



Teens analyze MTV during Youth Day activities.

Church Youth Programs Get Noticed in Auburn

Auburn — Judging from recent turn-outs, church programs for youths here are being well received.

For example, Sister Christine Lloyd, pastoral assistant at St. Mary's Church, is expecting more than 300 young people to attend an event at the church tomorrow evening.

That event will be a presentation on "The Humanity and Humor of Jesus Christ," by Father David Mura whose "clown ministry" has gained national attention. Father Mura was keynote speaker at the recent liturgical conference of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky.

The three-hour program for teens and

young adults begins at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a pizza and pop social.

Youths from all over the Auburn area attended Youth Day Oct. 14 at St. Alphonsus gymnasium.

The program featured several seminars including such titles as "Analyzing MTV with a Christian Perspective," "Lay Ministry," "The Peace Pastoral," and "Handling Aggressive Behavior."

Presenters at the event were Father Joseph Catanise, Anne Wegman, Sister Christine Lloyd, Mary Donley, Kevin Powers, Pat Lawlor, Carolyn Lowell, and Henry McDonald.

Archbishop to Politicians: Change Abortion Law

New York (NC) -- With Mother Teresa and a portrait of the late Cardinal Terence Cooke on the platform beside him, Archbishop John J. O'Connor of New York Oct. 15 appealed for action against "the real and the frightening issue of the day: abortion on demand."

In what seemed a rebuttal of the views expressed by such prominent Catholics as New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, Archbishop O'Connor called for politicians to express not only personal opposition to abortion but also a commitment to "change the law."

He also pledged that the New York archdiocese would care for any pregnant woman considering abortion so she does not end the pregnancy.

"What do we ask of a candidate or someone already in office?" Archbishop O'Connor asked. "Nothing more than this: a statement opposing abortion on demand, and a commitment to work for a modification of the permissive interpretations issued on the subject by the United States Supreme Court."

"Deeply as we feel the pain of the individual, and aware as we are that many, many women have abortions because that seems to them their only choice, we cannot, we must not treat abortion as though it were a matter of concern only to an individual woman or man or family," Archbishop O'Connor said. "We are already seeing cruel signs of what an abortion mentality can mean for all society."

The archbishop adopted the recent suggestion by Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame, that abortion could be limited even if there is disagreement about exceptions for such cases as rape and incest. But Archbishop O'Connor did not propose any particular legislation or anti-abortion constitutional amendment.

Archbishop O'Connor's address was the first in a series sponsored by the Institute on Human Values in Medical Ethics, established this year at the private New York Medical College, in Valhalla, N.Y., with financing from donors.

His speech also was sponsored by an archdiocese-affiliated hospital, previously known as Flower Hospital, but which the archbishop announced in his speech was being renamed as the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center. Cardinal Cooke, the predecessor to Archbishop O'Connor, died in October 1983.

Mother Teresa added her own pleas to the same audience for an end to abortion.

Archbishop O'Connor asked medical professionals to consider the Hippocratic Oath, which originally included the pledge that doctors would not induce abortions. The churchman asked why that promise is now frequently omitted.

The archbishop also asked medical professionals to give their services without cost where it would keep poor mothers from turning to abortion.

He promised the church would do its part to help them as well.

"The Archdiocese of New York is prepared to do everything in its power to help you and your unborn baby to make absolutely certain that you need never feel that you must have an abortion," he said. He added that the New York Archdiocese would "give you free, confidential care of highest quality."

Discussing public opinion polls that say Catholics approve abortion in about the same percentages as others, the archbishop said that polling results depend largely on the wording of questions asked, that only 25 percent support abortion on demand and that in any case Catholic teaching is not based on polls.

He said he does "applaud vigorously" Cuomo's

establishment of a New York State task force to study various life-related issues "as long as it is indeed pointed toward changing the current laws..." He added that elected officials must offer "leadership in bringing about those changes in current laws and policies so critically needed to protect every human life at every stage of its existence."

GAMM Dinner

Genesee Area Music Ministries will hold a clergy-musician dinner, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13 at St. Casimir's Church. Tickets are available to clergy, staff members, musicians, singers and directors, at \$7.50, from GAMM, Liturgy Office, Diocese of Rochester, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624, before Nov. 2.

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Japanese Visit Villa

Roger C. Battaglia, right, assistant executive director of St. Joseph's Villa, meets with three Japanese representatives of the Institute of Community Medicine at the University of Tsukuba. The three were oriented to the Villa's programs for handicapped children and adolescents. The local visit is part of a 10-day study of adolescent treatment facilities by the group across the United States.



St. Theodore

Twenty-two persons from St. Theodore's Church in Gates will be among those attending the sixth annual National Catholic Lay Celebration of Evangelization in Buffalo this weekend. Gathered for the photograph are, left to right, standing: Deacon John Giugno, Tom Attridge, Mary Salvia, Julia Caruso, Father Robert Schrader, Mary Ann Caruso, Tony Caruso, Pat Baratta; seated: Carol Wilferd, Ellen Coffey, Joan O'Connell, Louise Attridge, Patty Baratta, and Angie Huber. Not photographed are Father Gerald Dunn, Sister Francis Mary Rossi, Sister Mary Clouser, Gary Valentine, Angela Valentine, Lynda Paolini, Judy Kovack and Denise Heroux.

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