

Obits/et cetera

Father Robert L. Kress, Rush pastor emeritus, at 76



Father Robert L. Kress, pastor emeritus of St. Joseph's Church, Rush died on November 25, 1988, after a short illness.

Father Kress, son of the late George and Mary Kress, was born in Rochester on July 25, 1912. A graduate of St. Andrew's elementary

school and Aquinas Institute, Father Kress attended the universities of Rochester and Niagara before matriculating at St. Bernard's Seminary.

After ordination to the priesthood on July 11, 1938, Father Kress served as associate pastor in several parishes, until being named pastor of St. Joachim's, Canisteo, and St. Mary's, Rexville. He subsequently was pastor of St. Michael's, Montezuma, and St. John's, Byron, and was named pastor of St. Joseph's, Rush, in 1975. After retirement in 1983, Father Kress continued his generous priestly ministry at St. William, Conesus, and St. Joseph, Livonia, where he also resided. Father Kress patiently endured several years of ill health, but did not allow his illness to detract from his priestly work.

He had been encouraged toward priesthood at Aquinas by the late Father Lester Morgan, who urged him to read the Scriptures daily for 20 minutes. Father Kress followed this practice for more than 60 years, and it resulted in a deep spiritual life. In fact, his prodigious

knowledge of the Bible amazed those who were privileged to know him.

Father Kress also had a deep concern for the unborn, and devoted his many talents to the pro-life movement.

Father Kress is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Monica and Bernard Hoffman; brother and sister-in-law, Urban and Teresa Kress; several nieces and nephews, grandnieces and nephews.

Mass of the High Priest was celebrated on Monday evening, Nov. 28, in St. Joseph's Church, Livonia, followed on Tuesday morning, Nov. 29, by the Mass of Christian Burial. Interment was in the Priests' Plot at Holy Sepulchre.

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Nazareth College will present *Black Comedy*, a farce by Peter Schaffer, author of *Equus* and *Amadeus*, at the Nazareth Arts Center December 2-4, 9 and 10.

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could recover while caring for her children.

Even fear as strong as Carol's gradually loses its power. Exhausted by one crack binge after another, Tracy, 22, turned in desperation to her parole officer, asking for treatment. But after seven weeks at Liberty Manor, Tracy again feels the lure of cocaine. "I know I'm not 100-percent willing to leave it alone. I want to try it one more time," she said. "The drugs are pulling me one way, and Liberty Manor is pulling me the other way."

What started Tracy and Carol on the road to drug dependence in their early teens was a common feeling of loneliness, of being unloved. "(Using cocaine) was my way of being free," Tracy recalled. "When I was high, I didn't have to worry about anything. When I wasn't high, I felt really miserable and lonely. I had a lot of hate."

What stops those women who stay "clean" once their fear subsides seems to be hope. As Carol was furiously packing to leave Liberty Manor earlier this year for the third or fourth time, she suddenly realized that quitting would mean giving up a dream she had finally begun to believe in. "I really thought about it, and I thought 'That's not what I want out there. I want my kids and a happy life,'" she said.

Now Carol is packing again — this time not out of pique, but because she has completed the program. She'll continue seeing a therapist and attending support-group meetings. She plans to move out of the city with her children, begin hunting for her first job, finish school, and perhaps someday remarry.

"This is one place I will never forget," she said. "It's a very loving place."

The struggles of Liberty Manor's residents and staff might at first seem removed from the mainstream. Yet they battle on behalf of a much wider community.

As an agency under the aegis of Catholic Family Center and the Diocese of Rochester, Restart's Liberty Manor represents a response by the Church to drug dependent women, regardless of their faith.

On a larger scale, the oppression of drug dependence from which Liberty Manor tries to salvage women's lives exacts a toll on all of society. And when a woman wins control of her life, society benefits.

Such lofty aspirations seldom surface among staff members who face the day-to-day struggle of dealing with 15 women and their children who share the same house.

Not surprisingly, the stress of that situation has altered both the design of the program and the makeup of the staff considerably since Liberty Manor opened. Within its first eight months of operation, the program went through 14 staff members.

Hobbs, one of the few who outlasted Liberty Manor's growing pains, believes it opened prematurely, and that the program was too rigidly structured. "There was a real sense of chaos and insecurity," she recalled. "But things sorted themselves out, and those who really wanted to do something stayed."

What balances the overwhelming difficulty of operating a program like Liberty Manor's is an experience of liberation that Hobbs likens to assisting at a birth. "It's like delivering a baby, being a helper in relieving that bondage," she explained. "When you see that new person on the other side, it's awesome. It's the miracle that a place like this is founded on."

Christmas fund

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48 Mr. and Mrs. W. have three children, ages 17, 2, and 1. Mr. W. was injured at work and forced to go on workmen's compensation. Because of this, the family got behind in their heating and mortgage payments. They need help with food.

49 Mrs. J. is the mother of three children. She was deserted by her husband after his layoff from Kleen-Brite. She is a maid at various motels in the city. She needs food and Christmas gifts.

50 Mr. and Mrs. A. are in their late 60s and are supported solely by Social Security payments. Mrs. A. is confined to a wheelchair. Mr. A. takes care of her even though he too has periodic physical ailments. In spite of their infirmities and minimal finances, they are always smiling and friendly to their neighbors.

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