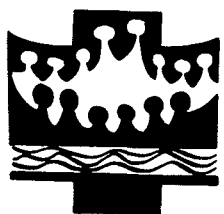


Insights In Liturgy



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A Christian Walk

Part III

As we conclude this series on the Liturgy Institute "The Christian Walk: Stories of Committed Faith and Honest Sacrament," I would like to point out some of the concluding remarks I made at the institute.

It comes as no secret that the RCIA process has been a boon for our diocesan Church. This year we found it necessary to plan and celebrate four Rites of Election. The spirit of this process seems to be pervading the whole of the diocesan Church. What is the reason for this? I would like to think that it is because Christians of our diocese are walking in a committed way and living an honest sacrament. What do I mean? It would seem that the great reality of this process is in the lives of those who are steering the catechumenate processes in our parishes. They are exemplifying for those who are searching for God, that they, too, are searchers. Searchers who have found a path called the Roman Catholic Way. Jesus is the guide.

I was totally impressed that 160 people would give up a beautiful weekend to think, study and pray to make the catechumenate process better. It was in gratitude that I told the assembled participants that they had made our institute possible and profitable. We are deeply indebted to them.

Why do I think these remarks are important? The mystagogical period of the RCIA process follows the celebration of the sacraments of initiation. It has a nebulous connotation. Its real purpose is to call the neophyte (newly initiated) to be gradually introduced into the community. "To strengthen the first steps of the neophytes, it is desirable that they be helped carefully and familiarly in all circumstances by the community of the faithful, by their godparents and by their pastors. Great care should be taken that they obtain full and joyful insertion into the life of the community." (235)

The mystagogia

becomes a difficult time to plan and to organize. Sometimes we make more work than is necessary. If the community, within which the RCIA process moved, has been supportive throughout the diocese, then, the mystagogical experience has already begun.

Part of the reality of this period is that the neophyte "goes it alone." Most human beings have problems with separation. We like to hold on. We like the security of being directed. The time comes in most people's lives when we must step out courageously on our own. This happens during the mystagogical period. It does not mean the neophytes are on their own. Every aspect of the RCIA is done within the community. So, the neophyte steps forward with the prayer and support of the community, but on his/her own two feet. Perhaps the community is not ideal, none are, we do not shield those less desirable aspects from our new members. They have to deal with the variety of faith journeys which make up the Christian community by living their sacrament honestly.

Those who helped direct the catechumenal process can take courage by looking at themselves. Hence, the reason for my words of gratitude: hence, Father Duffy's encouragement to effectively use journaling. The enthusiasm of the core team germinates and grows within the community-at-large. Sometimes this cannot be seen unless we can look from where we have come. It is when we see ourselves living and struggling with faith that we become the greatest examples of Christ among us today.

The coming summer months are times of relaxation and refreshment. Why not consider beginning your journal now, during a less pressured time? For RCIA teams, enrich yourselves by reading and prayer. Parish leaders, continue to educate the community about the RCIA and its role in it. The more this process becomes a model for our Christian way of life, the more we will come to discover the secret of enthusiasm of the genuineness of the lord's sacramental love.



St. Stanislaus Grads Reunite

More than 100 graduates of the 1934 class at St. Stanislaus School joined last Saturday for their 50th anniversary reunion at the school. Following the

anniversary liturgy at 3 p.m. in the church, the group gathered in the school auditorium for dinner and dancing.

GEM Boosts New Tax Plan

Genesee Ecumenical Ministries announced last week that it had endorsed the Morin-Ryan sales tax redistribution plan for the City of Rochester and Monroe County.

A GEM release said the move "reaffirms GEM's commitment to work for economic justice for all residents in the greater Rochester metropolitan community, and it commends County Executive Lucien Moran and Rochester Mayor Thomas Ryan for offering a workable proposal which would lead to greater justice."

Of the tax plan, the GEM release stated, "The plan presented by Morin and Ryan would give the city half of

the growth in sales tax revenue to help relieve the growing fiscal deficit which threatens education and other critical services to city residents. The other half would be distributed by the present formula among suburban school districts and other municipalities. Rochester would receive an extra \$72 million over the next five years.

"GEM will call the Morin-Ryan plan to the attention of area church bodies," the release said, "and will urge that it be considered as an equitable approach to resolving the disparity between the city and suburbs in relating human needs and tax revenues."

Blood Pressure Program Slated

Rochester Health Network and the American Heart Association are sponsoring a free blood pressure program, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, June 28 at First Federal Plaza.

Two registered nurses from the American Heart Association will take blood pressure readings.

In addition, RHN will provide information on hypertension, often called the "silent killer," because symptoms are not often evident. Free brochures and pamphlets on nutrition, sodium, fitness, Medicare and first aid will also be available.

