

Sacred Heart Adult Ed. Lists Spring Offerings

Opportunities to explore the process of living with losses, to experience the benefits of meditation, and to reflect on major Scriptural themes through the medium of film are open to all adults in Sacred Heart Cathedral's adult education program beginning Feb. 5 and 6.

From 8 to 10 p.m. on four Tuesdays beginning Feb. 5, in the rectory hall, Sister Judith Greene SSJ, chaplain at Park Ridge Hospital and Nursing Home, and Mrs. Donna Gipner, geriatric re-

habilitation nurse-coordinator, will offer a seminar on "Living with Loss." Included in the discussion will be all categories of loss — losses of functions such as hearing or sight; developmental losses such as the departure of children from the home or retirement; losses in relationships through estrangement, separation, divorce or death. The group will also discuss grief, and ways of coping with loss, "Methods of Meditation" will be taught by Father

Robert Muhlneckel, associate pastor, 8-10 p.m., on five Wednesdays beginning Feb. 6. The course is suitable for both beginning and experienced meditators.

Participants will explore meditations as a physical, psychological and spiritual phenomenon with benefits for the whole person. The accent will be on the experiential, with the group going through different types of medication, both eastern and western, but with emphasis on the Catholic Christian tradition. The experiences will be supplemented by discussions and presentations on prayer, and the interior life.

Sister Diane Branch SSJ, pastoral assistant, will conduct six sessions entitled "Scriptural Themes on Film," 1-2 p.m., Tuesdays beginning Feb. 5 in the rectory recreation room.

Film will be the medium through which the group will focus on recurring Scriptural themes. Discussions on incorporating the themes into daily awareness and prayer will follow. Coffee and tea are provided for those who wish to bring bag lunches and share pre-class discussion, immediately following the regular 12:10 p.m. Mass.

The registration fee for each class is \$6. Pre-registration is required for "Living with Loss." Further information is available by calling 647-3481.

Social Dances

Lee Williams, the organizer of social dancing for those 30 and older, will stage a Sweethearts' Ball, 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Church of the Ascension on the corner of Lake and Riverside. Featured will be roses and carnations for couples, a buffet luncheon, and dancing to the music of Bobby Lane and the Loveboats.

Tutu Tape To Be Shown Tomorrow

A videotape of Bishop Desmond Tutu, speaking on issues of racial justice as they pertain to South Africa's apartheid, will be shown 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 31 at 1010 East Ave., the house to the left of Asbury First Methodist Church.

The program is being sponsored by a number of groups including The Rochester Committee for Justice in Southern Africa; Planetary Initiative/Rochester Area, Peace and Justice Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, The National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, and the Peace and Justice Education Center.

Bishop Tutu, Nobel Prize-winner, is an internationally recognized champion against apartheid.

'Blunderland' Set

"Alice in Blunderland" will be staged by Crossroads, 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 3 at United Church of Christ on Titus Avenue. Admission will be \$3 for adults; \$1 for children, 6-18. The snow date is Feb. 10. Further information is available from Page Simpson, 422-9486.

Focus Rites

Focus on the Eucharist will be celebrated 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 at Blessed Sacrament Church. The evening includes Evening Prayer, rosary, a Mass presided over by Father Bruce F. Ammering, pastor; meditation time and Benediction.

HOLY HOUR

The Holy Trinity Chapter of the Peoples Eucharistic League has scheduled a Holy Hour beginning at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 11, at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse. Father Damien O'Connell, SJ, will be the leader.

Sister Mary Lourdes Opens Parish Renewal

Sister Mary Lourdes McCarthy SSJ of Nazareth College will open the Lenten Renewal Week for St. Theodore's Church with a discussion of "The Bible as Inspiration and Inspirational," 7 p.m., Monday, March 4.

The week runs March 4-8 and the events are open to the general public.

The church is accessible to the handicapped and signing will be provided for the deaf.

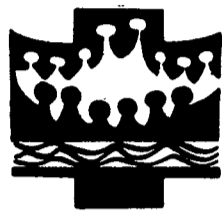
Sister Mary Lourdes holds a doctorate in sacred theology. Following her presentation, she will lead participants in praying of the scriptural rosary.

At the conclusion of the program refreshments will be served and Sister Mary Lourdes will greet the participants.

Charismatics' Mass

A Mass for the Charismatic Renewal community will be celebrated 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1 at St. Pius Tenth Church. Father Valentine Welker, liaison for the Charismatic Renewal in Buffalo will preside. The public is invited to attend. Further information is available from the Rochester office, (716) 436-6252.

Insights In Liturgy



By Father Thomas P. Mull

Called To Preach

Part II

It has been over 20 years since Vatican II began. The decisions of that gathering have had wide-ranging effects on our community of faith. To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, the American bishops issued a statement entitled, "The Church at Prayer: A Holy Temple of the Lord." In this statement, the American bishops clearly indicate that the thrust of liturgical renewal invites the creative involvement of all people as they begin to recognize and offer their gifts in service to the community. In order that the Christian vision may be available to all members of the Church, efforts have been made in the past 20 years to adopt the liturgical rites and symbols to the diverse cultures of the world. If the Church is to become incarnate in every culture, the liturgy must express the paschal mystery, which lies at the heart of the Church as symbols derived from these cultures.

In our own country, special care must be taken to adapt the liturgy so that it is perceived as inclusive of women and responsive to the needs of persons of diverse ages, races, ethnic origins. Liturgical adaptation is not simply a concession granted by the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, it is rather a theological imperative of liturgical renewal that the paschal mystery may be celebrated for all people so that all may be able to bring their talents to the service of the liturgy. (Instruction on Eucharistic Worship, II, #16).

In last week's article, we spoke of the broad scope of preaching. This week we narrow our perspective to look at liturgical preaching.

Adaptation seems to be the liturgical activity of the 70s and 80s. It is not a way of "side-stepping" the norms but a way to encourage "active participation." If one adapts correctly, it is done within the boundaries of established norms. The pertinent question here is what adaptations are possible in regards to preaching and the liturgy.

First of all, let us put preaching at a Eucharistic celebration aside for a future article. The celebration of Eucharist is the center of our community of faith. It is not, however, the only type of liturgical celebration.

Liturgy involves the public worship of the Church. Besides Eucharist, this includes the Liturgy of the Hours, prayer services, Eucharistic devotions (i.e. Benediction, etc.) and sacramental celebrations. In many of these prayerful gatherings, preaching is necessary. Preaching is defined as: "...proclamation of God's wonderful works in the history of salvation, that is, the mystery of Christ, which is ever made present and active within us, especially in the celebration of liturgy." (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #35.2)

By in large, anyone who is qualified may preach at non-Eucharistic celebrations. It is important to perceive the necessity of qualification. As Christians, we hold the Word of God as something holy. It is not to be handled except with a sense of dignity and reverence. Whoever would dare proclaim this Word, must do so only after preparation and training. The proper person is only the one who has spent time praying and reflecting, studying and planning. When he/she moves to the ambo it should be with a sense of mission and love.

I have attended many beautiful morning and evening prayer services and witnessed lay preaching which was warm, holy and challenging. Evenings of recollection and retreats are enriched by the sharing of dedicated lay women, men and religious. The preaching at Eucharistic Holy Hours and Forty Hour devotion opens a new avenue of possibility for preaching and opening up the Word of God. Chief in all of these is creative, adaptive planning and the use of qualified people.

Does this discourage the opportunities for ordained people? Certainly not! It does, however, challenge our "vision" of preaching and opens the door to many creative possibilities.

Next week, we'll explore some of these possibilities in relation to the Eucharistic liturgy.

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