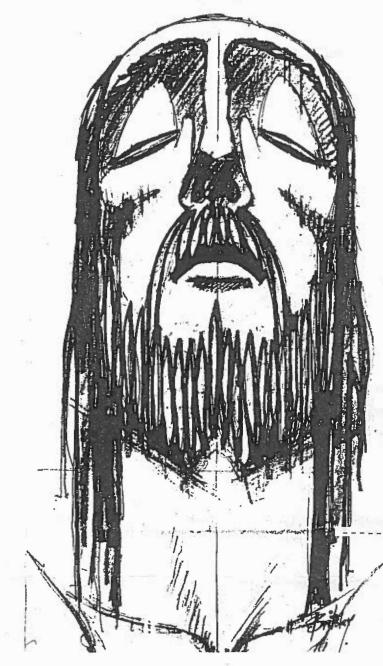
# Vo(.11\Jc. St. Patrick's Parish ASHES TO EASTER — Parish Journeys Through Lent



# Paris•h Council Names Election Committee

One of the first parish councils in the Diocese of Peoria, St. Patrick's Parish Council was formed in response lo the call t" Vatican Council II and Synod VI lo 1ay gr<\_clim responsibility in the church. rhe council assists and advises Ihe pastor in conducting the spiritual and lemporal affairs of the parish. It shares with him the responsibility of developin the mission of Christ on earth in our parish community.

Aiding the council in ils work are ils eight standing commillees: Building and Grounds, Education, Finance, Publicity, Revenue, Social. Social Action, and

lion, all candidates must be willing to serve a three year term on the council. This commitment not only entails attending a monIhly meeting but also requires preparing for the meeting by prayer and by studying various reports. Each council member who is not an officer also serves as a liaison to a standing commiUee, of the council. Since most of the committee also meet on a mQnthly basis, council members regularly attend at least two monthly meetings.

Anyone interested in serving the parish as a member of the council or who would like more informatio11 concerning

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant... I will place my law witl1in them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God and tlley shall be my people. (/eremia/1 31: 31,33)

These are the days! We are the people. the people of the new and everlasting covenant I

Ash Wednesday, February 24, Lent begins. We, the people of this new covenant are marked with ashes. They symbolize the ultimate inevitability of our death and the more immediate inevitability of our need for conversion.

On the Sundays of Lent we hear again the stories of the ancient covenants made through Noah, Abraham, Moses and David. We hear the promis'e of a new and everlasting covenant made through Jesus. We prepare lo remember and enter more deeply into the events which established this new covenant, the mysteries of Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost.

These ancient stories are our story. Each of us enters the story of God's People through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. In these sacraments we share Jesus' dying and rising. We are sealed as the people of the new and everlastingcorivenant.

For us Lent is a time of conversion. Preparing for Baptism or fully c;onfirmed, adult, teenager or child, we give ourselves to more intense prayer, study an-9 e!f:deni I. Thus\_ -c;>iff\_-µC?

···io.wiIWL faithfully. Thus we Hope to grow more true to lhe commitments of our Baptism and Confirmation. renewed in every mass.

For us at St. Patrick's, Wednesday wil again be a parish day of prayer, fastin and study. I invite everyone in the parish to observe some type of fast, appropriate lo your situation, each Wednesday of Lent. On the Wednesdays of March we will gather in church for Evening Prayer. followed by a meager meal of soup, bread and water. After the meal we will break into interest groups to pray, s udy and serve the parish. Join us if you tan.

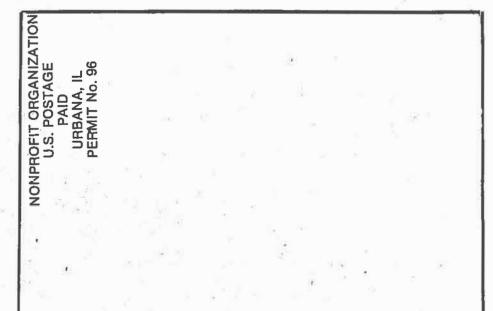
There will be many parish programs and events lo help us make the most of this Lent. We may choose other ways to observe the season.

But we ignore lhe Lenten call to conversion at our own peril. In the gospel on the First Sunday of Lent Jesus says, "Reform your lives and believe in the good news."

Only in lhe measure we heed this Len• ten call to reform and conversion can we enter the joy of Easter. Only in the measure we allow the Lord to etch his law more deeply on our hearts can we truly be an Easter People, people of Ihc new covenarit, people who truly know the Lord.

Fr. Qoug.Hennessy Pastor

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Worship and Prayer. Each in its unique way helps to create an environment in which understaning and love can flourish in our parish.

Members of the council include the pastor. trustees, deacon. and IO parishioners elected lo staggered three year terms. This April Ray Alane, Jeff Hately, Elaine Hershbarger, and Frances Warner will retire from the council. To replace them Ihc council has appointed an Election Committee lo recruit parishioners interc!>led in sharing their lime and lalcnl with the parish on an extended bash:.

Candidates must be 18 year of age or older, registered members of St. Patrick's Parish, or 5pollSC!; of members. In addiit may phone one of the members of the Election Committee. Nick Britsky is chairperson (367-0854) assisted by R'ay Alane (384-5311), Lenore Nagle (384-1 125), Connie Shaw (384-119-1 ), and Joe Youakim (.184-5396).

The council elections will be held after all masses on April 24-25. Any member of the parish J6 years or older may vole. Please show your interest in the parish by voting.

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## Scripture Scholar Challenges Local Community

Father Bill Thompson, S.J.; of Loyola University, Chicago, brought his scriptural background, expertise,, and experience as an international lecturer to St. Patrick's to illuminate the issue of *Holy Orders in a Time* of *Transition*. His presentation on January 28th was the first in a series of lectures on the sacraments sponsored by the Area Coordinators of Religious Education (A.C.R.E.)

Since his ordination in 1961 and his subsequent doctoral study in Rome, he has become aware of a serious conflict of values within the church. This conflict is a result of the drastic reduction in the number of priests and seminarians. Fr. Thompson noted that only 11 priests will be ordained in the whole Archdiocese of Chicago this year.

Our Diocesan Chancellor Fr. Meyers states that in 1970 there were 372 active priests. In 1982 there are 297. "This situation also exists," says Fr. Thompson, "in other parts of the world." In Indonesia, for example, a parish of 14 villages may be served by one priest with a deacon or catechist in each village. The people may see a priest only once a month.

Fr. Thompson defined the conAict with the following question: "Will the institutional church watch the Eurcharist in its fullness become less and less available to her faithful throughout the world so as to preserve the ordained priesthood for celibate males?" He was very clear that "Thfs is a crucial question for the church and will become increasingly crucial. What's going to happen in this conflict of values? Only time will tell and we will be part of the process."

# Ma,a;:s,as Committee Plans G-ala

St. Patrick's Parish Mardi Gras, one of the main-social events of the year, will be held S1,1nday\_ Feb. 21. at the parish center.•

This year's Mardi Gras. the fourth annual pre-Lenten celebration, promises to continue a tradition of fun, food, games, entertainment and surprises that is hard to .match : apywhere - including the famous festivities in New Orleans.

