

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's

Religion Update

Sex education in schools, long a priority target for the John Birch Society, which has termed it a "vicious Communist plot," and for Billy James Hargis' "Christian Crusade," has now come under fire from leaders in the powerful \$ million member Mormon Church.

John Cannon, Coordinator of Information at Mormon headquarters in Salt Lake City, told this writer that neither the denomination's aged president, David O. McKay, nor its highest governing body, the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, had officially taken a stand on the matter.

But one of these Twelve Apostles is former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson. And at this year's 139th Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Apostle Benson informed the faithful that "the Church is opposed to sex education in the schools."

THE FORMER cabinet mem-

ber also quoted the denunciation of the First Presidency (McKay and four "Counselors" — sort of vice presidents) as having issued the following statement:

"We believe serious hazards are involved in entrusting to the schools the teaching of this vital and important subject to our children. This responsibility cannot wisely be left to society, nor the schools, nor can the responsibility be shifted to the Church. It is the responsibility of parents to see that they fully perform their duty in this respect."

Benson himself provided the Conference no hints as to what society should do about the large number of parents who, due to either ignorance or prudishness, leave their children dangerously ignorant about sex.

INSTEAD, he warned the Conference about the "moral leadership" of the Sex Information and Education Coun-

cil of the United States (SIECUS). The Board of Directors of SIECUS includes Dr. Carlford Broderick, Associate Professor of Family Life at Penn State, and Dr. Harold Christensen, Professor of Sociology at Purdue — both of whom are Mormons. Other directors include eleven Ph.D.s, eight M.D.s, three postulant ministers, two Catholic priests and one rabbi.

President Eisenhower's Secretary of Agriculture also told the Conference: "The world teaches birth control. Tragically, many of our sisters subscribe to its pills and practices when they could easily provide earthly tabernacles for more of our Father's children."

SIMILARLY, one of McKay's four counselors, Alvin R. Dyer, told the Conference:

"Any teachings that describe and illustrate human reproductive organs and their functions do not harmonize with

the gospel, and the Church is opposed to such, sex education or family life education is placing emphasis on raw sex in the classroom."

In a footnote to back up this statement, Counselor Dyer referred to the periodical American Opinion, the magazine of the John Birch Society.

It is now to find leaders of a major denomination — whose members include two of President Nixon's cabinet — pursuing this line.

These Mormon leaders have denounced a program which has received expressions of support from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the National Congress of the PTA, The American Medical Association, the National Education Association, the U.S. Catholic Conference, the National Council of Churches and the Synagogue Council of America.



LIFE AND LIGHT — A larger than life dove suspended above the altar serves as the tabernacle to house the eucharist in Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church. The Rev. Myron D. Hornyak explains details of the wedding of ultra modern art forms with ancient Eastern religious concepts in this Livonia church.

Sacred Heart Joins East And West, Old And New

by HELEN RICE

"How I have loved the beauty of your house, O Lord, and the place where your glory dwells," says the words of the Psalm. "They might well come to the mind of a first-time visitor to a church where East meets West and where ancient symbolism, finds expression in contemporary forms and materials."

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia, scheduled for dedication Sept. 14, is set back from Six Mile Road of Middlebelt, in the remains of a well-kept orchard. The outside aspect seems a solid, geometrically compact mass of solid masonry.

Entry through the low ceiling, dimly lit vestibule produces a quieting effect which is suddenly joined by the direct contrast upon entering the body of the church. The body of the church is visible as one moves toward the front of the main body of the church, which has high walls still near the top by vertical windows with varicolored glass allowing a minimum of illumination until the hanging chandeliers are turned on.

"OUR BAPTISTRY right here in the doorway is a constant reminder of the way we enter into the church, the body of Christ," explained the Rev. Myron D. Hornyak, pastor, pausing to wet his fingertips on a sponge holding holy water in one of the tiny fonts on the pedestal of the small marble pedestal bowl topped by a gold-domed cover.

A visitor is unprepared for the vastness within highlighted by the unusual sanctuary mural that combines the ancient Byzantine art form into a late 20th century style.

"OUR MURAL and our new altar screen just installed a few weeks ago are part of the realization of a dream of mine ever since seminary days in Pittsburgh," the pastor said proudly.

"Rarely is religious art so totally abstract in its symbolic story telling. You see, representational art in religion is supposed to lead the viewer to contemplation of the message. Here the feeling instilled by the shapes and colors leads one to the idea of the faith, the story of creation and redemption, the mysticism of the meeting of heaven and earth at the altar in the celebration of the liturgy."

Only the lower portion of the mural is visible as one moves toward the front of the main body of the church, which has high walls still near the top by vertical windows with varicolored glass allowing a minimum of illumination until the hanging chandeliers are turned on.

A MIXTURE of earthy colors, and imagery suggests in non-pictorial style the materials of creation. As more and more become visible while one moves toward the altar the earthliness of the lower portion is pierced by gleaming light, "the symbolic of Christ as the Light of the World, and suggestive of the way God appeared to Moses and also a reminder of the splendor of the Transfiguration," the Sacred Heart leader offered.

The work was created by Robert Camblin, professor of fine arts at Rice University, Houston, at the suggestion of Karl Hans Greimel, the architect who designed the church. A massive Jesu mosaic of stone and glass set on an epoxy base, the mural is 24 by 36 feet.

