

\$26 Million Raised Through United Way

The raising of more than \$26 million by the 1984 United Way/Red Cross Campaign will enable United Way agencies to receive almost all the money tentatively allocated in April.

The campaign collected pledges for \$26,007,721, an eight percent increase over the amount raised in 1983.

"I'm delighted with the results," said Ted L. Moore, United Way president. "We've been able to keep the reductions in agency alloca-

tions to a minimum and also to set aside money for emergency food, clothing and shelter and for services to meet new needs," he said. "The average decrease in allocations to United Way agencies in Monroe County will be about \$1,000."

The decision to trim each agency's allocation by five 10ths of one percent of the individual agency budgets was approved by campaign volunteers, Moore said. Similar reductions also were made to

the operating budgets of the American Red Cross and United Way, he said.

The annual campaign raises funds for 171 health and human service agencies in the six-county Rochester area. In April, the United Way board voted to allocate tentatively \$17,609,361 for 82 Monroe County agencies. The allocations now have been lowered by \$88,047.

Another \$1,585,197 raised was to be reserved in a flexible fund to provide emergency assistance, make supplemental allocations to agencies, finance new or expanded programs and to cover designations made through United Way's donor option program. This amount was reduced by \$320,110.

The more than \$26 million raised will be allocated as follows:

The flexible fund will receive \$1,265,087; agencies providing health maintenance and care services \$2,257,373; individual and family life service agencies \$3,439,317; social adjustment and development agencies \$4,149,548; mental health, retardation and rehabilitation agencies \$2,435,163; community planning and neighborhood development agencies \$4,181,976; day care agencies \$1,057,949.

Agencies in Wayne, Orleans, Livingston, Genesee and Ontario counties will receive \$1,619,284; agencies supported by campaigns in Dansville and Batavia \$35,000.

The American Red Cross will receive \$1,724,121, Moore said, while other state, national and international services will receive \$335,637. The United Way of Rochester will receive \$2,392,758. An additional \$1,094,520 is being held as a reserve for pledge loss.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

No Blue Laws for Catholics

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Jn. 6/51-58. (R1) Dt. 8/2-3. 14-16. (R2) 1 Cor. 10/16-17.

One of the most wonderful things about our Catholic Faith is its humanness. No blue laws. We play Bingo. We smoke. We enjoy an aperitif — a cocktail or two. We celebrate Mardi Gras, a merry Christmas, a joyful Easter and so on. And next Sunday, we Catholics honor the body — the Body of Christ, Corpus Christi.

Up to the time of Christ, religion was something hard, complicated, mysteries known only to the initiated few. So God's Son took a body to put religion in our hands, to make it as simple as the boy or girl next door. John could write, "The Word became flesh... and we have seen his glory."

To project this visibility down through the ages, Jesus instituted the sacraments: visible signs of God present and acting still in our midst. We might define sacraments as God acting in our midst through the ministry of His Church. But one sacrament we can define as God being present in our midst to act. And because it is really and truly God present among us, we call it the Blessed Sacrament — Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ.

There is a book on the Eucharist that I heartily recommend to all: a small paperback by Father Stefano Manelli, "Jesus, Our Eucharistic Love."

The book is a mosaic of quotations from the saints regarding the Blessed Sacrament; for, as Vatican II declares the saints are the safest path to the Eucharistic God of love (Lumen Gentium, #50.)

Here are a few samplings of Father Manelli's book.

Regarding the Eucharist, he asks, "What is the Eucharist?" He answers, "It is God among us. It is the Lord Jesus present in the tabernacles of our churches... It is Jesus veiled under the appearance of bread, but really and physically present in the consecrated Host..." Thus St. Augustine exclaimed: "Although God is all-powerful, He is unable to give more; though supremely wise, He

knows not how to give more; though vastly rich, He has no more to give."