Several parish organizations have helped to organize- the event, and many individuals and businesses have contri• buted time and goods lo the Mardi Gras.

The celebration. starting at 2 P.M. will feature game rooms for adults and children, artists, the Sweet Shoppe. the renowned Cafe New. Orleans (with a salad bar. sandwiches. beverages. sune daes, popcorn and bagels) and a talent show with some of the biggest (and littlest) names in local entertainment. "We've got a tough act to follow.H said Mardi Gras co-chairperson Margie Palmisano, "but we think we can provide just as much fun this yea as w did in 1981."

Fr. Thompson offered what he thought were three different ways of looking at this confUct of values •

1) The church and its present ministerial organization as a divinely inspired *blueprint from God:* unchangeable.

2) An *erector set* mentality that would have us forget the past and create whatever forms of ministry would be needed dictated by today's needs and points of view.

3) A *family heritage* dialogue that would have us look at both the present needs and past "treasures."

Endorsing the third way as the one he ec;pouses, Fr. Thompson continued by saying that now is the time to decide which family treasures should stay in the living room; which should be stored in the attic; which should be dusted off and reused after• years of storage; finally, what "new furniture" needs to be bought (i.e. women's ordination, new orders of ministry). "Whatever we decide," he said, "We should take care to listen to all of our church family and not ram quick changes in practice down anyone's throat."

As a scripture scholar, Fr. Thompson offered some observations for our reflection:

1) There is no title of priest mentioned in the New Testment. except for Christ's High Priesthood in Hebrews.

2) There are many kinds of ministry that are mentioned in the New Testament. Among them are:

 "Apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers" (Ephesian 4:11)
"Apostles, prophets. teachers, powers, charisms of healings, helpings, governeings, kinds of ton ues" (Corinthians 12:28) • "Various charisms, prophecy, ministry, the one who teaches, the one who encourages, the one who has mercy" (Romans 12:6-8)

We do not know if these are designed "offices" or merely description of what was going on in any particular community.

3) One important category of New Testament reference to ministry centers on the quality of performance or the way to fulfill ones responsibility. These qualities seem lo cluster around the image of Jesus. This "person seeks to evoke the best from people rather than exercise power over them."

Another important category of New Testament references centers on the relationship between the work of a responsie ble christian person - minister officer - and the general mission of Christ. The officers serve the mission of 'the church. Father reflected that the ResurrecUon accounts show the felt presence of the risen lord and a response to go out in mission ("go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations" Mate thew 28:19).

A final category of references centers on warnings not lo seek power, honor, titles. Father Thompson challenges us when he says, "I suggest then, that as we listen to God's word today in relation• ship to the conflict of values we are ex• periencing; we are to continue the hends implied in these references and make them applicable to today's problem. For the New Testament the questions are not "Are there priests in the New Testament... Are there bishops ... Can women be ordained ... How essential are elders?" The New Testament questions are: "What kind of virtues should a person with church responsibility possess ... How should ministry Jeflect the general ministry and the mission of Christ and the church ... How can he or she avoid focusing attention or authority, wealth, power, and other trivia? Its concerns are not organizational but truth centered and value centered."

Gary Laumann Rrligious Education Director

## Eucharistic Ministers Are Needed

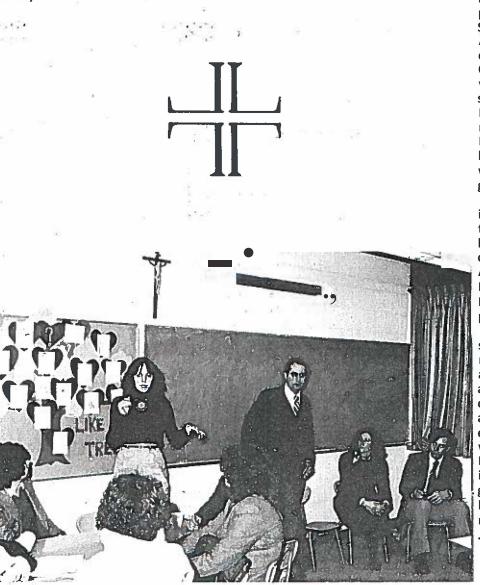
Eucharistic ministers are a sufficiently familiar sight on the altar at Sunday services that few people realize how many are needed to perform this vital function now that priests are in short supply.

One gels an idea of the need in re.,Hzing that seven ministers serve at each 5 / M. 9, and 10:JO AM mass and three eJch at 7:.00. 10:40 (children's liturgy) and 12 noon. E.ich person is scheduled to erve clbout twice monthly: in .iddition st.indbys are needed to replace those who are ill or ,lway.

Presently .:iboul seventy persons serve in the progr.im but more arc needed. particularly lo staff the 5 PM mass on Saturdays. the chiltlren's liturgy at 10:-IO AM. and the noon mass on Sundays. In c1ddition, our Eucharistic ministry lo C.irle Hospital can alw.:iys use more volunteers to t.ike lhe s.icr.iment lo the sick on Sund.iys. Wednesd,lys. and Frid.iys. Helene Kacich (344-6760) is responsible lor staffing the ,111*i*; Anne Britsky (.'\67-0II5.4) schedules the teams lo go lo the hospital. Phone either if you would like to get Into this satisfying pro•. gram.

Tc11 new volunteers became ministers in November after brief orientations by the chairpersons and an inspirational talk by Father Hennessy on the spiritual role of Eucharistic ministers. These are Dale Ainsworth, Anne Auten. Ruth Bowman, Phil Brown, Mary Frances and Jonathan Miller, Margie Palmisano. Karen Przy. pyszny. James Shaw and Steve Vollmer.

At the reco11mcndation of the Wore ship and Pr,lyer Committee, recommite menl sl.ilements were sent to mo1 Eucharistic minister in January. Now all arc asked lo plan lo attend the next meeting of the minitcrs when an announcement appear in the Sunday b,illclin. Appare ently there was some misundert.1nding when the lat such meeting ocrnrred. Many of the "old timers" did nol .,ltend, in a ene defe.-iting the purpmc of the gathering, that b. to make sure minister have a rnmmon underst.inding of their roles al churd, ,md hospital. and lo get .-icquainlcd and hare ideas with others.



Carol Bosley, the \_other co>Chairperson, oted that planning for the event has been going on for some time and promised that this year's celebration will include some very special s4rprises lhat no one will want to miss.

This year's Mardi' Gras also will feature a giant record fest in the evening. with songs from the 40s. 50s, 60s and 70s, so that all age groups can display their fancy footwork.

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## *Council* OK's *Parish Newspaper*

Four issues of the newspaper, which appeared on a pilot basis last fall, have been approved for fiscal '82-'83 budgeting by the Parish Council. As planned now, the presently unnamed paper will appear as an eight-page issue in late August and mid-February, followed by four-page issues... Karen Suever is the editor, Frank Nasca the associate editor. Incidentally. parishioners' suggestions for name and logo will be welcomed.