MOST RECENT addition to the church interior is the icon screen by Houston artist Bob Fowler, encased in wrought iron with glass panels and translucent figures above metal-worked sculpture figures of peacocks surrounding the icon screen.

"The Heavenly Gates" is the traditional designation of the center panels open during celebration of the liturgy for the priest's frequent move back and forth from the altar to the people.

Pictorial panels in the screen are of St. Nicholas, patron of the Eastern church, the Theotokos, or Greek term for Mary as birth-giver for the Son of God, the Theophany or Christ as Teacher, and Christ being baptized by St. John.

Immortality is the idea symbolized in the brilliant spots of color, "like people's eyes," on the interior wall sculpture in wood and it is used in this contemporary work with subtle suggestion

traditions are intertwined with Grecian rather than Roman civilization.

"Most Western Christians are so profoundly influenced by the Roman or Latin way with its focus on laws and precision that our flexible ways have been widely misunderstood and our people have suffered from these misunderstandings on the part of the majority of Catholics in America," Fr. Hornyak explained.

"But now since Vatican II we can see more and more interest in learning more about the various ways to worship God, of expressing our faith and of distinguishing between cultural forms and religious belief," he went on.

"FLEXIBILITY in the Eastern church has allowed us to absorb and contribute to local culture wherever we find ourselves. Take the use of the vestments from the earliest days. Here we've had the English liturgy since 1955. 'Celibacy for priests has been the rule since 1925 to adapt to Western custom, but it will not be surprising if we return to the older custom of allowing married men to be ordained priests."

"We have never taught that we have put answers for every problem in life, but rather that our vocation as believers is to try to learn and grow throughout a lifetime toward the perfection only present in God," the priest declared.

A native of Barboursville, Ohio, Fr. Hornyak grew up in a community of 35,000 where seven Catholic parishes were nationally oriented. He is hopeful and enthusiastic about the "opening of windows" instigated by Pope John and solidified in the documents of Vatican II and hopes for his people to serve as a vital bridge in expanding understanding among people.

Americans for several generations, the parish members include descendants of Slovak, Rumanian, Ukrainian, Ruthenian peoples whose customs and

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43065 JOY ROAD
(Two miles east of Sunset Mall)
Livonia
Phone: 423-0749 or 425-0022

SUNDAY
Bible School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Evening Service: 7 p.m.
Gospel Service: 7:30 p.m.
Family Night: 7:15 p.m.

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BIBLE STUDY: 7 p.m.
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Main Street Baptist Church
Affiliated with
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14541 Main Street, Plymouth
423-4785
The Rev. H. Thayer, Pastor
Sundays: 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.
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Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service: 7:30 p.m.

Community Baptist Church
14517 W. Wayne GA 3-2724
Dorcas Circle
Rev. James B. Allen, Pastor
Sundays: 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Morning Service: 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service: 7:00 p.m.
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21405 Farmington Road
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer 7:30 p.m.
Rev. James R. Siegfert Pastor

First Baptist Church of Plymouth
45000 North Terminal Road
Livonia
Rev. Paul G. Thompson, Pastor
Sundays: 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Morning Service: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Youth Meeting: 8 p.m.

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35375 Ann Arbor Trail
(Between Wayne and Newburgh)
Livonia
Rev. H. D. Dyer, Pastor
Church Phone: 423-5585
Sundays: 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Morning Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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"A Conservative Methodist Church"
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14800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia
Worship: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Bible School: 10:45 a.m.
Family Night — Thursday 7:45 p.m.
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In Detroit: 15340 Indiana at Franklin
Livonia Extension: 2844 Six Mile Road

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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5900 Middlebelt Road
1/2 block north of Ford Road
Rev. John Costin, Pastor
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
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Wed. Eve. Worship: 7 p.m.

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7:30 p.m. — Evening Worship
Midweek — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

NORTHWEST CHURCH
Christian and Missionary Alliance
28111 West Ten Mile Road — 476-7673
Between Middlebelt and Inter Road
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Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. "Hour of Power"
Paul D. Barthele, Pastor 474-5427

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36516 Parkdale
1 1/2 S. of Plymouth & Levan Rd.
Rev. David H. Givoli
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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.
Youth Service: 7:30 p.m.
425-0490 or 425-0020

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24331 W. Eight Mile Road
Livonia
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Rev. T. Conley, Pastor
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7:30 p.m. — Evening Service
Church: KE 4-0225
Residence: KE 3-5563

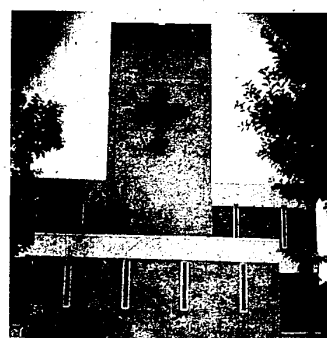
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CRUCIFORM DESIGN — True to Oriental tradition, Sacred Heart Church is laid out in the form of a cross with the altar to the east. The solid masonry structure gives way to a mystical agnity of the interior with strategic use of skylights, slits of windows and electric illumination.

(Observer photos by Vince Witek)