

Father Firpo to Lead Special Colloquium

Father John Firpo of the diocesan Division of Social Ministry will lead a colloquium entitled, "Social Sin and the Process of Conversion," 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Feb. 5 at St. Augustine Parish's Duffy Center, 150 Hobart St.



Father Firpo

According to a release from the diocesan Liturgy Office, participants, to prepare for the evening's presentation and discussion, should ponder the questions: "What is sin? What is social sin? What is the relationship of social sin and the process of conversion?"

The Liturgy Office also recommended that participants, "for optimal preparation," read, "Social Sin and Conversion: a Theology of the Church's Involvement," by Peter J. Henriot, in "Conversion," W.E. Conn, editor; Alba House, 1978; pp. 315-326.

The Liturgy Office stated: "This colloquium, the first of many, is being sponsored by the liturgical theology committee of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission in an effort to support and further the understanding and participation of the faithful, and the enrichment and education of the clergy. All are invited to attend. The evening is open to the public and free of charge."

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

No Tours Pending

Many have asked: "Will you be taking a group to Ireland this Spring?" The answer is: "No." After escorting people every year for over a dozen years, this decision comes with regret. But some medical doodads, including a cataract operation on the left eye, which Dr. Bernard Donovan, brother of St. Mark's Father Joseph Donovan, won't touch until some allergies which cause great sneezing have been corrected. This has priority over the desired tours, and I hope Dr. Bernard Fernand can correct the problems.

In the past years I have had the privilege of being tour guide for some 400 people: to the Holy Land, Europe, Mexico, Hawaii, Japan, China, Spain, Kenya in East Africa, and 14 times to Ireland!

Every country has presented some opportunity for evangelization, especially through the cassette talks of Archbishop Sheen. Every country we visited now has cassette sets and albums of that great preacher, because I always took quantities of them to every country visited. Bishop Raphael Ndigni, a graduate of our own St. John Fisher College, Rochester, wrote: "They are an inspiration to our priests and sisters; and they are a good source for my own homilies and conferences."

Last February I sent Bishop Raphael 100 cassettes by surface mail, but they were never received. I had been told that thieves steal them, erase the talks, dub in African music in their place, and sell them for a good price. Like the unjust steward in the gospel we must admire the enterprise of the thieves. Bishop Raphael suggested I send a batch to the Seminary of the Missionaries of St. Patrick in New Jersey. These men do great work in his diocese of Nukuru, Kenya. At Christmas a friend sent a check for \$100

for cassettes "where they will do most good." So I added her \$100 and sent 100 cassettes which some missionary of St. Patrick will lug along with him when he reports to Kenya.

These tapes will be even more utilized and appreciated now, because the International Eucharistic Conference is being held in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. Great enthusiasm for the coming congress is even greater because Pope John Paul II is expected to come personally. I think Bishop Raphael is in charge of the congress, under the patronage of Cardinal Otunga, whose pagan father had 21 wives and over 100 children, but he became a Catholic before he died. Deo gratias.

Fathers Heisel and Wohrab and I spent nine days in Kenya last January. Bishop Raphael took personal charge of us so we had an intimate insight into the developing indigenous Catholic Church.

One afternoon we visited the Motherhouse which had over 30 young native sisters in training. The sisters showed us about, served us coffee and a kind of tasteless cookies. They were beautiful in their white habits and veils, their smiles, their family spirit, and their evident piety. They were being trained to teach, to nurse, to do social work: but all within the structure of a solidly religious community, with Mass and Holy Communion, the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady and her rosary, and the traditional devotions — the foundations for their active Franciscan life.

I asked the Mother Superior: "Have you ever heard any of Archbishop Sheen's conferences on cassettes?" Her eyes sparkled: "Oh, yes! We use one each week for a spiritual conference. Bishop Raphael gave us a set which is invaluable to us." So I added to her Sheen library with more cassettes, and the gospel of Our Lord continues to be repeated so wonderfully.

Tridentine Mass Turnout Overflows Holy Family

Louisville, Ky. (NC) -- Despite record-breaking cold in Louisville Jan. 19, so many Catholics turned out for a Tridentine Mass that many had to be turned away and given tickets for another celebration scheduled a week later.

Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly of Louisville said, however, that he had "no intention of having the Tridentine Mass as a regular alternative to the current ritual" in his archdiocese.