The newslelter will continue publication, appearing probably in six issues timed to amplify coverage provided by the weekly bulletins and the newspaper. Helen Barrymore will continue as editor.

Recommendations for this change in communicallon policy were made by an ad hoc committee called by the council and composed of all the persons who volunteered lo help with publicity last fall during the stewardship drive. Since making theil recommendations to the council, the ad hoc committee has been reconstituted and will now serve regular• ly as the Publicity Committee. Members share responsibility for performing all editorial duties the editors and the associate editor can delegate to them, as well as the more mundane tasks of run• ning errands, folding, labeling, and mailing the paper.

The Publicity Committee elected, Frank Nasca, its chairperson, Members are: Helen Barrymore, Ruth Bowman, Jeff Hately, Carolyn McElrath, Mary Lou Menches, Ellen Paul, Judi Rafaloski, Karen Suever, and Amy Vollmer.

The publications staff will welcome parishioners' contributions to both the newsletter and the newspaper.

#### Notes From The Society Of St. Vincent de Paul

Now that the holidays are over, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has resumed ils normal winier pattern, a busy one. Members of the society have responded lo an average of more than one call per day since Christmas. These calls. mainly for food, transporlalion, and loclgmg. are dtten reterred trom the rectory lo i member of lhe society. Because of lhe generosity of parishioners, most of the local calls for help have been met.

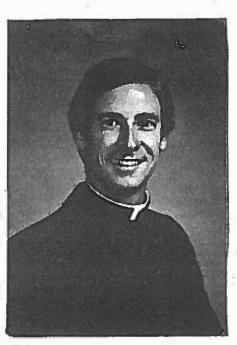
Several members of the society make soup regularly for the Catholic Worker House as well as the Winier Emergency Shelter. (Incidentally, the society is in great need of two quart lo one gallon plastic containers with lids in order to transport the soups they make.)

The Winier Emergency Shelter provides emergency shelter Io local homeless men and transients during the cold: est months Jan. through March. Society members prepare almost 20 gallons of soup weekly. The food is prepared at the parish center, and is later distributed to either the Worker House or the Winier Shelter by volunteers. The sociely is grateful for support given this part of the program by Dave's Country Market and Strawberry Fields. Their generous contributions of vegetables and produce make ii possible for this help to be given lo the needy people. Columbia and ours is the composition of its membership. There the majority of members are very young people who look after the needs of the poor, the handicapped, and the elderly. Activities of the society\_ in Columbia appear lo provide challenging outlets for youth groups.

A recent letter from mir "twin'; society at St. Patrick's Church, Kingston, Jamaica, described their activities. They developed a self-help program for the needy in their parish using our modest contribution of \$50 per quarter to help sustain that effort.

Peoria will be the site of an eight-state annual regional conference of St. Vincent de Paul scheduled for next summer. We at St. Patrick's have been asked lo assist the Peoria society lo prepare the conference program. More information about that meeting will be released later. Persons interested in learning more about the local group may phone Dick 'Baker (344-25394), or Sophia Zeigler (328-2671). According lo Dick Baker the local socielY,'s definition is - happiness is when the poor box in the vestibule of the church is opened and we see your contributions for the poor. Among the 17 present active members are our two from overc;p;ic: Basil Sheahan from Australia, and Hrrnan Serrano from Columbia as well as three new members, Karen and Rick Gammache and Loretta Lafave. New mem• ber are more than welcome - we need them.

# S\_t Patrick's Guild Sponsors Day of Recollection -



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They came into the parish center that bitterly cold, windy, icy Saturday morning for the annual Day of Recollection sponsored by St. Patrick's Guild, - 67 sturdy souls, intent on a spiritual journey that would fulfill their every expectation,

Father Terrance O'Brien of Holy Cross Church began his first conference with lhe official prayer of the church: "Morning Praise," dividing the audience into two groups for recitation of the <u>Psalms. The lopic, 'The Crazy Master</u> and <u>His D'Mded House: Reflections on</u> the Insanity of Faith," had piqued curiosity, and it was obvious that it was a tongue-in-cheek title.

In the first few minutes of his presen• tation, Father moved into the worldshattering event of the birth of Christ and proved unmistakably that the seasonal celebration of nostalgia, down the ages, has drained Christmas of its real meaning. The sentimentality of "the little infant," "the adorable child," "the baby in the straw," carols, lullabies, angels ... cry out in protest. Edna St. Vincent Millay's sonnet, "To Jesus on His Birthday," is pertinent to the topic.

For this your mother sweated in the cold,

For this you bled upon the bitter tree: A yard of tinsel ribbon bought and sold; A paper wreath; a day at home for me: The merry bells ring out, the people kneel; Up goes the man of God before the crowd; The second conference dealt with qod in lhe New Testament parables. The story of the good Samaritan proved to be a perfect vehicle to explain Jesus a the symbol maker for the kingdom. Fath r Terrance took the story, apart, scene by scene, character by character, and made his points clear.

Christ's life was further unfolded through the use of TV screen, cassellef and a recorder. Clips from the film "Jesu! of Nazareth" were shown as the nar rative progressed to tho Implementation tually (in Conference fill) to the n.rci liction.

Meantime, the aroma of fried chicker from the kitchen invited all to lunch, and everyone "fell to" with hearty appetite as it erned a long lime since the treat: of the coffee so lal }}our p eceding Conference I

