

Franciscans leave St. Theresa's

The Conventual Franciscans, who have served St. Theresa's parish for more than 50 years, notified Bishop Matthew H. Clark in late July of this year that the order will no longer staff the church. Last week, Bishop Clark appointed Father Andrew Grzela, pastor at St. Stanislaus Church, to replace the departing pastor, Father Felix Bracikowski.

"The diocese is deeply grateful for the over 50 years of service rendered by the Franciscans," Bishop Clark wrote in a letter to Father Bracikowski and the parishioners of St. Theresa. "Since its organization in 1927, St. Theresa's parish has been dedicated to preserving the cultural and religious expressions of the Polish people who have been long-time victims of injustice and oppression in their native country. It is my wish that St. Theresa's parish continue to function on Mark Street," Bishop Clark added.

His letter invited Father Bracikowski, the parish council and all interested parishioners

to meet on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 4 p.m. with himself, Father John Mulligan and Rebecca Gifford of the Division of Urban Services. The gathering is intended to present and develop a pastoral plan for the parish.

Winery Tour

A combined bus tour to the Great Western Winery and boat cruise on Seneca Lake is being sponsored by the Rosary Society of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Greece, on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The tour of the Hamondsport winery will be followed by lunch in Watkins Glen and the cruise.

The bus will leave the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and return at 5:15 p.m. Cost is \$23, and all parish women are invited to attend.

Reservations are necessary; contact Dorothy Janczak (716)865-8182, or Ellie Bittner 663-1097.

The Bible Corner

Cindy Cottone



The Trouble With Jealousy

Most of us have someone we consider our best friend. A true friendship is always based on love. Maybe we like being with our best friend so much that it makes us jealous if this friend has other friends, too. The trouble with jealousy is that can't exist beside love in the same heart. Jealousy turns love into a kind of selfishness, and we start thinking much more about ourselves than others.

Jesus and his apostles were best friends. The apostles loved Jesus so much that they wanted Him to stay with them always in their own little group. One time, the apostles became very upset when they heard that some other people not in their group were performing miracles in the name of Jesus.

Maybe the apostles were a little jealous that these other followers were trying to spread the word about Jesus, too. The apostles were so busy thinking about themselves that they forgot about the most important person — Jesus.

But Jesus' love is so strong that He can offer His friendship to everyone, not just to a small group of people. The apostles just couldn't imagine a love so powerful that it could extend to the whole world. Jesus offers the invitation of His friendship to everyone who wants to be His follower. His friendship with millions of people did not lessen His friendship or love for His apostles.

The worst part about jealousy is that it leads to other evils — especially the kind of jealousy that comes from envy of what another person has, or who he is. In the Old Testament story of Joseph, his brothers were so jealous of him that they tried to kill him. They threw him into a big pit and ended up selling him into slavery. Many years later, Joseph met his brothers again. Instead of trying to get even with his brothers because their jealousy had hurt him, Joseph chose a different way. This story shows us that the power of love and forgiveness is strong enough to overcome the evils of jealousy.

Another story in the Old Testament is about King Saul and David. King Saul loved David like his own son, because David had saved the people by slaying the giant, Goliath. But after a victorious battle against the Philistines, Saul became very jealous of David because the people seemed to be praising David

for the victory more than they praised Saul. The jealousy grew so strong in Saul's heart that he actually planned to kill David.

King Saul's own son, Jonathan, loved David very much. When he found out about his father's plans, he secretly helped David to escape. Later, at another time when David could have killed Saul, he chose to spare his life.

For discussion:

Have you ever been jealous of a friend? What kinds of problems can this cause?

What can happen in a family in which there is jealousy? What can you do about jealousy?

What can happen when one country is jealous of another country?

Suggested activity:

Webster's Dictionary defines "unique" as "one and only; having no like or equal; extraordinary or rare." God made each one of us a unique person. We each have special talents and gifts shared by no one else. There is no cause for jealousy if we use our gifts to serve each other.

Carefully trace your hand on a piece of paper with a crayon or pencil. Have your sister, brother or friend do the same. When you are finished, exchange hand drawings and see if your hand fits into the other drawing. You'll find that they won't. Each handprint, like each person, is unique.

For further reading:

1) The story of Joseph in the Bible begins in Genesis 37. A good rendition of this story is "Joseph the Dreamer" by Clyde Robert Bulla (New York: Thomas Y. Crowell Company, 1971).

2) The story of David and Saul can be found in the Bible in 1 Samuel 17.

3) "The Friendship Hedge" by Gunilla B. Norris (New York: E.P. Dutton & Co., Inc., 1973) is the story of two 10-year-old girls, Claire and Alice. They live next door to each other and have been best friends since kindergarten. Alice becomes very jealous of Claire's attention to other friends and to her new guinea pig, Sam. Serious problems develop, and each girl must deal with the consequences of jealousy. Do you have a question about the Bible? Mail your questions to Cindy Cottone, c/o the Courier-Journal, 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.



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Bishop Establishes Commission on Aging

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has appointed a diocesan Commission on Aging, which will be chaired by Sister Anne Maloy, RSM, MSW, director of the Mercy Center with the Aging.

The commission is composed of 25 persons: priests, religious and lay leaders of the community. Its first meeting was Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Pastoral Center.

St. Jude Novena

A novena honoring St. Jude the Apostle, patron of hopeless cases and impossible causes, is planned at St. Jude's Church in Gates from Oct. 20-28. Father F. L. Regan, O.P., will lead the novena, including Mass, sermon and novena prayers, each night at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend or to send petitions and prayers to the parish center at 4100 Lyell Road. A special blessing of the sick is also planned Thursday, Oct. 24, at Mass.

Religious Education For Mentally Handicapped

Saturday morning religious education classes for mentally handicapped persons age six and older will begin October 12, 10-11 a.m. at St. Ambrose Special Religious Center, 31 Empire Blvd. Those who have been prepared will receive their First Holy Communion next March.

Mentally handicapped persons from any parish may attend these classes. For registration or information, call Marge Hart, (716)381-7797 by Oct. 8.

Cry of the Poor album

More than 20 well-known Catholic contemporary liturgical musicians have joined efforts like Band Aid, Live Aid and We Are the World, by producing an album to benefit the people of Africa. "We feel so good to be able to do something," said Jesuit Father John Foley on behalf of his fellow musicians.

Titled "Cry of the Poor," the two-record set costs \$10 and is available through religious outlets or by mail from Cry of the Poor Fund, P.O. Box 26929, Phoenix, Ariz., 85068. Proceeds will be divided between Catholic Relief Services, Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in East Africa, and the Holy Ghost fathers and sisters who work for Africa's poor.

Lifelong Learning

Handwriting analysis, South African culture and the life of Thomas Merton are among the many topics to be considered in courses offered by Nazareth College's Center for Lifelong Learning.

For class listings, registration and fees, contact the center at (716)586-2525, ext. 404.

Priests elected to personnel board

The following priests were elected to membership on the Priests' Personnel Board in recent balloting: Father Robert Ring and Father Paul Tomasso.

The personnel board now consists of (dates indicate expiration of terms): Fathers Bruce Ammering and Eugene Sweeney, Sept. 1, 1986; Kevin McKenna and Donald Schwab, Sept. 1, 1987; and Ring and Tomasso, Sept. 1, 1988.