

St. Jude Novena Slated

A solemn novena in honor of St. Jude the Apostle, patron of hopeless cases and impossible causes, will be held Oct. 20-28 at St. Jude's Church, 4100 Lyell Road.

Father John Steger, pastor, announced that Father John M. Egan OP will conduct the novena with Mass, sermon and novena prayers 7:30 p.m. each day during the period.

The public is invited to the event. The church is accessible to the handicapped.

Persons unable to attend may send petitions and intentions to the parish center.

A special blessing of the sick will take place during Mass, Thursday, Oct. 25.



Rochesterian Keynoter



Father David Mura, right, dabbing on makeup during a session on clown ministry, also was keynote speaker at the Louisville, Ky., Archdiocesan Liturgical Conference. At left, Sister Thea Bowman of the Black Catholic Studies Institute at Xavier University in New Orleans, sings at the closing celebration. (NC Photos).

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Steer Clear Of Extremes

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mt. 22/15-21. (R1) Is. 15/1, 4-6. (R2) 1 Thes. 1/1-5.

In ancient times mariners dreaded two dangers in the Mediterranean: the rocks and the whirlpools between Sicily and the toe of Italy. The Greeks personified these two pitfalls as monsters: voracious Scylla and six-headed Charybdis. Only the epic Jason and the wily Odysseus sailed unscathed between them.

In life it is often equally difficult to steer clear of extremes. Thus the Pharisees baited Jesus with a dilemma: "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" The same question today would be, "Should the State be separated from the Church? Or the Church from the State?"

There are two extreme answers and one in-between: Liberalism, Caesaro-papism and Christ's.

Liberalism is the religion of the Secularists. With crusader zeal, the liberal champions absolute fission, complete divorce of Church from State and State from Church. Let them move in parallel orbits, but never let them meet together. This is the stance of those politicians who would divorce political action from morality.

Caesaro-papism is the religion of the Totalitarians. As regards the Church, Totalitarianism decrees that it be completely subject to the State or else be suppressed. Caesar is pope; and the State is God. "Give to Caesar," says the Totalitarian State, "Even the things that are God's."

The Secularists espouse absolute separation of Church and State; the Totalitarians, absolute domination of Church by State.

The absolute separation of the Secularists is impossible, because Church and State have the same subjects: the Christian is also the citizen. Then, too, human activity has an unbreakable unity. A political action is of necessity a

moral action. Goodness or badness are indissolubly intertwined with every action. The goodness or badness concerns the Church; the action concerns the State. That was why the greatest pagan thinker and the greatest Christian thinker, Aristotle and St. Thomas, housed their treatises on Law and Politics under the larger library of Ethics.

It was Machiavelli in his "Il Principe" who divorced political action from morality and spawned the Hitlers, Mussolinis, Stalins and others. The State is the train, the Church the tracks. To jump the tracks is to invite disaster.

Caesaro-papism, on the other hand, is so obviously evil that it must be resisted as in Poland; and as when Daniel and his three companions refused to worship the idol Nebuchadnezzar had built.

Christ's answer to these extremes of absolute separation or suppression was, "Let there be cooperation between Caesar and God: give to Caesar what is Caesar, and to God what is God's."

Often human activity itself demands cooperation between Church and State. For instance, such activities such as marriage and education are mixed matters; that is, they affect both Church and State. Therefore both seek a hand in these activities. The State issues marriage licences; the Church officiates at the marriage. The State has schools and so does the Church; and rightfully, parents are clamoring for tuition tax credits. The State should cooperate in both systems of education, public and private, to preserve freedom of choice for parents and quality in education.

Our Founding Fathers embraced the Christian ethics when they put the Prevention Clause in the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion... or prohibit the free exercise thereof."

Unwed Pregnancy Topic for Forum

Naples — "Unwed Pregnancy: The Challenge and Our Response," will be the topic for the Newark Mental Health Players during a Community Awareness Program, 7:30 p.m., today, Oct. 17 at the Naples Fire Hall.

The program, cosponsored by the Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry and the Naples Council of Churches, will provide people in the community the opportunity to "come together to share

information and experiences in addressing the alarming increase in the number of single women becoming pregnant and having children," a FLOSM release stated.

The office also said that of the total births in Ontario County in 1982, 9 per cent was to single women. The rate increased to 14 per cent of total births in 1983.

The program is open to the public and is free.

Catholic U. Announces Record Contributions

Washington — Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans, chairman of the Catholic University of America's board of trustees, has announced a total of \$4,177,000 in contributions to CUA for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31.

Also, university president Father William J. Byron SJ announced that CUA is educating persons from 124 of the nation's 180 dioceses

in theology and canon law, among other subjects.

"I am particularly proud that more than 50 bishops entrust the formation and education of their seminarians to our national seminary at CUA known as 'The Theological College,'" Father Byron said.

The university provides an annual \$3,000 subsidy or tuition discount for each diocesan seminarian to help dioceses meet the costs of priestly education.

CUA, located in Washington, D.C., was founded in 1887 by the nation's bishops and is the country's only Catholic university with a papal charter.

CFC Offers Workshop on Family Health

A workshop entitled "Family Approaches to Transitional Problems" will be held 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26 at the Airport Holiday Inn on Brooks Avenue.

The workshop is sponsored by the Catholic Family Center, IBERO, and the Monroe County Department of Social Services.

The program will be led by Dr. Jose Szapocznik of the University of Miami.

According to Catherine Wobus of the CFC, the "workshop will cover new family therapeutic approaches especially applicable to Hispanics and others faced with rapid cultural/technological changes."

The registration fee is \$20 and covers the cost of lunch.

Further information is available from Miss Wobus, 546-7220.

Diocese Forming Panel on Economy

Bishop Matthew H. Clark is forming a consultative panel chosen from various fields of expertise and geographic areas of the diocese to work on issues of the upcoming U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on the economy. The first draft of the pastoral is expected to be released in mid-November.

The purpose of the panel will be threefold: 1. to develop a method for discussion across the various disciplines;

Workshop Planned For Cantors

The diocesan Office of Liturgy is planning a two-part workshop for Cantors and Leaders of Song from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturdays, Nov. 3 and 10, at Holy Cross Church, 4492 Lake Ave.

The workshops have been designed as introductory sessions for those considering this form of music ministry or who have been functioning in this capacity. Consideration is planned on the role of the cantor and/or song leader with focus on practical ways to aid the participants' growth in this role.

Registration is \$4 a person. Further information and registration is available from the Liturgy Office, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624, telephone (716) 328-3210.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding Wednesday publication. Items must be written and sent to 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14610.

2. to critique the first draft of the pastoral, and 3. to highlight the major points on which the bishop needs to consult parishes, regions and other diocesan groups.

Dr. Marvin Mich of St. Bernard's Institute has been appointed chairperson; Mary Heidkamp, director of the diocesan Department of Justice and Peace staff coordinator, assisted by Jim Lund of the diocesan Education Department. Father Kevin McKenna, diocesan vice chancellor, also will serve on the panel.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has appointed the following to prepare the pastoral, Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee, chairman; Bishop Peter Rosazza, auxiliary of Hartford; Bishop George Speltz of St. Cloud, Minn., and Bishop William Weigand of Salt Lake City.

The final draft is expected in November of 1985.

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