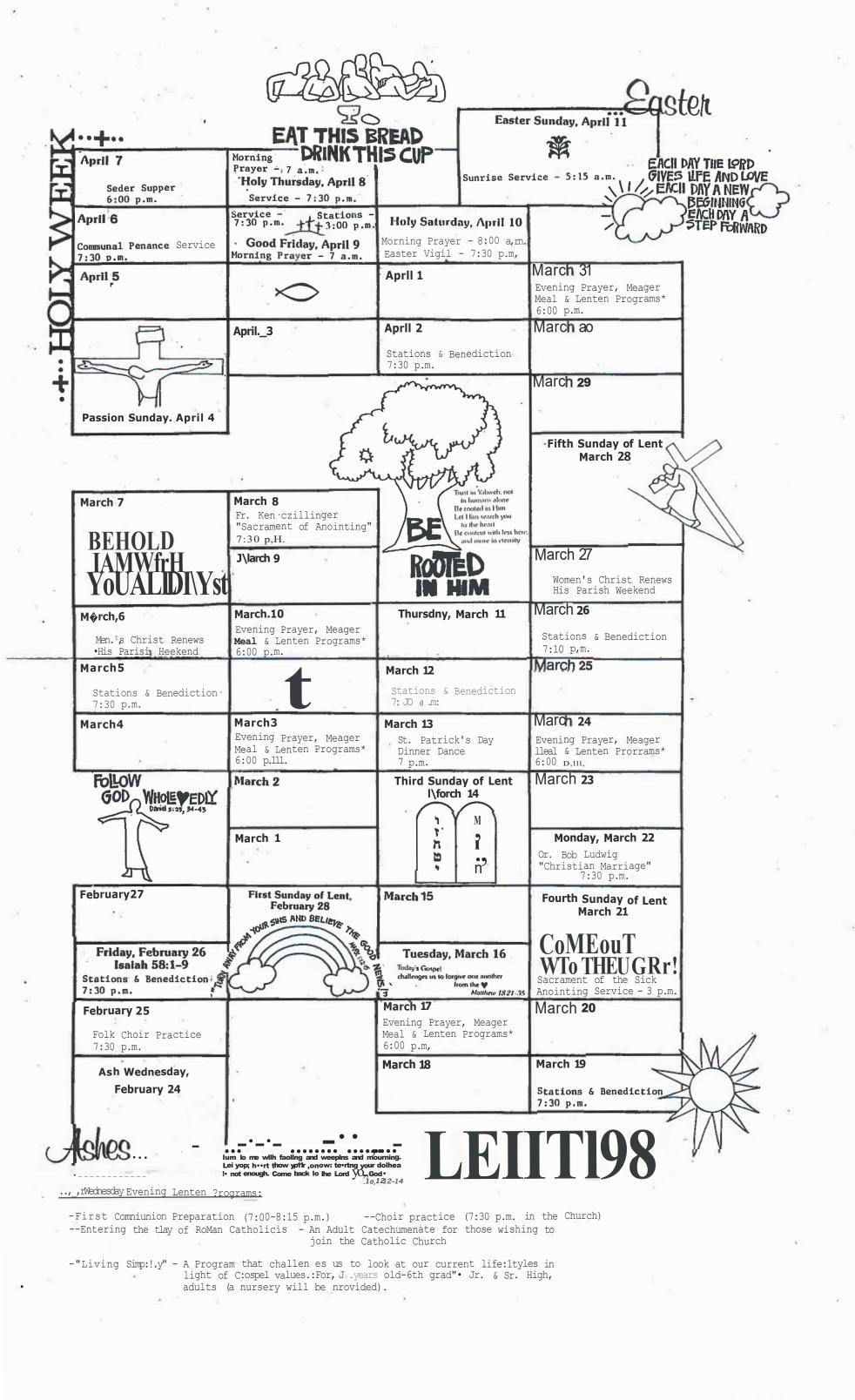
Returning to the podium and to his au dience, Father began Conference III wit ,;Evening Praise," and then tlie closinE dips  $0\hat{1}$  the film. A quiet moment; no ap plause was needed, but it came regardless. All 67 were enthusiastic ovel the fine conferences developed by , talented young priest.

The guild reached the high-point o the year with its program that Jan. 23 "The World of the Spiritual" is legitimate concern, as one looks al THI WORLD AROUND US (theme for **th**• year). The world around us is surely im portant. No one can be helpful lo neighbor wilhou't having resources am inner strengths to understand and de.; with problems and concerns of everyda: life.

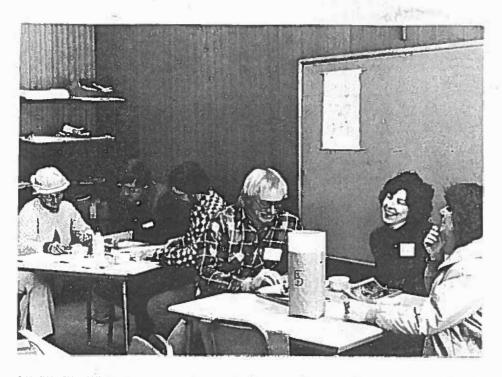
The officers thank the women of Ho!-Cross parish for their generous suppor of the Day of Recollection. There wer as many Holy Cross parishioners as !her were St. Patrick's people in the group. SI Matthew's and St. Mary's were als represented. Sincere thanks to all wh helped with arrangements. Beth Ande: son, Connie Knake, Helen Morgan an Lenore Nagele hosted the social hou Barbara Peckham ordered the chicke and coleslaw. Sweets came from sever; loyal supporters. Special thanks to a who stayed to clean up the kitchen I

Over the last several months the society has developed an international flavor by being blessed with new members from Columbia, S.A., and Australia. The two men have been visiting the universi• ty in pursuit of their studies. One major difference between the society in With voice of honey and with eyes of steel

- He drones your h1Jmble gospel to the proud. Nobody listens. Less than the wind that blows
- Are all your words to us you died to save.
- 0 Prince of Peace I O Sharon's dewy rose!
- How mule you lie within your vaulted grave.
  - The stone the angel rolled away with tears
  - Is back upon your mouth these thousand years.



# What's Catechumenate?



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Since 197.' Catholics in this country have begun Io hear this strange long word. They may have heard people being\_re: ceived into the church in their adulthood æ catcchumcns or seen the "calcchumcn• ate" scheduled in IIv: bulletin. Suprising• Iy :atechumcnale 1s a shorthand term .ipplied Io the recent "Rile of Christian Initiation for Adults." Simply. the catcchumenale is an ongoing process for adults wishing Io become c,•hnlic.

This structure which was lot for over 1,000 years, re-emerged because of nw,s1onary experience in Africa and the historical research ii necessitated. Vatican I called for the revival of the calcchumenalc and in the 1970's, Africa. France.and the United Stales look the lead in restoring Iructurcand riles. In our recent past. people came into the church through individ: ual instructions and/or by inquiry classes The catechumcn.: ile retains some of Ihosemethods and adds a greater emphasis on: learning lo live a Christian life. rliscerning their own way ot serving an <!. niinistcring as a chrislian, developing a mature spirituality. and being received in-' to a caring, spirit-filled community. Information on Catholicism is still important, but formation æ a Catholic is paramount.

Entering the church as a calechumcn is more deinanding on the person than it was, and more demanding on the corn. munity. The words "received into a caring. Spirit-filled community" arc not meant lo be empty and nice-sounding. People have stepped forward from our community to sponsor new calechi.1mens (i.e. come to meetings with them. cclebra le with them at mass, brin lhetn to coffee shop and lhe St. Patrick's D,,y Dance),. and this is a concrete way of reaching our to bring the catcchumens into our corn. \_munily. Beyond the sponsors reaching out we need to continue being the kind of community that invites new members, welcomes new faces, and shows our eY cilcment in our Faith. Especially in this coming preparation for Easler, let us l. inore aware that we are all part of tills "catechumenate" - this strange word.

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## Catholic Worker House Sends Greetings....

This is a good place to learn about hospitality. people and life in general. The guests who cal and stay here arc our teachers. One guest faithfully mops the kitchen floor, uncomplaining, æ people continually track in mud and snow. A woman forced out of her apartment by a fire is a living sign of the need for such a place æ the Catholic Worker House. A pregnant guest who went into false labor one night taught us the lesson that no matter what obstacles or hardships may arise. life goes on.

You never have lo look far lo find someone in worse shape than yourself. Hearing optimism, seeing, caring. knowing of unemployment - homeless and poor people have taught us so much.

Winter is .:in especially difficult time Io be homeless. and ii is parishioner support that we appreciate for the meals and other help we have received. For cx.:im• pie, one person donated a turkey .:it Christmas so we celebrated the season in slylc. Our recently completed chapel is another gift.

