members of the 1984 Nazareth Academy varsity basketball squad are: Traci Butera, Nancy Ciavari, Karen Collins, Jean Darling, Susan Salisbury, Katie Schiano, Tonya Spann, Debbie Thatcher, Mary Young, Moira Young, Tricia Zava.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

The Recipe For Happiness

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mt. 5/1-12. (R1) Zep. 2/3; 3/12-13. (R2) 1 Cor. 1/26-31.

What do most kids want? What do most parents want for their kids?

To be happy!

Once upon a time most parents wanted their children, and most children wanted, to amount to something.

It's time to demythologize this "happiness" that is bamboozling so many.

Today, instead of saying "Goodbye" ("God be with you"), people are saying, "Have fun." They talk of "fun time," "fun places," "fun things."

The word "fun" comes from the medieval English "fon" meaning "fool." No people are more miserable than those seeking "fun" or "happiness" in things, in the frivolity of night clubs, which someone called "communal lunacy."

Our Lord in Sunday's Gospel gave us a recipe for happiness. As kids, we called this recipe "The Beatitudes." The word "blest" is almost the equivalent of our word "happy."

J.B. Phillips, the translator of "The New Testament in Modern English," tried to show the revolutionary character of Jesus' recipe for happiness by drawing up the non-Christians' recipe for happiness. The worldly think that --

Happy are the "pushers": for they get on in the world.

Happy are the hard-boiled: for they never let life hurt them.

Happy are they who complain: for they get their own way in the end.

Happy are the blasé: for they never worry over their sins.

Happy are the slave-drivers: for they get results.

Happy are the knowledgeable men of the world: for they know their way around.

Happy are the trouble-makers: for they make people take notice of them.

But Jesus said: how happy are the humble-minded; those who know what sorrow means; those who claim nothing; who hunger for goodness; who are merciful, sincere, peacemakers.

A doctor one day said to a friend, "I wish I could remove the heads of some of my patients, doctor those heads, and then replace them."

What he meant was that too, too many sicknesses are in the head, in the way people think. Muddy thinking, worry, bad decisions, seeking happiness in wrong ways, low self-esteem, approval-seeking, dead conscience -- all these can lead to physical disorders and unhappiness.

There was a widow in a Midwestern town. She lived alone. Though old, the singular beauty of her womanhood lingered about her like the fragrance of a faded rose. Rich and poor, young and old alike esteemed her. Depletion of her once ample fortune and old age never quenched her charm.

One day in a high school assembly at Thanksgiving time, the principal of the school asked her to tell the young people "something that life had taught her." With expectation, everyone listened to what this woman, distinguished for her grace of mind and goodness of life, might say.

She stood before the assembled youths and with a gentle smile told them simply: "My young men and women, when I was a girl, I was taught that I was a body and had a soul. Life has taught me that I am a soul, and have a body." That was all. She sat down. Everyone knew she had given in a few words the secret of her unfading life.

Life's battles are won and happiness comes through good thinking and sane reasoning. Character is nothing more than a bundle of habits, springing from one's habitual thoughts. What are our thoughts about happiness? Our recipe for happiness? Is it the non-Christians' or Jesus'? Is it of the body or of the soul?



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