

Parish Leadership Workshops Slated

A workshop for developing "Effective Parish Leadership" will be held in three locations in the diocese in October.

The program is for parish leaders serving on parish councils and committees, and is being conducted by Deacon Claude E. Lester, director of the diocesan Office of Parish Services.

"The workshop is a basic orientation on fundamentals for people newly elected to parish councils and committees as well as for those veterans who would like a refresher," Deacon Lester

said. The program will be 7:30-10 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Church of St. Mary Our Mother in Horseheads; at the same time, Tuesday, Oct. 9 at Guardian Angels on East Henrietta Road in Rochester; and at the same time, Wednesday, Oct. 17 at St. Patrick in Seneca Falls.

Persons wishing to attend the event are asked to register, before Sept. 30, with Deacon Lester, 1150 Buffalo Rd., Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

The cost of the workshop is covered by the Bishop's Thanks Giving Appeal.

CHD Office Offers Forms For Funding

Application materials for the 1985 funding cycle of the national Campaign for Human Development (CHD) are now available through the local, diocesan CHD office and regional Social Ministry offices.

In a new development, a pre-application is a required first step in the process for all potential applicant projects not currently funded with a national CHD grant.

Materials for preparation of a full application and proposal will not be made available to interested groups which do not submit a pre-application by the proper deadline.

The pre-application is designed to enable CHD officials to determine eligibility for funding and conformity to the criteria and guidelines. It is also intended to help potential applicant projects determine the advisability of pursuing financial support from the CHD.

Pre-applications are due at the diocesan office and the national office in Washington by Nov. 1. Projects that receive favorable consideration will have until Jan. 31, 1985, to submit a full application and proposal.

Pre-application forms are available from:

Dorothy Kaiser, coordinator, CHD Office, 750 W. Main St., Rochester, N.Y. 14611; (716) 328-6400.

Justice and Peace Coordinator, Finger Lakes Social Ministry, 21 High St., Geneva, N.Y. 14456; (315) 789-2686.

Kathy Dubel, Southern Tier Social Ministry, 160 High St., Elmira, N.Y. 14901; (607) 734-9784.

Preaching And RCIA Workshop Set

A special workshop for people presently involved in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process in parishes will be 7:30 p.m., Oct. 4 at Sacred Heart Cathedral School.

Father Thomas Mull, director of the diocesan Office of Liturgy, will be the main presenter. The workshop, sponsored by his office, will deal with the preaching that is done for the various rites and prayer services of the RCIA.

He will indicate those occasions when preaching is appropriate and how to prepare a homily.

Scripture selections and commentaries will also be included in the evening's discussion.

The public is invited to the workshop. An admission fee of \$1 will be accepted at the door.

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DEATHS

Paul L. Magill, Attorney

Auburn — Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 10 for Paul L. Magill, prominent attorney, who died Sept. 7, 1984, at Auburn Memorial Hospital.

Father Conrad Sundholm presided at the rites in Holy Family Church.

Mr. Magill was a member of Gleason, Foulke, Magill, Hewitt.

He was born in Seneca Falls and was a graduate of the former Holy Family High School. He took his bachelor's degree at the University of North Carolina and his law degree at the University of Albany School of

Law. He served with the Navy in World War II and was a member of the naval reserve for more than 20 years.

Mr. Magill was active in the Cayuga County Republican Party, was corporation council of Auburn for several years, and held membership in several civic and religious associations, among them the Knights of Columbus, Lions, American Legion, Hibernians, Elks, and the state and local bar associations.

A parishioner at Holy Family, he also served on its parish council.

Mr. Magill is survived by three daughters, Miss Ellen T. Magill and Miss Karen C. Magill of Auburn and Mrs. Richard (Mary) Taber of Syracuse; four sons, Paul A. Magill of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Timothy E., John H. and Ronan L. Magill of Auburn; three brothers, Thomas C. Magill of Kingston, N.C., James F. Magill of Lyons, and a twin, Peter J. Magill of Endwell; two sisters, Mrs. Harry (Judy) Gagnier, and Mrs. Jerry (Joan) Gawlicky of Auburn; an aunt, Sister Margaret Clare SSJ. of Auburn.

Sister Josephine Souliman RSM

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 22 for Sister Mary Josephine Souliman of the Sisters of Mercy, who died Sept. 20, 1984. She would have been 88-years-old Sept. 23.

A Sister of Mercy for 70 years, she entered the convent in 1914 and made her profession of final vows in 1917.

She taught for 53 years in grammar schools in the

diocese, retiring in 1968. Since her retirement she was a member of the Omega Community at the motherhouse, and took on the ministry of the Spiritual Apostolate of Prayer.

Born in Hoofplaat, Holland, she came to the United States with her parents as a young child.