The list of needs is ever growing. - a bookshelf for the chapel. a volunteer lo work Monday lunch or morning shift once or twice a month. and people lo take in the overflow of homeless when we run oul of space. We need your continued prayers, love and support always. and we extend ours lo all of you. Thank you, and may God bless you for your i-:encrosily.

## "Frinds In Fih"-Concept rak-es Hold

<sup>°</sup>To dale lhl'rc arc at le.1st three base communities operating in our parish. the oldest a veteran of three years, the newest only a few months old. Probably more will form as the urge to draw together for mutual spiritual support in congenial, small groups gains popularity.

The idea for such groups is not new. Three years ago Dick Westley. Loyola University faculty member, brought the idea to St. Patrick's. At least ten years ago the base community movement had its inception in South America when priests and other religious were seldom available to church members in smaller communities. At the same time the need for catechists for spiritual development and support was increasing. Now the movement has become international among adult Catholics.

Each present group at St. Patrick's meets about twice a month so as lo preserve continuity of interest and closeness among members, but they differ widely in structures and operation. The oldest group is made up of entire families (including small children), singles. younger and older members. As in all the groups, the common thread is faith-shared in mutual support and caring. Sharing a meal as well as specific; concerns and interests provide th agenda for each meeting. These always begin and end early on a week night. Members came loget!1er from such groups as Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP). the Educ.:ition Committee, and some who heard the initial lecture' by Dick Westley. A second, long-standing community evolved out of associations formed among scripture study leaders and Young Adults. Most of these are em. ployed, single pefsons wh0 ,grefer to meet about 8:45 on a week night every two weeks. They share hospitality, personal concerns, and/or such selected

### Over-Fifty Club Got Away for Valentine's Oay

Members of the Ovel'-Fifty Club, like all lhe other snow sodden souls. look forward Io the theatre trij, in store for them Js a counter-irritant for recent foul weather.

On Feb. 14, those who have made reservations will be in the Champaign County Bank parking lot where a bus will pick them up al **10:30.** Their destination is Goodfield. II.. and under the direction of "Holiday Travel" they will share the trip. brunch, and play titled "Pool's Paradise." The same bus will return the group to the bank lot by 6 PM.

The OverTFifly party scheduled for Jan ., I • .:ind cancelled because of weather will probably be held the last week in February. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details.



iopics as Listcnin. Commitment. Trust. - whatever the members choose. As in all base communities. confidentiality. commitment. and mutual trnst are priority considerations.

The newest group is the outgrowth of associations formed during the CRHP experienLeS and working in Youth Min• istry. and is composed of couples who found they related well to each other. As their starting point they chose to hare personal histories, now being followed by discussions of current events and concerns as viewed through Ihc lens of spiritual convictions. Fellowship and socializing follow, and every other month couples bring their children Io the meetings Io enjoy and experience the rnmmunitv relationshiD.

It is easy to visualize the development of base communities springing from associations in DivorcedJSeparated/Widowed (DIS/W) Catholics, other -CRHP teams, the Over Fifties group, Eucharistic mlnisters, - any activity now in place can provide the basis for forming such a group. Gary Laumann will gladly provide information and assistance lo in. terested persons, and our library has a book by Westley, Redemptive Intimacy: A New Perspective for the Journey to Adult Faitli, which tells the whole story about setting up and operating such communities, and the philsosphy behind their beginning. Among Westley's suggestr ,.\_ for di.i• logue and faith-sharing groups ahl. 1hese: Meet "in the name of the Lor,d." Don't let the group become too large, IO Io 15 members should be the maximum. Meet in equality, letting leaders emergf from the group. Above all. make the commitment to let the community develop slmyly, comfortably over. six or nine moriths.

## Parish Couples Participate In Peer Dating

Mary Beth Pilcwski is coordinator of At present, seven volunteer couples from the Champaign-Urbana communi-

At present, seven volunteer couples from the Champaign-Urbana community arc involved with the program. Il pleases Mary Beth that some of the couples arc St. Patrick's parishioners, in• eluding Carol and Terry Bosley and Amy and Sieve Vollmer.

an opporlunily for mentally retarded adults (mostly residents of Opportunity House, an agency of the Developmental Services Center) lo take part in a supervised dating program.

The resident couple must apply lo partidpalc, and they are subject lo approval of Mary Beth and her staff. They then become parlkip,1nts in ongoing planning and discussion woups which cover such topics æ decision making, budgeting money. conversation skills. and telephone skills.

The resident couple arranges a double date with a volunteer couple about once a month. They may attend a movie, go bowling, or any other typical dating ac• tivily. The program ,vas launched last fall with a Social hosted by Mary Beth where resident and volunteer couples met and got acquainted. Couples of all ages and interests are invJ!ed lo call Mary Beth (359-7921) or (328-5018) for an application. No qualifications exist other than a sincere interest in the program and having a car for transportation.

## New Approach To Sacrament Of The Sick Wi 11Be Presented

Until recently the "last sacrament" was generally regarded as the exclusive domain of the dying; now that concept is fading as modem practice emphasizes its original intent. This was to hasten the recovery of the sick and to buoy up those who suffered chronic illnesses, as well as lo assist the dying. No longer known as Extreme Unction, the sacrament is now titled Anointing of the Sick. New is the special rite in which ambulatory persons who can travel to church receive the sace rament in a group. The traditional administration at home or hospital continues.

In the interest f sharing knowledge about the changed approach to this mise understood sacrament, St. Patrick's will offer a lecture on Monday, March 8, by Father Ken Czillinger in the parish center at 7:30 PM. Then, at 3 PM on Sunday, March 21 a film history of the sacrament will be shown, to be followed by administration of the sacrament to all parishioners who have reason to receive ii.

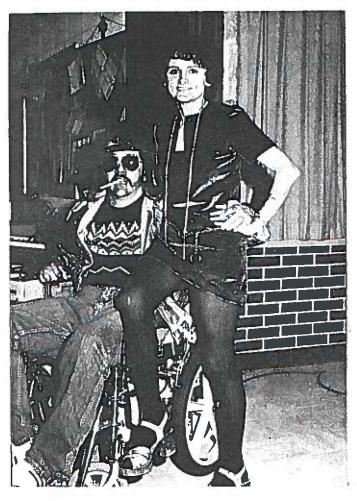
#### Dinner Dance Planned

Plans are currently underway for the traditional St. Patrick's Day Dmner Dance to be held Sat., March 13 al the parish center.

. The "Cofft> Shop Gang," planners of the annual event, will be serving the traditional menu of combeef & cabbage, pota• toes • green peas, and tossed salad. Setups will also be provided.

Dancing will be from B:30-11 :30with the music being provided by .The variations.

A sellout crowd is anticipated, so watch the Sunday bulletin for details and ticket information.



