

Erie Hymn Writer Promotes Record

Frances Flaugh, an Erie housewife, hymn writer and member of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, visited Rochester last week promoting an album of music, mostly written by herself, which she is placing in various stores in the area.

The album, "To God Be the Glory," features a photograph of a sculpture on its cover entitled "Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Tears."

The sculpture is of importance to Mrs. Flaugh as a devotional object; and the title also appears as the title of a song on the album. Promotional literature states that the song was written Jan. 7, 1976, shortly after the death of her father. "It has met with instant success and has been heard by and touched millions of people through out the world," liner notes state.

Mrs. Flaugh teaches CCD, is organist and is a

Eucharistic minister at St. Luke's Church in Erie.

She has twice been to Fatima, Portugal, and considers her experiences there of an unusual nature, as she does the inspiration for her songs. The title song, she described as "God-given."

Mrs. Flaugh's album contains three songs blessed, she says, by the Holy Father.

Mrs. Flaugh's album is available at Logos Bookstore on West Ridge Road, or through Mrs. Mary Kelly, local leader of the Blue Army, 586-1664.

In addition diocesans may obtain the album for \$9, or cassette tape for \$9.95, from MOS-MOT Inc., 5945 Pilgrim Drive, Erie, Pa., 16509.

Mrs. Flaugh is slated to sing at the Buffalo program of the sixth annual National Catholic Lay Celebrations of Evangelization, Oct. 26-28 at the Buffalo Convention Center.



Mrs. Flaugh holds her album.

Youth Ministry Assumes Scout Awards Role

The diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting announced last week that the religious award medals, formerly issued through the Catholic Youth Organization office, are being handled through the Youth Ministry office at the Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road.

Leaders wishing to obtain medals and other materials relating to the awards should present the necessary applications to Patrick Fox, director of the Youth Ministry office, the committee stated.

Both Boy Scout and Girl Scout awards are affected by the change.

Further information on the awards program and on the change is available through Bob Hayward, (716) 889-1724, or Ed Sloan, (716) 473-4782.

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Word for Sunday

The Supreme Invitation

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mt. 14/13-21. (R1) Is. 55/1-3. (R2) Rom. 8/35, 37-39.

Sunday's gospel tells how Jesus blessed five loaves and a couple of fish and provided food for about 5,000, not counting the women and the children. The fragments remaining filled 12 baskets. What is the message of this great miracle?

The miracle proclaims loud and clear that the Lord is gracious and merciful, good and compassionate to all. "He answers all our needs" (Response). To such a bountiful God, Isaiah pleads with us to go.

Because man is generally reluctant to trust in God, Isaiah invites us three times to come to the Lord. "You who are thirsty, come to the water!" "You who are hungry, come, receive grain and eat." "You who have no money, come, without paying and without cost."

To paraphrase Isaiah, "Just come," says God, "come just as you are. Don't bring anything but yourselves, for you really have nothing but yourselves, whereas I have everything. And what is more — what I have, I want to give you, I can quench your thirst, satisfy your hunger, fill your emptiness. So come! Don't spend your money for what is not bread. Don't run to things that won't satisfy you. Don't waste your time and energy on sweet nothings. All I ask of you is that you come — but heedfully. Listen to me and you will have life. I will renew with you David's covenant, make you witnesses, as he was, to the nations."

Jesus repeats almost the exact same words after the miracle of the loaves. The miracle proved that God does care, that God can satisfy hunger, be it physi-

cal or spiritual. Thus on the day after this great miracle of the loaves, Jesus tried to raise the quest of man from physical bread to a bread that would give eternal life. "I am the bread of life... if anyone eats this bread he shall live forever" (Jn. 6/48, 51).

It was in the context of the miracle of the loaves and Jesus' walking on water, that followed after it, that Jesus on the next day promised to give a bread that would satisfy all hungers and thirsts — a bread that would give life eternal — the Most Holy Eucharist!

By the miracle of the loaves, Jesus showed He could do what He willed with bread. By His walking on water the same night, He demonstrated that He could do with His body as He pleased. In the light of these two miracles Jesus asked for a faith that would believe He could become the Bread of Life. "This is the work of God: have faith in the One whom He sent" (Jn. 6/29).

We call the Eucharist "The Mystery of Faith" because the mystery is the presence of the risen Christ in our midst under the appearances of bread and wine. "Who will separate us from the love of Christ?" Nothing, really. Every Mass is an expression of Christ's love for us. He will never separate Himself from us; the tragedy would be if we separated ourselves from Him. For He comes to us at every Mass for the same reason He walked the earth — to feed us. Physically, yes! — to provide our daily bread. But also spiritually — to fill up the restlessness of our hearts and minds and to heal the wounds of our souls.

So God pleads with us through His prophet and His Son, "Come — come — come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will (no ifs or ands) refresh you!"

Legionnaires Slate Retreat

The Legion of Mary Retreat is scheduled Sept. 7-9 at the Cenacle Retreat Center, 693 East Ave.

The special program will be directed by Father Euclid Marier, pastor of Ss. Philip and James Parish in Lisbon, N.Y., director of the Family Life Bureau and Pre-Cana Program for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, and a popular retreat leader at the Rochester Cenacle.

Further information on the retreat is available by contacting Mrs. Bernadine Begley, chairperson, 1418 Latta Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14612; (716) 663-8722.

Information is also available through the Cenacle Ministry Office, (716) 271-8755.

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