

Fr. Ritter, President Agree

Child Pornographers Facing Big Trouble

Washington (NC) — A new anti-pornography law signed by President Reagan May 21 will have a "chilling impact" on the child pornography industry, Fr. Ritter said after the White House Rose Garden signing ceremonies.

During the ceremony Reagan, saying "there's no one lower or more vicious than a pornographer exploiting children, also announced formation of a new commission to study pornography."

Congress approved the new law earlier in May.

Father Ritter, founder of Covenant House, a shelter for runaways and victims of child pornography and other exploitation, said in an impromptu interview on the White House lawn that the new law will give prosecutors more clout against the pornography industry.

"It will be a very, very effective tool in the hands of prosecutors," he said.

Among its other provisions, the law:

- Extends coverage to children protected under the act from age 16 to 18;
- Allows prosecutors, with court permission, to wiretap the telephones of suspected pornographers using children;
- Permits the government to seize the

profits, pictures and equipment of such pornographers;

- Makes reproduction, not just distribution, of pornographic materials involving children a crime;

- Increases the fine for first-time offenders from \$10,000 to \$100,000, and

- Eliminates the need for prosecutors to prove that pornography involving children is obscene.

Father Ritter said the latter provision is particularly important because it has been extremely difficult for prosecutors to prove that pornographic materials involving children are obscene. "This law says 'look, it doesn't matter' if such pornography is obscene or not because 'kids shouldn't be used in this way,'" he said.

He said extending the age of children protected under the act is also important because without that safeguard pornographic exploitation of 16-year-olds has been permissible.

Father Ritter predicted the law would "force child pornography even more deeply underground" and serve as a way of "making anybody in the (pornography) industry think twice."

19th Century to Modern Focus of '84 Seton Tour

The Seton 1984 Tour of Homes scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2, will include homes that range from Federal-style to contemporary and include a renovated farmhouse and a condominium, stated a Seton publicity release. The annual event benefits St. Mary's Hospital.

Five fascinating homes designed for comfort and family living have been lined up by Jeanne Knight, chairperson of the tour, and a committee of area Seton members including Lorraine Newcomb, Joan Donovan, and Pat Plunkett.

The Bauerschmidt home on Austin Road, once a seasonal farm, now features such extras as a pole barn, and hobby hut. Its restored rooms combine yesterday's charm with today's ease.

Architect and owner Bill Chapin designed the windows in his Georgian Court, Pittsford, home which also features a pier glass mirror, a Japanese chest and Dutch chairs flanking a game table.

The Federal-style home of Andrew and Vivienne Tellier Wolfe was built 1818-1830 in Marion, by Thomas Youngs, and moved from Marion to Pittsford in 1982. It retains the original details of a bygone era even to an ingenious hiding place used by escaping slaves during the "Underground Railroad."

The John G. Vukelic home



Tour committee members are Lorraine Newcomb, Joan Donovan, Pat Plunkett, and Jeanne Knight.

on Tobey Brook, Pittsford, demonstrates that individuality and charm can go hand in hand with practicality. The home is highlighted by a foyer with teak and maple parquet floor and hand thrown Portuguese tiles add charm to the kitchen and built-in bookshelves.

Sterling and Jean Weaver's contemporary home is carved into a Pittsford hillside. The

natural setting called for large windows and a deck-balcony to take advantage of the "forever wild" panoramic view. The dining room overlooks a Japanese garden.

Tickets for the Tour of Homes are \$8 and will not be sold on the day of the tour. Anyone interested should contact the Volunteer Office at St. Mary's Hospital for further ticket information.

Benefit Luncheon

Friends of the American Theological College of the Catholic University of Louisville, and Father Frank Lioi, invite the public to attend a luncheon and card party at noon, Saturday, June 2, at the Edgewater Restaurant. Proceeds will benefit the American College Scholar-

ship Assistance Program.

Reservations must be made by June 1. Donation is \$8.50 per person. Reservations and checks should be mailed to Mrs. Frank Lader, 296 Laurelwood Drive, 14626. Further information is available at 225-8981.



Award Winners

Shelly Clements and Mary George, Nazareth Academy seniors, have been awarded "Granny" Cynthia Fitzpatrick Scholarships. Shelly, who also received a Rochester National Scholarship to the U. or R., is Student Senate president. Mary belongs to the Rochester Debutante Club and will major in biology in college.

More Opinions

Mothers-to-Be Welcomed

EDITOR:

Pursuant to Raymond Buanemani's letter of May 2, there are homes that have been established throughout the country where unwed mothers can go and have their babies. One is People That Love Home at PTL in Charlotte, N.C., 28279. Another is The Emmanuel Foundation, PO Box S, Auburn, Wash. 98071. The lady who founded this home had never had painting lessons but has painted a

most unusual picture of Jesus in utter anguish holding an aborted baby in his hand.