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## Program'-Provides Positive Support

"You are esteemed members of tire Churcl1.. Esteemed especially because you carry what is the Lord's gift to liis friends - a cross. Esteemed because. wllile your situation has deprived you of being a living, wedded sign of Christ's union with his clmrch, your faitlifulness to the teachings of Cl,rist in your new state is a powerful witness of commitment to Jesus. Please God that, as you experience the hurt of a family divided, you also will experience a new sense of a larger caring family - your churcl, - and you will help tliat family in understanding and reacl1ing out and supporting tl1ose wl,o share your e:cperience,"

This address was given to a group of Catholics preparing to celebrate a liturgy by Bishop Edward A. McCarthy, Archbishop of Miami. It is because of the care ing and openness of such clergy that the Divorced/Separated/Widowed Support Group as developed at St. Patrick's Parish. It was the result of a 'brainstorm. ing' effort by the staff to develop a gram for human development in an area of great need. Early in 1979, Jenifer Mundy and Nancy Smith. together with Gary Laumann, were invited to discuss the need and probability of acceptance of such a program within this parish. Nancy recalls ... "We remember what it was like for us," - going through such pain alone, "... and how good it felt to find someone who understood and could identify with our feelings," - of loneliness, resentment, guilt, etc., ," ... because they had been there."

people, but has grown to a mailing list of over 40 members and community organ• izations. The need was real. Thus. the effort continues ..., to reach out, to share and to support those who are hurting. These goals are accomplished throug. communication. The DISIW publishes a six-page newsletter four times a year entitled CHRYSALIS. Articles include materials from the NACSDC'S (North American Conference of Separated and **Divorced Catholics) publication** DIVORCE, such as a section called Peri;on to Person written by D/S/W members, information on retreats with the Beginning Experience, various workshops conducted by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Ser• vices, poetry, and topics for discussion at the DISIW meetings.

The group meets on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 P.M. in the rectory. The responsibility of facilitating the meetings and leading the discussions is shared on a voluntary rotalion basis by members of the group. Fr. Hennessy maintains spiritual support by attending as many of the meetings and activities as possible. He also celebrates a liturgy of the Eucharist with the group al least twice a year. (The *DISIW* Support Group has encouraged and achieved attendance on a nondenominational basis.)

#### Nine New Lectors Commissioned

St. Patrick's Parish is fortunate to have several men and women join a 1-trowini-t roster of lectors at the Saturday and Sun• day masses in recent months.

After a trainini-t session in October, the followin persons became lectors: Hpward Anderson, Gerry Barrett, Diane DiVall. Mary Frances and John Miller, Peter Stublni-t, Martha Trescott. and Amy and Steve Vollmer.

A new training session for others interested in becoming lectors has tentae lively been set for sometime in April. Lectors are especially needed at the 5 PM Saturday and 7:30 AM Sunday masses.

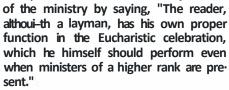
Lectorini-t requires no exceptional vero bal skills. only a commitment to proclaim the Lord's word in a sacred and spiritually fulfilling manner, II is one of the most important lay ministries in the church. established by the bishops at Vatican II.

Pope Paul VI stressed the importance

The group began in the Spring of 1979. Attendance was small, only seven There may still be people today who are confused or misinformed about the church's position on divorce. Divorced people have every riHht to receive the Eucharist, lo practice their religion and be proud of being Catholics.

It is necessary, "while in darkness. to know that there is a light somewhere. Io know that in onescff, wailing to be found, there is a light.

-James Baldwm Myle can help.



Lectoring - the presentation of God's love for us throui-th the Scriptures - is an enormously significant role in the church for it allows us to pass on God's word to the entire parish community.

Anyone interested in becoming a leetor is asked to phone Tom Kadch at 344-6760.

## Parish Council Committees Have Busy Schedules

Worship and Prayer. Connie Shaw is the Parish Council's liaison to the Worship and Prayer Committee, which is chaired by Lori Hately. The committee coordinates the activities of the ledors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, the music, liturgical arts and other aspects of the liturgy. Easler and Christmas are particularly important special celebrations.

Although the function of the committee is not rigidly spelled out, it offers support to all liturgical programs and is looking into implementing some new kinds of worship activities. The commitlee seeks new ideas and volunteers. Please call Connie (384-1191) or Lori (328-5894) in the evening, or the rectory during the day, if you arc interested.

Education. According to Pat Lawhorn, the Parish Council's liaison to the Education Committee, this group keeps an eye on the ongoing programs and participates in developing new ones. Cheryl Black is chairperson.

This past year they have had a task force functioning lo evaluate programs such as baptism and confirmation preparalion-dasses. The commiltee feels that such evaluations are essential lo the committee's function in maintaining and improving their programs. These also include bringing in outside speakers and coordinating some of the programs and masses at St. Joseph. Budget considerations will lake priority for a while but soon the committee will resume ils diligent evaluation and self-improvement efforts.

Revenue. The Revenue Committee, chaired by Ed Bubnys. has the responsibility of overseeing the intake of funds into the parish. However, its influcm:c extends far beyond those bounds. The committee reports to the parish where the money goes and also assesses the reources available lo St Patrick's, both c.,sh and human resources.

Out of this committee's recommendations the stewardship program. launched last fall, had its origin. According lo John Foster. the Parish Council's liaison lo the Revenue Committee. people might think the committee is concerned only with fund raising and other "dry<sup>N</sup> programs. On lhe contrary. the committee involves "lapp\_ing the resources of lhe parish community" and Foster believe\$ that people are a m uch more essential resource than money.

"Some people feel helpless and powerless in our society. as if nothing lhey do or ay could possibly change anything." says Fosler, "but I believe that even one person on one commillee can make a difference. Someone with no money. or limited experience, can join our commft. tee or any commillee here at St. Patrick's and be able lo see the fruits of his or her labor."

Finance. The Finance Committee is chaired by Biil Subick and has Ray Alane, a veteran of many years with the committee, as ils liaison to the Parish Council. The committee's main function is essential to the running of all programs at St. Palrick's. As each committee comes up with its projected budget and details of forthcoming programs, the Parish Council then coordinates the projected programs and adds a dimension of perspective lo the direction and priorilies of lhe parish.

The Finance Committee plays a vital role in assembling the pieces of the fina ncial skeletons which each committee has presented. II assures the fiscal validity and evaluates long term implicalions of proposed programs. It also con, tinues lo reassess these programs throughout the course of the year and lets various commiltees know where they stand financially.

Social Action. Deacon Rodger Adams heads the Social Action Committee. He stales that this parish is involved in many areas of community service. It provides the Men's Winter Emergency Shelter with several volunteers as well as financial support. Parishioners also prepare soup for evening meals at the sheller.

The committee maintains membership in the Council on Congregations, a lay interfaith group in Champaign-Urbana which provides funds for distribution through an agency or Family Service.

Another council program needs volunleers to provide services lo families of hospitalized patients. Temporary housing, transportation, and friendly visiting are the primary needs at present. Please phone the rectory if you would like lq help with any of these programs.

Social. Nancy Riddle is both the Parish Council's liaison lo and chairperson of the Social Committee. This commillee has been dormant for a few years but now is enjoying its rebirth. It functions by coordinating parish-wide social activities and works closely with the Religious Education Department in planning family activities.

