

# Annulments to Be More Guild Topic

Msgr. Gerard Krieg, who has been associated with the Diocesan Tribunal for 26 years, will speak on "What God has Joined Together" at the annual Spring Forum of the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild at 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, at St. Bernard's Institute, 1100 S. Goodman St.



MSGR. KRIEG

He will discuss new changes in Canon Law with particular focus on annulments. Also scheduled is a brief discussion of Section 253 of the Domestic Relations Law as it may apply to Catholic annulments.

For seven years, from 1966 to 1973, Msgr. Krieg was the presiding judge of the Diocesan Tribunal. Before that he served as its secretary. A 1953 graduate of St. Bernard's Seminary, he holds a Canon Law Degree from the Catholic University of America. Following his talk, an open question and discussion period is scheduled for participation by the audience.

In recent years, the Church has paid increasing attention to the psychological aspects of marriage and that is reflected in the new Code of Canon Law.

The forum is one of many educational lectures sponsored by the lawyers guild. It is co-sponsored by St. Bernard's Institute. In the past, the guild has presented such topics as "Living Wills"

"Baby Jane Doe," "The Meaning of Death," "Public Aid to Catholic Education," "The Rights of the Unborn," and "In Vitro Fertilization." The Spring Forum is open to the public at no charge.

### Focus on Eucharist

Father Donald Murphy will celebrate Mass for the next meeting of Focus on the Eucharist May 3 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. The evening begins at 7:30 p.m. with Evening Prayer and rosary. The evening is offered in reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The meditation time after Mass closes with benediction. The public is invited to the event.

Sarah Child



All in the Family

## How Well Do You Know Your Mate?

Two writer friends sent me character charts this week and coincidentally the New York Times Magazine ran an interview with noted Belgian author Georges Simenon who confessed to using the same device when starting one of his novels which now number more than 200, including the 84 Inspector Maigret mysteries.

For the uninitiated, a character chart is simply a list of characteristics, opinions, special qualifications, etc., a writer develops for each of his main characters in a work of fiction.

While few of the answers show up, per se, in the finished product, the exercise is designed to help the writer know the people he is creating inside and out and thus make them more believable than he otherwise might.

Most professionals use some variation of the character chart and many writing workshops ask students to complete such lists for their works in progress.

In one of the articles sent to me, a writing student told how a teacher has asked her to do a character chart on her husband to see how well she knew him. The writing student complied and then admitted she had been unable to finish it.

How long had she been married, the teacher wanted to know. Forty years, came the answer.

Intrigued, I decided to do a chart on my husband

and for any reader who wishes to do the same for his or her mate or friend, here is a partial list writers use. How well did I do? Not too bad. Now see how well you fare.

1. Name.
2. Age.
3. Height.
4. Weight.
5. Birthdate.
6. Birthplace.
7. Color hair.
8. Color eyes.
9. Scars or handicaps (physical, mental, emotional).
10. Educational background.
11. Work experience.
12. Best friend.
13. Men/women friends.
14. Enemies and why.
15. Parents.
16. Strongest and weakest character traits.

17. A current problem.
18. How will it get worse.
19. Sees self as . . .
20. Is seen by others as . . .
21. Sense of humor and kind.
22. Basic nature.
23. Ambitions.
24. Philosophy of life.
25. Hobbies.
26. Kinds of music, art, reading material preferred.
27. Dress.
28. Favorite colors.
29. Pastimes.
30. Description of home.
31. Most important thing to know about character.

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## Bishop's Statement

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It is our hope that these educational efforts will assist Catholics in their formation of conscience on issues related to war and peace, and that from this they will exercise their rights of citizenship in such a way as to encourage our elected officials to work systematically and effectively for peace.

Prayer and education have been two key ways in which the diocese has taken action for peace during these past 12 months. But we have also lent our voice in support of specific initiatives that were intended to call attention to some of the urgent issues facing our nation. It was in this spirit that we joined with a coalition of groups and participated in the Oct. 22 peace rally at Sampson State Park. "The Challenge of Peace" was the basis for our involvement there, and it was the foundation for the endorsement of the rally by several diocesan organizations.

Involvement in specific actions such as this one is not without controversy, both inside and outside the Church. At times, however, the risk of controversy must be taken if we are to be faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to the teaching in the pastoral letter. But as Church we must be sensitive to this, and be willing to dialogue with those members who see the issues differently. It was this that fostered the meetings with parish staffs, church members and Col. Wilson of the Seneca Army Depot last fall.

Our efforts in the first year after the issuing of "The Challenge of Peace" represent the beginning of what will be an ongoing process that will continue to reflect the urgency and complexity of the message found in the pastoral letter. Moreover, the lessons that we have learned during this year will influence this continuing effort. These lessons include the need for patience and openness in dealing with issues of war and peace, the acknowledgement of the importance of respecting the depth at which these issues affect people, the need to develop and implement quality education programs, and the fact that some risks must be taken.

With these in mind, prayer, education and action will continue. Specific plans for the coming year have been formulated.

One major event that will occur in the fall is a diocesan conference entitled, "Facing the Challenge of Peace: Themes of Hope." Father Bryan Hehir, the head of the United States Catholic Conference's Department of Social Development and World Peace, will be the keynote speaker at this gathering to be held on Sept. 28-29.

I am particularly excited about my opportunity to participate next week at an international symposium in Germany. Bishop Joseph Sullivan of Brooklyn, and I will be representing the United States Catholic Conference at the symposium, "Peace as a Mission of the Church." Participants will include an ecumenical group of church people from East and West Germany, the Soviet Union and the United States. To me it is a sign of hope that people from different faiths, and from countries frequently at odds with one another can join together in a spirit of dialogue. It is through such events that I believe we can foster the hope and encouragement that our world so desperately needs.

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