The Saturday afternoon Mass, celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Charles Maloney of Louisville, was the first authorized public Mass according to the Tridentine rite in the Louisville archdiocese -- and one of the first in the country -- since that rite was replaced more than a decade ago by the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

By 4:30 p.m. more than 250 people had filled St. Mary Magdalen Church in Louisville for the 5 p.m. Mass. By Mass time at least

that many more had been turned away, tickets in hand for a similar Mass the following Saturday.

"We must realize, on this unique occasion, that we come here to worship almighty God," Bishop Maloney said in his sermon. "It is not hard to overlook our main purpose sometimes."

"This cannot be taken as critical of the change the church has made," he added. "We are a community of faith, one continuous line. As far as the different rites, we have one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God who is Father, in and through us all. The ceremony may be different, but the sacrifice is always the same."

Bishop Maloney celebrated the Mass in Latin, except for the Epistle, Gospel and sermon, and with his back toward the people, as required by the rubrics of the 1962 Roman Missal.

Many, old and young together, joined with the choir as it chanted the Gloria and other Latin liturgical

prayers. Some participants followed along with yellowed missals, now long out of print, while others repeated old prayers from memory.

The Rosary Society of Holy Family Parish will meet 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13 in the Pine Room. A Valentine Party will follow the business meeting. Mrs. Kenneth Frank will be hostess for the event.

POPE Evaluate the Results

Vatican City (NC) — Here is the Vatican text of the pope's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Jan. 16.

Dear brothers and sisters, Today I wish to continue my reflections on catechesis. From the Gospels we learn that Jesus himself strove to adapt his message to the mentality of his hearers. By means of parables, and by revealing in a gradual way God's plan of salvation, he used a method for transmitting the full content of the Good News.

In recent years catechists have been seeking new ways of communicating the Gospel in a language that is understandable to individuals and groups. Every positive initiative which has developed should be praised and encouraged. Catechesis needs to be continually renewed.

It is equally important however to ensure that this renewal of catechetical methods be accompanied by a continual evaluation of the results obtained. The 1977 Synod of Bishops emphasized that catechesis should be organic and systematic, that is, not improvised but programmed to reach a precise goal. It should deal with essentials and present the whole mystery of Christ.

All genuine catechesis must be motivated by the spirit of faith which moves the catechist to search for the best methods to explain and transmit the truths of Christian revelation. Like Jesus, the church counts on the light and strength of the Holy Spirit.

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Getting It Together

Young Patrick Langworthy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Langworthy and a preschooler at St. John's/Blessed Sacrament Schools, works out a problem in color relationships. Registration for the preschool program, based on Christian values and the total development of each child, will be held 9-11 a.m., and noon-5 p.m., Feb. 5 at the St. John's building, 545 Humboldt St. Children registering must be three-years-old by Sept. 11. Further information is available by calling 654-9437.

AT YOUR PARISH

Assumption

Fairport — The Children's Liturgy Information and Orientation Night of the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption will be held Thursday, Jan. 31. This will be the only basic training session for leadership teams until fall. Further information is obtained by calling Barb Classen, 223-5230; or Peg Perrotta, 223-8608.

Immaculate

Ithaca — An adult education question-and-answer session will be held 7:30 p.m., Feb. 5 in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Father Robert Bourcy, assistant pastor in internship, will moderate the forum.

Lady of Lourdes

Elmira — A solemn novena in honor of the Miraculous Medal will be led by Father Paul Cuddy for nine days beginning Feb. 3 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The services during the week will be held at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The weekend prayers will be included in the celebrations of the liturgy.

St. Ambrose

The Four Chaplains Day

rites will be observed 12:30 p.m., Feb. 3 at St. Ambrose Church. Further information is available from Bill Landon, 663-0429.

Bishop Kearney Alumni Theater Guild PRESENTS:

MAME

Friday Feb. 1st — 8:00 PM.
Saturday Feb. 2nd — 8:00 PM.
Friday Feb. 8th — 8:00 PM.
Saturday Feb. 9th — 8:00 PM.
Sunday Feb. 10th — 2:00 MATINEE

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For tickets call:
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Patti Olesik for Feb. 8, 9, 10 performances at: 225-6586

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- External Salvation
- Conversion of Russia

These First Saturday Devotions will begin at St. Mary's Church, 25 Center St., Waterloo Saturday, Feb. 2, and continue each 1st Saturday thru June 1. Sacrament of Penance: 10:00 to 10:45 AM; Mass: 11:00 AM

— All Are Invited —