Then there is an organization that helps women who have had an abortion. It is called Women Exploited by Abortion. Two ladies in our area who are active in the organization are Suzanne Locke (377-1817) and Georgia Higgins (265-1669).

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Editor's Note: The picture of Jesus mentioned by reader Higgs is for sale to benefit the Emmanuel Foundation and information may be obtained by writing there.

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St. Anne's Schedules Benefit

A benefit coffeehouse is scheduled from 8-11 p.m., Friday, June 8 at St. Anne's parish hall, 151 E. Henrietta Road, to raise funds for the establishment of a new soup kitchen at Mt. Carmel parish.

Community Kitchen will open under the direction of Sisters Margaret Brennan, SSJ, and Marie Brown, SSJ, with Jean Jessorer this fall.

The June 8 coffeehouse will feature Irish, Folk, and Blue Grass music provided by Harmony, Jean & Scott, and the Pentatonics. Admission is \$2 and tickets will be sold at the door. Refreshments will be available.

Kite Contest To Help Fight Hemophilia

Come Fly a Kite, a contest designed to raise money to combat and treat hemophilia, has been scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, June 2, at Genesee Valley Park.

Contestants will vie in age groups 8 to 13 and 14 and up, at Pavilions 1 through 4. Through the generosity of sponsors, \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded in several categories. According to Gilbert G. Sperring Jr., chairman, the sponsors are WNYR, WUHF, Channel 31, Parkleigh, Zab's Backyard Hots, Roberta Sound and two bands, Union and Full House.

Contestants will be eligible with the presentation of a minimum of \$10 sponsored contributions. Entry forms and tax deductible forms for contestant sponsors will be available at Parkleigh, many drug stores and school offices in greater Rochester and at WNYR.

Deadline

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

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Some Notes Of the New Canon Law

If you have read any books of the work of Mother Teresa of Calcutta and her Missionaries of Charity, you will be impressed by this fact: they consider that their strength to do such arduous work, and to persevere in their vows, comes from a profound devotion to the Eucharist -- both to the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament.

Do you know that the term "Blessed Sacrament" has been dropped from most catechetical books? Why, I do not know, but isn't it a pity to have the beautiful church of the Blessed Sacrament on Oxford Street, Rochester, with an unknown and unappreciated holy title? Ask any youngster up to 16 or 17 years of age: "Do you know what the Blessed Sacrament is?" and most do not know the title, though they may have the concept.

The Eucharist is two things: 1. The Sacrifice and Banquet of the Lord; and 2. a Sacrament. The passion for genetics instead of specifics would bother Thomas Aquinas and all who love clear truth. Clarity requires specificity. Here are some notes of the new Canon Law regarding the Eucharist: Mass and Sacrament.

Canon 904: Remem-

bering that the work of redemption is continually accomplished in the mystery of the Eucharistic sacrifice, priests are to celebrate frequently, indeed daily celebration is strongly recommended, since even if the faithful cannot be present, it is an act of Christ and the Church in which priests fulfill their principal function.

During the experimental time after Vatican II there was a strong push to down-grade the Mass. I know a seminary in Texas where the spiritual director and staff gave the Mass two or three times a week; and a kind of Bible service the other times. Similar depreciations rippled through many seminaries, to the hurt of the seminarians and the faithful.

I think most of this has disappeared and a proper appreciation of the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament has settled in. I know several young priests who practice the daily Holy Hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament; and we can thank Abp. Sheen for much of this devotion.

Canon 917: A person who has received the most Holy Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only during the celebration in which the person participates.

I wrote the liturgical director, Waterloo Father Thomas Mull about this. He replied: "A person is able to receive Commu-

nion at the Masses he/she attends. If one should go to three Masses in the morning, the law does allow for that person to receive three times." A fortiori, if a person receive in the morning and went to an afternoon Mass, he/she could receive Communion at each Mass. This should allay the concerns of many who wonder if they may receive Communion twice a day. Yes, you may receive any time you go to Mass.

Canon 918: It is highly recommended that the faithful receive Holy Communion during the celebration of Mass to those who request it for a just cause, the liturgical rules being observed.

Considering Canon 917, I wondered about Communion outside of Mass, specifically at our Eucharistic Holy Hour. The Eucharistic League meets at three places each month in Rochester: the infirmary chapel of St. Joseph's Motherhouse, East Avenue, Rochester; Mercy Motherhouse on Blossom Road; and Holy Trinity Church, Webster. While I am canonical chaplain, Miss Dorothy Miller, now retired from Kodak, makes all arrangements, even to engaging 36 priests for the 36 services during the year. With Teutonic thoroughness, she even provides transportation for some of the congregation.

I hear confessions after the Holy Hour. My consultant, Father Mull, answered my inquiry thus: "In regards to Canon 919, I would say that people who attend the Holy Hour, and who have received in the morning, would be welcome to receive at the evening service..." So that settles that.