Other projects it has had a hand in organizing have been the parish picnic, the 60s dance. Mardi Gras, and brunches after holiday masses.

Nancy is seeking especially new commitlee members who would be willing lo help welcome newcomers to St. Pal• rick's. Call her al 384-8972 if you would like to serve.



Champaign County Blood Bank. According to Ann DesMarais, Public Relations Assistant for the Blood Bank. St. Patrick's parishioners have been donating blood regularly since Aug, 1979. Al present there are about 44 donors active in the program. Mary C (Mrs. Charles V.) Miller is recruiter for this donor group, 94. Because of the contributions this group makes, members of the parish are eligible to receive blood when they need it at no cost.

Ms. DesMarais reports that there are 37 church groups participating in the donor program, most of whom go in groups of 10 or 20 persons one day a month.

Healthy adults between the ages of 17. and 65may give blood every 56 days, or about five times a year. Some illnesses or medications may make a person inelegi hie to give blood. For this reason interested but uncertain persons may phone the Blood Bank before going there to be sure they are eligible to be donors. The Blood Bank phone number is 367-2202. Mary C. Miller's is 344-4537.

East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging sponsors *Peace Meals*, balanced congregate meals for older persons, which are served on week days at six locations in the county. In Urbana these meals are offered at noon at the First Methodist Chruch near Lincoln Square. Persons who participate in these friendly affairs make reservations 24 hours ahead, and, if they wish, they also arrange to be called for and transported to the site.

Eight parishioners drive for Peace Meals one day a month - Helen God• frey, Ch., Jim Fleming, Ruth Jacobs, L.cil qche, Lo etta. Lafave. Lucil e Moore, Leslie R1sath, and Sophia Ziegler. Usually drivers call for their riders at 11:45 A M and return for them at 1 PM.

Participants who can do so make a modest contribution lo help defray the cost of the program, but more important is the companionship and pleasure of sharing a hot meal in dif erent surroun• dings. The coordinator of the Peace Meal program in this county is Barbara Seagren (469-2754). Call her if you would like to either share the meals or become a driver. Helen Godfrey (367-2796) can provide more informa• lion.

Telecare, a division of Family Service of Champaign County, offers *Meals* of *Wlieels* providing hot noon meals to subscribers to this moderately priced service. It is welcome as a short term solulion lo meal preparation problems to recently hospitalized persons, and is just as popular among chronic invalids and those who live alone or can't always get out.

Teams of two volunteers carry the hot food to homes of subscribers, usually working from 11 AM to 1 PM. One person drives (personal car) while the other carries the trays lo the persons being served. Each route involves carrying about 20 meals, 15 or more stops. Volunteers (who are exceptionally devoted lo their service for its personal rewards) usually work every one or two weeks, while others serve as on-call help. Frequently volunteers elect to serve one month trial periods- before taking in a longer term obligation. Call Telecare (384-5097) if you wish to receive or provide this service.

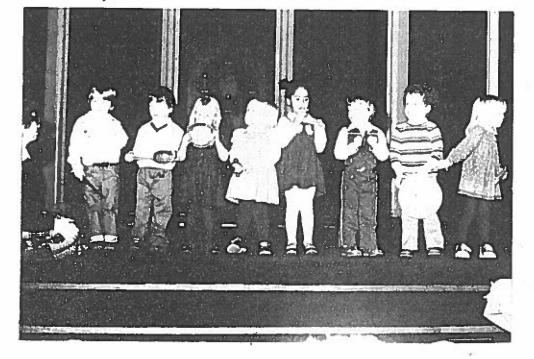
Driver Escorts is another Telecare service. Among the activities involved under this heading is a weekly driving/grocery shopping service for persons unable to do their' own marketing. Volunteer drivers pick up grocery lists, do the shopping, and return change and ?rdes.?...t\:le.su f!ib!. - .Ih;t J,snp charge for the service but lhose who use it are asked to have necessary funds ready in advance. We don't know if any of our parishioners either use or provide this service now, but we do know that the drivers are urgently needed. Call Telecare (384-5097) if you would like to register for the service or become a driver.

### Flexible Program Responds To Junior High Needs

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Religious education for junior high students takes on a flexible formal: the first and third Sundays of the month are "Discovery Nights" when topics of social. spiritual or personal interest are brought up for discussion and reflection. The second Sunday usually involves a family activity (Advent celebrating, barn dance) and the fourth Suni:lay is set aside for a social activity such æ skating. bowling, or a party.

Students have been discussing topics



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such as "The Church," "Our Gifts," and recently "Our Families." February's topic will concern "Sexuality."

Ron Hicks directs t e junior high program and is assislep by several adult volunteers. Most recently, the parents of junior high students were invited to a discovery night where they met the staff, learned more about the program, participated in skits about family life (in which most adults acted out the students' roles and vice versa), and enjoyed a pot luck dinner.

Junior high students, grades seven, eight, or nine, are invited to join the group which usually meets iri the parish center on Sundays from 6:30 to 8 PM. !

# Parish Profile Paul J. Doebel Serves Exemplary Stewardship

For many years, almost a quarter of a century, Paul J. Doebel has been involv• ed in parish life in the Urbana• Champaign communities. At varyini,: times Doebel and his wife, Pat, were parishioners in, or associated with. every parish in the twin "cities. For the last 15 years, Paul and his family have been members of St. Patrick's.

As UIUC students, they attended St. John's Catholic Chapel and partkipated in programs and activities at the Newman, Foundation. As newlyweds. they resided in Urbana and were parishioners at St. Mary's. A move to Champaign in 1959 took them to Holy Cross where they stayed until 1966. During that period, as Champaign wew and the need for another parish became evident, St. Matthews's parish was born, and the Doebels helped in the fund drive. This was somewhat unusual because the boundary lines for the new parish did not include their residence. In 1966, the Doebels moved to their rural Urbana home and affiliated with St. Patrick's.

In retrospect. Doebel noted that there was no plan or strategy to his family's interest in parish activities. "Our activities and concerns stemmed from our children's needs and our desire to be with them, sharing experiences as they grew up. Our involvement grew out of a sense of responsibility."

Doebel's stewardship focused around education. At St. Mary's he was a member of the parent-teacher council. When St. Patrick's and St. Mary's parishes formed a joint board of educa. tion in 1967, Doebel served as ils first president. He sadly recalls the difficult decision of the board that St. Mary's School would have to close. But that d iS!(>p ] to later tjes etwer. St. Patricks and Holy Cross for the eclucation of its young people.

For 1968-69, Doebel served on a parish steering committee which parented what is now the Parish Council. He served on the Parish Council, on the Worship and Prayer, and Finance committees. He had to resign from council activities in 1972, when he was appointed to the Diocesan Pastoral Council, because of possible conflicts of interest,

This appointment refocused his com• mittment upon the broader Diocese of Peoria and necessarily limited his day-to• day parish activities. He was also appointed to the Diocesan Board of Educa• Hon in 1973. During these last ten years of work in diocesan functions he served several times as president of both the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Diocesan Board of Education.

