



Parish Census Planned

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will take a census on Sunday, May 6, visiting homes within the parish boundaries from 2-5 p.m. that afternoon. Members of the planning committee are, seated from left, Father William Endres, Loretta Bernardo and Bob Brown; standing from left, Dan McBride, John Suter, Ann Suter, Ann Marie Schlueter and Ray Anderson. Over 200 volunteers have been recruited to visit homes.

Rosary March Unit Expects 300 May 6

More than 300 persons are expected to join in prayer at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 6 at the Liberty Pole for the International Prayer March, an event taking place at the same time all across the world.

Mrs. Mary Kelly, chairperson of the local Rosary March Committee, said the event "will be similar to a parade, but instead of bands playing music, it will consist of Americans saying prayers for our great country."

The theme of the march is, "In Petition for the Motherhood of Mary," Mrs. Kelly said.

The route is about a mile long and will take 20 to 30 minutes to complete.

At the close of the march a holy hour will take place at Old St. Mary's Church.

The public is invited to the event. Further information is available by calling Mrs. Kelly, (716) 586-1664.

More Opinions

Anti-Abortion Apostolate

EDITOR:

Every Saturday morning for the past 10 months a group of concerned Catholics has been praying the rosary outside an office building on Alexander Street where doctors perform abortions. Besides praying the rosary we carry signs stressing alternatives to abortion and the sacredness of life.

While we gather outside the doctors office building, two people from the group go to Planned Parenthood and pass out leaflets urging the young women who are going into Planned Parenthood for a pregnancy test and/or abortion information to consider the alternatives to abortion. The leaflet contains a phone number which a woman with a problem pregnancy can call for support and direction. The best time to reach a woman with a problem pregnancy is before she makes that appointment for an abortion. Many women who have had regrets after their abortions have said that they would not have had an abortion if some caring person was there to encourage them not to abort. In a small way, we are trying to do that by our presence outside Planned Parenthood.

We extend an invitation to you to join us. We meet on Alexander Street (next to Genesee Hospital) at 9:30 and stay until about 10:45. It is not necessary to come every Saturday. Come when you can. If participation is not possible please pray often for an end to abortion and offer your daily trials and crosses as reparation to God for this slaughter of his precious little ones.

Anyone wishing more in-

formation about this apostolate should call me at 621-3906.

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Sheen Tapes Commended

EDITOR:

My husband and I recently listened to a number of Archbishop Sheen tapes. We were so impressed by their contents that we decided to give two sets to our parish. One set will stay in the parish to be used in a cassette lending library and the other will be used by residents of a nearby senior citizens high rise.

We would like to suggest that other interested people purchase a set and donate it to their parish. They could be borrowed by parishioners as well as be used by CCD staff and students. There are about 15 tapes covering such subjects as the meaning of the Mass, the young and sex, meaning of suffering, the rosary, prayer and meditation, foundation of sanctity, etc. They are excellent talks -- loaded with inspiration and insight. They are helpful aids to spiritual growth and direction. Archbishop Sheen really gets you thinking about what it means to follow Jesus. Young and old alike will derive a lot of benefit from them.

We would be very happy to loan a set to anyone interested in hearing the tapes. Call me at 621-3906 if you would like to borrow them or if you would like information on purchasing a set for your parish.

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Charismatics Plan Bus Trip To Conference

Rochester area members of the Charismatic Renewal are considering chartering a bus to the 1984 National Conference on Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church, May 25-27 at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind.

Speakers at the event include Father Tom Forrest, CSSR; Kevin Ranaghan, Methodist Bishop Melson Litwiler and Bishop Joseph McKinney.

The program "gives us an opportunity to praise, worship and share testimony with people from other states and the world," said Father James Connolly, SJ, diocesan liaison with the renewal.

Further information on the program is available from James Castronovo, 1100 English Road, Apt. 522, Rochester, N.Y. 14616; (716) 225-1066.

'New Games Festival' At Camp

Camp Stella Maris will host the first annual New Games Festival for diocesan youth groups from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, at its Conesus Lake site.