She taught in the following schools: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Andrew, and St.

John the Evangelist, Rochester; St. Patrick, Elmira; St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester; St. Ann, Hornell; St. Patrick, Owego; and St. Michael, Newark.

During her years in Owego, she also served as principal.

Sister Josephine is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Keirsbilk of Dania, Fla., and Mrs. Irma McBride of Rochester.

Sister Mariel Kiley SSJ

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, Sept. 14 for Sister Mariel Kiley of the Sisters of St. Joseph who died Sept. 12 at the motherhouse infirmary. She was 67.

Mass was celebrated in the motherhouse chapel by Father Raymond Heisel, assisted by Msgr. William Shannon, and Fathers Peter Bayer and Brian Murphy OCD.

Born in Irving, N.Y., she moved to Rochester at a young age and attended Holy Rosary School and Nazareth Academy. She entered the

Sisters of St. Joseph in 1934.

She received bachelors and masters degrees from Nazareth College and was permanently certified to teach in the state.

She taught for 18 years in the following diocesan elementary schools: St. Patrick, Seneca Falls; St. Ambrose;

St. Anne; and Blessed Sacrament. In 1961, she began a tenure at Nazareth Academy, where she taught English until 1979.

She is survived by one nephew, Dennis Kiley of Rochester, and one niece, Mrs. James (Patricia) Davis of Marietta, Ga.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Mental Attitudes

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mt. 21/28-32. (R1) Ez. 15/25-28. (R2) Phil. 2/1-11.

Once a university student worked in a library — and disliked every minute of it. Toward the end of the year, the head librarian, whom he had considered a stern but highly capable woman, called the student workers in one by one to assess their work. When she interviewed him, he was shocked that she reprimanded him for the quality of his performance. He had never been absent, never been late, had even done extra work. These things did not impress her. "It's your mental attitude," she declared.

One's mental attitude is what Sunday's readings are all about. Ezechiel warns his fellow exiles in Babylon to begin changing their minds. "Stop blaming your parents and grandparents for your plight," he said. "Stop saying the Lord's way is not fair! God is just. You're not so innocent as you think. Turn away from sin and you'll live. Your mental attitude of blaming others for your misfortunes obscures the opportunity of the moment."

St. Paul also pleads with his Philippians to get rid of their mental attitudes which are threatening the unity of the Christian community at Philippi. "Stop acting out of rivalry," he wrote. "Stop seeking self-exaltation and self-interests. Your attitude must be that of Christ: He emptied himself!" Did you ever watch a potter form a vessel? Slowly he applies pressure both light and firm, then waters the clay with a sponge, and the clay sprouts from the turning wheel, till finally it is there with dignity — a vessel. No color, no glaze. It has not yet been fired. Wherein lies the true value of the vessel? In the form or in the empty space inside? If the vessel were formed to be filled, is not the inner empty space as important as the form? It emptied itself into the form of a vessel that it might be filled. We are earthen vessels, but God values not the external appearance of the vessel, but the availability of the inner space. Christ emptied Himself and took the form

of a servant that He might obey His Father and serve us — an attitude far different from that which seeks its own interests and prominence. "Your attitude must be that of Christ" — an attitude that empties out my thoughts, my desires, my ways, and fills in His thoughts, His desires, and His ways.

Finally, the gospel parable is a call to change our minds. Our Lord is not praising anyone. He is telling about two very imperfect kinds of people, of whom one kind was a bit better than the other. Neither son in the parable was the kind to make a father very happy. Both sons portray two very common classes of people in this world. First, there are those whose profession is better than their practice. "I am on my way, sir; but he never went."

Promise anything, but do nothing. Fine words, no deeds. Second, there are those whose practice is far better than their performance. "No, I will not!"; but afterward he regretted it and went." There are those who profess no religion, no interest in the Church, who claim to be rugged individualists, who need nothing nor anyone, yet somehow you'll find them doing great deeds of kindness and generosity, almost in secret.

The point of the parable is not that is second class is to be preferred to the first so much as a call to change our minds. The out-and-out sinners, like the tax collectors and prostitutes, changed at the preaching of John the Baptists; so the professedly religious, like the Scribes and Pharisees, who appear outwardly good but are inwardly corrupt, ought to change.

The mind controls the body to a large extent. One does not play the piano with the fingers, the fingers merely carry out the commands of the mind. A beautiful painting may be "pleasing to the eye," but actually the pleasure is to the mind. Something you see may make you sick to your stomach, you say, but really it is your mind that revolts. The mind, in a word, is so important in life. Thus Ezechiel calls for a change of mind; the gospel speaks of two brothers changing their minds; and Paul urges, "Put on the mind of Christ!"

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