The view of stewardship and commit• ment in the parish community expressed py Doebel stems from his participation in local and diocesan activities and programs. He believes that "the real work in today's church is done at the parish level. The appropriate roles for diocesan organizations and committees are to serve as resources, to identify successful approaches. to deal with concerns and problems throughout the diocese, and to give advisory assistance. They should do a minimum of regulating and oversee. ing." His conclusions, reached from observations around the diocese and his contact with Bishop O'Rourke, confirm reluctance by the diocese to add to its bureaucracy, and the conviction that the strength of the Catholic Church of the 80s' is at the parish level.

Doebel expressed positive feelings about his diocesan, interests. He spoke of seeing a broader picture and of coming to a realization that change is an evolutionary process. He observed that our post-Vatican II church bears witness lo changes: in liturgy, in personalized faith. and, in particular, in the all to prish stewardship. Most importantly, he believes that "change has positively in• fluenced our striving for the Kingdom of God. Further, people need to understand who they are and what is expected in

order lo reach the Kingdom. This is a slow process. We must reflect the goodness of the Lord. It requires patience and appreciation of what our places are in the universe and in God's plan. We seek to harmonize our lives in accordance with his divine will." Doebel commented that to these ends. more happens daily at the parish level than elsewhere.

Although his terms on the Diocesan Pastoral Council are longer than that of any other member (nearly IO years), he expressed some regret in not having been more directly involved in recent changes in our parish. At the same time. he would not want to have missed the diocesan experiences.

Even with limited activity in our parish. Doebel leaves many of us breathless. He has served in evaluating iiscal matters, in fund raising, lectoring. and Catholic parenting. One hot morn• ing last summer, he and his sons were painting the Irim on the parish center....A true example of humility, or just a family effort in hatmonizing with the Lord's plan?

The entire Doebel family all nine - sci an enviable example for stewardship. Wifo Pat has been involved. along with Paul. in parish educational activities. She also participates in St. Patrick's Guild. the Prayer Trec. ,md in many endeavors requiring culinary kill. The seven Doebel children. Karen. Lynn, Martin. Jim. Sieve, Bill. and M,1ry have either contributed lo the parish aslectors. choir members. kindergarten religious education helpers, or general parish helpers.

Doebel atfirms that the parish is an integral part of his and P;it's life religiously and socially. He views the parish as a social as well as a religious center. In a brief look lo the future. he speculated that 'The Doebels would certainly fmd making a decision lo leave the community after retirement a difficult one. St. Patrick's people are ex-

#### cellent folks. They are friendly. informal. and they respect others' personal spaces. They are quick to help when help is needed."

Advice Doebel would give to the new or renewing parishioner is that "In parish affairs and activities, individual insistence upon a personal or pet preference can make continuing progress difficult." He reflected that especially when his own opinions and views differed from the parish consensus. he made them known, and then supported what the parish deemed best.

What is the role of the Catholic Church in today's social and political climate? Doebel expressed with conviction that, with government curtailing social program;, in an era of conservatism, the church. especially parbhcs can provide the enviornment and calaly t for people-to•people activities. He believes that a parish tmencumberPd with a burc,111cracy makes for more direct appro,1ches for people hclpin people. II minimizes the polenti,11 for mismanaging fonds and programs. In a legitimate role al the grass roots level. ii can cttcctivcly help where needs cxbt. II builds upon ,md expands lhe rail lo stew,mbhip. Wh,lt better environment to m.itch people, resourc.:cs and lacililic with needs?

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Frank L Nasca Associate Editor

# Since You Asked ...

Question: *l* was married for three years to a Lutheran and for two of tllose years we lived a happily married life. Four years ago we were divorced. 1 felt tl, at I could never get an annulment and remarry in the church because we had married with good intentions and had lived a full married life for most our time together. A friend of mine recently told me that an annulme11t might be possible. How can this be?

Answer: An annulment is a declaration by the Church that no marriage ever existed, This can be true even though both partners were Catholic and several children were born of their union during the intervening y ars. There might havebeen a serious lack -of proper intention for marriage such as permanence or fidelity; or a psychological inability lo commil oneself lo marriage. In addition. marriage is a sacrament, in which two believing. baptized Chris• · tians commit themselves to one another in Christ. If one of the parties is not baptized, there is no sacrament. Each person's situation is unique and only by working with the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal can yot• oarticular case be considered. The annulment process has been revis• ed in recent yea'rs to provide healing and understanding to all those who have ex• perienced lhe pain and difficulty of div• orce. The process tries lo be helpful even when the outcome may be a refusal lo

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grant an annulment. The only sure way to find out if your marriage can be annulled is to go through the process. We would be most happy to help you begin.

Note: Questions concerning d111rd1 teacliings will be attswered eitlrer by phone (328-2371) or by.mailing your questions to:

Since You Asked... St. Patrick's Parish Box 667 Urbana, Illinois 6180 I

### **Christ Renews His Parish** Weekends Scheduled

Christ Renews His Parish is a spiritual process which calls together members of St. Patrick's to make unity and Christian community more and more a reality as an authentic sign of Christ's love for His people.

This weekend experience provides parishoners with an invitation to deeper conversion and renewal and a more intimate experience of our community of faith. It is a'n opportunity lo know the Lord amt members of our parish better.

The participants and a team composed of men and women from our parish, living from Saturday morning until Sunday evening, are invited to share faith. prayer and fellowship wilh one another as they in their names, addresses and reflect on the meaning of Christ in their lives. Every parishioner is invited to partidpate in a Christ Renews His Parish. weekend. The next Men's Weekend is March 6-7. Members of the team are: Roger Adams (Spiritual Director), Jerry Barrett, Arden Howey, Bob Kimmey, Jonathan Miller, Gerry Malsbary (Lay Director). Dale McElrath and Dave Riddle, The next Women's weekend is March 27-28; members of the team are: Nancy Barrett. Berlha Berns, Fr. Doug Hennessy (Spiritual Directorl, Cathy Howey, Mary James, Mary Ann Luedtke, Cathryn Malsbary, Mary Miller. Mary Frances Miller, Maureen Moore. Karen Przypy zny. and Nancy Riddle (Lay Director).

### **New Service For Housebound Adults**

A new service for housebound adults i,:ot under way on Jan.12. Hencefol'th Eucharistic ministers will take Holy Communion to residents. of nursing homes and housin units in Urbana on a prearrani,;• schedule Tuesday morn• ed in,.;. Res1C1ents wno are ao,e to au so meet the two ministers at particular places in their buildings. Those unable to leave their l'ooms or apartments send word for the ministers to come to their qua, ters for the service.

Parishioners a, e invited to lurn phone numbers of housebound persons they know who would like to receive the sacrament al home. Such names can be added to the Tuesday schedle either on a tern. porary m a permanent basis. If demand is enough. another day will be added. The necessary informa. tion should either be dropped into the Sund,ay collection basket, or phoned to the redory to be given to Ruth Bowman.(Plt>ase be sure Io include your own n.ime and num• her where you can be reached by phone durin the tfay in case there ai-e que lions).

Because we can only print answers to one or two questions please include a return address with your questions.

We've Got



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