Regarding the Mass, Father Manelli quotes St. Thomas Aquinas: "The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross." He gives this equally astounding remark of Padre Pio: "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass." Imagine! Regarding daily Mass, he tells the story of St. Louis IX, King of France, who attended several Masses every day. When a government official complained that he might better spend his time caring for the matters of the realm, the king remarked, "If I spent twice the time in amusement, like hunting, no one would have any objection." St. Joseph Cottolengo said to those who did not have time to go to daily Mass: "Bad management! Bad economy of time!"

Regarding Holy Communion, Father Manelli has unearthed this saying of St. Pius Tenth: "If the angels could envy, they would envy us for Holy Communion." Then he gives this statement of St. Anthony Mary Claret: "When we go to Holy Communion, all of us receive the same Lord Jesus, but not all receive the same grace... Our differences in disposition is the reason. When a branch is grafted on a tree, the more similar the branch is to the tree, the better the graft will succeed. Likewise the more the one going to Holy Communion resembles Jesus the better will the fruits of Holy Communion be."

Father Manelli states that the sacrament of Confession is an excellent means to restore the similarity between the soul and Jesus. He notes that St. Francis de Sales recommended frequent confession "even though you do not feel in your conscience any remorse for mortal sin."

And so the book is freighted with sayings, illustrations, advice from hundreds of saints. It has the unctuous spirit of the ascetical works of St. Alphonsus Ligouri.

Corpus Christi, Mysterium Fidei — Body of Christ, Mystery of Faith.

Faith comes from hearing the word of God; but Faith is nourished and enriched by the words of a spiritual book.



Rochester Reunion

The April 14 diaconate ordination of Rev. Mr. Gary L. Tyman of Phelps, at the American College at Louvain, Belgium, brought together four Rochester area priests and deacons. From left, Father Kevin McKenna, currently studying canon law at the Gregorian University in Rome; Rev. Mr. Stanley Kacprzak, a fourth year deacon at the North American College in Rome; Rev. Mr. Tyman; and Father Frank Lioi, on staff at the American College at Louvain.



Day Campers

Sisters Katie Cosgrove (left) and Donna Marie Cucci give their charges at Camp SSJ a cool drink. The camp will be open 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday, the weeks of July 9, 16, 23 and 30. The cost of the program is \$45 a week plus a \$5 non-refundable registration fee. Registration forms and further information are available from Sister Pam Gabryel, camp director (716) 458-3443.

Soccer Camps Scheduled

Nazareth College will conduct two weeks of soccer instructional camps this summer. From July 9 to 13, Nazareth Coach Rob Searl will direct morning sessions for boys and girls 8-12 years old and afternoon sessions for boys and girls 13-17. Searl's Nazareth Select Soccer Camp, for boys 13-17, will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, Aug. 6-10.

The staff includes Coach Josh Borrosh of Pittsford Mendon High School; Coach Steve Smith of Fairport High School, and Annette Shapiro, a director of the Brighton Youth Soccer League. For the Select Camp, Coach Ralph Wager of Catawba College will replace Ms. Shapiro.

Cost of the July 9-13 camp is \$60 or \$75 with ball included (each participant must either bring a ball or purchase one). The Select Camp will be \$115 with ball included and a \$30 deposit is required by July 20. Further information is available from Coach Searl, 586-2525, ext. 426.

Couples Retreat

Canandaigua — A retreat for married couples, "Deepening the Ties Between You," will be held noon, Saturday, July 7 and noon Sunday, July 8; and noon, Aug. 18 to noon Sunday, August, 19, at Notre Dame Retreat House. Further information is available from the retreat house (716) 394-5700; P.O. Box 342, Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424.



Jubilee Reunion

Rich Oechsle of Rochester recently took this picture of his family's celebration of Sister Helen Mary Schonhart's golden jubilee at the School Sisters of Notre Dame motherhouse in Wilton, Conn. The assembly (left to right) includes: (seated) Mrs. Bill Miller, Sister Mary Cordis, Sister Mary Helen, Sister Mary Winifred, Mary Ann Miller; (standing) Bill Miller, Madlyn Oechsle, Al Oechsle, and Mrs. and Mr. Joseph Lill.