The program is part of RHN's year-long "Health Works!" campaign. Further information is available from Tracey Gittere, community relations and education coordinator for RHN, 442-0100, ext. 232.

Mercy Chooses Teacher of Year

Mrs. Jane O'Brien, an English teacher, has been selected as teacher of the year at Our Lady of Mercy High School.

She has been teaching at Mercy since 1966 and has served as department chairman.

Rosary Shrine

A rosary will be recited at the wooded area shrine dedicated to Jesus and Mary, 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 29, 237 Rye Road Greece. The recitation will honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the feast of the Sacred Heart. The public is invited to the event. Rye Road runs off Latona between Ridgeway and Ridge.

Compeers

An open house introducing the public to its new offices will be hosted by the Compeer Program, 5-7 p.m., Thursday, June 28 at 797 Elmwood Ave. The event will provide the general public with information on becoming Compeer volunteers, assisting persons recovering from emotional disorders.

DEATHS

Madeline Hendrick, Educator

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 16 for Madeline Hendrick, vice principal of St. Charles Borromeo Junior High School who died Wednesday, June 13, 1984, after suffering a heart attack at her Irondequoit home.

Mrs. Hendrick was a parishioner at St. Margaret Mary Church, where the funeral rites were celebrated. Eight priests were in attendance, with Father Robert Smith, pastor, presiding. Father John Zimmer preached. Seventh and eighth grade pupils from St. Charles formed an honor guard for the funeral procession.

The former Madeline Bauer, a Rochester native, Mrs. Hendrick attended St. Michael's Grammar School, where she later taught. She graduated from Holy Angels



MRS. HENDRICK

Academy in New Jersey, attended Boston College and graduated from Rochester Business Institute, where she also later taught.

In 1961, she married John

F. Hendrick of Rochester.

Since the early 1960s, Mrs. Hendrick had been a substitute elementary teacher in schools through out the diocese. Much of her time was spent in schools at St. Michael and St. Margaret Mary.

In 1980, she began teaching at St. Charles Borromeo. She had been vice principal there for the past three years.

She was a member of St. Margaret Mary Altar Rosary Society and the parish's Mothers' Circle.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Hendrick is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Sean and Sandy; her daughter, Helen Mary Hendrick; and two brothers, John Bauer and Theodore Bauer.

Meredith Willson, Composer

Brentwood, Calif. (NC) — Mass of the Resurrection was scheduled for June 19 at St. Martin of Tours Parish in Brentwood for Meredith Willson, composer, librettist and lyricist of the Broadway musical, "The Music Man."

He died of heart failure June 15 at St. John's Hospital, Santa Monica, Calif., where he had been admitted the previous week for treatment of an intestinal obstruction. He was 82.

Although he was raised a Congregationalist, Mr. Willson converted to Catholicism in 1974.

In 1968 he married Rosemary Sullivan, a Catholic. After attending Sunday Masses with her, he composed "Mass of the Bells" in 1970. Mr. Willson said the Mass sounded like bells ringing Sunday morning "from several different churches at once." Parts of the Mass of the Bells were to be sung during the funeral.

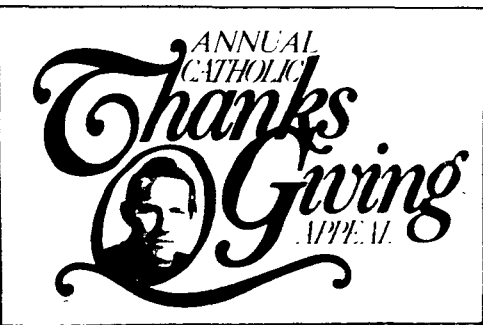
Msgr. Lawrence O'Leary, pastor of St. Martin of Tours, said although Mr. Willson was not Catholic in the 1950s when he composed "The Music Man," he lived in the area and often passed the church. As a result, he said, the musical contains a line in which someone suggests praying to St. Martin of Tours.

Mr. Willson also composed the score of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" and "Here's Love," a musical adaptation of "Miracle on 34th Street."

He was born in Mason City, Iowa, where he was to be buried.



MR. WILLSON



Computer Workshop Slated July 16-27

QUEST, a computer workshop for elementary school teachers, is slated for July 16-27 at Nazareth Academy.

The 10-day course will include creating software, tailoring commercial software to individual needs and utilization of computers in all aspects of the elementary school curriculum.

Mornings will cover classroom instruction and theory. Afternoons will offer

hands-on experience on computers.

The program will be taught by Sister Ann Xavier and Sister Sheila Miller, both of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and both with extensive experience in computers.

Cost of the course is \$200, which includes all course materials, textbooks, software and instruction.

Further information is available from Sister Ann Xavier, 458-8583.