Youth group members in grades 8-12, accompanied by a youth minister or adult leader, are invited. Activities will include games, songs, clowns, and will culminate with Mass at the end of the program.

Registration fee is \$5 per person, with special discounts available for groups of 10 or more. Each participant will receive lunch and a festival T-shirt.

Anyone needing further information should contact Florence Mauro, Camp Stella Maris program director, at 716/346-2243 weekdays between 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Deadline

Deadline for news in the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday, preceding Wednesday publication.

Fr. Albert Shamon

Word for Sunday



Opening Our Eyes Of Faith

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Lk. 24:13-35. (R1) Acts 2:14, 22-28. (R2) 1 Pt. 1:17-21.

"Christ is alive today," sums up fairly well what next Sunday's readings are saying.

The Lucan story explains that Christ is present in the Liturgy: in the Liturgy of the Word (Christ's explanation of the Scriptures on the road) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (the breaking of the bread at the end of the journey.) The real discovery of Emmaus was the truth that Christ was alive.

We too have lost the bodily presence of Christ, but we have His sacramental presence in the breaking of the bread. Of the two disciples, it is said, "Their eyes were opened." The passive voice was used, to indicate that their discovery of the presence of Christ was not their own doing, but something done to them by a Power outside them — the Holy Spirit.

"Their eyes were opened." Their eyes, not their bodily eyes, for with these they saw the man Christ. But their inner eyes: the eyes of the mind and of faith.

These eyes are constantly being closed by mistakes of education, bad early training, youthful prejudice, every neglect of duty, every violation of conscience, each and every sin. The result is that often man can see nothing — can see nothing beyond this world, beyond the senses, beyond the physical, beyond the material; has no perception of the invisible, the metaphysical, the spiritual — of divine things, of Christ! Yet all the while these things are near to him, as near as Christ was to the two disciples on the road.

How can our eyes of understanding and faith be opened?

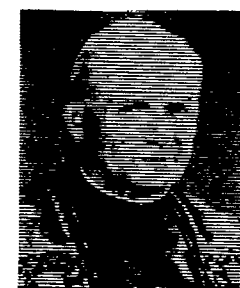
How do we open our two bodily eyes? Is it not by an act of our will? How our

wills do this is a perfect mystery. The will sends a message to the brain, and the brain to the optic nerves and the nerves to the organ. The will controls our opening and our shutting our eyes.

So with the opening of the eyes of the mind of faith. There must first be the will — the will to see, the will to believe. The disciples on the road wanted Christ to be alive. "We were hoping..." they said. Then this will of theirs became evident in their readiness to listen to the explanation of Scripture and in their talking about Christ. After this, the Spirit opened their eyes.

The results were spectacular. First the two disciples felt their hearts burn within them. They felt God's presence while the Scripture was being explained. Then they got their "walking feet" — they got up and immediately returned to Jerusalem. And they got a "ready tongue" — they talked about Christ. No one can find Christ and be quiet about it. No one can be open to God and not be apostolic.

So we need just simple goodwill expressed by our going to Sunday Mass to listen to the Scripture and homily and by our talking about Christ in prayer and meditation. When we begin to experience Christ in the Liturgy, feel His presence, have burning hearts, then we too shall get "walking feet" — the desire to plunge into parish activities; and have a "ready tongue" — the urgency to spread the good news.



HONOR THY FATHER AND MOTHER

THE HOLY FATHER'S MISSION AID TO THE ORIENTAL CHURCH

MASS FOR YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER

Think of the days ahead: Mother's Day is May 13th. Father's Day, June 17th. Why not send us your Mass requests right now? Simply list the intentions, and then you can rest assured the Masses will be offered by priests in India, the Holy Land and Ethiopia, who receive no other income... Remind us to send you information about Gregorian Masses, too. You can arrange now to have Gregorian Masses offered for yourself, or for another, after death.

A FUTURE PRIEST NEEDS YOUR HELP

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